



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 2026

Dear F-S Maroon Knight Families,

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying a wonderful summer and taking time to relax, recharge and create lasting memories with family and friends. As September approaches, there is a great sense of excitement and optimism across our District as we prepare to welcome our students and staff back to the Home of the Maroon Knights.

At Frankfort-Schuyler, we believe that schools are at their very best when strong relationships, shared responsibility and a commitment to continuous improvement guide our work. This year, we will continue our focus on creating meaningful connections, supporting the academic and social-emotional growth of every student, and strengthening our community-centric approach that recognizes every child succeeds when schools, families and community partners work together.

Our work this year will be grounded in our shared values of **Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Trust (FITT)**. These values remind us that every person plays an important role in building a culture where students feel known, valued, challenged and connected. Whether in our classrooms, on our athletic fields, on the stage or throughout our community, we remain committed to creating opportunities and experiences that allow every student to learn, grow and thrive.

As we welcome everyone back, you will also notice continued improvements and additions across our campus as part of our ongoing Capital Project work. These enhancements represent our commitment to providing exceptional learning environments and spaces that reflect the pride we have in our schools and community. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to our incredible maintenance and custodial staff, whose hard work throughout the project and attention to the fine details each and every day help make our campus such a special place and one that we can all be proud to call home.

As we begin this new school year together, thank you for your continued partnership, support and belief in our students and our schools. The momentum at Frankfort-Schuyler is real, and the future is incredibly bright because of the people who make up this wonderful community. We look forward to another outstanding year of learning, growth and celebration as we continue to **Lead Like Knights**.

Take care, be well and **GO KNIGHTS!**

Joseph M. Palmer
Superintendent of Schools



FAMILY · INTEGRITY · TEAMWORK · TRUST

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler Families,

At Frankfort-Schuyler, we believe that every child deserves to feel welcomed, valued, connected and supported each day they walk through our doors. As we begin another exciting school year, we are proud to continue our partnership with **The Positivity Project (P2)** as part of our ongoing commitment to developing not only successful students, but also compassionate, resilient and responsible young people.



The Positivity Project helps students recognize and develop positive character strengths while learning the importance of building meaningful relationships with others. Throughout the school year, students will participate in age-appropriate lessons and activities that encourage kindness, empathy, gratitude, perseverance, teamwork and many other character strengths that contribute to success both inside and outside the classroom.

At the heart of P2 is the **Other People Mindset**, which reminds us that positive relationships are built when we:

- Cheer others on when they succeed
- Recognize the good in others
- Give people our full attention
- Support others through challenges
- Understand that our words and actions impact those around us

These principles align beautifully with our District's core values of **Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Trust (FITT)** and support our mission of helping every student grow academically, socially and emotionally while preparing them to **Lead Like a Knight**.

We know that the strongest partnerships begin at home. We encourage you to ask your child about the weekly character strengths they are learning and look for opportunities to reinforce these important conversations as a family. Together, we can continue building a school community where every student feels connected, respected and empowered to make a positive difference.

Lead Like a Knight.

Family • Integrity • Teamwork • Trust

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

Stay Connected with ParentSquare

At Frankfort-Schuyler, we believe that strong partnerships between home and school are essential to student success. ParentSquare continues to serve as our District's primary communication platform, helping families stay informed, engaged and connected throughout the school year.

Through ParentSquare, you'll receive important district, school, classroom and activity updates all in one convenient location. Whether it's a reminder about an upcoming event, a classroom announcement or an emergency notification, ParentSquare helps ensure you have the information you need when you need it.

With ParentSquare, families can:

- Receive district, school, classroom and activity communications via email, text message or the ParentSquare app
- View photos and classroom updates
- Access school and classroom calendars
- Complete forms, permission slips, and sign-ups electronically
- Communicate directly with teachers and school staff

If you haven't already, we encourage you to download the free ParentSquare app to make staying connected even easier. Together, we can continue building strong relationships between home and school while ensuring every family remains informed and engaged throughout the year. When schools and families work together, students thrive. Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to Lead Like a Knight through Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Trust.

