



Frankfort-Schuyler

CENTRAL SCHOOL

Mission Statement: Our purpose is to provide a positive learning environment in which students and staff will have the opportunity to experience success and become lifelong learners.

Back-to-School Newsletter

September 2025

Dear F-S Maroon Knight Families,

As we turn the page to a new school year, I want to personally welcome you back with excitement, optimism and a shared sense of purpose. This year, we proudly embark on our District-wide theme: **"RAK 'Em Up – Lead Like a Maroon Knight."** It's a call to action rooted in kindness, leadership and accountability, qualities we strive to instill in every student, every day.

Across our District, you'll see these values come to life in classrooms, on athletic fields, in morning meetings and in everyday interactions. From **Random Acts of Kindness (RAK)** to academic perseverance, our staff and students are empowered to lead with integrity, empathy and pride.

We remain focused on four District goals that serve as our foundation this year:

- 1. Instructional Leadership** – Ensuring high-quality teaching and learning in every room.
- 2. SEL and The Positivity Project** – Building character and relationships that strengthen our community.
- 3. Neurodivergent Approaches** – Honoring diverse learning needs and supporting every student's potential.
- 4. Accountability and Shared Responsibility**
– Creating a culture where we all own the work
– and the wins – together.

To our students: This is your time. Be bold. Be kind. Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and take pride in being part of something greater than yourself.

To our staff: Thank you for leading with heart and purpose. You are the difference-makers.

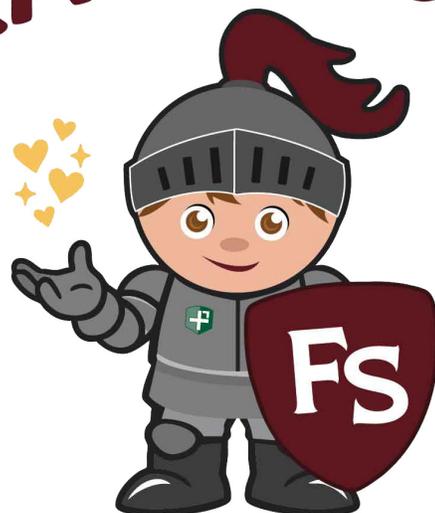
And to our families: Thank you for your continued support and trust. We are honored to partner with you in shaping the future – one Knight at a time.

Let's make this school year the best one yet.

With Maroon Knight Pride,

Joseph M. Palmer
Superintendent of Schools

RAK 'Em Up!



Random Acts of Kindness

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler Families,

Our district will be embracing the Positivity Project this school year! We will begin incorporating the positive mindset into our daily routine at Frankfort-Schuyler CSD. Our school community will focus on the **Other People Mindset** first. This means anything that builds relationships is going to make you happy.



The Positivity Project (P2) aims to empower youth to build positive relationships by understanding, appreciating and exemplifying the character strengths in us all. People who have a strong "Other People Mindset" are able to build and maintain strong, positive relationships with others by consistently practicing these five Other People Mindset principles:

1. Cheer other people on when they succeed
2. Recognize the good in other people
3. Remain present when giving people your attention
4. Support others when they struggle
5. Understand that everything you say and do affects other people

While mental health is incredibly complex, we do know that positive relationships can help people become happier, healthier and more resilient. The Positivity Project believes educators have a tremendous opportunity and vital role to play in this endeavor. Our nation's youth spend a large percentage of their time in school. By deliberately and consistently teaching students that relationships are important – and that positive relationships are cultivated through character strengths and the Other People Mindset – educators can roll back these trends and create strong citizens and leaders for our communities and countries.

We hope you continue to partner with us as we add more positivity into our great community! Watch for more P2 information throughout the school year!

**Positively Excited,
The F-S Administrative Team**

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District has moved to ParentSquare!

As of July 2024, ParentSquare has replaced SchoolMessenger as the new District-wide communication/robo platform. ParentSquare allows the Frankfort-Schuyler CSD to unify all parent communication from the District, schools, classrooms and school activity groups under one umbrella.

