



Franklin High School PTSA Newsletter

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THINGS HAPPENING 2016:



Report Card Distributed – 2/8/16

President's Day School **Closed** - 2/15/16

Washington's Birthday – 2/22/16

Spring Break Starts – Schools Closed 3/24/16

School Reopens - 4/4/16

SAT Test Day - 4/12/16

Reminder:

The 2016 Marine & Maritime Career Fair will be on **Saturday, February 27, 2016** in Annapolis, MD and is FREE for students. It is targeted at Grades 6-12+ in order to promote learning about career pathways into Marine and Maritime careers that span opportunities available through both college and technical trades. Widely promoted in Maryland, it is also promoted for the Chesapeake Bay region and surrounding states. For more info, a video of last year's event and to pre-register students, visit:

<http://eycfoundation.org/programs/maritime-career-awareness/2016-career-fair>

For additional information, please contact Pam Ray, Chairman Eastport Yacht Club Foundation 703-244-0044



Take the BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey - FEBRUARY 1 - 29

https://bcps.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQm7Z37Wguu2eRT

We are excited to invite all Team BCPS members, including staff, students, parents, and supporters to participate in the 2016 BCPS Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey. The survey is organized by the four goal areas outlined in *Blueprint 2.0: Our Way Forward*.

This survey is voluntary and is designed to allow you to share your opinions about our school system. Your responses are anonymous and confidential, so feel free to be honest. We are seeking to identify opportunities to increase satisfaction and improve performance within BCPS.

EXCITING NEWS!!!!!!



The Performing Arts Boosters has gotten approval from the County to move forward with our project for improving sound in the theater!!

After the holidays we are going to kick our campaign in to high gear to try to raise the \$12,000 to accomplish our goal.

Attached are our letters to explain to donors and corporate donors the project in detail. We would love for any help you can offer!! Feel free to send this letter out and get the word out. Our plays and music programs are fabulous! We want everyone to hear them!!

PTSA TEAM



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Franklin High School PTSA

Buy-A-Brick Program

The Buy-A-Brick Program is a great way to honor someone special at Franklin High School:

- **Recognize a student graduating this year as part of the Class of 2016 – they did it!**
- **Show your pride as a FHS alumnus**
- **Honor a former student or special group -- “In Honor of” or “In Memory of”**
- **Thank a teacher, employee or volunteer for their hard work and commitment**

The honoree’s name and information will be engraved on a special blue plaque. Each plaque costs **\$25.00** and will be permanently affixed to a brick located on the wall in the Auditorium lobby. It is a terrific way to leave a legacy for someone special.

**Please print legibly

**Please use the back of the form if more space is needed for additional bricks

Recognize a current student or alumnus:

1) Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

John Doe
2016

2) Name: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Honor/Memorialize an Individual or Group:

(No more than 4 lines – print gets smaller with each additional line)

In Honor of
John Doe
Science Teacher 2000 - 2015

In Memory Of
John Doe
Class of 1930

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$25.00 per plaque)

Please make check payable to Franklin High School PTSA

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail your order form & payment to:

Franklin High School PTSA
Attn: Buy-A-Brick
12000 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

Email Questions to: Sharon Carr: sharonzhb@gmail.com or Pam Sidle: pasidle29@verizon.net



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2015-2016 REWARDS PROGRAMS

FHS participates in several **Rewards** programs that are free to join and raise money for our school from various companies. These programs require very little effort and simply rely on purchases you already make for your household. So please take the time to participate and remember to ask family & friends to register to support FHS as well!

1. **Shoparoo** – Simply download the **Shoparoo app** to your mobile device & snap pictures of your shopping/dining receipts to earn points or monthly sweepstake entries. Earned points are then converted into a **cash donation** received yearly by our school. Learn more at www.shoparoo.com.



2. **Giant A+ School Rewards** – Submit your Giant bonus card number on your PTA membership form or go to www.giantfood.com & click on “my Giant Card” to find the A+ program link to register your card. Our school will earn **cash** based on your purchases. **School ID: 01166**



3. **Target Take Charge of Education** – Register your Target REDcard (credit or debit) to support FHS. Go to www.target.com, click on manage my REDcard, & then the program link to register. Our school will earn cash based on your purchases. **School ID: 57671**



4. **Labels for Education** - Collect UPCs from labels & lids to earn points that can be redeemed for **gift cards or educational merchandise**. Turn in labels at the main office for the PTSA. www.labelsforeducation.com



5. **My Coke Rewards** – Enter codes from coca cola products online at www.mycokerewards.com & donate the earned points to FHS. The donated points are then turned into a yearly **cash donation**.



