

Fremont City Schools

Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

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2014

Welcome Back from Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer! This year the district will continue its focus on improving student achievement, providing a safe and positive learning environment for our students and strengthening our relationship with the Fremont community. In order to meet these goals the district will implement the strategies and action steps outlined in year three of the district's strategic plan (2012-2015). The strategic plan is located on the district's web site. This plan is updated and presented to the Board of Education on a quarterly basis. The quarterly status reports are also located on the web site. Fremont City Schools will continue its commitment to excellence through the academic year 2014-2015 and the district sincerely appreciates the Fremont community's support of that commitment.

Sincerely,

Traci McCaudy

Dr. Traci McCaudy, Superintendent



Dignity & Respect Day Event

Saturday, August 9, 2014

12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Join FCS as we celebrate Diversity in collaboration with WSOS Community Action. Activities will include: Community Organization Displays, Cultural Entertainment, Education, Ethnic Foods, Health Screenings, Hourly Raffles, Merchandise Vendors, Networking Opportunities, Senior Activities, Youth Activities and so much more ...

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2014-2015 School Year Information

School Calendar:

- Please check the district web site, www.fremontschools.net, for the 2014-2015 school calendar.
- The first day of school for The Vanguard Tech Center students is August 21st.
- The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is August 26th.

- Parents of pre-school and kindergarten students will receive opening school day information via postal mail.
- The first full day of kindergarten is August 28th.
- The first full day for pre-school is September 2nd.

School Day Times:

Elementary Schools	9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Fremont Middle School	7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Ross High School	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

For more information, check out page 2 or go to www.fremontschools.net

Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

2014-2015 School Year Information continued

School Supply Lists:

Elementary and FMS school supply lists for the 2014-2015 school year are available on the district web site, at the district office and in the school buildings.

Student Dress Code:

Corduroy, as an acceptable fabric for pants, shorts, skirts and jumpers is an addition to the Student Dress Code Policy for the upcoming school year. The policy is available on the district web site, at the district office and in the school buildings.

Transportation:

Bus routes will be submitted to *The News-Messenger* during the first ten days of August and will be published within two weeks of submission date. Please contact the Transportation Office at 419-332-7351 or visit the district's web site for bus route information.

Food Service:

Full priced lunches for the 2014-2015 school year:

Elementary	\$2.00
Fremont Middle School	\$2.25
Ross High School	\$2.50

Parents can view student meal accounts and pre-pay on-line at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Parents can apply on-line now for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com after July 1, 2014 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Immunizations:

The 2014-2015 immunization information can be found on our web site by selecting the "Parent Information" tab on the left side of the home page and then selecting either of the "2014/2015 Immunization" tabs.

Student Identification Badges:

Students in grades 9-12 must show their student identification badges in order to attend home football games and school dances. Additionally, students eligible for drug testing must have their identification badges prior to testing. Students will receive their ID badges during their summer building orientations. High school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken at Ross High School during their individual appointment with their counselor.

Open House/Orientation/Student Schedules:

Elementary Schools Open House

August 25th 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fremont Middle School Orientations

Grade 6 August 12th 4:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.

Grades 7 & 8 August 13th 4:00 p.m. / 5:30 p.m. / 7:00 p.m.

* Parents of Grade 6, 7 & 8 students will receive orientation time information via postal mail.

Ross High School Grade 9/New Student Orientation

August 19th 9:00 a.m. / 5:30 p.m.

Ross High School Schedule Pick-up

Grades 11 & 12 August 15th 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grade 10 August 18th 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

A Ross High School counselor is available every Wednesday 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. from June 18th through August 6th. Counselors are available daily beginning on August 11th.

Ross High School Open House August 28th 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fremont Middle School Teachers Selected to Participate in State Conferences

Fremont City Schools is proud to announce that Middle School Intervention Specialist, Dr. Patricia Prunty, was recently appointed to the Ohio Department of Education, SAPEC, State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children. The panel's mission is to advise the Ohio Department of Education in meeting unmet needs of children with disabilities and to provide teacher input into the development and implementation of policies, rules or practices to serve them. Patricia will travel to Columbus throughout the school year to participate in the panel's meetings.

