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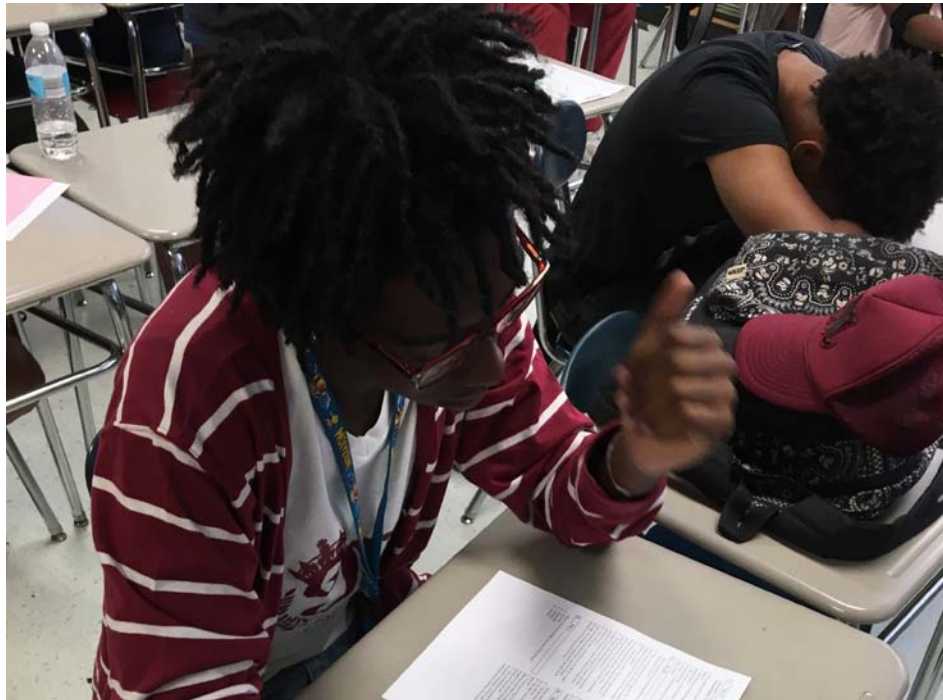
BCPS Begins New Grading Policy

By Max Mitin; Writer

A new grading system was introduced to Baltimore County Public Schools in 2016-2017 thanks to the efforts of the BCPS Grading and Reporting Committee consisting of teachers, parents and administrators. The grading system is changed for the better as it “provides multiple opportunities to students to demonstrate what they know” says Mr. Barberesi, a S.T.A.T teacher here at Franklin.

The first and the most noticeable change that most students, parents and staff at Franklin will notice is the redesigned BCPS One grading reports. The new reports only show two sections, graded and ungraded assignments. No longer will grades be determined by a combination of homework, classwork, and assessments.

The graded section, the most important section to the student’s grade, is reserved for assignments that were completed in class such as assess-



Students will need to rely more heavily on their performance on assessments and projects to make up their final grade.

ments and projects. The graded section will have markedly fewer grades compared to the ungraded section. Some students may find the idea of having less graded assignments scary because fewer assignments will make up the final grade. After all, having twenty assignments in the grade book could balance out one or two bad grades with the good ones, resulting a higher average while having only five assignments and failing three of them

could really hurt the marking period grade.

It’s not that bad at all since the new grading system provides more opportunities to the students to master the skill and to prove that they know the material. For example, a student during the second week of school tries to learn the material but does not understand it, therefore fails the test. He receives an E as a grade. Next week, the same student finally understands the material and asks for an opportunity to fix his/her grade. The teacher will most likely provide an opportunity to retake on the same material, and thus improve the grade. The student passes the second test with an A, and that A replaces the E that the student received on the initial test.

The ungraded section of BCPS One will contain homework and other assignments completed outside of class. It sounds amazing to some people since ungraded means no homework. students

may not see the point of doing something if it’s not even graded. It is not that simple. These ungraded assignments provide good practice and support for learning the material for the test. Also some teachers may have a class policy that states that students must have all of these assignments completed in order to take a retest.