Continue to check the newsletter for updates to this list as new programs may be added.

Questions: Contact Pam Sidle at pasidle29@verizon.net



FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS
BOOSTERS

12000 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown, MD 21136

December 11, 2015

Dear Donor:

The Franklin High School (FHS) Performing Arts Boosters is undertaking capital campaign to improve the quality of the sound in the school's auditorium. FHS was built in 1960 with the auditorium being added in 1964. While at the time, the building and auditorium were considered state of the art, by today's standards, the auditorium needs many improvements.

We have many talented students who perform in the band and theater productions each year. And yet the audience has a difficult time hearing their performances since all of the walls are concrete and the sound bounces all around the room. We have received a quote from TechStar Industries, a local sound company, to install acoustic wall tiles on the sides and back of the auditorium. Attached to this letter are renderings of the proposed wall tiles.

We are writing to ask you to support the FHS Performing Arts Boosters and the performing arts students at the school with a donation to this capital campaign. Any amount would be helpful. However, we are offering incentives for donations of certain amounts. The following table presents the level of sponsorships and incentives:

Sponsorship Level	Amount	Incentive
Bronze	\$100	1. Inclusion in the listing of Bronze Sponsors in playbills for next 3 years 2. Inclusion in the listing of Bronze Sponsors on a plaque outside theater
Silver	\$250	1. Inclusion in the listing of Silver Sponsors in playbills for next 3 years 2. Inclusion in the listing of Silver Sponsors on a plaque outside theater
Gold	\$500	1. Inclusion in the listing of Gold Sponsors in playbills for next 3 years 2. Inclusion in the listing of Gold Sponsors on a plaque outside theater
Platinum	\$1,000	1. Inclusion in the listing of Platinum Sponsors in playbills for next 3 years 2. Inclusion in the listing of Platinum Sponsors on a plaque outside theater

We are counting on your support. Any donation is tax deductible. ^{Reisterstown, MD 21136} If you have any questions or would like to speak to an officer of the organization, please call Anne Meltzer, President at 410.804.4382 or Sharon Carr, Treasurer at 410.654.1906.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,



February 1, 2016

Dear Friend of Project S.A.F.E.:

For the past several years, Franklin High School has been providing a S.A.F.E. alternative to after prom parties. Through a collaborative effort with the community, parents, volunteers, the P.T.S.A, and students, Project S.A.F.E. has been a tremendous success!

Once again this year we are undertaking a successful fundraising effort. We are going to design and print tee shirts, which will be given out free-of-charge to each person attending the Project S.A.F.E. after prom event. It will serve as a constant reminder for the students to behave safely. We are looking for business sponsors who are interested in connecting to our cause to make a tax-deductible contribution to the tee shirt campaign. By providing a substance abuse free environment, those attending the After Prom Event will have a fabulous time and arrive home safely the next morning. Not only is your contribution going to an important and worthy cause, but you will also be gaining notoriety as a select sponsor to this event! We are looking for contributions to produce the tee shirt. By signing on as a sponsor you will have your company logo and phone number printed in the following mediums:

- ❖ On the back of 400 tee shirts which will be distributed the night of the event 5/28/16
- ❖ On an insert flyer in the 4,000 programs distributed for the class of 2016 graduation on June 6th.
- ❖ On a banner either 2x6 or 3x8 to be displayed at the event
- ❖ On the FHS digital sign on Reisterstown Road in front of the school thanking you for your support
- ❖ On the Class of 2016 website page thanking you for your support
- ❖ On all collateral materials distributed this year and next
(including an official thank you note on After Prom letterhead that can be displayed in your business)

We are offering 3 sponsorship levels:

S.A.F.E. Silver	\$500.00 2"x3" logo with phone number
S.A.F.E. Gold	\$750.00 3"x 4" logo with phone number
S.A.F.E. Platinum	\$1,000.00 4"x5" logo with phone number

Donations of \$200-\$499 will receive their company name in list form on the t-shirt as well.

The benefits of putting your company name, logo and phone number on a tee shirt are tremendous. Young and old love wearing their tee shirts. A tee shirt is a remarkable advertising tool. Your company logo will be associated with a note worthy cause. Wearable advertising far outlasts print ads.

Our children are faced with so many challenges as they grow up and become young adults. Help us keep them S.A.F.E. by contributing knowing that you are making a difference in the lives of students in our own community.