With ParentSquare, you'll be able to:

- Receive all school and classroom communication via email, text or app
- View and download photos
- View the school and classroom calendar

It is our hope that the District's partnership with ParentSquare will enable a stronger dialogue between school and home, and will help empower everyone within the school community to stay connected and informed.

**Coming Fall of 2025:
StudentSquare for all students grades 7-12**

Questions about ParentSquare?

Please contact Kacey Sheppard
at ksheppard@frankfort-schuyler.org
or Nicole Castronovo - Grades 7-12
at ncastronovo@frankfort-schuyler.org

Important Policy Update: Cell Phone & Personal Electronic Device Policy

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District is excited to announce a new Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy, effective August 1, 2025, for all students, PK-12. This policy reinforces our commitment to maximizing instructional time, promoting face-to-face interactions and fostering a focused learning environment where every student can "**Lead Like a Knight.**"

What You Need to Know:

- **Devices OFF & OUT OF SIGHT:** All personal electronic devices (cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, etc.) must be turned off or on silent mode and locked away during the entire school day.
- **No Use in Common Areas:** This includes classrooms (unless teacher-directed), hallways, cafeterias, restrooms and outdoor areas.
- **Emergency Contact:** Parents should continue to call the main office at 315-895-7461 (Secondary School) or 315-895-7491 (Elementary School) for urgent messages to students.
- **Progressive Discipline:** Violations will result in devices being confiscated, with progressive consequences for repeated incidents.

We believe this policy will significantly enhance our learning atmosphere and support the social-emotional development of our students. The full policy will be detailed in the student handbook and on our District website. Thank you for your partnership!

Elementary Principal's Message

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! I hope your summer has been filled with rest, fun and plenty of time to recharge with family and friends. We are so excited to welcome our students back and continue building on the strong, supportive school culture that makes Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary such a special place to learn and grow.

This year is especially meaningful to me as it marks my first full school year as principal of Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary. I feel incredibly fortunate to lead such a dedicated, caring school community, and I'm truly excited to kick off the year alongside our amazing students. Watching them grow, learn and shine each day is the very best part of this job.

This year, we're proud to embrace our District-wide theme: **"RAK 'Em Up – Lead Like a Maroon Knight,"** a call to action rooted in kindness, leadership and accountability. This theme is brought to life at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary through programs like Hi-5 Friends and our ongoing partnership with The Positivity Project (P2). By helping students recognize their own character strengths, build meaningful relationships, and appreciate the uniqueness of others – including those who are neurodivergent – we are fostering a school environment where every child feels seen, supported and empowered.

Academically, we are excited to introduce a new math and science curriculum for our primary grades. These updated programs are grounded in research-based best practices and designed to deepen students' understanding of key concepts. Additionally, we are committed to investing in our wonderful teachers by providing ongoing support through professional learning and collaboration. This work is focused on ensuring that all students receive meaningful, engaging instruction that fosters academic success and deep learning.

Behind the scenes, we are committed to improving the systems and routines that keep our school running smoothly. From refining daily operations to strengthening communication, these efforts are aimed at creating a safe, supportive and efficient environment where students and staff can thrive.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust. We look forward to welcoming everyone at our Open House on Tuesday, September 2 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

With Gratitude,

Lindsay Owens
Elementary School Principal

Fun Day 2025: A Splashing Success!

On June 25, Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary held its annual Fun Day, a favorite tradition that once again brought joy, excitement and a whole lot of water! Students spent the day rotating between activity stations including tug-of-war, bounce houses, a 37-foot inflatable water slide, dance breaks and classic sprinkler fun. Laughter echoed across the campus as students soaked up every moment with their friends and teachers.

This unforgettable day wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of the PTO, who sponsored the event – including the inflatables, activity materials, lunch, water, snacks and popsicles. The PTO works hard to fundraise all year long to give students this special experience, and their dedication truly shines through. If you're looking for a way to get involved next year, consider joining the PTO! It's a great way to support the school community and help bring events like Fun Day to life.

Special thanks to Coach Giambrone and the Fun Day Committee for their careful planning and coordination. Fun Day continues to be a highlight of the school year and a celebration that students will remember for years to come!



