



## **Franklin Public Schools**

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### **Superintendent's Report to School Committee**

***March 22, 2022***

#### **Franklin High School Achievements!**

*DECA - Ms. Spencer shared DECA successes in pledge announcement.*

#### ***FHS Theatre Company***

Congratulations to our FHS Theatre Company (FHSTC) and faculty member Skylar Grossman! On top of a great theatre production, FHSTC hosted the regional METG Drama Festival at FHS this past weekend. This was an enormous undertaking that was made possible with the help of many students, alumni, and members of the community.

This past weekend, the Franklin High School Theatre Company took their one-act production of Cave Dream to the state-wide Drama Festival on Saturday, March 19th. The production was selected as a Top 3 finalist, and will move to perform at the Regional competition on Saturday, April 2nd. Among the recognition of being a top 3 school, many students received accolades in their performance work, both on stage and behind the scenes.

METG All-Star Award for Technical Excellence in Costume Design - Heidi Keithahn, Will Heater, Ren Schultz

METG All-Star Award for Excellence in Scenic Design - Kaiti Cook

METG All-Star Award for Technical Excellence in Sound Design - Matt Moussa

METG All-Star Award for Excellence in Acting as the Character Don - Simon Jones

METG All-Star Award for Excellence in Ensemble Acting (The Rock Creatures) - Heidi Keithahn, Millie Chalk, Amanda Labelle, Colin Joyce, Will Heater, Shea Levine, Alex Alvarado, Ava Piercy, Jake McCann-Tiede, and Patrick O'Toole

#### ***Franklin Academic Decathlon Team***

Academic Decathlon finished 2nd Place in the Large School League. Seniors who won medals include: Dhashadyu Papineni, Angus Willis, and Christine Fruin. Great Job!

#### ***Region III Division of the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair***

FHS Sophomore Anna David won second place for her project "Encryption Decoded: The Effects of Cipher Choice on Entropy". She was also awarded the Optical Society Award and the BCC Region III Science Fair Committee Award. Juniors Antonio Marzoratti and Arav Tyagi won the Grand Prize for their Wheelchair Project. They were also awarded the Tom Cahill Award, the Sanofi Specialty Care Grand Prize, and the BCC Region III Science Fair Committee Award for

Outstanding Team Project. All three students also advance to the State competition for the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair. Congratulations to them all !

#### *FHS Cheerleaders*

Not long ago, the FHS Cheerleading Team approached the SC for approval to attend the national competition after having won states in their Division. They went to Florida last weekend and won the National Title in their Division. Congratulations!

#### *FHS Gymnastics Team*

Congratulations to the FHS Gymnastics team for winning the New England Championship!

### **Special Film Screening: LIKE!**

With the fiscal support from our friends at the [SAFE Coalition](#), we are able and proud to offer free district-wide access to the film for you to view with your family in the comfort of your home.

The film is available to stream for free now through Sunday, March 27th at 11:45pm.

The context from this movie will pair well with our 'Critical Conversations: The Impact of Social Media' event on Thursday, March 24th from 6pm-8pm at the FHS auditorium, via zoom or on FranklinTV, however, viewing of LIKE is not required for attending. The event will feature tech journalist Georgia Wells from the Wall Street Journal, Lt. Governor Polito and a panel of local stakeholders all with various insights on the impact of social media.

Our hope is that our community will feel empowered and confident utilizing the knowledge and resources provided from the LIKE screening and Critical Conversations event to work towards establishing a healthy relationship with social media.

#### *Accessing the LIKE Screening*

All viewers will need to enter their email address and create a password to access the film. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email, access to the film, resources and post-viewing survey. [Create your account and unlock LIKE by clicking here.](#)

### **SATF Presents the Second in the Family Education Series: Critical Conversations**

Social media plays a significant role in our students' lives. Identifying strategies to establish a healthy relationship with social media that maximizes the benefits and mitigates the negatives is nothing short of a critical conversation.

We invite you to join us for an evening of listening, learning, and engaging with esteemed tech journalist, Georgia Wells from the Wall Street Journal as she quarterbacks a conversation on

the state of social media. Our local panelists will consist of key community stakeholders and individuals well versed in the various stages of raising children.

The evening will include:

- Welcome and Opening remarks
- Keynote Facilitated Conversation
- Lt. Governor Remarks
- Panelist Discussion
- Audience Q& A
- So Now What? Session will provide strategies for parents of elementary, middle and high school students to foster mindful social media habits. (IN PERSON ONLY)

### Panelists

Elizabeth Morrison - ASMS Principal

Anne Davies - FHS School Adjustment Counselor

Jenn Briggs - FHS School Adjustment Counselor

Rebecca Ballinger - Elementary Counselor

Jen Knight-Levine, SAFE Coalition Director

Lily Rivera - Franklin Marketing and Communications Specialist

Gretchen Scotland - FHS Student

Zoom details below...

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### **Best Buddies Prom**

Was held last weekend. There was a lovely story in the Milford Daily News. 60 students attended the Best Buddies prom, designed for students with disabilities and peers. There was good food and dancing at the Elks Lodge. We haven't had the prom in a couple of years due to COVID, but we are so happy that there is a sense of normalcy and a return to our routines.

### **FHS All Night Party**

The Franklin HS All Night Party is a tradition started in 1990 that has provided our graduated seniors a safe and fun event to celebrate their high school experience one last time as classmates. The graduates enjoy a fun-filled night that includes games, prizes, food, DJ, and a hypnotist show. Due to the pandemic, we unfortunately have not been able to hold this event for the past two years, but the All Night Party (ANP) Committee is ready to bring this incredible event back for our upcoming Class of 2022 graduates and future FHS graduating classes.

The All Night Party Committee would like to welcome families of new and returning students to join our team. Whether your son or daughter is an elementary or middle school student, Freshman, Sophomore or Junior the All Night Party committee needs you now. Your involvement contributes to the support of the present senior class and guarantees the continuation of this tradition for your future seniors.

Once again we will be transforming the Horace Mann Middle School into a magical experience. To do this it takes the hard work of numerous volunteers and the support of the school community and business partnerships to make this event a success. The party takes place after the seniors finish their graduation starting at 11pm on June 3rd.

**We will be holding a VIRTUAL informational and initial planning meeting for all interested volunteers at 7PM on MARCH 31, 2022 via Google Meet.** Following this informational meeting there will be a volunteer and donation form shared with the community.

**Google Meet Link for 3/31 at 7pm:** <https://meet.google.com/ohs-jswj-zjx>  
**Facebook Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/franklinallnightparty>

ANP Letter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OvOBBezBfuSAbmwn1mL9ZAB-sNjtqPqnhuTLh0SV4k/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Accessible Vaccine Information**

In light of SC member concerns that some families may have had difficulty securing a child COVID vaccine due to accessibility, Health Director Cathy Liberty shared this state program with me for in home vaccinations:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-in-home-vaccination-program>

### **FPS Professional Day Preview**

March 25 is a professional development half day across the District for all schools. PD will be building-based and is being led by building principals.

ECDC - Social-emotional learning resources and special education assessment

Jefferson - MTSS and Learning Acceleration

Keller - School culture – reflecting on success and planning future work

Kennedy - Using MAP assessment data to plan tiered instruction

Oak - Best practices for literacy instruction

Parmenter - MTSS Tier 1 Universal Supports as part of UbD units

ASMS - School vision and mission building

HMMS - Tiered behavioral supports and community culture building

Remington - Tiered behavioral supports and community culture building

FHS - Course Partner Curriculum work, Keys to Literacy, SS department textbook evaluation