



Franklin High School PTSA Newsletter

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November 2016

THINGS HAPPENING:

- 11/10 – Report Cards Distributed
- 11/11 & 12 - Fall Play
- 11/14 – 18 - American Education Week
- 11/18 – 6:30 a.m. Coffee with Principal McCusker
- 11/18 & 19 – Fall Play
- 11/24 & 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday – School Closed
- 12/03 – SAT Testing at FHS
- 12/05 – PTSA Meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
- 12/10 – ACT Testing at FHS

FHS After Prom Kickoff Meeting Wednesday, November 16 at 7pm in the library

The After Prom event is a party held at the completion of prom for all seniors and their guests in a Substance Abuse Free Environment. This is a productive volunteer opportunity to make a positive and healthy difference in our FHS school and neighborhood communities.

Parents of ALL grade levels are encouraged to attend! Please feel free to share this email and invite a friend to join you.

Please email me if you are planning on attending the meeting so I can get a head count for seating.

Thank you!
Hope Fribush, Chair
hsafterpromcommittee@gmail.com



HOT NEWS



from
the Principal
-see pages 2 and 3

Exciting events planned that will be of interest See the attached flyers.....



1. The first is a Career and Technology Education (CTE) event on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 for students to learn about a Construction and Development Career Path. It will be at the Cockeysville Library from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
2. Next is “An Awesome Social Event!” brought to you by the BCPS Social Workers that will include sessions of family meetings, social stories and speaker Joseph Van Deuren with “Bringing Out the Best in Your Family”. It will be at General John Stricker Middle School on Wednesday, November 16 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. and at Loch Raven Academy on Thursday, November 17 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. The event is open to all BCPS students and the adults who care for them.
3. Then adults can learn skills to help a young person who could be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. Go to the Youth Mental health First Aid Training at Cockeysville PAL Center for two sessions Friday, November 18 and Friday, December 2 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

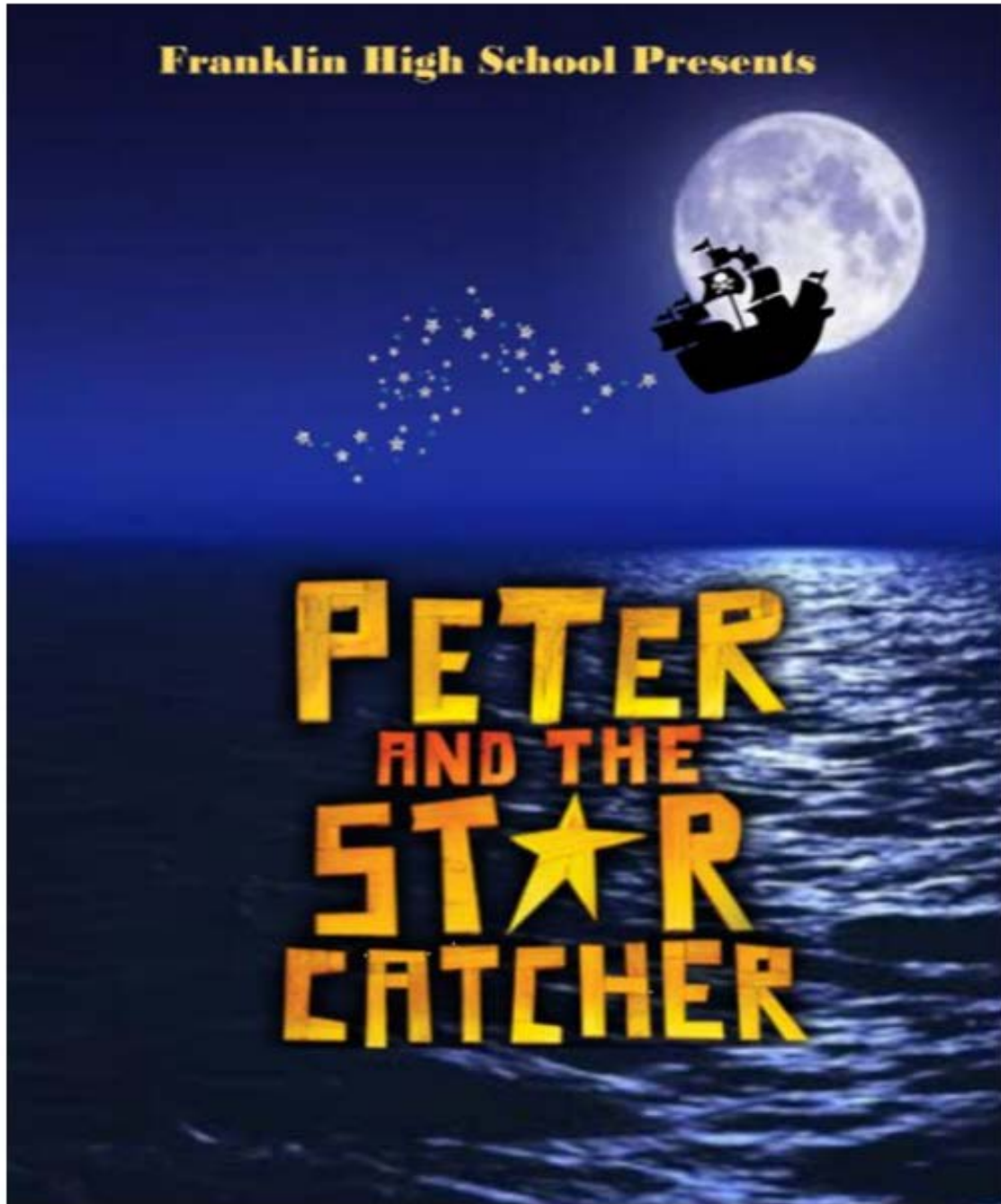
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Opening Week			Encore Week and Cappies*		
November 11	November 12	November 12	November 18	November 19	November 19*
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	6:30 pm - 9:30 pm