Elementary End-of-Year Celebrations

The close of the school year at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary was marked by a series of joyful celebrations, honoring important milestones for students across all grade levels.

On June 17, fifth graders were recognized at their Moving Up Ceremony. These Maroon Knights have demonstrated tremendous growth, resilience and determination throughout their elementary years. Each student received a certificate and a variety of academic recognitions, highlighting their hard work and achievements. Elementary Principal Owens shared a memorable story from her first day at Frankfort-Schuyler – when the building welcomed her with a surprise parade – and encouraged students to “be the kid who starts the parade,” a call to lead with kindness, courage and positivity. Fifth grade teacher Mr. Oberlies reminded students of the many remarkable qualities they’ll carry with them into middle school: kindness, curiosity and a great sense of humor.

The celebrations continued on June 18 as the pre-K students took the spotlight. With a crowd of proud parents, siblings, family and friends cheering them on, the students sang songs and were each recognized with a special certificate. It was a lively and memorable send-off for the District’s youngest learners as they wrapped up a year full of growth and discovery.

Kindergarten students were celebrated with their own celebration on June 20. The children led the event themselves, performing songs – complete with choreographed dance moves – and sharing a slideshow of highlights from their year. Mrs. Owens spoke about “The Giving Tree,” the first book she read with them, and reminded students that they are surrounded by a school community that will continue to support them as they take the next step into first grade.

These celebrations would not have been possible without the dedication and care of the incredible elementary teachers. From planning performances and preparing students, to creating meaningful memories for families, their efforts made each event a success. We are so grateful for their hard work, creativity and the love they pour into their classrooms each day.

Thanks to their hard work and the students’ enthusiasm, each celebration became a true reflection of the pride, progress and spirit that define the Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School community. From pre-K to fifth grade, we couldn’t be prouder of all that our students have accomplished, and we can’t wait to see all that lies ahead for them.

Elementary Spring Concert

On May 20, Frankfort-Schuyler was filled with the joyful sounds of music as the District hosted its annual Elementary Choral and Instrumental Spring Concert. This special evening showcased the talents of the elementary school’s budding musicians, under the expert direction of Ms. Bunger and Ms. Gribbin.

The Beginning Band delighted the audience with their charming renditions of "Up and Down," "First Duet," "Hot Cross Buns" and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Following their impressive debut, the Advanced Band captivated attendees with performances of "Early Bird March," "Jellybeans" and "Tambora!" The evening culminated with the Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus, whose harmonious voices filled the auditorium with "Riversong," "The Moon" and "Seize the Day."

This wonderful event wouldn't have been possible without the collective effort and unwavering support of many. The Frankfort-Schuyler CSD extends its sincere appreciation to the Frankfort-Schuyler Board of Education, the Administration Team, the Maintenance Department for their diligent work, the dedicated FSCS Music Boosters, and all of the Frankfort-Schuyler faculty and staff whose commitment made this memorable evening a resounding success!



Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

Fifth grade Frankfort-Schuyler students celebrated the end of their elementary school days and their upcoming move to the Jr./Sr. high school with a Fifth Grade Moving Up ceremony on June 17.

During the ceremony, each of the students were recognized as they received their fifth grade diplomas and individual academic awards. It was a great way to celebrate the end of another successful school year and commend each of the students for their hard work and accomplishments.

Congratulations to the fifth grade students and best of luck at the Jr./Sr. high school in the fall!



MUSIC BANQUET

On June 5, the Frankfort-Schuyler Music Boosters hosted a banquet at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro. This event celebrated the dedication and talent of Frankfort-Schuyler music students from both the elementary school and Jr./Sr. high school.

Awards were presented to recognize students who participated in a variety of prestigious musical events including All-County Festivals, Area All-State Festivals, the NYSSMA Solo Festival and Greater Utica Area Honors Ensembles. Students also received awards for their involvement in the elementary youth choir, select chorus, show choir, middle school and high school jazz bands and the spring musical.

Congratulations to all the hardworking Frankfort-Schuyler music students on their outstanding accomplishments this school year!