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Elementary Principals' Message

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Families,

Welcome back! We are so excited to see everyone as we kick off another great year at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary!

Before we look ahead, we want to thank you for the trust you place in us and for partnering with us in your child's education. The relationships we build with our families are one of our greatest strengths, and we know our students are most successful when school and home work together. We are grateful to be part of your child's educational journey and look forward to another year of learning, growth and celebration together.

This year marks an exciting new chapter for our building. We're thrilled to welcome sixth grade back to the elementary school, bringing us together as one pre-K through sixth grade family. We're also looking forward to seeing our students learn, play and grow in the beautiful new spaces created through last year's capital project. After a year of flexibility while our gymnasium and surrounding areas were under construction, these new facilities will support our students for years to come.

While we're excited about these changes, our overall focus remains the same: strengthening our school community, providing high-quality instruction and creating consistent systems that help every student succeed.

- **School Community:** We will continue to make the Positivity Project (P2) and Hi-5 Friends an important part of our school culture. Together, these programs help students build strong character, positive relationships and a true sense of belonging while creating a school where kindness, respect and connection are part of everyday life.
- **High-Quality Instruction:** We are committed to using strong instructional practices and high-quality curriculum to help every child grow. We'll continue supporting our teachers through meaningful professional learning and collaboration so we can keep learning, growing and improving together.
- **Consistent & Efficient Systems:** We will keep refining the systems and routines that help our school run smoothly so we can be as consistent, organized and efficient as possible. The more we streamline the day-to-day work, the more time and energy we can devote to what matters most – our students.

As we begin this new school year, we're also proud to embrace our 2026-27 district focus, **FITT: Family, Integrity, Trust and Teamwork**. These four values reflect the kind of school community we strive to build each day; one where we support one another, lead with integrity, earn trust through our actions and work together to help every child succeed.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout the year as we continue to make Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary a place where every student feels challenged, supported and valued, because at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary, there's a place for everyone to FITT.

Here's to a wonderful school year – we'll see you soon!

Warmly,

Lindsay Owens
Elementary School Principal

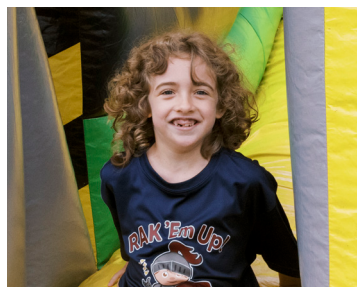
Nicole Castronovo
Assistant Principal

Elementary School Celebrates End of Year with Annual Fun Day

Not even a rainy forecast or an ongoing Capital Project could stop one of Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School's favorite traditions: Fun Day! After moving the event to the scheduled rain date, the elementary school community came together to make sure students had an unforgettable day filled with laughter, excitement and plenty of outdoor fun.

Students enjoyed a variety of inflatable attractions – including a thrilling 27-foot water slide – as well as water games and other activities that kept everyone smiling from start to finish.

A special thank you goes to the incredible PTO and the Fun Day Committee for the countless hours of planning, organizing and volunteering that made the day possible. Your dedication and support helped to create lasting memories for students and made this year's Fun Day another tremendous success!





Fifth Graders Visit Boston

Fifth grade students wrapped up the school year with an unforgettable trip to Boston! Throughout the day, students had the opportunity to experience history, science and culture firsthand while creating lasting memories with classmates, parents, guardians and staff.

The group explored the New England Aquarium, where they learned about marine life and ecosystems; stepped

back in time at the Boston Tea Party Museum to experience an important moment in American history; and enjoyed a ride on the famous Duck Tours, taking in the city's landmarks from both land and water. Students also visited Quincy Market, where they enjoyed lunch and had the chance to explore one of Boston's most well-known historic gathering places.

The trip was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year while bringing classroom learning to life. We are proud of our students for representing Frankfort-Schuyler so well and hope this special experience is one they will remember for years to come.