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From the Desk of Principal McCusker November 2016

1. American Education Week will take place from November 14 – 18th. During which you are invited to - Coffee with the Principal will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. on Friday, November 18. Parents may visit classes any day that week, but we are hoping that parents will come for coffee on Friday and then stay for some (or all) classes.
2. Parents of freshmen are encouraged to take the survey that will be posted on the BCPS and FHS web sites. The survey seeks feedback on the early entry day that 6th and 9th graders experienced in August.
https://bcps.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe3/preview/SV_0cdAM3wN6MXbJel
3. The course offerings for science are changing effective next year, at least for the incoming 9th graders (class of 2021). In short, there are four content standards that must be covered in high school as a graduation requirement: Earth Systems, Life Sciences, Chemistry and Physics. There will be an integrated chemistry/physics course for those students not interested in taking higher level sciences. I would be happy to have Mr. Book, science chair, come to a future meeting and explain what we know about the course offerings.
4. Registration for the 2017-2018 school year kicks off on November 22 with grade-level assemblies on course offerings. Counselors will be meeting with students through December to register them for next year's classes. Getting it right in December is important.
5. Math department chair Siobhan Blazak gave birth to daughter Emily Catherine on Thursday; English teacher Brian Sommer was married on Saturday.

Ms. Blazak will be taking a two year maternity leave. Other math teachers are currently covering her classes, but we had a math candidate accept the position last week and as soon as she is processed by HR she will take over Ms. Blazak's former classes.

6. Ms. Milton, Spanish teacher, has been on leave since mid-September and we have had a substitute in place. We had a Spanish candidate accept a position last week and as soon as she is processed by HR she will take over Ms. Milton's classes. Mr. Barrett is now the acting department chair.
7. Grading and reporting update: The addendum should be posted soon. A letter explaining it is supposed to be given to schools this week for distribution with report cards on Thursday. Per the addendum, FHS has developed parameters to deal with multiple opportunities (re-dos) and deadlines. Handouts are available tonight. What is not in print, but what should be understood, is that students who are guilty of academic dishonesty forfeit their ability to earn anything other than the lowest grade.



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Parameters for Multiple Opportunities (re-dos)

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- **Not all assignments are eligible for re-dos**, particularly if material on an assignment has already been assessed or is going to be re-assessed later in the marking period.
 - If a student demonstrates mastery of material later in the marking period, a teacher **may** choose to change earlier non-mastery scores to “E” for exempt
 - Exempt scores do not impact a student’s grade in the LMS
 - If appropriate, a teacher may have a student re-do a portion of an assignment instead of the entire assignment
 - Students have five school days after receiving notification of their scores to complete a re-do assignment
 - Individual teachers may extend that time frame at their discretion
 - Students must have completed all their related work in order to complete a re-do assignment
 - The higher of the two scores will be entered in the gradebook
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- Assignments **may not** be accepted after the ones submitted on time have been graded and returned



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Youth Mental Health First Aid Training




First aid isn't a bandage, or CPR, or the Heimlich, or calling 911
Sometimes, first aid is YOU!

A young person you know could be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis.
Learn the skills so you can help!



Date: Friday, November 18, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 Friday, December 2, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Cockeysville PAL Center
 9836 Greenside Drive, 21030

Youth Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour public education certification course.

Similar to 'First Aid' and CPR, Mental Health First Aid teaches individuals a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.

The **MD-AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education)** grant provides this **FREE** course thanks to the sponsorship of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

For Information and Registration, Contact: Karen Heinrich 443-809-6397 or email: kheinrich@bcps.org



ALGEE, the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm*
- Listen nonjudgmentally*
- Give reassurance and information*
- Encourage appropriate professional help*
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies*

Mental Health First Aid USA is coordinated by the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Missouri Department of Mental Health



BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SAVE the DATE



Learning, Laughing, Listening!

~ An awesome social event! ~

Evening will include: Refreshments, raffle, prizes, resource tables, speaker Joseph Van Deuren with "Bringing Out The Best in Your Family," and sessions including family meetings, social stories, yoga and more!



Time and Locations:

- Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016,
from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.
General John Stricker Middle School,
7855 Trappe Road, Dundalk 21222
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 2016,
from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m.
Loch Raven Academy,
8101 LaSalle Avenue, Towson 21286



Open to all BCPS students with the adults who care for them.

Hosted by: Parent University, BCPS School Social Workers and Special Education Resource Center

Reservations required. Contact Lisa Diffenderfer by email at ldiffenderfer@bcps.org or call the Resource Center at 410-887-5443.





BE WHAT YOU WANT TO BE SERIES



For more information, contact: Tia Jennings tjennings@bcpl.net 410.887.0517

Career Technology Education (CTE) Construction and Development Career Path



Event Type: Teen, 13 years old and up.

Date and Location: Tuesday, November 15, 2016
from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Cockeysville Library,
9833 Greenside Drive Cockeysville, 21030-2188

Are you interested in **figuring out how things work**? Do you have **an eye for detail and design** or **like fixing things**? Can you imagine yourself being a **Carpenter** or an **Electrician**? Explore who you want to be in the field of Construction and Development! Discover how to make your interests a career!
Parents welcome.

Carpentry, Electrical,
Mechanical, Plumbing,
Heating, Ventilation,
Air Conditioning,
Management





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2016-2017 REWARDS PROGRAMS

FHS participates in the following **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 out how to register your card. Our school will earn **cash** based on your purchases. **School Rewards**



3. **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