Annual Art Show

On May 20, the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District held its annual art exhibition, which included exemplary student artworks from students in pre-K through twelfth grade. The exhibit was clear evidence of the District's sequential instruction, aligning with both New York State and National Standards for the Visual Arts. The exhibition also prominently featured its accomplished senior artists!



Walk of Champions and Passing of the Champ

On June 16, the Frankfort-Schuyler senior Class of 2025 paraded through the student-lined middle and high school halls before walking over to the elementary school, where cheers, applause and cowbells met them.

The Walk of Champions, as it's come to be called, started several years ago as a way to proudly send off the seniors while acknowledging and celebrating their accomplishments. After parading through the elementary school hallways, the seniors enacted the "Kid to Senior" time machine trend with the kindergarteners. Kindergartners walked through a "time machine" and the graduating seniors walked out from the other side, serving as a great reminder for the seniors and their families about how quickly the years go by.

Also new this year, the senior and kindergarten classes took part in a "Passing of the Champ" ceremony on the football field, with Secondary Principal Mr. Stalteri serving as the emcee. Kindergartners lined up on one side of the field with seniors on the other. They slowly walked toward one another and when they met in the middle, the seniors ceremoniously passed a plush Champ knight mascot to the kindergarten students. This represented the passing of responsibility, school pride and tradition from the oldest students to the youngest.



Secondary Principal's Message

Dear F-S Students, Parents, Family and Friends:

Welcome back!

It brings me great pleasure as I begin my 11th year as principal in the District to welcome you all back to the 2025-2026 school year! Summer is a great time to recharge the batteries and it is so exciting to hear about the many different things our students have experienced over the summer months. School buildings are not the same without the students that fill them and we always look forward to their return, so it is an honor and a privilege to see our students back.

We have some very exciting additions to the curriculum this year for both the middle school and high school. The following courses have been added to provide students with more opportunities to take elective course work:

New High School Course Offerings:

- Adulting 101
- Cooking on a Budget
- History of Sports
- Ethics
- AP Biology
- AP English Literature

New Middle School Course Offerings:

- Art 8
- Geography and Culture 7
- Family and Consumer Science 6
- Study Skills 6

We also will be implementing a new “bell-to-bell” device ban, in accordance with a newly adopted New York State law on smartphone use in schools. Effective August 1, 2025, students may not use cell phones or any other internet-enabled devices (smartphones, tablets, smartwatches, etc.) at any time during the school day – including class time, lunch, study hall and hallway transitions.

Although limitations on cell phone use in schools is not new, what makes this legislation different is that it is not a recommendation, it is a law that now prohibits the use of cell phones during the identified school day and it must be followed and strictly enforced. The law aims to reduce distractions, improve student wellbeing, and boost engagement and academic performance. Correspondence has gone out to families during the spring and summer months to help you prepare your students for the change so you are ready for the transition.

Here is how it will work when we return to school:

- **Storage Plan:** Devices will be locked up from the start of the school day to the end of the school day (8:00 a.m.-2:48 p.m.). Locked cell phone and device boxes have been installed in all classrooms where students who are in possession of a device in school will be expected to lock them up with their teacher in their first period class. Students will retrieve their phones from their first period teacher’s classroom prior to exiting the building at the end of the school day.

- **Parent Contact:** A method for parents to reach students during the day will be provided. The main office and the nurses’ station will be equipped with working phones for students to stay in communication with their parents. All phones in every office and classroom call out, and at the appropriate time with the proper permission may be an option as well.

- **Exemptions:** Students with medical, language or IEP/504 needs may qualify for exemptions. Students and parents are encouraged to have a discussion with a school official to better determine the path of exemption approval. Students approved for exemption by administration will carry with them an exemption card and will be expected to conceal the phone at all times, unless when needed for their specific exemption.

- **Enforcement:** A fair system with progressive consequences will be used. Suspensions for violations are not allowed. We intend to make the process as corrective and restorative in nature as possible. When students repeatedly and purposely do not comply it becomes an act of “insubordination,” and with the proper compliance and corrective mitigation, formal disciplinary action for non-compliance can easily be avoided. With this said, when students are caught in possession of a phone, the phone may be confiscated, the appropriate disciplinary action implemented and the phone given back only to the parent that school day.