Last Day Assemblies at Elementary School

The last day of school assemblies were the perfect way to celebrate an incredible year at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary! Students and staff came together to reflect on the memories, accomplishments and special moments that made this school year one to remember.

One of the highlights of the assemblies was the annual talent show, where students – and even a few staff members – shared their talents with the school community. From musical performances to entertaining acts, the performances showcased the confidence, creativity and personality of the elementary students.

Students and staff also enjoyed an end-of-year slideshow, which gave everyone a chance to look back on the many exciting events, learning experiences and friendships that filled the school year. During the assemblies, June Students of the Month were recognized and students with outstanding attendance were celebrated. Congratulations to the Perfect Attendance recipients, as well as the Exceptional Attendance honorees, who missed four or fewer days of school all year – a tremendous accomplishment!

The assemblies also included a heartfelt recognition of beloved reading teacher Mrs. Campbell, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to the students and families of Frankfort-Schuyler. Her commitment to helping generations of children become confident readers has left a lasting impact on the school community. Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary wishes her all the best in her well-earned retirement!

To wrap up the year, elementary staff lined the front of the building with bubbles, bells, music, cheers and plenty of high-fives as students made their way to buses and parent pick-up one final time. It was a joyful send-off and a fitting celebration of another fantastic year at Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary.



Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary Holds Annual Kindergarten Celebration

Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary School recognized its kindergarten students during the annual Kindergarten Celebration held on June 24. The ceremony was an opportunity for students and their families to reflect on the students' growth and accomplishments together.

Families and friends gathered to celebrate as students shared music, smiles and memories from a year filled with learning and new experiences. The kindergarten students performed several songs, including "You're A Grand Old Flag," "Count On Me" and "On My Way." Attendees also viewed a photo slideshow featuring memories and special moments from the 2025-26 school year.

One of the highlights of the Kindergarten Celebration was that it was largely led by the kindergarteners themselves, who confidently guided the celebration. Their poise and enthusiasm were a true reflection of how much they have grown throughout the year.

Over the course of the year, kindergarteners learned what it means to "do school" as they became readers, writers and mathematicians; built new friendships; and gained confidence each day.

A special thank you to the wonderful kindergarten team – Mrs. Harrod, Mrs. Davenport and Miss Thomes – for the care, patience, creativity and dedication they pour into their students every day. Their hard work lays the foundation for a lifetime of learning, and Frankfort-Schuyler Elementary is so grateful for all they do to help young learners thrive.

Congratulations to the kindergarten students on a successful school year, and best of luck in first grade in the fall!





A SCHOOL COMMUNITY THRIVES WHEN **WE ALL DO OUR PART!**

♥ Different roles. Shared responsibility. One goal: ***STUDENT SUCCESS!***



STUDENTS

You Belong. You Matter.
You've Got This!



SHOW UP & GIVE YOUR BEST

Come ready to learn and participate.



SPEAK UP & ASK FOR HELP

Advocate for yourself and others.



MAKE GOOD CHOICES

Your actions impact yourself and others.



BE KIND & INCLUDE OTHERS

Small actions create a big impact.



STAFF

We Lead. We Support.
We Believe.



BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Know your students.
Connect with families.
Support your colleagues.



CREATE POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Set high expectations and celebrate growth.



COMMUNICATE & COLLABORATE

Work together as a team and keep families informed.



KEEP LEARNING & GROWING

Model curiosity, resilience, and a love for learning.



BELIEVE IN EVERYONE

Your belief can change a life!



PARENTS

You're Partners.
You're Powerful.
You're Essential!



STAY INVOLVED

Show interest, attend events, and stay connected.



COMMUNICATE & PARTNER

Share information, ask questions, and work with us. Together we build trust and support your child's success.



SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

Encourage, read together, and celebrate progress.



PROMOTE POSITIVITY

Help your child believe in themselves and treat others with kindness.



HELP YOUR CHILD BE ACCOUNTABLE & A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

Help your child take responsibility for their actions and grow as a respectful, contributing member-of-the-community.

WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER,
EVERYONE WINS!



LEAD LIKE
A KNIGHT



FAMILY



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TEAMWORK

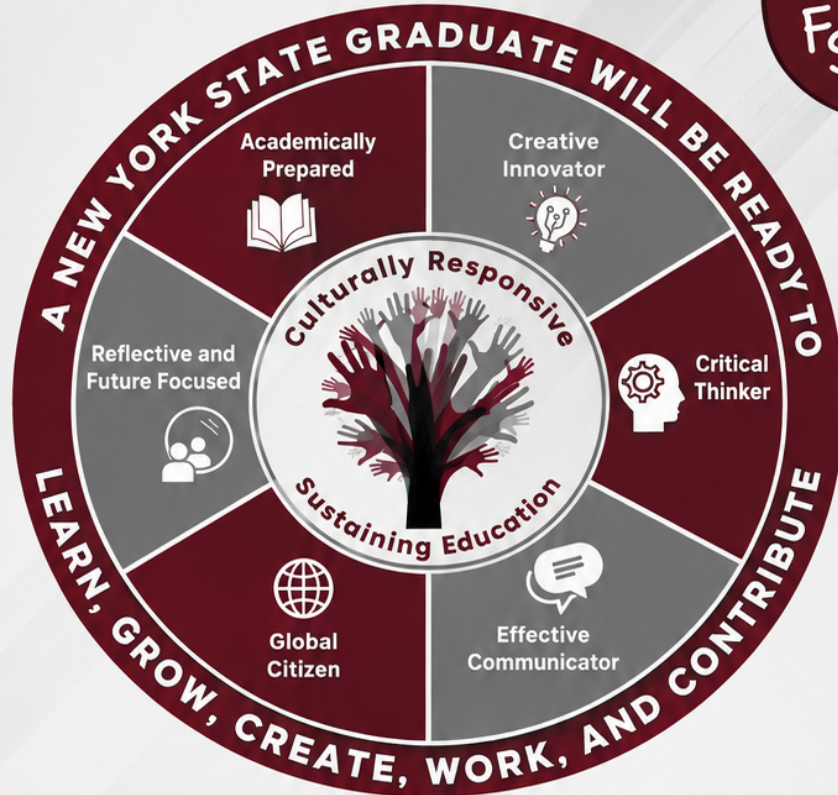


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THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE TEAM!



NEW YORK STATE PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



A New York State high school graduate who is **culturally responsive** builds strong, respectful relationships, valuing diverse perspectives as essential to a rigorous, inclusive learning community. New York State students who embody cultural responsiveness and academic readiness—demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, communication, reflection, and global awareness—will be prepared to learn, grow, innovate, and contribute meaningfully to society. These graduates will be equipped with the interpersonal and intellectual skills needed to thrive in an interconnected, ever-evolving world.



ACADEMICALLY PREPARED

Demonstrates a strong foundation in the NYS learning standards and is equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve success in college, careers, civic engagement, service, and life.



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR

Articulates ideas clearly and confidently through speaking, writing, and the use of different types of media for various purposes, while engaging with diverse audiences and actively listening to different perspectives.



CREATIVE INNOVATOR

Utilizes imagination, curiosity, and flexible thinking to solve problems creatively, and develop new ideas and products, while adapting to evolving circumstances and challenges.



GLOBAL CITIZEN

Acts responsibly and ethically within local, global, and digital communities, employing civic knowledge, skills, and mindsets to promote global sustainability and contribute positively to a culturally diverse, democratic society.



CRITICAL THINKER

Analyzes information thoughtfully, evaluates evidence critically, and identifies patterns and connections between different pieces of information (across multiple content areas) to address complex issues and navigate the world with insight.



REFLECTIVE AND FUTURE FOCUSED

Engages in self-reflection to identify strengths and areas for growth, sets meaningful goals, uses social awareness to maintain supportive relationships, and demonstrates responsible decision-making that prioritizes social, emotional, and mental well-being.