Some of the ungraded assignments are necessary for whatever lessons will be taught in the class. Teachers in many subjects will assign reading the night before that will be discussed or used in class the next day.

Another change in the grading policy is the amount of feedback that students will receive from their instructors. Teachers should write specific and helpful comments to their students on BCPS One so the students will be able to track their progress and see their improvements, or areas that they need to improve.

Baltimore County Rethinks Heat Policy

By Andrew Gersh; Writer

The Baltimore County Board of Representatives held a meeting on August 30 to further discuss this year’s new policies regarding non-air-conditioned schools. Before the school year began, a new rule was passed stating that if the heat index reaches 90 degrees at any point in the day, the 37 non-air-conditioned schools would be closed for the day. After this rule caused two days of missed school, the board revised their policy.

Members decided to amend the rule so that the temperature will now need

to exceed 90 degrees by 11:00 AM in order for schools to close. This rule now raises other issues. It is very rare in late August and early September for temperatures to reach over 90 degrees before 11:00 AM. The Board hopes to have as few closing as possible, so that students in the non-air-conditioned schools will be able to keep up with their peers.

As written in the Baltimore Sun, Marisol Johnson, a member of the Baltimore County Board

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Becoming a Star in ‘Peter and the Star Catcher’

Megan Schanker; Writer

“Next.” That’s the word everyone auditioning for Franklin High’s fall play *Peter and the Star Catcher* waits to hear. Students come down to the auditorium for what could be called the most exciting, but also the most nerve racking moment of the audition process. As Mr. Hughes prepares for the upcoming performances, the students run over their monologues multiple times to make sure their perfect. Nobody can predict what will happen behind the closed doors of the audition room.

The play *Peter*

and the Star Catcher is the story of how Peter became Peter Pan. The story starts off with Molly, Wendy’s mother, and Boy (Peter). The two embark on adventures and an incredible journey together. The show teaches us about responsibility and what it means to follow your dreams.

Auditioning-students are first required to fill out a form of their personal information and anything that Mr. Hughes might need to know

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said “It needs to be amended so we are not closing schools for the next 10 days.”

Many people have raised the point that this amendment essentially terminates the original policy.

Short of finding some way to install air conditioning in all the schools over the Labor Day week-

end, there is no perfect solution. Elementary schools in Baltimore County dismiss at 4:00 PM, five hours after the 11:00 AM cut off point. This means that elementary school students could potentially be sitting in the non-air-conditioned rooms for 5 hours.

High school students, on the other hand, are dismissed at 2:15 PM, allowing them less time



Mr. Kamenetz and Dr. Dance discusses potential air-conditioning policy changes.

Credit: WBAL's Phil Yacoboski

in the hot buildings. However, after school sports and activities

ents and students were complaining that they couldn't practice or play for the two days they had off, so the Board is only responding to pressure with their amendment.

Kevin Kamenetz, the County Executive for Baltimore County, has already said air conditioning will be installed in 26 of the 37 non-air-conditioned schools by the start of next year. Win-

dow units would have taken 10 million dollars and was therefore not approved as a solution to this problem.

While the new policy may be controversial, there will never be a flawless one, until each school has a working air conditioning system.

“We're making progress” says Superintendent Dallas Dance.

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such as previous engagements that might conflict with rehearsal. After the students turn the paper in they are given a number. While the students wait for their number to be called, they practice their monologue and worry. Each student is called in to perform and then wait some more. The final step of the audition process is callbacks. Callbacks are when the director wants to see more



Students preparing for the coming auditions in the auditorium

of someone to determine if a certain person would be good for a specific part. Once callbacks are through Mr. Hughes comes up

with the cast list which will was posted a few days after.

According to students such as Rosie Henderson, the audi-

tion process is “nerve racking and frightening, but also fun and rewarding to know that you accomplished that.”

Gabby Trujillo said “I felt nervous at first but it's a great feeling that you went further than expected”.

