

HYDE PARK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **CONNECTIONS**



Roman's Remarks

As we move through February, often one of the coldest and most demanding months of the school year, I am reminded of the resilience, dedication and warmth that define our Hyde Park school community. While winter can test our routines and energy, it also offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress we have made together and recommit to supporting every student's success.

I am deeply grateful to our students, families, teachers and staff for the teamwork that makes this progress possible. Your commitment creates a positive learning environment where students feel supported, valued and motivated to grow.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, our focus remains clear. We will continue to strengthen classroom instruction, prioritize student well-being and work to continue improving student attendance through strong partnerships with families. Empowering our students means more than academic achievement; it means ensuring they are present and engaged, helping them feel a sense of belonging, and nurturing the curiosity and confidence needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. Together, we will keep moving forward with purpose and pride.

With Hyde Park Pride,



Hyde Park Central School District

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Family Resource Center Invites YOU to Saturday Academy!



The Hyde Park Family Resource Center hosted another successful Saturday Academy on Jan. 10, welcoming special guests from the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum. Museum staff led multiple hands-on learning experiences, including an interactive planetarium program and a CSI-themed activity that introduced students to basic investigative skills.

Saturday Academy engages students in a variety of STEAM activities and also offers refreshments, mindful movement and additional enrichment opportunities. The program is free and open to all students.

Families who have not yet attended a Saturday Academy are encouraged to join the next session on Feb. 7. In addition to STEAM activities, students will enjoy a special presentation by Chef Bryan Tobias of the Culinary Institute of America and sample culinary treats.

For more information, contact the Community Schools Family Resource Center at 845-229-4000, ext. 1630.

**HYDE PARK
FAMILY RESOURCE
CENTER**



Come visit us!

4327 Albany Post Road,
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Monday- closed

Tuesday- 10A.M.- 5P.M.

Wednesday 12P.M.-7P.M.

Thursday 10A.M.- 5P.M.

Friday 10A.M.-5P.M.

Roman's School Visits Focus on Listening, Support and Community

Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman recently visited Franklin D. Roosevelt High School as part of his ongoing Snack and Chat series, informal gatherings designed to connect with staff and discuss topics impacting the Hyde Park Central School District.

The events provide staff with an opportunity to engage in casual conversation with colleagues and the superintendent, ask questions and share feedback on district priorities, including the community and budget.

“My goal is to create a comfortable space where staff feel empowered to share their honest perspectives on how we can improve our schools,” Roman said. “By engaging in these relaxed conversations, we can identify the specific supports our team needs, whether it’s additional resources for students and families or targeted professional development, to feel successful and supported in their important roles. When our staff feels supported and connected, they are better equipped to provide the highest level of support to our students and families.”



Snack and Chats are held regularly at each school and are one of several community engagement initiatives led by Roman.

Each quarter, Roman also visits every school to meet with its Student Advisory Council, engaging students in discussions ranging from cafeteria offerings to the district’s annual budget vote, which many seniors are eligible to participate in.



“I truly enjoy these gatherings; they are often the highlight of my week,” Roman said. “There is immense value in stepping away from formal meetings to simply talk shop and hear about our team’s daily experiences. These moments are a powerful reminder of the incredible talent and heart that define our district.”

Roman will host his next Snack and Chat with Netherwood staff on Feb. 11 at 3:45 p.m. The next Student Advisory Council meeting will take place Feb. 9 at Ralph R. Smith Elementary School, followed by FDR on Feb. 11.

Families and community members are invited to attend the next Community Conversation, which will be held virtually March 4, 2026, at 6 p.m.

Artist and Musician of the Month

Gabe is a creative third-grade artist at Netherwood Elementary School who enjoys making art, particularly drawings of dragons, mythical creatures and animal mashups. He especially likes working with mechanical pencils, colored pencils and pencils of all kinds.

When asked what he enjoys most about art, Gabe said he loves “that you can express your imagination however you want.”

In the classroom, Gabe is a positive role model who takes care of art materials, shows kindness to others and stays focused on expressing himself creatively. He contributes thoughtfully to class discussions and approaches new materials with curiosity.



Ella is a valued member of the music department and performs in the wind ensemble, full orchestra and jazz band. She consistently masters her music quickly and demonstrates strong musical leadership, making her an asset to the department.

When asked why music is important to her, Ella said, “Music is important to me because it has been a constant throughout my life. I began playing piano at age 4, and the skills I developed early on have helped me succeed on the saxophone in every ensemble I’ve played in. I’m grateful for everything music has taught me and for the role it continues to play in my life.”

From Pool to Pool: Speare Breaks Five Different Records

Senior Division I commit Troy Speare has broken multiple pool records as the winter athletic season nears its end.

The future Bryant University swimmer has set the record in the 100-yard butterfly in five different pools this season alone. Speare holds records for the FDR swim team, Division II, Section IX and multiple pool facilities in the event.