LEARN. GROW. CREATE. WORK. CONTRIBUTE.

LEAD LIKE A KNIGHT



FAMILY



INTEGRITY



TEAMWORK



TRUST



Secondary Principals' Message

Dear Frankfort-Schuyler 7-12 Families,

Summer just isn't the same without students filling our halls, but we've been hard at work preparing to welcome everyone back! There are some exciting changes happening in the secondary building, and we're looking forward to making the 2026-27 school year engaging, successful and fun for all.

When you return, you'll notice some new faces in the office as Kristofer Kirkpatrick and Jocelyn Reynolds begin their roles as Secondary Co-Principals. Mr. Kirkpatrick joined the District in December 2025 after serving for four years as a school psychologist at Dolgeville Central School. Ms. Reynolds returns to the valley after spending the past year as vice principal at Oneonta Senior High School. Before moving into school administration, she taught music for fifteen years at Mount Markham, Poland and Le Moyne College.

As your new principals, we are excited to build upon the strong foundation and traditions that have made Frankfort-Schuyler such a special place. While we will continue celebrating what it means to be a Maroon Knight, we also look forward to embracing positive change that helps every student succeed.

Our work this year will be guided by our shared values of **Family, Integrity, Teamwork and Trust (FITT)**. These values will shape the decisions we make, the relationships we build and the culture we continue to strengthen throughout our schools. We believe every member of our school community plays an important role in creating an environment where students feel known, valued, challenged, supported and inspired to reach their full potential.

This year, we are also introducing our **Lead Like a Knight** initiative. Being a Maroon Knight means leading through your actions every day. It means showing up on time, ready to learn, treating others with kindness and respect, taking responsibility for your choices and giving your best effort both inside and outside the classroom.

Leading Like a Knight begins with three simple expectations: be here, do your best and make good choices. We want our students to understand that attendance, behavior and academic achievement are all connected. Showing up to school every day, arriving on time, making positive decisions and working hard in the classroom create opportunities for success and prepare students for whatever path they choose after graduation.

Whether students are learning in the classroom, competing on our athletic fields, performing on stage, participating in clubs or serving our community, we are committed to providing meaningful experiences that help every student learn, grow and thrive.

Together, we look forward to honoring the proud traditions of Frankfort-Schuyler while continuing to build a culture where every student is encouraged to Lead Like a Knight each and every day.

See you soon!

Kristofer Kirkpatrick
Co-Principal

Jocelyn Reynolds
Co-Principal

Parade of Champions Culminates with Passing of the Champ

The Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 took a walk down memory lane during the annual Parade of Champions on June 16, celebrating their accomplishments while inspiring the next generation of Maroon Knights.

Dressed in their caps and gowns, the graduating seniors made their way through the halls of both the elementary and Jr./Sr. high school buildings, where they were greeted with cheers and well wishes from students, teachers and staff. The parade gave younger students the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the seniors, while offering the seniors a chance to reflect on their many years of hard work and the school community that helped shape their journey.

Following the parade, the seniors and kindergarten class gathered on the football field for the "Passing of the Champ." During the special tradition, the seniors and kindergartners walked toward one another from opposite ends of the field before meeting in the middle. Each graduating senior presented a kindergartner with a plush of Champ, the District's knight mascot.

The annual tradition represents the passing of the torch from one generation of Maroon Knights to the next as the Class of 2026 prepares to begin a new chapter beyond the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Your legacy will continue to inspire the Maroon Knights who proudly follow in your footsteps.



Student Musicians Celebrated at ANNUAL BANQUET

The Frankfort-Schuyler Music Boosters held their annual Music Banquet at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro on June 4. The event celebrated the talent and dedication of Frankfort-Schuyler music students in both the elementary school and Jr./Sr. high school.

Congratulations to all of the Frankfort-Schuyler musicians on an outstanding year of performances and accomplishments!



Class of 2026 Enjoys Senior Fun Day

After participating in the annual Parade of Champions on June 16, the Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 enjoyed a Senior Fun Day outdoors to celebrate the end of their high school journey.