This play means a great deal to the students who are participating, Stephanie Walther described it as “It's like being part of a family.”

Chloe Harvey described it as “the safest place in school

to be as silly as you want”.

The shows of Franklin High take hard work and determination. The students involved in the play work very hard to prepare for their auditions and for the show. Mr. Hughes also works hard to make sure everything runs smoothly. The emotions that run through the students during the auditions show what this play means to everyone. As you walk through the halls during the audition

process, you will see people helping their friends practice and making each other feel like they can do anything if you put their minds to it. Theater in our school is like one big family; they would do anything to help their friends. The auditions may be over but that's just the start. In about two months you can come and see what all their hard work is for.

Parking Permit Prices Cause Student Panic

By Zoe Yarsky; Writer

With a new school year comes new (an old) complaints. Many in this year's senior class and juniors who will soon receive their driver's license are concerned with the cost of on-campus parking permits. The permit allows students to park in designated spots around the south building and cost \$20 for the year. Many students want to know

where this money goes.

All payments are given to history teacher Ms. Holden, including late fees, which apply for anyone who wants to buy a permit throughout the year. The permit costs \$10 a semester, with a late fee of \$5 for all students who apply after Labor Day. The late fee is a new addition to the policy. Originally

students were only permitted to get a parking pass during two small windows each year. In order to accommodate the students, mainly juniors, who may get their licenses later in the year, the window for the availability of the parking permits was extended.

“That's been our price since I assumed parking duty 5 years ago,” says Ms.

Holden.

Ms. Holden also cleared up the question of where the money goes after it is collected. “Graduation. All the money goes to the graduation fund.”

Parking permit fees help cover such graduation costs as transportation for the band and printing of programs for friends and family. Seniors,

who pay the majority of the parking permit fees, see their money go back into the school in order to make their own graduation ceremony better. And the funds aren't explicitly used for that senior class. The money gained from the permits may roll over into the fund for the next senior class, so juniors who buy permits are also helping them-

selves in the long run. Many seniors still don't have their permits, because they believe the price is just too high. Some may ride out the year without one in hopes of being skipped over when Ms. Holden checks the lot for permitted cars, while others find parking off campus close by and walk.



SGA Meets for New School Year

By Mannat Khattak; Writer

It is a new school year and students are ready to make a difference for themselves and the community. The Student Government Association, or SGA, held its first meeting on Wednesday August 31, 2016. The SGA runs all of our amazing events such as homecoming, prom, senior citizens prom, and most of our fundraisers and coffee houses. The members join to make a difference in the lives of the student body and to have a say in the decisions of the school. It is a great opportunity to put yourself out there and become a part of the community.

The group of students that attended the meeting were full of ideas and seemed very excited to join. The President and other board members went over their plans for this year and explained how they would accomplish everything.

After the meeting, the members were asked about why they decided to join SGA, what they hoped to accomplish this school year, and how the work they did in SGA benefitted the school. Their answers varied from wanting to work with a lot of different students to bring everyone together.

The president

of the Class of 2019, Ruben Amaya said "I joined SGA so I can make a change for my school and the county."

The Advisor of the SGA, Ms. Jordan said, "I thought it would be fun to work with a lot of different students from the school and be the group that's in charge of the events that bring the students together." She also stated, "It gives students a voice."

SGA is planning to accomplish much this year. They are looking forward to making this year a year to remember. Student Government President, Femmy

says, "I'd really like to make Franklin High School a better place through our Student

wild and have different personalities."

The SGA is planning an exciting

are not set in stone.

The SGA would love to have more people join and be a



Student Government Association meet to discuss the goals of the upcoming school year and welcome new members.

Government."

He also said, "My favorite part is all the crazy amount of people that come in here. They're really

year with new and old events. There may be a chance of our school getting our own Ted Talk as well as a spring formal, but these plans

part of the school. The members are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and unforgettable memories.

