



Construction Update: New High School

The Franklin Board of Ed and administrators who toured the new high school on Oct. 23 were excited to see the progress on the building's interior. Drywall, flooring, and cabinets/storage have been installed in many rooms.

The former Hampton Bennett site is being readied as a parking lot. Construction on the roundabout that will be the intersection for the campus, community park, and SR 123 will begin later.

Conger Construction estimates that the high school will be complete at the end of February; the district is making final plans for moving students in to the new building. One thing the community should be aware of: For this school

year, high school winter sports (wrestling, boys basketball, and girls basketball) will still be at the current high school. An installation delay for an air handler at the new building will require us to minimize crowds in the new high school main gym.

Pictured above, clockwise from top left: 1. Gymnasium windows include an arch as homage to the arched windows at the 1925 Franklin High School. 2. Industrial arts classroom. 3. Academic wing interior courtyard. 4. The cafeteria, looking east toward the main entrance. 5. The main entrance. 6. Science classrooms/labs.

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The latest district news

For the most up-to-date information about district news and happenings, follow our district on its social media pages.

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Facebook: facebook.com/FranklinCitySchools/

Website: franklincityschools.com

LinkedIn:

Twitter handles are:

@HunterElemNews	@GerkeElementary
@PennyroyalElem	@AdminsFHS
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Enrolling your child in school

You may enroll your child in school at the Franklin City Schools Welcome Center Registration Office, 754 E. 4th St. (new district admin offices). Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For your convenience, and to minimize waiting time, a parent/guardian must contact the Welcome Center Office to schedule an appointment to complete the registration process in person.

In addition to your completed registration packet, the following documents must be provided for enrollment in the Franklin City School District:

- Original Birth Certificate
- Custody Papers/Court Ordered Placement (if applicable) (Divorce Decree, date stamped and signed by judge/magistrate). Note: If you are in the process of acquiring custody, you must have documentation from the court confirming legal proceedings have been initiated. There is a 60-day legal completion process for the student to continue enrollment at Franklin City Schools.
- Shot/Immunization Records
- Parent/Guardian Driver's License
- Proof of Residency (Rental/Lease agreement, Settlement Statement, Land/Purchase Contract, Copy of Deed, Electric or Water Bill. Items listed are the only items that will be accepted.)
- IEP/504/MFE (if applicable)
- Transcript from previous school attended (Grades 9-12 only)
- Social Security Card

When all documents have been verified you will be directed to contact your child's assigned school building to complete the enrollment process for orientation, scheduling, and transportation. You may also be required to complete additional building forms.

We want to make your child's first day a positive experience, therefore, we need time to prepare for him/her to join our classes. Due to scheduling and transportation, students enrolled may start the day after registration requirements have been met.

If your child has any medical issues that need to be addressed, please contact the building nurse prior to the start of school.

Senior Citizen activity passes

Senior citizens (age 62+) living in the Franklin City School district may pick up a pass in the Superintendent's office (754 E. 4th St.) that will allow them to attend school-sponsored activities at no charge.

Residents should take a drivers' license with them to confirm their address. The pass never expires and is good for any home game (excluding tournaments) and high school plays.

News from Franklin City Schools

National Honor Society news

The FHS Chapter of the National Honor Society recently inducted 36 new members: Kailee Alcorn, Kendra Allen, Isabella Baker, Luke Ball, Alexandra Bates, Benjamin Blaha, Morgan Brown, Kendall Bulach, Lillian Cook, Alexis Earach, Jeffrey Fisher, Madelyn Green, Rylee Green, Kari Harles, Connor Hayes, Hailey Hitte, Blake Hoffman, Brooke Hurst, Luke Jackson, Destiny Kidwell, Meredith Lakes, Trent Lewis, Acheron Marcum, Alexander Marcum, Christian McGuire, Grace McGuire, Alyssa O'Hara, Aaron Richards, Isabella Romero, Andrew Sanders, Jenna Schumaker, Abigail Shryock, Madilyn Smith, Lillian Snider, Beckett Swoll, and Marisa Wagner.

