

Franklin Central High School

Newsletter

September, 2013

What a great start to the school year! Our students have embraced the learning opportunities presented to them. Our teachers are focused on helping our students learn in order to become the most sought after graduates by colleges, universities and the world of work.

There is a very strong sense of pride at Franklin Central. As students, staff, parents, community members and visitors enter our building they immediately see banners celebrating the recognition our students and school have earned. They see a banner celebrating Franklin Central being awarded Four Star School Status by the Indiana Department of Education. They see a banner commemorating *The Washington Post* recognizing our school as one of the top 9% of all schools in the United States in preparing our students for the rigors of college. They see a banner proclaiming Franklin Central as a Silver Award Winner by *US News and World Report* in their search for the best high schools in the United States. Finally they will see a banner announcing *Newsweek Magazine* naming FC as on their prestigious list as one of the best high schools in the United States. Our entire school community is proud of the efforts of our students, teachers, staff members and parents in earning these recognitions.

As a new school year begins, we hear from our past graduates about their success stories and how Franklin Central played a role in their success. The following are just a few:

Gavyn Gerbofsky, Class of 2013, has informed us that Marian University has awarded him 39 college credit hours due to his participation in Franklin Central's Advanced Placement (AP) program! Gavyn will be starting college as a second semester sophomore! The estimated cost for a semester at Marian University is approximately \$12,000. This means Gavyn and his family have saved \$36,000 in college tuition due to his accepting the challenge of AP courses at Franklin Central and scoring 3 or higher on all of his AP exams.

Gavyn is enrolled in the pre-med program at Marian and has the opportunity to be one of the first to go through the pre-med program and then graduate from Marian's new Osteopathic College of Medicine as a medical doctor.

Anna Wilkes, Class of 2011, is attending Baylor University and will be studying this year in Russia. As part of Anna's studies, she will be working with the NBC network as an intern as they cover the Olympics in 2014.

Scott Kennedy, Class of 2010, was selected by Senator Dan Coats to serve as an intern in his office this summer. Scott is attending Indiana University and is a Wells Scholar.

There are so many success stories from our graduates. Their stories are a testament that we are indeed making our vision of having the most sought after graduates by colleges, universities and the world of work a reality for our students.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Franklin Central will hold parent teacher conferences on Wednesday, September 18th and Thursday, September 19th from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on both days.

Our teachers will be contacting parents of students who are struggling in class in order to create a plan together to help the student be successful in the course.

Our teachers are always available by telephone or e-mail should you ever have concerns about your child's progress in any class. Never hesitate to contact us with any concern.

11-22-33

What is the significance of the three numbers 11-22-33? These represent the number of credits students should earn by the end of each of their first three years of high school in order to be on track to graduate. A freshman student should earn a minimum of 11 credits by the end of their freshman year. A sophomore student should have earned a minimum of 22 credits by the end of their sophomore year. A junior student should have earned a minimum of 33 credits by the end of their junior year of high school.

11-22-33 is an easy to remember as you check your child's progress. If you currently have a sophomore with less than 11 credits, a junior with less than 22 credits and especially a senior with less than 33 credits, please call our Guidance Office at 803-5694 and ask to speak to your child's counselor. Together, we can work to get each student back on the 11-22-33 track!

Student ID's

Unfortunately, we will not be able to supply each student with a student ID card. The cost is simply too much.

We understand that some students need a picture ID for identification purposes for employment. Any student may get an ID card from our Media Center for \$5.00. Simply have them stop by the Media Center in the main wing of Franklin Central during passing periods.

Dress Code

With the sense of pride we are seeing our students' exhibit this year at Franklin Central; we have seen more and more students "dressing for success"! Our students have never looked better prepared to learn.

We have very few students who do not comply with the Franklin Central Dress Code. The most noticeable infractions are with holes in jeans above the knees and very tight, form fitting leggings, jeggings, and yoga pants.

In order to assure you assist your child to arrive at school dressed to learn, the dress code is below:

1. Pants must be fitted and worn at the waist (beltline above the butt). No undergarment of any kind is permitted to show, both while sitting and standing. The pants must be at least knee length and not long enough to drag on the floor.
2. Skirts must be at least knee length and slits are not to extend above the knee. Skirts must not drag on the floor.
3. Shirts and tops must have sleeves and completely cover the shoulders. They must be long enough to be tucked-in. Shirts and tops not tucked-in must remain below the waist line at all times. In addition, all shirts with tails extending past mid-hand (with arms resting at student's sides) must be tucked-in (no "Tall-Tees"). No exposed cleavage, back, or midriff will be allowed. Shirts promoting Franklin Township Schools and Franklin Township Community Organizations are encouraged.
4. Dresses must comply with skirt and shirt/top rules.
5. Shoes (not slippers) must be worn at all times.
6. All jackets, coats, windbreakers, and gloves must be placed in the student's locker upon arrival to school. Students may keep flannel shirts, sweatshirts, or sweaters in their lockers to take to class.
7. No hats, hoods, headgear, bandannas, sweatbands or other head covering shall be worn inside the building.
8. The following are never acceptable for students to wear at school: shorts (see guidelines for pants), wrap-around skirts, form fitting clothes, sheer/see-through fabrics, pajamas (leisure wear), breakaway pants, spandex, clothing with holes, rips, tears or with patches, wallet chains or pocket chains, removable mouth jewelry (grills), picks/combs, sunglasses, any item that could cause harm to self, others or school property; promotes drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or any illegal substance; depicts violence, sexual innuendoes, racial/religious slurs or is considered to be gang related.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping your child in class and not out of class for dress code infractions.

Freshman Academy Students of the Month

Eagles Academy

Algebra I	Trevor Koppel
Biology	Sarah Davis
English	Alex Epperly
GHW	Desmond Hoke

Rockets Academy

Algebra II	Jacob Smith
Biology	Tatyana Gray
English Pre-AP	Jaxson Wise
GHW	Kaitlyn Eagan

Samurai Academy

Geometry Pre-AP	Amani Khoury
Biology	Andrea Farias
English 9 Pre-AP	Ryan Wilks
GHW	Desmond Hoke

Titans Academy

Algebra I	Shelby Skaggs
Biology	Aspreet Sanini
English	Michael Totten
GHW Pre-AP	Josh Rooks

Students Arriving to School Early

The school day at Franklin Central starts at 7:55 a.m. All students should be in their first period class, ready to learn at 7:55 a.m.

Many of our teachers make themselves available before school for students to get additional help in their courses. If students are taking advantage of these opportunities they should report immediately to the teacher's room and stay there until 7:45 and then they will be released to go to first period.

If a student arrives early and they are not with a teacher, they will be directed to the main cafeteria. Students will stay in the main cafeteria until the bell rings at 7:45 releasing them to their first period class. Students may use this time to purchase and eat breakfast, study or simply share a few minutes with their friends in a supervised environment.

Fall Break

Fall Break start Monday, October 14th and runs through Friday, October 25th. Please help your child miss the least amount of school by scheduling doctor and dentist appointments during this two week break. Thank you!