Please talk with your child about this change and the benefits of staying focused during school hours and the importance of complying with the legislation. We can only be truly successful if we partner together and send the same consistent message. Your support makes a big difference! More information will follow with my welcome back letter prior to our return to school this fall.

Once again, I want to wish you all a restful and joyous rest of the summer season and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Open House for parents is scheduled prior to the official first day of school this year on Tuesday, September 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Students start back for their official first day of school on Thursday, September 4.

If you have questions or concerns, always feel free to contact us through the main office at 315-895-7461.

Best wishes,

Michael Stalteri
Secondary Principal

Frankfort-Schuyler Student Earns NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District is proud to announce that Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School student Lilyann Shank has been named a recipient of the prestigious 2025 National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award.

The honor is awarded to students who exemplify a commitment to the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Lilyann’s dedication to excellence both in and out of the classroom has earned her a spot among 500 students nationwide who received the \$500 award, which will be placed into a college savings account.

Congratulations, Lilyann! Keep up the great work.



Frankfort-Schuyler Celebrates Class of 2025

The 64 students in the Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2025 turned the tassel on their high school education as they graduated at a ceremony held at the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium on June 22.

The graduation ceremony marked the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and growth for the senior class. Remarks during the ceremony celebrated the graduates for their academic excellence, their standout achievements in extracurricular activities and their invaluable contributions to both the school and the wider community.

One by one, each of the seniors crossed the stage to accept their diplomas as their families and loved ones cheered them on. With the turn of the tassel, the Class of 2025 transitioned from students to Frankfort-Schuyler's newest alumni.

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District would like to extend its sincerest congratulations to each member of the Class of 2025. We wish you continued success in your future endeavors!



Eighth Grade Moving Up Ceremony

On June 12, the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District held an Eighth Grade Moving Up ceremony to celebrate the end of a successful school year for the eighth grade students and their upcoming move to the senior high school wing.

During the ceremony, more than 60 students were celebrated and received completion certificates. Congratulations to the eighth grade students and best of luck in high school in the fall!



McKenna Coffey, Conner Grates Honored as Section III Scholar-Athletes



At the annual New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Section III Scholar-Athlete Dinner at Onondaga County Community College on June 9, Frankfort-Schuyler seniors McKenna Coffey and Conner Grates were honored as this year's Section III Scholar-Athletes from the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District.

McKenna earned a cumulative grade point average of 94.27 throughout her high school career, earning nine varsity letters while participating in soccer, volleyball, softball and track and field. She was the recipient of the District's Soccer Team Award and the F-S Athletics "Unsung Spirit" Award, which were presented at the Varsity Letter Banquet on June 11.

McKenna plans to attend Mohawk Valley Community College while studying in the field of cybersecurity.

Conner achieved a cumulative grade point average of 91 throughout his high school career, earning 11 varsity letters while participating in soccer, baseball and indoor track. He was the recipient of the Boys Soccer Team Award, the Dominick & Maryann Mazzola Memorial Award and the Lt. Joseph Ferraro Memorial Award, which were presented at the Varsity Letter Banquet.

Conner plans to study mathematics in education while attending St. John Fisher College.

Congratulations to McKenna and Conner on this outstanding accomplishment!

Jr./Sr. Prom 2025

On May 17, Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School held its prom at Rustic Ties in Dolgeville. Prior to the event, students showcased their formalwear during the Grand March in the Jr./Sr. high school auditorium!



Senior Honors Awards Ceremony

On May 29, the Frankfort-Schuyler Senior Honors Awards Ceremony held at Francesca's celebrated the academic excellence, character and leadership of the Class of 2025. Each honored student maintained a GPA of 87.5 or higher. This placed them at the top of their class – a true testament to their dedication, perseverance and commitment to excellence.