Picture Day Stress Heating Up

By Jayme Gede; Writer

Throughout last week students will travel to the auditorium, one of the hottest places in the school, to take their yearbook pictures. On top of the

problems.

Several students have voiced their issues on picture day including Matt Herskovitz and Scarlett Horn. Both stu-

that worries me about the heat is me sweating." Matt says.

The pictures taken in the fall are put in the yearbook, which means that those pictures are published and taken home by a large number of classmates and friends. This picture tends to be a big deal for students who care about the permanent face of their 2016-2017 year at Franklin High School.

Scarlett Horn remembers in years past her difficulties with her yearbook pictures, "... and last year my face was very shiny in my picture so I don't want that to happen again."

The auditorium will be hotter than the activity room where the pictures have been taken in years past. This change in loca-

tion will not help the heat related issues students have with their pictures. Some students will have the luxury of coming from an air-conditioned room and won't already be hot, but the majority of the students will not be and the transfer from one hot room to a smaller, confined hallway will not help their desire for a picture free of shine and sweat in the yearbook this year.

In all this heat students like Scarlett have thought ahead and tried to help themselves. When asked if she would change her first choice for her outfit because of the heat she said "No usually I wear a tee shirt but maybe this year I will have on a tank."

This simple change in wardrobe may help massively.

This eliminates the chance of pit stains and will make students much cooler no matter where they are in the building.

Another tip for picture day is to bring oil wipes. Oil wipes are cheap wipes that soak up oil from your skin. These will reduce the shininess of student's faces. They come in easy travel sized packages and are an easy fix to this issue.

Many students have hopefully been spared this worry and frustration as they received a reprieve from the hot auditorium due to the new BCPS heat policy. With make up days scheduled for a week away, this gives many students originally slotted to take pictures on Thursday or Friday of last week

a breath of fresh (and hopefully cooler) air. This, of course, leaves their many of their peers jealous.

Picture day is stressful just in the thought that your teenage years will be permanently framed in a book owned by all your peers, but it can be overwhelming when those pictures are taken in an hot auditorium. Students worry about sweat stains and the practicality of their outfit in this environment. Students will try every hack and tip known to make their picture the least awkward it can possibly be and make this yearbook picture one that they'll want to remember.



Student poses for her yearbook picture in the hallway of the auditorium while many other line up to wait their turn..

normal issues of what to wear and how to smile without looking insane, students will have to worry about the heat. The heat creates its own hellish

dents are worried about picture day, and sweat stains and shiny faces seem to be the biggest issue the heat is creating.

"The only thing



Summer Reading Misses Gold for Most Students

By Savannah Bowen; Writer

Smiling as they close the book, another Franklin High School student finishes their summer reading project just in time for the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. This year students read *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. This book may have high marks on "Goodreads", but many students thought otherwise.

Joe Rantz, the main character,

is abandoned by his family in the midst of the Great Depression. Joe attends the University of Washington in 1933 in hopes that a spot on the rowing team will show his worth. His coach, Al Ulbrickson, this team can land a spot in the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The freshman boat sets new records that the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams failed to achieve. The team works to achieve their

goals and bring home gold for their program and for America.

In Germany, Adolf Hitler has other intentions. He plans on using the games to showcase the country's full power and superiority.

These small town boys from upstate Washington find their sport at the center of a political stage they never intended to be on. With the eyes of the world watching,

the boys find that it is more than just a race they are rowing in.

As riveting as the summary of *The Boys in the Boat* may seem, it received mixed reactions from Franklin High School students. Some students were engrossed with the entire story from beginning to end. 10th grader Ceara Smith commented, "I enjoyed the teamwork aspect present throughout the book."

Other students like Logan Thiess didn't hold back with his less than positive review. "I thought this book was awful. I would never read it again because it was so boring," he expressed with a slight scowl.

The Boys in the Boat may not be everyone's cup of tea. The many Franklin High School students thought the book was a bit of a dry read. Since the subject matter oc-

curred in a completely different generation, students could not find much in common with the protagonists of the story even though both 1936 and 2016 were Olympic years.

