



Franklin Public Schools

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Update on Athletic Fans

As you know, we shared information over the weekend that Sharon High School reported abhorrent fan behavior at the baseball game last Thursday. I want to confirm that we are actively investigating the matter. Tonight, I want to thank community members who reached out with leads and additional information. It takes every member of the community to foster a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for everyone – residents and visitors alike – and we truly appreciate the cooperation. As the investigation is still underway, I am not going to comment further on it. We will issue an update to the community later this week.

Health reminders

We are seeing an uptick in cases and had to close ECDC as a school, and then in selected classrooms today. We are encouraging mask wearing. Families can still sign up for testing kits and/or remind students to pick them up

DESE Review

A few weeks ago, during the Superintendent's Report, I lauded our Student Services Leadership and ESL Leadership for their contributions to the DESE Tiered Focused Monitoring Review.

As background, the Office of Public School Monitoring visits each district and charter school every three years to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations. DESE also visits to monitor compliance with ESL regulations.

We are pleased to share that we had NO FINDINGS in the area of special education. The program and department met all of the standards of DESE.

Appreciation Weeks

We honor and recognize our faculty and staff in advance of appreciation days and weeks. Coming up we have...

School Nurse's Day – May 11

We thank the PCCs for their support of our educators all the time, but especially in providing appreciation efforts during the past three most difficult years.

NHS Induction

Congratulations to the 88 inductees of Franklin High School's National Honor Society. They are being recognized tomorrow evening in an induction ceremony at 6:00 PM. They have met the high standards of scholarship, leadership, character and service. They completed over 5000 hours of service including tutoring, 33 different student-designed individual and group service projects, and two general service projects, planned by the officers. I want to thank the members of the Faculty Council for their participation in the review of applicants as well as the advisors to NHS, Mr. Fidler and Mr. Corona for their efforts with the program.

Footlighters

Franklin Footlighters return, taking the stage this Friday and Saturday evening with the middle school production of Annie, Jr! This is an exciting theatre collaboration across all three middle schools led by faculty members Linnea Henningson and Skylar Grossman. As they say in the business, "Break a leg" cast and crew!

Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls returns this year following a hiatus during the pandemic. This student led fundraiser supports the Franklin Food Pantry and is an amazing community event. Tickets are available on the Food Pantry website and are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. There is a soup dinner for those attending, everyone walks away with a souvenir bowl, made by club members, and a silent auction of handcrafted items. Tickets are available on the Food Pantry Website. The date is May 19th from 6-8 PM.