Recognized as Senior Honor Graduates and Top 10% Honorees were:

Anthony Gaetano - Valedictorian
Olivia Urtz - Salutatorian

McKenna Coffey
Zoe Dodge
Claire Enea

Elizabeth LaSalle
Melinda Wohler

Additional Senior Honor Graduates included:

Isabella Bedworth
Jarrett Coffey

Conner Grates
Diana Ogiyevich
Matthew Pickens

Adna Sasinovic
Joseph Wiediger

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees! Their achievements bring pride to the Frankfort-Schuyler community. Special thanks to the families, faculty and mentors whose support made this success possible.



Championship Rings a Touchdown Ending to Undefeated Season

The Maroon Knights varsity football team was buzzing with excitement as they finally received their championship rings on June 5, commemorating their undefeated 2024 season that was one for the Frankfort-Schuyler history books. This momentous occasion marked the final triumphant chapter in a truly historic year for our student-athletes.

The 2024 season was nothing short of spectacular, with the Maroon Knights dominating every opponent they faced. Their hard work, dedication and unwavering teamwork culminated in a victory in the New York State 8-Man Football Championship, bringing home the coveted title and igniting a wave of pride throughout our community.

The championship rings are more than just a piece of jewelry; they're a tangible symbol of the team's incredible achievement, a reminder of the countless hours spent practicing and their hard work both on and off the field. Each ring represents a testament to their perseverance, talent and the spirit of champions.

Congratulations once again to our incredible Maroon Knights! Your remarkable season has inspired us all and left an indelible mark on Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District history. We are incredibly proud of each and every player, the coaching staff and everyone who supported them on this unforgettable journey.



Martino Rocco Named 8-Man Player of the Year, Lionell Coulthurst a Finalist

On June 24, Section III's top athletes, coaches and teams were honored at the 2025 All-Central New York High School Sports Awards at Liverpool High School.

Martino Rocco represented Frankfort-Schuyler's varsity football team as the recipient for the 2025 Post-Standard's 8-Man Football Player of the Year. Lionell Coulthurst was also a finalist for the award.

Congratulations to Martino and Lionell for their outstanding performance on the football field this past year and throughout their high school careers!



Food Service

The Child Nutrition Programs are operated in each building by the Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES School Food Service team. We are pleased to announce that in the 2025-2026 school year, we will be continuing to operate under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – meaning all meals are FREE to all students!

OHM BOCES strives to provide students with tasty, nutritious, fresh foods that appeal to students and the school community. We have continually exceeded federal and state guidelines for all required nutrients and increased our offerings of fresh fruit and vegetables. Farm to School items and programming are improving our students' connections to fresh food and resources. The menu balances student preference, commodity foods and locally sourced foods that are fresh, fun and encourage students to explore new flavors and new preparations.

Each student has their own meal account with an assigned pin number. Please be sure to help your children learn their numbers, especially if they are new participants. You can also use this account to make payments for a la carte items; checks made out to OHM BOCES Food Service, or online prepayments (ezschoolpay.com) are preferable, though cash in a labeled envelope is also an option.

Because we are operating under CEP this year, families do not need to fill out Free/Reduced meal applications. However, it is helpful to your school if you complete the income collection form available at ezmealapp.com. PDFs and hard copies are also available. Eligible families may qualify for benefits such as waived test fees.

While complete meals are FREE, single items like milk will still be charged to student accounts. Milk this year will be \$0.75. Other a la carte items such as frozen yogurt, baked chips and whole grain cookies will be available for purchase most days in the school cafeterias. Prices on those items range from \$0.75-\$2.50. There is no charging of a la carte items, meaning students must have a positive account balance, or cash in hand in order to purchase.

Please sign up for an ezschoolpay.com account! This is an excellent way to monitor your children's meals and a la carte purchases. These accounts are free to set up and use; you can even set up email reminders for when a balance gets low! If you choose to use them for prepayment, a small fee is incurred with each transaction.

Please don't hesitate to contact us!

Jake Perrin
School Food Service Director
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315-223-6068

F-S Students Recognized for Completing Technical Education Programs

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES recognized 240 students who completed Career and Technical Education programs, including several from Frankfort-Schuyler, during a graduation-style ceremony on June 16 at Herkimer College.