Whether it was the inability to relate to the story or the writing style, many students struggled to connect to the book. For only a few Students was this book a winner.

Franklin Offers Test Prep for Pennies

By Ciara Oquendo; Writer

Franklin High School is offering after school classes to prepare for the SAT. The classes started September 6th 2016, but there is still the opportunity to sign up for anyone interested.

If any Franklin student wants to take the class, see Mrs. O'Connor, Ms. Blazak, Ms. Roth, or Mr. Brown. They will give you the form you need to fill out or you can get the form from the Guidance Office.

The class costs \$40 and must be paid with cash or a money order; no checks will

be accepted. The class is every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-4:30. Tuesday class is on the math course and is in room 206. The Reading and writing sections are on Wednesday afternoons in room 105.

Students can attend as many or as few classes as they want. The SAT prep class helps students work on improving their scores. Students who have either already taken the SAT and wish to work on reaching a certain goal on their second attempt are encouraged to take the class;

however, students who wish to practice before setting foot in the testing centers are wel-



Kyla Lee and Alysia Williamson are ready to work hard to improve their SAT scores..

come as well.

Ms. Roth said there has already been

a solid turnout for the class, but she and Mr. Brown are excited to help as many students as possible this year achieve their goals.

Ms. Roth said The class "runs all year, so students can come as much as they want or they can come as little as they want. It not like they have to come every time".

She recommended the SAT Prep course for mostly juniors, but welcomes all students of Franklin.

Sophomore, Kyla Lee is already signed up for the class. "I want to be prepared

for and get into a good college".

Alysia Williamson also stated that she was taking the class to be better prepared for the SAT. She stated that she wanted to be prepared for the test and "my parents want me to get a high SAT score".

This course will be a benefit for all students who attend and put forth the effort to improve their scores. At \$40 for an entire year of classes, this course is also a steal. Many programs, such as Kaplan or Princeton Review,



Hailey Gendason; Franklin High Cheerleader, has SAT spirit, how about you?

can cost hundreds of dollars for only a few short weeks. Private tutors can be even more expensive. Ask your teachers for more information if you are interested.

Reisterstown Comes Together on Main Street

By Hailey Gendason; Writer

Every summer since 2012 for thirteen weeks Reisterstown, Maryland hosts a Music on Main Street. The event is held every Friday from 7pm to 10pm on the grounds of Franklin Middle School. Designed as a family-friendly outing, this event is free for both adults and

children.

The people of Reisterstown come together at Franklin Middle School to watch, dance, and sing along to the music. They also walk around Main Street shops or enjoy music with a local meal.

The Reisterstown Improvement

Association started Music on Main Street in 2012 for the locals of Reisterstown. They had top local bands playing this year like Code Red, Kanye Twitty, and more. The bands span many different genres of music like hip-hop, country, rock, and jazz. There are also local food ven-

dors on site so patrons don't have to worry about getting hungry or thirsty.

This event is a wonderful place to listen to music, hang out with family or friends, or even bring a date. Children and even pets are welcome.

Sadly Music on Main Street is coming

to an end. On September 16, 2016, the last Music on Main Street for the summer will feature its last band called The New Romance. this band was voted 2016's best cover band by the Maryland Music Awards.

Music on Main Street is a wonderful event that has

something for everyone. If the 16th is not a possibility, then keep it in mind for next year. You would have a blast. Music on Main Street is a great place for you to go.



Nina Dobrev Returns to 'The Vampire Diaries'

By Maddie Ballan; Writer

As the long-running *Vampire Diaries* is confirmed to end with an eighth season, star of the show, Nina Dobrev has been convinced to return.

The Vampire Diaries, based on a book series by L.J. Smith, follows Elena Gilbert (Nina Dobrev) after her parents died in a car accident. Soon after, she meets Stefan Salvatore (Paul Wesley) who has been an on-and-off again resident of Mystic Falls for the past 169 years, while maintaining the body of a 17 year old. Soon, Elena learns the truth about her new love interest and how he's been able to keep his vampire profile under the radar for so

long. She's introduced to a supernatural world including werewolves, witches, doppelgangers, hybrids, and vampires. The show follows her as she and her friends struggle to keep their aren't willing to stay hidden.