The afternoon gave seniors the opportunity to relax, spend time with classmates and make lasting memories before graduation. The celebration included food trucks, lawn games, a dunk tank, a water slide and more.

Senior Fun Day was the perfect way for the Class of 2026 to celebrate their accomplishments and the friendships they've built throughout their years at Frankfort-Schuyler before the seniors embark on their next chapter.



Addyson Thibault, Evan Teachout Honored as Section III Scholar-Athletes

Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School seniors Addyson Thibault and Evan Teachout were recognized for their outstanding accomplishments in both academics and athletics at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association's 37th Annual Section III Scholar-Athlete Dinner on June 8 at Onondaga Community College.

Each year, two seniors from each school district are named Section III Scholar-Athletes, an honor that recognizes students who have demonstrated excellence in both the classroom and athletic competition. Their achievements reflect extraordinary dedication, discipline, perseverance and commitment.

Addyson participated in soccer and she plans to continue her education at Utica University.

Evan participated in both indoor and outdoor track and field, and he plans to attend Mohawk Valley Community College.

Congratulations to Addyson and Evan on this well-earned honor, and thank you for representing the Maroon Knights with pride and excellence. The Frankfort-Schuyler CSD wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.

Historic Year for Frankfort-Schuyler Athletics

The 2025-26 school year will be remembered as the most successful in the history of Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District athletics.

Across every season, Frankfort-Schuyler student-athletes demonstrated hard work, determination and pride while bringing home championships, setting records and making school history. From capturing section and league titles to standout individual performances, the Maroon Knights accomplished one milestone after another as the school year went on.



"While the championships, records and first-ever accomplishments are extraordinary, they are simply the result of years of hard work, dedication and belief in one another," said Superintendent of Schools Joseph Palmer. "Our student-athletes, coaches, families and community have built something special together. These achievements reflect not only athletic excellence, but also the pride, perseverance, character and family atmosphere that define what it means to be a Maroon Knight. We could not be prouder of the way our students continued to represent our school and community throughout this historic year."

The successes began in the fall, when both the varsity 8-man football team and the boys varsity soccer team won their league championships. The girls varsity soccer team added to the excitement by winning the team's first sectional championship in Frankfort-Schuyler history, a milestone achievement that marked a new chapter for the girls soccer program.

The momentum continued into the winter season as both the boys and girls varsity basketball teams won their league championships. This noteworthy win was a first in school history for the girls team.

Spring brought even more success in Frankfort-Schuyler athletics, as both the varsity baseball and softball teams captured league championships. The softball win was another historic achievement, marking the first league championship in program history.

In addition to the team accomplishments, several Frankfort-Schuyler student-athletes distinguished themselves through outstanding individual performances.

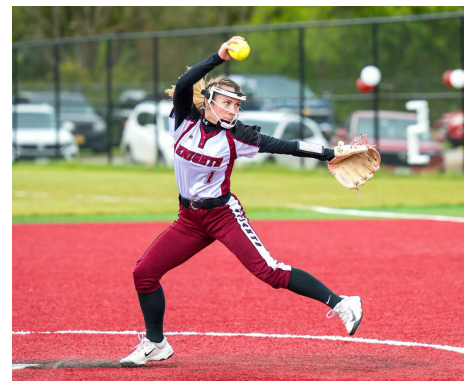
Senior wrestler Gene Edwards continued to cement his legacy, winning the Section III Class B Championship at 150 pounds, making him a five-time Class B champion. He also captured the title of Section III Division II champion for the third time. His impressive high school wrestling career concluded with 229 wins, including 161 by pin. He holds the Frankfort-Schuyler record for most career wins.

During both the winter and spring, Frankfort-Schuyler athletes excelled on the track. During the indoor track season, Cory Helmer was the Center State Conference (CSC) Division II champion in the 100-meter and 600-meter events. Kyleigh Sears was the CSC Division II champion in the 55-meter and high jump. During the outdoor track and field season, Nicholas Aulisi was the CSC Division II champion in the 800-meter and 1600-meter events. Kyleigh Sears was the CSC Division II champion in the high jump and the Section III Class C3 champion for high jump.