We look forward to working with you on this fundraising campaign and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact FHS parent volunteer Mina Horn at traumax1@verizon.net or 410.963.4729. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
FHS After Prom Project S.A.F.E Committee

The new audition date is February 12th from 5:30 to 9.



FHS PTSA VARIETY SHOW- February 27, 2016

Commitment to Participate/Parental Permission

The FHS PTSA Variety Show is a fundraiser for the PTSA which uses the funds collected to enrich educational and health/safety programs and provide scholarships for eligible students.

Those selected to participate must read and sign the commitment form below as well as get parental permission if applicable. Signed forms should be returned to the PTSA mailbox in the office or should be scanned and emailed to sonshiine@aol.com

PARENTS

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the FHS PTSA Variety Show. I _____ will _____ will not allow any photographs taken of my child at Auditions to be used the night of the Variety Show.

Signature _____

Parent Email _____

PARTICIPANTS

If selected as an act in the Variety Show, I commit to the following:

To bring all needed music and materials and be ready to perform on:

1. Friday, February 26, 2016—Dress Rehearsal —evening time to be announced
2. Saturday, February 27, 2016---Variety Show. Reporting time is 6 pm for all acts.
3. Non-band acts have 3 minutes or 1 song to perform; bands have up to 6 minutes to perform.

(If my act must resign from the show, I will contact Ms Heidi Conley 443-985-1060, sonshiine@aol.com). I will also contact her if I have any other questions or concerns.

Signature _____

2016 FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL PTSA VARIETY SHOW ACT REGISTRATION FORM

Auditions are Friday, February 12, 2016 in the FHS Auditorium from 5:30- 9 PM. The Contact Person you list will be contacted to select your audition appointment time. Please note that all acts must be performed at the audition. Please turn in registration form by Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the FHS Main Office.

PLEASE print neatly! If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Conley sonshiine@aol.com

NAME OF ACT _____

Contact Person Name _____

Contact Person Address _____

Contact Person Phone _____ Email _____

Contact Person Parent Info:

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Type of Act (song, dance, comedy, band, juggling, etc) _____

Length of Act (check one) 3 mins 6 mins or less (bands only)

Time needed for set up _____

Please check one: Front of closed curtain Full Stage with open curtain

Names and Email Addresses of each person in act (use back of page if necessary)

Please check equipment needed: (Bands provide own sound at audition.)

Piano Microphone CD Player Tape Player
 Accompanist Other (describe) _____

Describe Costumes (if any) _____

21 Ways to Prepare for the SAT

1. Understand your PSAT scores. <i>Get your report at http://psat.org/scorereport</i>	12. Take advantage of the “SAT Blitz” in your English class <i>during the two weeks before SAT day</i>
2. Determine your priorities. <i>Your PSAT score report identifies performance on individual skills.</i>	13. Prepare for the math section. <i>There’s no need to memorize formulas. Draw and use diagrams.</i>
3. Set S.M.A.R.T goals: <i>Set specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound goals.</i>	14. Review PSAT Packet strategies from your math class.
4. Create a plan and stick to it. <i>Start your SAT prep, today and continue through SAT Day!</i>	15. Use context clues to define words. <i>There’s no need to memorize archaic vocabulary words</i>
5. Form an SAT-prep study group. <i>All juniors will take the test together – so, study together!</i>	16. Know the Question Types: <i>Grid-in questions carry as much weight as multiple choice.</i>
6. Get an “SAT Coach.” <i>Ask an adult to monitor your SAT-prep progress and keep you motivated.</i>	17. Update your guessing strategy. <i>There is no penalty for wrong answers – don’t leave blanks!</i>
7. Sign up for Khan Academy’s SAT Prep. www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat	18. Get at least eight hours of sleep on the night before the test. <i>Last minute cramming won’t help.</i>
8. Use SAT prep books aligned to the new SAT. Check out books by The Princeton Review & Kaplan	19. Eat a breakfast of “brain foods” (nuts, berries, whole grains, and water) & <i>bring a brain food snack</i>
9. Take practice tests. <i>Identify areas where you can improve and be mindful of your pacing.</i>	20. Bring a calculator, extra batteries, and several sharpened #2 pencils.
10. Sign up for FHS after school SAT prep! <i>\$40 for the class and book. Tues = Math; Wed = English</i>	21. Write on the test booklet and <i>annotate</i> long passages.
11. Know the writing section. <i>How does the author persuade or convince the reader?</i>	APRIL 12th – SAT Day Arrive early. Get set. Feel confident!