Sixth grade teacher, Susann Davis, will be presenting a session at the OCTM (Ohio Council of Teacher of Mathematics) conference this fall. She will be presenting in Cleveland on Thursday, November 6, 2014 and Friday, November 7, 2014. Davis began teaching in Fremont in 2009. Congratulations to Dr. Prunty and Susann Davis!

Child Find: Title VI-B

Every child in this country is entitled to a free, public education. The law applies to handicapped children as well, regardless of their handicap or the severity of the handicap.

Because of their handicaps, these children may be out of the community mainstream. Sometimes, especially in the preschool years, the child's problems or disability may not be clearly evident. If you suspect your child has a handicap, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871.

We can help, but we must first find the child. Fremont City Schools works collaboratively with the Help Me Grow program, which assists families with early identification and services for children under the age of three. We also have a collaborative agreement with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board of DD) for early childhood and school-age programs provided through the School of Hope. Together, we will work to find the right services for each child.

Title VI-B funds are Federal allocations for the exclusive benefit of children with disabilities. Input as to how best to utilize these funds for Fremont City Schools is welcome. For more information or to share ideas, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871.

Athletic Dept. News

The start of another season of Little Giant football is quickly approaching. In order to create the most favorable conditions for our athletes and fans, everyone is encouraged to familiarize themselves with the items below:

General Admission Tickets for Football

Contests: Once again the Three Rivers Athletic Conference is encouraging fans to purchase their tickets in advance. Presale ticket prices will once again be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students and senior citizens. Presale tickets will be available for sale in the athletic office from Monday until noon on Friday of each week. All tickets purchased at the gate will once again be \$7.00.

Admission: Middle school students will once again not be allowed to enter the game without an accompanying adult. High School students will need to produce a school issued identification card in order to enter the contest without parental supervision. High school students who fail to bring their ID cards and FMS/elementary students who are not accompanied by a parent will not be granted access to the game.

Visitor Stands: This year we are encouraging *all* the Fremont Ross fans to sit in the west stands. This request is being made in an effort to not only unify our fan base but also create a separate viewing area for our visiting team and their fans. Your adherence to this new practice would be greatly appreciated.

We thank you in advance for your continued support of our football program and our many student-athletes.

Chad Berndt
Athletic Director

View video clips of our Fremont City Schools students...

Gold Medal Banquet



Ninety five students from Fremont Ross High School were honored at the twenty-ninth annual Gold Medal Banquet on Thursday, June 19th held at the Fremont Country Club. The banquet sponsored by Croghan Colonial Bank, in conjunction with The Learning and Liberty Foundation of Fremont City Schools, recognized stu-

dents for their academic achievement of earning a 4.0 Grade Point Average over two semesters during the past school year.

This year's recipients were: Allison Ackerman, Arthur Adams, Johanna Alexander, Jonathan Alexander, Kirsten Baker, Nathan Baker, Samuel Berlekamp, Valerie Bixler, Kelly Bondra, Brantleigh Bunting, Caleb Calvillo, Erica Chambers, Paige Collier, Peighton Collier, Andrew Colston, Meghan Cook, Caleb Costilla, Isaac Culbert, Dominique Darr, Nicholas Delaserda, David Detwiler, Samuel Detwiler, Bryce Dukeshire, Jacob Earnhart, Micaela Eberhard, Erica Ebert, Elodia Erape, Zachary Ferguson, Aubrey Fox, Jared Fox, Brianna Frost, Tessa Fuegmann, Armonee Garcia, Jack Gedeon, Cierra Gonzales, Brianna Goodwin, Eric Growel, Abbi Hasselbach, Abigail Havice, Megan Hawk, Brittney Hellman, Dylan Henry, Geonavin Hernandez, Domonique Hinds, Catherine Hofacker, Brina Hrynciw, Kelsey Ivy, Robert Joerg, Amanda Karn, Nicole Keegan, Shelby Kluck, Allison Lagrou, Kyle Lamalie, Logan Lamalie, Rachel LeJeune, Cassidi Lovell, Connor Martin, Grant McConnell, Joseph Meyer, Allison Miller, Cory Montgomery, Kyle Montgomery, Bryce Moreno, Benjamin Morroney, Meghan Moses, Emily Muffler, Michael Muffler, Huy Nguyen, Allison Ou, Emily Ou, Matallyn Overmyer, Mia Owen, Jacob Paxson, Tainja Peck, Alexandria Rellinger, Nathaniel Rellinger, Abbi Riedmaier, Patrick Rusher, Jessica Schell, Tyler Schell, Jacob Schott, Faye Sloma, Dylan Smith, Hawk Smith, Tyler Tran, Eigil Voelund, Morgan Waggoner, Nathan Weaver, Katarina Whisler, John White, McKenna Willis, Kit Wilson, Alexis Winters, Cassie Wolesslagel, and Emily Woughter. Seniors are pictured above left.