These students join 37 members who were inducted last year. NHS membership is one of the highest honors that high school students can achieve. NHS recognizes students for outstanding character, scholarship, leadership, and service. Students must have a minimum grade point average and are nominated by teachers.

Several senior members of NHS recently helped pack snack bags with the Franklin First United Methodist Church (303 S. Main St.) for elementary students. They packed around 225 bags for students to take home so that they could have food for the week-

end. This project will be an ongoing venture between the church and NHS each month. Students pictured are Atticus Curry; Addie Berry; Liam Acevedo; Wesley Brooks, chapter historian; and Sophia Aldridge, chapter president.

The group's advisors are Kelly Rolfes and Carrie-Anne Green.



Around the district

Hunter students and families were invited to enjoy literacy games and activities at "Adventures in Autumn Reading."

With the assistance of Franklin Township Fire Department, students also learned about fire safety.



FHS class reunion coming up?

If your class is having a reunion, the district would be happy to post your information on the district website's alumni page. Send your information to communications@franklincityschools.com

Around the district

Schenck third-grade students recently went on their Franklin walking field trip.

Students in Mrs. Deaton's and Mrs. Rice's classes walked around town and stopped at multiple locations, all while learning about the history of Franklin. Stops included The Harding Museum, the Log Post Office, the City Building, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and the many beautiful murals throughout town. They loved spending the day learning more about our town's history!



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District enhances campus safety

The district is always looking to increase the safety of students and staff. Business manager Kelli Fromm detailed some of the district's recent security upgrades.

Building upgrades:

- ◆ Safety vestibules were added at **Hunter** and **Gerke**, utilizing repurposed doors from Hampton Bennett. Since visitors enter buildings directly into a vestibule, overall building safety is improved by limiting visitor access. The vestibules also include a seating area where visitors may wait if necessary. This work completed the addition of vestibules at all elementary buildings; the district has no date for the construction of the new elementary buildings, so the current buildings are being made as safe as possible.
- ◆ A new intercom system was installed at the current high school, which is the future home of the Franklin Middle School.
- ◆ Installation of cameras and upgraded badge readers is planned for **Anthony Wayne**, **Gerke**, **Hunter**, **Schenck** and the **current HS/future JH**. An Ohio Facilities Construction Commission school safety grant will fund this work.

Flock cameras

Flock cameras, a method to check license plates of anyone entering or exiting campus, were installed at the **FJHS/FHS** campus. These were installed at the request of Franklin Department of Police, and were purchased with a safety grant. Fromm noted that the cameras will be very helpful in monitoring who is driving on and off campus.

Safety plans and training:

- ◆ The district's safety plans were all updated in March 2023.
- ◆ Prior to the start of school, district staff received ALICE training. Alice, which stands for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE, is active shooter training.
- ◆ The district has implemented threat assessment teams in all buildings. Additionally, the district purchased five tactical shields, which will be placed throughout the district to provide additional support if needed in a threat or active shooter situation.

All of the building safety features are included in the new high school construction, with the exception of Flock cameras, which the district is looking to install on that campus, too.

Around the district

Gerke students took a walking tour of Franklin, which included a stop at Franklin's City building, where they visited the council chambers and learned about city government.

Assistant City Manager Karisa Steed (picture immediate right) was on hand to answer questions.



Around the district

At **Anthony Wayne**, students have been earning "Proud Paws" as part of the Positive Behavior Intervention System. Each week, students' Paws are chosen at random, permitting students to pick prizes.

Earlier this year, AW students and families enjoyed activities together at Family Math Night. Pictures at right.



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Outstanding Alums: 2023 Hall of Fame Inductees

In September, Franklin inducted five graduates and one long-time employee into the district's hall of fame. 2023 inductees are profiled below. Picture at left courtesy of the Franklin Athletic Department.



Class of 1949: Bob "Choo-Choo" Bottles, excelled in both football and track, but earned his nickname in track, as he was an excellent sprinter. Bottles held three individual letters for many years: 100- and 200-yard dash and the long jump. He was also part of the team relay record in the 880-yard relay.