Dobrev had always planned for Elena to have a six season run. When the time came, she and fellow cast mate, Michael Trevino left the show. Her character, Elena, had become a vampire in season three to prevent her death. Since then, a cure had been found for vampirism, and she became a human once again. Elena became mortal again, and planned on living a new life and finish-



Photograph from www.wetpaint.com of Caroline (Candice King) and Bonnie (Kat Graham) saying their final goodbyes to Elena (Nina Dobrev).

ing college until she was killed in the sixth season finale.

Dobrev left the show teary-eyed with immense support from her cast mates on the show. She went on to star in *XXX: Return of*

Xander Cage which is set to come out in 2017.

The Vampire Diaries continued with a seventh season, following the remaining characters as they learn to live life with-

out Elena. Sadly, viewings and ratings plummeted. Many blamed Dobrev's absence as the cause for waning interest in the show.

It's been confirmed that Dobrev has agreed to come back,

in hopes that viewership and ratings will increase for the final season. Though, no one is sure whether or not she will return to revive Elena Gilbert, or her evil vampire doppelganger and fan favorite, Katherine Pierce. Having her return as Elena might start complications. Returning as Katherine might be the best path in order to avoid complications with Reed and Somerhalder's marriage, but fans are still hoping for a "Delena" reunion.

Regardless of how she returns to the small screen, *The Vampire Diaries* fans are glad to have Nina Dobrev back on board for the last season.

Fans Excited for New Season of DWTS

By Megan Lipo; Writer



Season 23 of *Dancing with The Stars* started on Monday, September 12th. As tradition carries on, Good Morning America has the honor of revealing the cast

to the world. As there is every season, rumors were floating around social media about who would be competing this season and some proved to be fictional but some were confirmed like Olympic athlete Ryan Lochte.

Lochte seems to be slightly controversial because of the recent scandal surrounding his alleged actions in Rio. People have their opinions, but in the end the show chooses stars from various professions to see how well they

perform on the dance floor.

Lochte is not the only Olympic athlete featured on the cast this season. Laurie Hernandez, who was part of Team USA for the girl's Olympic squad, will also compete. Because of her amazing flexibility and experience with rhythmic routines, she will be someone many people may bet on to make it to the final three. She is also paired with the well-known Valentin Chmerkovskiy. This duo will most likely

come out with a bang and be a favorite through the season.

Teenage girl fan favorite, Jake T. Austin will also be competing on the show. Austin starred in *Wizards of Waverly Place* on the Disney Channel. Austin will be partnered with professional Jenna Johnson who is a former member of "The Team."

Returning professional dancers Derek Hough and Cheryl Burke have returned and will be fan favorites to win. Six-

time champion Derek Hough is back to compete with actress Marilu Henner, while Cheryl Burke will be dancing with previously mentioned Ryan Lochte.

Some other members of the cast include country singer Jana Kramer and Rick Perry, who is the former Governor of Texas.

Fans are looking forward to yet another exciting competition. Each season gets more and more exciting with guest judges, and new and innova-

tive themes to bring to the weekly episode. Some themes can be personal where the dancers get to showcase a favorite song, while other episodes may be programmed for the dancers and they will need to adapt in style and performance. One such day will include the music from Disney animated features. These themes give the judges and the fans an opportunity to learn more about the dancers.

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Zoe Yarsky



Girls Varsity Volleyball Serves Up Great Start

By Sydney Gaskins; Writer

The Franklin High Girls Volleyball team has been practicing hard since the season started in the beginning of August. Franklin takes pride in the strong, competitive, and committed female athletes that play for the Volleyball team.