Guest speaker for the evening was 1986 Ross graduate Kevin Hively.

Three district teachers were also recognized at the banquet as Crystal Apple recipients for their enthusiasm, love of teaching, caring for children, cooperation with fellow staff members, and doing the "little extras" to provide quality educational experiences for students: Tracie Dye, teacher at Fremont Middle School, Lori Nossaman, teacher at Croghan Elementary School, and Julie Yoder, teacher at Atkinson Elementary School.

Facilities Update

This summer has been a busy time for the Facilities and Operations Department in preparation for a new school year.

Upgrades were completed on security systems throughout the district. Additional monitors and release points have been added, allowing the system to be more useable by building administration, which in turn creates a more secure setting for the district's students and staff.

Asphalt sealing has also been completed at Ross High School, as well as Fremont Middle School. This type of preventive maintenance will help extend the life of the current asphalt.

At Ross High School both the men's and women's restrooms received complete renovations this summer. The renovations included replacing all existing sewer and water lines as well as all fixtures. As a result of the renovations, these restrooms are now fully handicapped accessible.

Also at Ross High School, the first phase was completed of the "cafeteria makeover". This phase included removal of a wall, which opens the cafeteria area up and makes it more conducive to the soon-to-be implemented changed serving method and menu changes.

How does FCS support Positive Student Behavior?

In Fremont City Schools, we support our students' positive behavior by our expectations. Our district has three standards for student behavior: *Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful*. These three high expectations promote safety and learning for all students.

The school-wide plan is known as PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports). It is based on the idea that students learn best when taught clear behavior expectations and when provided with predictable responses (positive and corrective). During the 2013-14 academic year, Hayes, Lutz, Otis, and Stamm began using school-wide behavior plans. These buildings generally saw increased instructional time and decreased office discipline referrals. In the 2014-15 school year, Atkinson, Croghan, Washington, and Fremont Middle School will be implementing a school-wide behavior plan that helps everyone *Be Safe, Responsible, and Be Respectful*.

Students have opportunities to practice these behaviors and receive positive feedback when they show these skills. Visual reminders, such as posters, prompt students of the expectations.

Common questions are – Where do these three expectations apply? When are the positive behaviors expected to occur? The plan is simple: the expectations apply throughout the school all day long. This means *Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe* are to occur in all areas of the building (classrooms, lunchroom, restrooms, hallways, etc.), and on school property (playground and school bus). The expectations apply whenever students are in the school building or on school property. This includes class times, arrival and dismissal from school, transitions between classes, recess, lunch, and bus transportation to and from school. Every day and everywhere.

Students are taught the expected behavior, given chances to learn and practice, and receive acknowledgements of good behavior. Examples of some behaviors that may be taught: "listen and follow adult directions, walk in the hall, return school supplies to storage spaces." Parents will receive a copy of the Building Matrix. The matrix is a grid that lists the expected behaviors in each area of the school building as well as bus and playground settings. Parents can look forward to receiving news of your child/children's positive behavior!

The FCS district is proud of this emphasis on positive behavior expectations. We look for ways to partner with parents and the community in developing safe, respectful, and responsible citizens.