The accomplishments of Frankfort-Schuyler athletes and their success across all seasons this school year have not gone unnoticed beyond the District.

"The program has enjoyed remarkable success this year, and the pride throughout the school and community is truly impressive," said Jason Czarny, executive director of Section III Athletics for the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

For longtime Frankfort-Schuyler Athletic Director Jeff LaGase, who retired at the end of June, the historic year serves as a representation of a culture that has been built over many years. As he reflects on his time with the District, he credits the success of the athletic program to the people who have contributed to it year after year.



"What stands out most is the culture that has been built over many years," LaGase said. "The foundation of that culture has always been rooted in commitment, hard work, accountability, teamwork and pride in representing Frankfort-Schuyler. Our program's achievements are the result of the collective efforts of coaches, student-athletes, families, administrators, alumni and community members who have consistently invested in our programs and in one another."

"Frankfort-Schuyler has been much more than a school district to me – it has been family," LaGase said. "Throughout my years here, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated coaches, supportive families, outstanding student-athletes and a community that takes tremendous pride in its school. Watching young people grow through athletics, learn important life lessons and achieve things they may not have thought possible has been one of the most rewarding parts of my career."

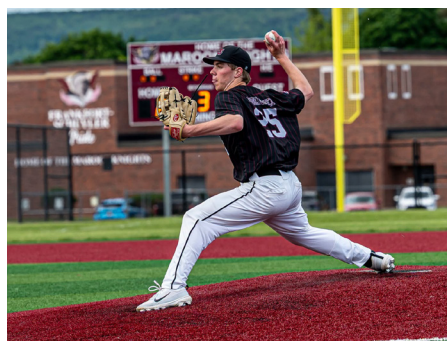
Longtime varsity baseball coach Mark Spina, who taught at Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School and also retired at the end of the 2025-26 school year, has also been reflecting on his many years spent at Frankfort-Schuyler and the lessons he's learned during his tenure. After spending more than 50 years on the baseball field, both as a player and a coach, he has learned that success is measured by much more than wins and losses – instead, it's measured by the relationships you build, the lessons you pass on, and the young people you have the opportunity to positively influence along the way.

As he marvels at the many athletic successes of the 2025-26 school year, he echoes what others have said about it being a collective effort over time.

"Such an accomplishment speaks volumes about the dedication, commitment and character of everyone involved," Spina said. "It is the result of countless hours of preparation, teamwork, perseverance and support from administration, the athletic director, coaches, parents and the entire school community. This year's success reflects the strength of the entire athletic program."

The remarkable achievements of this school year showcase not only the strength of Frankfort-Schuyler's athletic programs, but the strength and support of the Frankfort-Schuyler school community as a whole. The Maroon Knights have set a standard that will inspire future generations.

"I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be part of something so special," LaGase said. "I could not be more proud of our athletic program and all of the people who have contributed to its success over the years. The future of Frankfort-Schuyler Athletics is bright, and as always, it's great to be a Maroon Knight."



Eighth Grade Students Celebrated with Moving Up Ceremony

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District celebrated the Class of 2030 during an Eighth Grade Moving Up Ceremony on June 11. The event recognized students for reaching an important milestone as they complete their middle school years and prepare to begin the next chapter of their educational journey as high school students in the fall.

During the ceremony, each eighth grade student was recognized and presented with a middle school completion certificate.

Congratulations to the eighth grade students, and best wishes for a successful start to your high school years!



Frankfort-Schuyler Students Complete CTE Programs

Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES recognized nearly 250 students who completed Career and Technical Education programs during a ceremony on June 16 at Herkimer College. More than 30 Frankfort-Schuyler students were among those who were recognized.

The 2026 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 received.