Class of 1988: Ron Pierce, was a three-sport athlete: golf, basketball, and track and field. He earned four varsity letters as a golfer, was an all MML (Mid-Miami League) selection, and part of the 1986 district and regional championship team. Pierce lettered twice in track and field and received league recognition in the high jump and 4X400 relay. He lettered three times in basketball, where he earned All-MML recognition including the 1987 Player of the Year. He's currently the #3 all-time point scorer for FHS boys basketball. Pierce continued his athletic career at Wright State and Cedarville University, lettering in basketball at both.

Class of 1989, Lance Harp, was a multiple sport athlete who decided to concentrate on football and basketball. He was captain of the football team during his senior year, and is still the record-holder for several stats. He attended University of South Carolina,

then transferred to University of Cincinnati where he was the Bearcats' starting quarterback for three years. His senior year, he was captain and led the team to its first winning season in 17 years.

Class of 1998, Jeremy Deaton, was a standout in two sports — football, where he lettered twice, and wrestling, where he lettered all four years. Deaton was a multi league and sectional champ, qualifying for state in '96, '97, and '98. In '98, he finished as state runner up and is tied (with Matt Franklin) for the highest state finish for a Franklin wrestler.

Class of 2012, Sydney (Lovelace) Vanlandingham, earned four varsity letters in soccer, receiving multiple all-league and all-district honors. She played soccer for Indiana State University and received a doctorate in physical therapy from University of South Carolina.

John Dynes has been the district's athletic trainer since 1993, and cared for hundreds of Wildcat athletes in his tenure. Dynes is a graduate of Tecumseh High School and Sinclair Community College, and served in the Navy from 1974 to 1978.

For more about the Hall of Fame, please see the district website, www.franklincityschools.com > Departments > Alumni News > Hall of Fame.



FJHS 8th graders' annual trip to Washington D.C. and Gettysburg was a success. Students visited monuments and memorials and participated in a wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Pictures courtesy of Justin Rossi.

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Meet a Wildcat!



Several new staff members have joined us this fall: Please join us in welcoming these folks to the Wildcat family!

Cheyenne Solomon has joined the district as assistant treasurer/human resources. Cheyenne has degrees from Wright State and University of Cincinnati. She said, "My position is a great balance of

finance and human resources. I take pride in being able to serve the community and love what I do!" She added, "The Franklin community and Wildcat pride are unmatched! I am looking forward to working with all of the wonderful staff."



she was very young and says, "I've had some influential teachers in my life who have helped me choose this career for myself as well. I also want to be the teacher I needed as a kid to my kids in the classroom."



Alex Fletcher has joined the district as a science teacher at **FHS**. He has a degree from Wright State, and he and his family have a small farm and a large garden. He says he enjoys teaching about science "because there's always something interesting, weird, or useful to talk about or learn." Alex describes himself as a "just a nerd with a bunch of different hobbies," and said he'll gladly talk about books and plants

with just about anyone. He noted that he has been impressed with how well Franklin students behave and how helpful all of the staff are.



Karen Crase has joined the district as a kindergarten teacher at **Pennyroyal**. Her degree is from Western Governors University. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Franklin with their three children; she said she's excited to work in such a great community. Karen has been the Girls

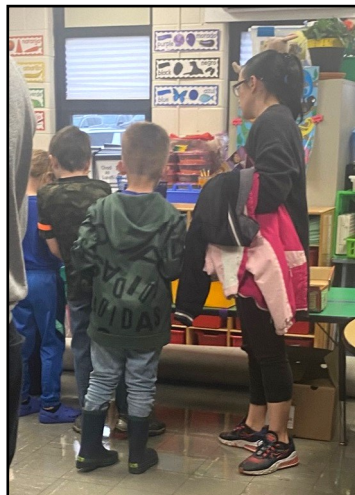
Varsity Soccer Coach for the past five seasons. "It has been so exciting immersing myself in the pride of Franklin and watching the athletes pour themselves into the task at hand for a common goal." She added, "I'm excited to bring this same thinking into the classroom and for the pride of the students to show through their work and to be proud of what they are learning and accomplishing."