Art Awards

Four Ross High School student artists and an art instructor have been selected for art exhibitions at The University of Toledo's Center for Visual Arts. Bryce Moreno, Kris Humphrey and Mr. Bradley Scherzer are exhibiting self-portraits, in "#SELFIETOLEDO", a juried show in which all entries were submitted through Instagram, a popular smartphone app. The works of Lisa Gooslin (painting) and Melinda Smith (photography) will be exhibited in the "Focus 2014" high school art exhibition. The opening reception and awards ceremony for this fall exhibit will be on November 22nd from 3:00-5:00. The Center for Visual Arts at the Toledo Museum of Art is located at 620 Grove Place in Toledo.

Congratulations to the following 2014 FEA Art Award winners. Their art work will be displayed at the Fremont City Schools District Office during the upcoming school year.

Aaliyah Magee, Grade 3, Stamm Elementary
Molly Mies, Grade 8, Fremont Middle School
Ana Mejia, 2014 graduate, Fremont Ross



New Graduation Requirements

Beginning with the Class of 2018, students in the state of Ohio will face new high school graduation requirements. As a result of these changes the Class of 2017, students who are sophomores in 2014-15, will be the last class required to pass the 5 sections of the Ohio Graduation Test prior to graduating. Throughout their high school career, the Class of 2018 will be required to take end of course exams in algebra I, geometry, physical science, American history, government, and English I and English II. Students will also be required to earn a "remediation free" score on a nationally recognized college admission exam such as the ACT or SAT. The state of Ohio will pay for all 11th grade students to take the exam free of charge.

The Ohio Core Requirements are unchanged in House Bill 487. Therefore, to receive a diploma from Fremont Ross High School and participate in Commencement, Ross and Ross/Vanguard students must earn twenty-one (21) credits, pass the Ohio Statewide Tests, pay all school fees, and meet the following requirements:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Social Studies including the following:
 - 1 credit World History
 - 1 credit U.S. History
 - 1/2 credit American Government
 - 1/2 credit Economics/Personal Finance
- 3 credits of Science
 - 1 credit of Biological Science
 - 1 credit of Physical Science
 - 1 credit of Science elective
- 4 credits of Mathematics including Algebra II (or equivalents)
- 1/2 credit of Health
- 1/2 credit of Physical Education/or waiver
- 1/2 credit of Intermediate Technology Applications
- 1 credit of Fine Arts is required by the state during grades 7-12
- Electives as needed to equal 21 credits

Welcoming FCS New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff members to Fremont City Schools:



The administrators are front row from left to right: Croghan Principal Dr. Lori Pierce and FMS Assistant Principal Erin Parker. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Ross High School Assistant Principal Dave Buening and FMS Assistant Principal Marjoe Cooper. Not pictured is Ross Assistant Principal Justin Cummings.



New Faces in Student services are Behavior Specialist Paula Cullen, School Psychologists Samantha Wolfe and Amanda Schwochow. Not pictured is School Psychologist Jamie Biechler.

Attention Senior Citizens

All Fremont residents who are sixty-five (65) years of age, or older, are eligible for a complimentary pass to all school activities, including school plays, musical performances and athletic events. If you would like a permanent "Senior Giant" activity pass, please contact Desiree Subara at 419-332-6454 or visit www.fremontschools.net (Communications Tab) and click on "Senior Pass" for an application and mailing instructions.

Run Walk Roll Against Bullying

SANDUSKY COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST BULLYING PREVENTION COMMITTEE

SAT.
OCT 4
9A.M.

FREMONT REC CENTER

Run Walk Roll AGAINST BULLYING

8A.M.
REGISTRATION/PACKET
PICK UP
9A.M.
5K FUN RUN/WALK/ROLL

\$12 FREE FOR 18&UNDER

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN LATE AUGUST.

The End of Bullying Begins with You
sanduskycountyfcs.org

Mission Statement:

The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.

District Goals:

- *Increase Student Achievement
- *Close Socio-Economic, Ethnic and Disability Gaps in Student Achievement
- *Build Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Fremont City Schools does not discriminate nor tolerate harassment in its employment opportunities, educational programs or activities for any reason including on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, military status, ancestry, sexual orientation, age or genetic information.