On August 27th the team traveled to their first scrimmage tournament at McDonough Play Day Senior team captain Tierra Smooth states, "The McDonough tournament was a great overview to see what we had as a team. I believe we played very well; I saw a lot of hustling and encouragement."

Another member of the team, Amaya Booze (senior) states, "I think we did decent at the tournament. We did well against schools from



Coach Dee pumps up the team before a game. Photo Credit: Varsity Views

Baltimore County. But against private schools, we lost. It was still a great experience to be able to compete against and learn from those high level teams."

Since the tournament, the team has continued to practice extremely hard to improve. The girls practice every single day working on different aspects of the game. According to Amaya, "The main thing we need to work on is communication on the

court in game play." Team captain Tierra agrees that one of the main things the team needs to work on is communication, but also coverage of the court.

The team is feeling great approaching the first legitimate game of the season. Although there are a couple injured players, the team is not letting that affect their play. Tierra encourages her team to keep pushing and remain motivated.

Amaya states,

"the team feels confident about the upcoming season and is ready to take on any team."

The team isn't intimidated or worried at all. Despite the competitiveness of the sport, the girls still manage to have fun. Amaya believes, "The team is special because we play to have fun but we're also very competitive and play to win! On and off the court we are great friends and bond with each other."

Team captain

Tierra knows that bond as well as anyone, "What makes us special is that we are not just a team. We are a family here at Franklin. As captain I look at every single player as my sister. We help build each other and help each other improve. If someone messes up, we all mess up."

The head coach is Coach Dee. Coach Dee. According to Team Captain Tierra, she is, "the most outspoken, dedicated

coach I've ever had. You'll always be able to hear her and see her. I love it; it motivates me and my team to improve. She looks at us as her children and only wants the best for us.

Amaya states, "Coach Dee is a great coach. She knows when to be strict and knows when to be fun. She always challenges us to try new things and makes sure we work on things that we make a lot of mistakes in."

The girls love Coach Dee and appreciate her hard work and dedication to the team. They all are looking forward to showing just strong, competitive, and committed they are.

Girls Varsity Soccer Looks to Make Comeback

By Anna Coleman; Writer



The freshmen, Emma Vento (left), Payton Margerum (middle) and Genevieve Montanye (right) in the goal during warm ups before their scrimmage against Francis Scott Key.

The Franklin Girl's Varsity Soccer team is looking to redeem themselves and have a better record than they did last season. The players and the coach is ready to put last season behind them and make that uphill climb to

greatness. Although the team lost many valuable seniors at the end of last year, many new freshmen will help immensely by adding a new vitality to the group. Emma Vento, Genevieve Montanye, and Payton Margerum

are among the freshman who will be earning their letter this year. Coach Prietz and assistant coach Connelly will be working with this fresh team throughout the year to achieve their goal.

The girls practice every day after school, even in the brutal heat. This year the attitude has changed and the girls and the coaches are more focused on winning games and making it far in the playoffs. The seniors are determined to make their last year count.

The team played their first scrimmage against Liberty High School last Wednesday, on the first day of school. Liberty defeated Franklin

3-0, but it was a hard fought game and both teams played well.

The next scrimmage took place on Thursday, 9/1/16. Franklin played Francis Scott Key High School and beat them with a final score of 3-2. The team worked together and played very hard. Freshman Genevieve Montanye scored the first goal in the first half. Francis Scott Key came back and scored two goals shortly after making the game 2-1. In the second half Franklin turned things around when sophomore, Anna Coleman scored a goal that tied up the game. Most of the second half was 2-2 until the thirty-eighth minute when Genevieve

Montanye scored off a free kick. It was a great victory that put Franklin in a good frame of mind to start their season.

After the game all the girls were extremely happy with their victory. Senior, Megan Lipo stated "We played really well. We had a lot of communication on the field and we looked very good."

The coaches were very happy with the win as well, and were proud to see all the hard work paying off. The team finally looked like they were clicking on the field and connected many passes that resulted in goals. Although it was only a scrimmage, their playing showed

the promise of good things to come.