The 2025 Career and Technical Education Completion Ceremony celebrated students who went through any of the 14 two-year Herkimer BOCES CTE programs – including students in the Valley Pathways in Technology Early College High School (VP-TECH). Students were also recognized during the ceremony for various awards they won.

Herkimer BOCES District Superintendent D.J. Shepardson gave the introductions, Herkimer College Officer in Charge Nicholas Laino was the guest speaker and Herkimer BOCES Career and Technical Education Principal Sheri Perry gave the closing comments. Perry, Herkimer BOCES Board of Education President Holly Pullis and Herkimer BOCES Career and Technical Education Director Zane Mahar presented awards and certificates.

The following Frankfort-Schuyler students completed Herkimer BOCES CTE programs this school year:

Advanced Manufacturing

- Logan Matis
- Skyler O'Dell
- Logan Woods

Automotive Technology

- Nathan Elthorp
- Michael Ferguson
- Brayden Hall
- Kalib Milisci

Building Construction

- Chase Evans
- Kenneth Walker
- Ava Werczynski

Conservation

- Tristan Klotz
- Faith Morgan
- Alivia Warn

Cosmetology

- Victoria Cleveland

Criminal Justice

- Jarrett Coffey
- Samuel Hobbick
- Yuanita Leavitt

Culinary and Hospitality

- Carter Doolen
- Matthew Pickens
- Shelby Simonette-Kennedy

Health Science Careers

- Olivia Atkinson
- Amela Dervisevic
- Alivia Graves
- Anastasia Halliburton
- Sophia Hazeltine

Power Sports & Agricultural Mechanics

- Angelo Colicci III
- Luka Gregory

Welding and Metal Fabrication

- Rocco Velardi

Frankfort-Schuyler CSD Promotes Mental Health Awareness with Annual Wellness Walk

While Mental Health Awareness Month has come to an end, the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District remains committed to promoting awareness and understanding about mental health. On June 5, the District held its annual District-wide Wellness Walk.

The month of May was full of important conversations regarding mental health, daily tips and activities, and taking the time to care for one another. In the culminating walk, students, staff and administration from the elementary and secondary buildings gathered to walk around the track in a show of unity and support for the important message that mental health matters, and so does each and every individual.

Throughout the month, students also participated in a challenge among the different grade levels to raise money for the Christopher Newtown Memorial Fund, a local nonprofit organization that works to raise awareness about mental health challenges, break the stigma around seeking help and educate others on the importance of suicide prevention. The organization aims to raise awareness about the silent battles that many youth face and to remind them, "It's okay to not be okay."

The fourth grade class raised the most money with \$341.96. Together, the District raised a total of \$1,770.90 for the Christopher Newtown Memorial Fund. To conclude the walk, the fourth grade students gathered in the middle of the football field to present the check to the Newtown family.

The Frankfort-Schuyler CSD is proud of its students and staff for their ongoing commitment to raising mental health awareness not only during the month of May, but all year long.



Transportation News

The following routes have been established for the 2025-2026 school year. Start times for the routes are also listed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Karen Wasielewski, Transportation Coordinator, Frankfort-Schuyler School District at 895-7781, or call Dispatch at the Birnie Bus Terminal in Utica at 315-797-4933.

ROUTE 101 – TEAMWORK (TURKEY)

Elementary, 6:45 a.m.

State Route 5, Paratore, Country Meadow, Elmwood, Carder, Minots, Caldwell, Upson, Dutchtown, Johnson, Millers Grove

ROUTE 103 – BRAVERY (POODLE)

High School, 6:40 a.m.

Zolad, Center, Daley, Dutch Hill, Mucky Run

Elementary, 7:30 a.m.

Southside, Main, Harter, Lock

ROUTE 106 – FORGIVENESS (FOX)

High School, 6:45 a.m.

Brockway, Hampton, Hi Sy View, Ripley, Ferguson

Elementary, 7:30 a.m.