Herkimer BOCES District Superintendent D.J. Shepardson gave the opening and closing remarks, and Herkimer BOCES Class of 2020 graduate Reese Battisti was the keynote speaker. Herkimer BOCES Board of Education President Holly Pullis, Herkimer BOCES Career and Technical Education Director Zane Mahar and Herkimer BOCES Career and Technical Education Principal Sheri Perry presented awards and certificates.

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

Automotive Technology

- Frank Castardi
- Damian Seifried

Building Construction

- Joseph Roberts

Conservation

- Stephen Cooley
- Kaden Looman

Cosmetology

- Triniti Bellido
- Edona Bytyqi
- Asia Coulthurst
- Tarah Deserre
- Cloe Ingraham
- Jillian McKernan

Criminal Justice

- Brianna Conti
- Rocco Santomassino
- Gabriel Slawson

Culinary and Hospitality

- Gabriella Grems
- Marquis Grimes
- Ruslan Kurganov
- Alina Lisovets
- Landon Witzgman

Health Science Careers

- Niyah Cadell-Smith
- Theresa DeLong

Heavy Equipment Repair Operations

- Christopher Olsen
- Andrew Rusev
- Riley Smith
- Emma Tripple

Power Sports & Agricultural Mechanics

- Anthony Bedworth

Visual Communications and Media Arts

- Lillian Brownrigg
- Jayden Davis
- Shynitta Ferguson

Welding and Metal Fabrication

- Moises Magana
- Ayden Mooney

Class of 2026 Graduation

The Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District celebrated the accomplishments of 77 graduates during the Class of 2026 Graduation ceremony held on June 27 at the Adirondack Bank Center at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. The ceremony recognized the hard work, perseverance and achievements of the Frankfort-Schuyler Jr./Sr. High School senior class as graduates received their diplomas surrounded by family, friends and school staff.

Secondary Principal Michael Stalteri welcomed those in attendance and offered remarks to the graduating class. Superintendent of Schools Joseph Palmer also addressed the graduates, encouraging them as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their lives. The salutatory address was delivered by Santino Tomasi, and the valedictory address was given by Emin Besirevic.

The ceremony also featured performances by senior members of the chorus, who performed both the national anthem and Alma Mater.

Mr. Stalteri presented the senior scholarships and awards, then each of the graduates crossed the stage as their name was announced to receive their hard-earned diploma.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! The Frankfort-Schuyler CSD wishes each of the graduates continued success as they embark on their next adventures.



Frankfort-Schuyler CSD Comes Together for Annual Wellness Walk

Frankfort-Schuyler students and staff came together for the annual District-Wide Wellness Walk on May 21. Held each year during Mental Health Awareness Month, the event serves as an opportunity for the entire school community to unite around the message that mental health matters, while also raising funds for a good cause.

Students and staff from the elementary school and Jr./Sr. high school gathered on the track to walk together, demonstrating their commitment to fostering a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and connected. Leading up to the Wellness Walk, the school community raised a total of \$1,742. The Class of 2026 led the fundraising efforts with a total of \$561 raised by the senior class. The fourth grade class raised the most funds at the elementary level, and the seventh grade class raised the most at the middle school level.

The funds raised will benefit the Christopher Newtown Memorial Fund, Inc. and the Jaime Hawkins George Foundation, two local nonprofit organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of mental health and providing resources to those in need.

The Frankfort-Schuyler CSD extends its gratitude to everyone who participated in the Wellness Walk and fundraising efforts. Though Mental Health Awareness Month has ended, the District remains committed to fostering a culture of support and encouraging important conversations about mental health all year long.



Transportation News

The following routes have been established for the 2026-2027 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, Birchwood, 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 109 – FAIRNESS (ZEBRA)

Elementary, 7:00 a.m.

Banek, Willow, Ferguson, School Lane, Arcadia, Ravina, Center, Zolad, Dutch Hill, Daley, Mucky Run

ROUTE 110 – LEADERSHIP (LION)

Elementary, 6:50 a.m.

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

High School, 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.

Broad, Taft, Eldred, Empire, 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, Ravina, 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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