His record-breaking streak began Jan. 7 when FDR competed at SUNY New Paltz. Speare posted a time of 51.02 in the 100 butterfly, breaking a pool record that had stood since 2017. The following day, the team competed at Middletown High School, where Speare broke the pool record he had set in 2024 with a time of 50.87.

The momentum continued the next week at Monroe-Woodbury High School and Warwick Valley High School, where Speare broke both pools' records in the 100 butterfly. Later in the month, he added another record at Cornwall High School.

Speare credits consistency for his success.

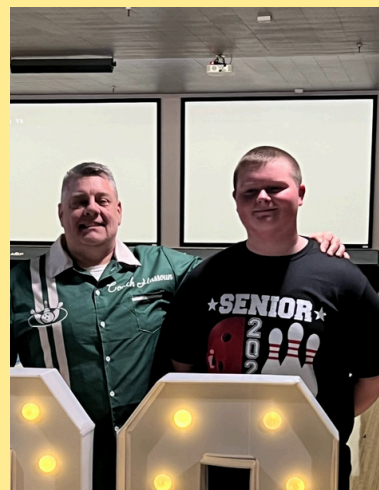
"Consistency is one of the most important things in life," Speare said. "I've learned to rely on discipline and dedication."

While his individual achievements stand out, Speare's leadership has also played a key role. As the team's only senior and captain, he has guided a roster made up largely of underclassmen and middle school swimmers.

"Troy carries himself as a quiet leader," head coach Erin Daniels said. "He understands how important swimming is for bringing people together and becoming a true team."

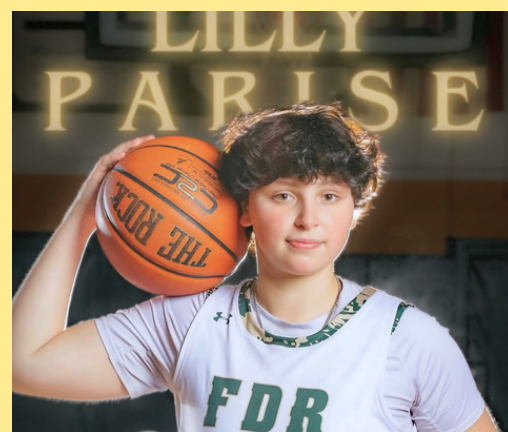
As the winter season comes to a close, Speare's impact extends beyond the record board. From leading a young team to raising expectations within the program, his senior season reflects what it means to be an FDR President.

FEBRUARY ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Braydin Moser, Varsity Bowling

Senior and second year captain Braydin Moser demonstrates reliability, accountability, and a strong commitment to his teammates. Braydin leads by example by showing up prepared, maintaining a positive attitude, and motivating others to perform at their best.

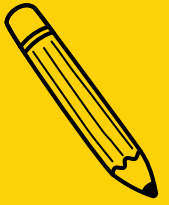


Lilly Parise, Girls Varsity Basketball

Senior Captain Lilly averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game in the month of January. Lilly is known as one of the best pure shooters in Section 9.

Attendance Awareness: Tips for February

February can be one of the coldest and most challenging months of the school year, making it especially important to maintain consistent routines that support regular attendance and academic success. Our district is here to help ensure your student gets to school each day. Counselors, social workers and attendance teams are available to partner with families to address barriers such as transportation concerns, health needs or social-emotional challenges during the winter months.



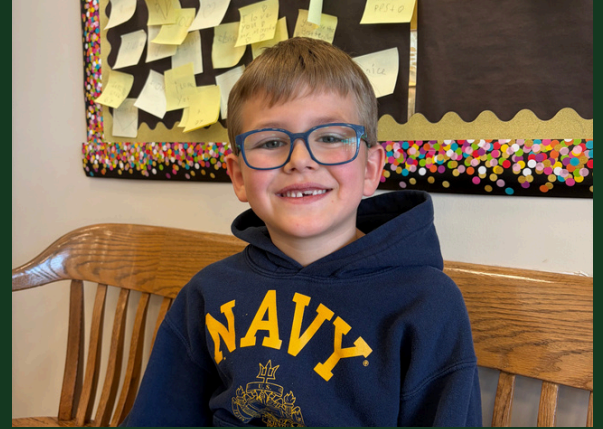
Brothers Gus and Connor Sinclair are attendance superstars! The brothers shared some wisdom for others who strive to have perfect attendance too.

Second grader Gus says that when you don't feel well, there are a few important things you must do to protect yourself and everyone around you!

"If you don't feel good it's important to go to bed and get a lot of sleep," he said. He went on to say if you're really sick, it is more important to get better than it is to come to school. "The doctor might have to give you medicine for you to feel better. Sometimes you just have to go to the doctor."

Gus says it's easy to come to school everyday because he looks forward to seeing his friends and doing math.

"I like math because it's fun to figure things out!"



Connor says that at night he packs his lunch and backpack so it is ready to go in the morning.

"Sometimes I wake up early, but it's easier if you do that stuff at nighttime."

Connor plays soccer and basketball. He loves coming to school to see his friends and to play in gym class!