



Ready, Set, Learn! Welcome Back

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 15th FMES Back to School Night
- Sept. 16th JIO Back to School Night
- Sept 17th BOE Presentation Meeting
- Sept. 21st-Yom Kippur-No School
- Sept. 30th-JIO Homecoming Parade

HFFMCSD ENROLLMENT AT A GLANCE

FMES • 159 | HFIS • 325

JIOHS • 383

TOTAL STUDENTS: 867



Athletic Schedule



Welcome Back!

The first weeks of school are officially in the books, and our buildings are once again filled with laughter, learning, energy, and school spirit! From welcoming new faces to reconnecting with old friends, it has been wonderful to see our students and staff back. As we kick off another exciting school year, we're looking forward to all the moments that make our school community special from classroom celebrations and new discoveries to performances, activities, athletics, and everything in between.

Highland Falls Intermediate School

Back to School Night & Spirit Week: Last Wednesday's Back to School Night was a wonderful success! Families and staff came together across all grade levels, and the evening ran smoothly from start to finish. HFIS was full of school spirit this week! Students and staff joined in the fun and proudly celebrated their school community.

Remembering September 11: HFIS honored the 25th anniversary of September 11 through UnIIte for Good, with students participating in acts of kindness to help spread positivity and inspire others.

James I. O'Neill High School

This past Wednesday, the Beacon City School District football team joined the James I. O'Neill football team for a special evening centered on camaraderie, remembrance, character, and sportsmanship. The Remembrance Project sponsored a pasta dinner for both teams, which included a presentation from Professor Siry of the United States Military Academy and an inspiring message from Brigadier General Katz. Prior to dinner, student-athletes, coaches, and dignitaries from both schools signed each of the commemorative jerseys that would be worn during the Remembrance Bowl the following evening. Michele Strauss, founder of the Remembrance Project, generously donated the jerseys and presented special challenge coins to commemorate the event.

On Thursday evening, the district was honored to welcome the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, Lieutenant General Bartomeles III, as a special guest, where he participated in the ceremonial coin toss before the game.

Although JIO did not come away with the victory, the impact of the Remembrance Bowl extended far beyond the final score. The event brought together two school communities, West Point, local leaders, families, and supporters around the shared values of remembrance, resilience, service, and sportsmanship.

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District was truly honored to be selected to host this meaningful event and is incredibly grateful to the Remembrance Project and all of our community partners for their continued support of our students and schools.

District

Honoring September 11: Last Friday evening, Superintendent McElduff attended the September 11 Memorial in Fort Montgomery in support of our community. We are especially proud of our JROTC cadets and Select Choir members, who participated in this meaningful evening of remembrance and reflection. We are grateful for their dedication and for the opportunity to come together as a community to honor and remember.

Looking Ahead: District Goals: On Thursday, September 17, Superintendent McElduff will present his district goals to the Board of Education and community. This presentation will highlight key priorities and initiatives that will help guide our district and support continued growth and success for all students.

Spotlight on FMES: Where Every Hand Makes a Difference



This past week, under the direction of our art teacher, Mrs. Lynch, FMES students and staff came together to create a school-wide American flag made from their handprints. The JIO Cheerleaders proudly displayed the flag during the national anthem at the Remembrance Bowl. It will also be included in a care package for Army Ranger and O'Neill graduate Connor Boyle and his unit.