Amanda Huetson has joined the district as a second-grade teacher at **Gerke**. Her degree is from Wittenberg University. She and her fiancé live in Dayton with five cats. Amanda grew up in Fairborn in a military family. She's wanted to be a teacher since



Sarah Penwell has joined the district as a kindergarten teacher at **Anthony Wayne**. Sarah has a degree from Wright State. She and her husband have four children and live in Franklin. She says, "I remember, as a young girl in second grade, realizing I wanted to be just like my teacher. I have always had great role models growing up, and they have shaped me into the teacher I

aspire to be throughout my career."



Around the district

Pennyroyal recently welcomed over 350 to their Family Fun Night for a free evening of educational fun. Students and families enjoyed math activities together including a cookie walk, estimation station, pumpkin investigation station, math duck pond, and math bean bag toss. Every student (even those not in attendance) received a bag of take-home math activities, uno cards, and building supplies. Pictures at left.

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Student Achievement Awards

The Franklin Board of Education recently honored students for achievement. **Picture A:** Three **Schenck** students were honored for having won building awards: Aleeyah Montgomery (Eli Nardi Award), Jase Linzie (Ronnie Charles Award), and Alaini Lewis (Irelynn Cunningham Award). **Schenck** students honored for 10 quarters of Straight A's: Brianna Bonar, Harlyn Childers, Madden Gibson, Aleeyah Montgomery, and Hannah Persina. **Picture B:** Six **Junior High** students won building awards: Millicent Nau and Samuel Tsitey Jr. were the 7th grade Wildcats of the Year, and Bryley Wulff and Diego Torres-Ramos were the 8th grade Wildcats of the Year. Eli Koss and Laila

Black were named winners of the Archie Griffin Award. Additional students honored for Straight A's: **Picture C:** Elaine McCarty, Emma Leggett, Mackenzie McClain, Robert McKinney, Alexis Jackson, and Carter Bernard (**Hunter**); Maximus Shackelford (**Pennyroyal**). **Picture D:** John "Demetri" Holweger, Jeremy Hunter, and Troy Stephens (**Anthony Wayne**); Billy Blevins and Chloe Smiddy (**Gerke**). **Picture E:** 16 **FHS** students as members of the Principal's 30+ Club (earning a 30 on one or more parts of the ACT): Katelynn Adams, Autumn Allen, Kensington Black, Dylan Cundiff, Atticus Curry, Kari Harles, Benjamin Ingram, Ethan Jackson, Meredith Lakes, Harlee Lamb, Colson Littrell, Willow Monk, Trey Newsome, Brooke Wallace, Iain Wells, and Timothy Woods.

FCS established the Student Achievement Award in 2001; hundreds of students have been honored since its inception. Student Achievement Committee members include parents, community residents, board members, administrators, and students; they meet during the school year to evaluate nominations which may be submitted by students, teachers, administrators, or community members.

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Connecting with Wildcats Athletics is easy

The Franklin Athletics department has made it simple for Wildcats fans to stay up-to-date about all things related to sports, e-sports, color guard, and band with both a new website and a new app for smartphones.

The website, www.gowildcatathletics.com, has info about schedules, rosters, news, events, and more.

Additional activities, such as music and theater, will continue to be added.

The website is also linked from www.franklincityschools.com,

the district's main website. The free app is available in both the app store and Google play and can be found by searching for Franklin Wildcats.



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Bus Driver Incentive

FCS has openings for bus drivers and is offering incentives: a sign-on bonus and paid training.

Sign-On Bonus for new drivers: Anyone newly hired as a bus driver for FCS after July 1, 2022, is eligible for a new-employee bonus of \$1,500, which will be paid in two equal installments: \$750 after six months as a bus driver and \$750 at the one-year anniversary of hiring as a bus driver.

Paid Training: Up to 40 hours of paid training, paid at the six-month anniversary of employment as a bus driver.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply in the FCS Business Manager's Office at Franklin City Schools Administrative Offices, 754 East Fourth St., Franklin, OH 45005.

In addition, any current FCS employee is eligible for a staff referral bonus. Any employee who refers an individual who is hired as a bus driver for FCS is eligible for a \$1000 referral bonus, which will be split into two equal installments, \$500 after the new driver completes six months of employment with FCS as a bus driver, and \$500 after the new driver completes one year of employment with FCS as a bus driver.

