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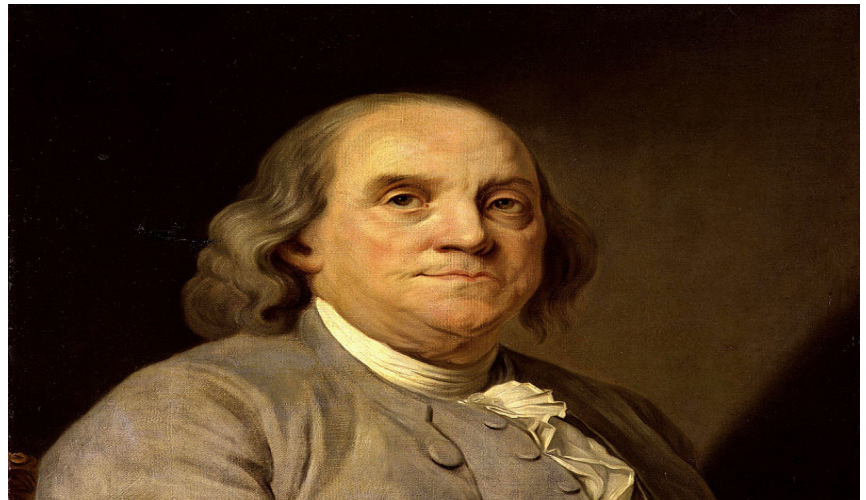
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Franklin became a successful newspaper editor and printer in

Philadelphia, the leading city in the colonies, publishing the Pennsylvania Gazette at the age of 23.[7] He became wealthy publishing this and Poor Richard's Almanack, which he authored under the pseudonym "Richard Saunders". After 1767, he was associated with the Pennsylvania Chronicle, a newspaper that was known for its revolutionary sentiments and criticisms of the British policies.

He pioneered and was first president of The Academy and College of Philadelphia which opened in 1751 and later became the University of Pennsylvania. He organized and was the first secretary of the American Philosophical Society and was elect-

ed president in 1769. Franklin became a national hero in America as an agent for several colonies when he spearheaded an effort in London to have the Parliament of Great Britain repeal the unpopular Stamp Act. An accomplished diplomat, he was widely admired among the French as American minister to Paris and was a major figure in the development of positive Franco-American relations. His efforts proved vital for the American Revolution in securing shipments of crucial munitions from France.

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NHS Contributes to Community

By: Julia Weinick '17; Gazette Staff Writer

The National Honor's Society is an organization that recognizes outstanding high school students. NHS members have demonstrated excellence in areas such as leadership, character, and service.

To be eligible, a student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. They must also possess the four pillars of NHS: leadership, character, service and scholarship. Students in grades 10-12 who fit these requirements are eligible for acceptance into NHS. Students who are accepted into NHS should be aware of the time and commitment involved. .



Julia Sacks painting an art piece while volunteering at Art with a Heart.

Sophomore Morgan Love is in the process of completing her application for NHS. She expressed that she is applying to be in NHS

because she believes it is a good club and it will benefit her as a student and as a person.

Love stated, "I am excited to be a part of a club with members who share the same values as me and enjoy helping the community".

Love has participated in several community service opportunities. She expressed that her favorite community service has been working with younger children. She has had the opportunity to do this through the Leadership Training program at Beth Tfilah Camps, where she is an aid to a counselor and learns the responsibility of taking

care of young children.

The junior maintenance forms are completed in March, but Julia Sacks has already got a head start. Sacks is heavily involved with her youth group that helps out in the community on a regular basis. Her group works with Art with a Heart, located in Baltimore. She expressed that this non-profit organization helps make art for Baltimore to make it a, "brighter and more beautiful" city.

Sacks stated, "I want to feel that I made a difference in someone's life and realized how much I have helped even if it's through a little action".

To stay in NHS, seniors are required to be involved in at least 20 hours of service throughout the year. This can include service within the school, sports, service in the community, club involvement, or holding a leadership position with an organization. In addition, the senior members are required to have participated in three NHS activities such as Penny Wednesday, refugee blanket making, a canned food drive, peer tutoring, crisis center, junior ring escort, or freshmen orientation.

NHS is where all members join together to make an impact in their Franklin and Baltimore community.



Franklin's Fantastic Football Program

By: Zoe Yarsky '18; Gazette Staff Writer

One of Franklin High's most prominent and consistently successful athletic programs is the football team. Coach Anthony Burgos, who took over as the head coach in 2003, has led the team through achievement and heartbreak in the regular season, playoffs, and at multiple Maryland 3A State Championships.

Back in 2010, the Indians made it to the State Championship but suffered a heartbreaking defeat of 14-21 to the Wilde Lake Wildcats. Although this loss was a tough one to experience, it sparked a determination in the Franklin football program to return to the championship – 3 times in the next 6 years. The next two seasons proved disheartening for the team, who failed to make it to the

quarterfinals in 2011 and the semifinals in 2012. However, the team made a miraculous turnaround in the 2013 season that ended with a trip to M&T Bank Stadium to face the Linganore Lancers in the Maryland

sports boosters. The Indians achieved a "two-peat", or back-to-back win, the following year in the 2014 Maryland 3A Championship against the Damascus Hornets. During this game, Damascus held a massive

plished wins, the coaching staff has remained optimistic and driven in order to further develop the program and bring more championships to the school. Coach Anthony Burgos has been coaching Franklin since

nice, Coach Burgos has a more practical focus when it comes to the future of his players. "The greatest enjoyment is getting these young men into college, particularly the luxury of having some of them attend major colleges on full scholarships", says Burgos, "And of course, state championships are nice, too."