Litchfield, Pleasant, E. Canal, Piper, Maple, LiBritz

ROUTE 107 – GRATITUDE (GIRAFFE)

High School / Elementary, 6:45 a.m.

State Route 171, Brice, Higby, Grandview, Spruce, Hill View Terrace, Manor Drive, Litchfield Road, Button Lane, Reese Road

ROUTE 108 – OPTIMISM (OWL)

Elementary, 7:00 a.m.

Ferguson, Banek, School Lane, Willow, Towne, Arcadia, Ravena, Broad, Taft, Eldred, Empire

ROUTE 109 – FAIRNESS (ZEBRA)

Elementary, 7:00 a.m.

Center, Zolad, Dutch Hill, Daley, Mucky Run

ROUTE 110 – LEADERSHIP (LION)

High School, 6:50 a.m.

Dutchtown, Baum, McKennan, Watkins, Church, Oak Hill, some Extensions

Elementary, 8:10 a.m.

Pathways

ROUTE 111 – SELF-CONTROL (MONKEY)

High School, 6:45 a.m.

Wilson, Albany, Kerber, Haddad, Birchwood, Christensen, Welshbush (between Ferguson and Center), Sheila Place, Sunrise Court, Sunset Court, Hardiman Pl.

Elementary, 7:25 a.m.

Palmer Street (Corner Stops - Main through Fifth), Ingersoll, Erie, East Ave

ROUTE 112 – HUMOR (MOUSE)

Elementary, 6:45 a.m.

Center, Higby, Widrick, Furnace, Bouck, Gates, Brown, Brockway (between Haddad and Higby), Jones

ROUTE 113 – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

6:45 a.m.

Various locations throughout village, town and Schuyler

ROUTE 114/115 – AM/PM CAREER TECH BOCES RUN

Gros Boulevard

ROUTE 116 – KINDNESS (TIGER)

Elementary, 7:00 a.m.

Albany, Haddad, Kerber, Wilson, Ripley, Birchwood, Christensen, Floral Court, Floral Drive, Rolling Hills, Sunflower Circle, Sunrise Court, Wild Flower Circle, Wildwood Ridge, Welshbush, Hardiman

ROUTE 117 – INTEGRITY (HORSE)

High School, 7:05 a.m.

State Route 5, Elmwood Road, Millers Grove Road, Bono's Trailer Park, Bono Blvd., Country Meadows

ROUTE 118 – CREATIVITY (DUCK)

High School, 6:35 a.m.

State Route 5, Paratore Road, Country Meadows, Carder Lane, Bush, Caldwell, Millers Grove, Church, Minots Corner, Baum, Dutchtown, Johnson, McKennan, Watkins, Railroad, Bee, Sheldon, Orchard

Elementary, 7:25 a.m.

Sixth, Frankfort Street - Corner Stops (Fifth through North Frankfort and Orchard), Tisdale, Orchard, Bee, Sheldon, Railroad

ROUTE 123 – HUMILITY (FROG)

High School, 6:55 a.m. / Elementary, 7:35 a.m.

McGowan Rd., Terrace Hill Estates, Clemons, Joslin Hill, Reese Rd., Acme, First through Fifth Ave. Ext., Kernan, Comstock

ROUTE 125 – PERSPECTIVE (ELEPHANT)

High School, 6:55 a.m.

Floral Drive, Floral Court, Rolling Hills, Wildflower Circle, Sunflower Circle, Wildwood Ridge, Bleecker, Ferguson, School Lane, Willow, Banek, Towne, Arcadia, Ravena, Broad, Taft, Eldred, Empire, Broad, Southside Rd., W. Main Street

ROUTE 126 – PURPOSE (BEAR)

High School, 6:45 a.m.

Center, Widrick, Furnace, Bouck, McIntyre, Higby, Wilson, Gates, Brown, Zolad

ROUTE 127 – PERSEVERANCE (PENGUIN)

Special Education

Special education students being transported

ROUTE 131 – CURIOSITY (TURTLE)

Special Education - Elementary - Time TBA

Special education students being transported

ROUTE 132 – ENTHUSIASM (BUNNY)

Special Education - Time TBA

Special Education students being transported





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