Franklin's first official game was played on 9/7 at Catonsville High School. Unfortunately, the girls fell to the Comets 2-0. This is a big improvement over previous years when the Indians lost 7-1. Catonsville has always been one of the top teams and the girls feel emboldened by such a strong start.

The team has has a focused attitude on the playoff. Not only are they playing well, but also the people on the team are becoming good friends. The girls are practicing very hard with a single goal in mind: win.



Franklin Boys Soccer Ready to Kick Off Season

By Matthew Stine; Writer

Wednesday, September 7 kicks off the Franklin High School Boys soccer season as they take on Catonsville High School. The boys lost 3-0 against this perennial heavy weight in their division. Although it is a tough start to the season, Franklin is trying to rebound from a disappointing 2015 season. Last year the boys entered the playoffs with only one win. Constant reoccurring injuries and roster changes really hurt Franklin's chances at a break out season.

The boy's soccer team has been prepping for the season for

the past three months and has added some important additions to the roster. Head coach Kyle Curasi has added some young talent to fill the space last year's seniors left by adding sophomore defenseman Alec Rendelman and junior defenseman Gavan Hoffman to solidify Franklin's backline. Curasi also has appointed senior striker Max Herman captain after last season's breakout performance in their run in the playoffs.

The team has a good chance of putting th numbers on the board to have a strong season. Coach

Curasi has all the boys focused on each game and creating better opportunities. The team needs to become more physical in the mid-field and needs to gain discipline between all the players. The team needs to be just as focused on the fundamentals of passing and shooting as working together.

Last year Franklin ended with a record of 1-4-4. The team tied four games and had a big problem getting shots off and on target. Another problem that constantly occurred was that they couldn't communicate as a team. Coach Curasi has



Franklin Boy's Soccer team before last year's playoff game. The new team is ready to put the past in the past.

will surely have the boys working on these aspects of the game throughout the season.

Powerhouse

teams like Dulaney, Hereford, and Perry Hall may be strong competition for the

Indians, but the team

is still looking to improve on tehir performance one came at a time.

The Battle between the Indians and the Eagles

By Julia Weinick; Writer

On Friday, September 2, the Varsity Football team took on private school McDonough in their annual ritual of playing a local private school.

The 2016 Franklin team, full of new faces and strong enthusiasm, was eager to take on the number five ranked team in the state of Maryland. This was the first regular game of the football season. The bleachers were packed full of not only fans from both schools, but students from local schools like Milford Mill High School. This game was a great community event that everyone was looking forward to all summer long.

The outcome of the game was 34-14, with McDonough winning over Franklin. Even though the Indians lost this battle,

they still have a bright future ahead of them. Their skills shined as



Kamren Senior and KJ Lewis watching their teammates from the sidelines.

freshman quarterback, Jarell Gainer was able to throw the ball for thirty-two yards and

three complete catches. Senior quarterback Josh Turner threw the

ball for a total of 146 yards and had eleven complete catches. Turner also rushed the

ball for a touchdown in the first quarter. Quarterback Josh Turner was also able to throw at touchdown to wide receiver, Mike Gibson who had a total of 57 yards in the game.

With Turners and Gainers ability to run and throw the ball, they will both be a great asset to this year's team.

Linebacker Aaron Webb said, "I think we played great and really hard. There is still a lot of improvements to be made to succeed this season but I know our team can do it".

Webb also proceeded to explain that he believes that the team needs to be more focused and give more effort in their practices to have a better season.

When asked who were the keys player in this week's game, Webb said "Everyone gave it 100%

on every play. It's not a single man's sport; it is a group effort."

Aaron Webb had four tackles and assisted with three. With the positivity Webb contributes to the team it will be key to a successful season of football.

No matter if the Indians win or lose they are a team and will work hard every week to get better for each game. The Franklin Indians continue their season as they take on the Woodlawn Warriors, this coming Friday at seven o'clock pm at Woodlawn.

It is highly encouraged for students and families to come out and support Franklin Indians football. We all hope to see you there



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