Along with two championship trophies, coach Burgos has been named the All-Metro Football Coach of the Year for the 2016 season. Accompanying this title, he has won the Baltimore Raven's High School Coach of the Week award in 2008, 2010, and 2016.



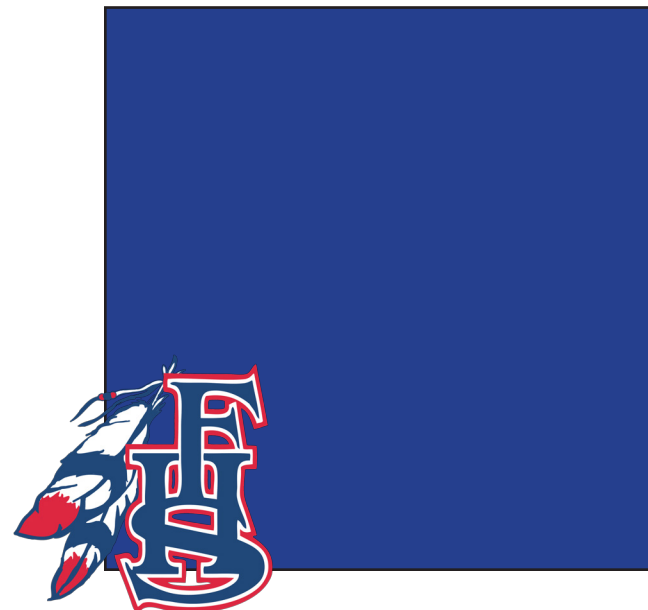
Franklin football head coach Anthony Burgos giving direction to his offensive line
Credit: The Baltimore Sun

3A State Championship. The Indians took home the title with a 20-7 win, lifting Franklin spirits and turning the heads of the administration and

lead over Franklin for most of the first half. The Indians rallied in the third and fourth quarters to triumph over the Hornets, the resulting score ending in a 35-21 conquest. The high of two consecutive state championships wore off after a devastating 2015 season that ended in a 20-14 loss to the Dundalk Owls in the quarterfinals. The previous 2016 season brought the Indians to the finals at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to face Damascus once more, but suffered a shattering 12-14 loss.

Through crushing losses and accom-

plished an impressive record of 118 wins and 53 losses over all of his seasons. His record in the past five years, however, is an astounding 56 wins with only 9 losses. When asked what has changed within the program from his first year coaching to now, Burgos commented that it was, "the overall support and commitment from the administration, student body, and community. We have increased the interest in our players to use football as a tool to help pursue a college education." While state championships and flashy victory rings are





Franklin Alumni Remembers

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We're Off to Be Part of Oz

By: Megan Schanker '19; Gazette Staff Writer

There's no place like the home that is created by the Franklin theater program. This year the theater program decided on The Wizard of Oz as the spring musical. Parts of the school come to audition to be a part of the exiting adventure known as High School Theater. Anyone can audition if they want as long as they prepare the



Students preparing last minute for auditions

cal. Through the imagination of the participants and the great collaboration between students and director the amazing world of Oz can come to life. Students from all required material. Auditioning is a two to three day process that starts with individual singing auditions consisting of one minute of a song from

a musical and anything else Mr. Hughes or Mr. Kessel asks to hear such as matching notes. The next day is dance auditions, and the choreographers teach the students part of one of the dances from the show. After learning the dance, an individual group of about eight people perform the dance twice for Mr. Hughes. After dance auditions come call backs, which sometimes continue the next day. Call backs are when the director wants to see a specific student again or other students do specific things such as read for a character. The Wizard of Oz is a show about a girl named Dorothy who lives on a farm in Kansas and runs away, but after returning home is swept up with her house in a massive tornado. The tornado brings her to a mysterious land called Munchkin Land where she inadvertently kills one of the wicked witches and meets Glinda the Good Witch who wants to help her get home and the Wicked Witch of the West who wants to kill Dorothy for murdering her sister. On the way to the city of Oz to meet the Wizard on the yellow brick road, Dorothy befriends the scarecrow, the tin man, and the cowardly lion who she takes with her on her journey. Through battling witches and flying monkeys they embark on the adventure of their lives. The students have different views on auditioning. Rosy Henderson said, "I'm most excited about the costumes, but I'm nervous for the props." Maya Williams said, "I'm excited for the choreography, and I'm nervous for the singing." Jacob Sanchez is excited for set and costume but nervous about special effects. Jordan Greene is excited for the sound effects. For the show all the students are expecting it to be a great experience for the technical aspect and a great family connection that brings a sense of happiness and closure for the seniors.

Like any try out or audition it can be nerve racking and stressful, but as long as students are prepared and don't stress themselves out more than they should, it will be exciting and at the end of the show process it will be worth it.

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