



# Franklin High School PTSA Newsletter

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Dear Franklin High Families,

Welcome back to all returning families and a big WELCOME to all new families. I am so proud and honored to work with an amazing group of parents this year on the PTA Board as President. Sharon Selko is our Vice President, Dylan Jones is our Treasurer and Lydia Marshall is our Secretary. We are looking forward to a great school year.

Thank you to everyone that has joined the PTSA thus far, if you have not done so there is still time. For the PTSA to be effective and truly representative of the school, everyone's participation is essential. Many parents feel that they cannot participate in the PTSA because they cannot come to meetings or help during the day. We want everyone to feel that they are part of the Franklin High Community. Whether you have 30 minutes or a couple of hours, your ideas, your time, your talents and simply your VOICE is truly needed. We can match your time constraints and interests to needed tasks. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help.

PTSA Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Library, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hanlon  
FHS PTSA President

## THINGS HAPPENING:



- PTSA Testing and Sr. Assembly – 10/14
- Home Coming Game – 10/16 7 p.m.  
vs Towson
- Home Coming Parade – 10/17 9 a.m.
- Home Coming Dance – 10/17 8 p.m.
- Professional Study Day – 10/16 NO SCHOOL
- Open House Event FHS – 10/22 7 p.m.
- ACT Testing – 10/24
- Jr. Class Ring Ceremony – 10/29
- Marking Period 1 Ends – 10/30
- PTSA Meeting – 11/2 7 p.m. Library
- Report Cards Distributed – 11/12



### Performing Art Notables:

Places our guitar students will be showing off their talent!

Java mammas 10/14/15 from 4pm - 6pm

Fractured Prune 10/15/15 4pm-6pm.

Performing Arts Boosters next meeting is October 20 at Bill Bateman's in Reisterstown. It's a fundraising night from 5-9pm at Bill Bateman's this night, please bring the flyer, attached.

## PTSA TEAM



Debbie Hanlon, President	dwrhalon@verizon.net
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Lydia Marshall, Secretary	Cherry0966@yahoo.com

## Franklin Law Related Education

Over the past two years Franklin High students have participated in a wide range of law related activities. During the school year, our students have participated in state and national competitions in mock trial and moot court. In mock trial, high schools across Maryland to prepare and present the trial of a civil or criminal case. Two years ago, the case was a civil matter in which a teenager alleged that a concert security guard negligently caused her to sustain serious personal injuries. Last year's case involved a question arising from a police involved shooting of a high school student.

Each competition features presentations by three attorneys and three witnesses for each side. Each attorney also cross examines one of the opponent's witnesses and presents an opening statement or closing argument. The cases are judged by practicing lawyers and judges. Each school competes many times against other schools in its judicial circuit. The teams then compete in a statewide tournament to determine a champion. Over 150 high schools (public and private) compete in the state tournament.

Two years ago, the Franklin team, led by seniors Jonah Panikar and Meghan George, won one of the four state regional championships and thereby earned a place in the State's "Final Four". Last year, our team was led by seniors Melissa Eisgrau and Ellie Profaci and competed through the quarterfinals of the Third Judicial Circuit. In moot court, students present a 15-25 minute argument explaining the facts and precedents relevant to a Constitutional issue before an appellate court. Over the past two years, Franklin students have competed in Maryland's state wide moot court tournament. As with mock trial, this tournament is open to all Maryland public and private schools. Two years ago, our team competed through the semifinals. Last year, the team of Ellie Profaci and Melissa Eisgrau won the state championship. The final match in this regard was heard before a distinguished panel of state appellate judges from the Maryland Court of Appeals (Maryland's highest court) and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. In the finals, Ellie and Melissa's played an outstanding team from Friends School of Baltimore and prevailed in case involving the First Amendment rights of teenagers in a school setting.

Franklin students have also competed in a national moot court competition held at Duke University. In this activity, teams from mostly private and prestigious magnet high schools around the country compete to win one of approximately 50 invitations to play in the tournament. The tournament then involves a weekend of appellate arguments (4 to 8 per team) on the Duke campus in Durham, North Carolina.

Over the past two years we have won 3 of these coveted invitations. Two years ago, we had one team selected. That team, consisting of students Jonah Panikar and Melissa Eisgrau, ended up finishing as the 16th highest ranked team. Last year, two Franklin teams won the opportunity to compete. The students involved were Emily Myers, Alex Tamayo, Ellie Profaci and Melissa Eisgrau. The team of Ellie Profaci and Melissa Eisgrau finished 9th in the entire competition.

In addition to their success in law related competition, Franklin students have been involved over the past two years in other law related activities outside of school. During this time, several students have worked in summer internships with the law firm of Pessin Katz Law, P.A. These students have seen first-hand the practice of law and have had the opportunity to interact with practicing lawyers in a wide variety of legal specialties. Moreover, this last summer, one Franklin student, rising junior Alex Tamayo, interned with a Baltimore County Circuit Court judge, and enjoyed the extraordinary opportunity to develop insight into trial work and the administration of justice.



**NORTHWEST AREA EDUCATION  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
OPERATING AND CAPITAL PRE-BUDGET  
HEARING  
***WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!*****

**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**At:** Owings Mills High School  
124 Tollgate Rd,  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Northwest Area residents are invited to our public hearing to present testimony on capital budget requests such as building renovations, equipment purchases/repairs and operating budget requests such as books, staff, and technology that they want included in the BCPS FY 2017 Operating and FY 2018 Capital Budgets. Each person will be given three minutes to present testimony. Anyone who wants to testify must sign-up beginning at 6:30 pm.



Contact Clifford Collins, Chair, Northwest Area  
Education Advisory Council at 410-887-0766x247 or  
ccollins3@bcps.org

## Advertise with Franklin High Theatre's

# Romeo and Juliet

Franklin High Theatre presents *Romeo and Juliet!* We would love to advertise your business in our playbill this fall. Your ad will be seen by all of our audience members for each one of our six shows over two weekends. Your contribution to the school helps us to keep the memories rolling on our stage every year.

### Show Dates:

November 13, 14, 20, 21, at 7:00 PM

November 14 and 21 at 2:00 PM

### Advertisement Pricing

Full Back Page Ad (First come, first served)..... \$200.00

Full Page Ad..... \$100.00

Half Page Ad..... \$75.00

Business Card.....\$50.00

All payment and advertisements must be received by **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Checks made payable to FHS Music Boosters, electronic advertisements preferred.

Send checks to: Performing Arts Boosters 12000 Reisterstown Rd. Reisterstown, MD 21136

Please send all advertisements to: Sharon Carr at FHSPABoosters@gmail.com.

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*Please detach from form. Checks made payable to Franklin High School, electronic advertisements preferred.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of Ad:

Back (please check availability)  Full Page  Half Page  Business Card

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# A Night out at Bill Bateman's Bistro!!!



102 Chantley Drive Folsom, CA 95630



Tuesday October 20 5:00pm-9:00pm

10% of all food sales will be donated to

## FHS Performing Arts Boosters

### Drink Specials

\$2.75 Miller Lite

\$3.75 Blue Moon Drafts

\$3.75 Italian Surfers

### Food Specials

\$13.99 Full Rack of Ribs