



Sports Physicals:

Jr and Sr High School students who plan to play sports during the upcoming 2017-2018 school year must begin the process of receiving their sports physical. Students need to see Mrs. Hayes in the Office of the School Nurse, to register for a physical, obtain paperwork, and undergo pre-physical screening.

Academic Honors: Jr/Sr High School students who obtained an academic rank of Honor Roll or Principal's List for the 2nd quarter were honored on February 16th for their academic accomplishments. Each honor student was awarded a certificate and an ice cream treat. Jr/Sr High teachers were on hand to make the presentation and congratulate the students for their efforts and hard work. The quarterly academic honors are sponsored by the Academic Awards Committee, made up of both Jr. and Sr High faculty and staff.

Students of the Month:

Congratulations to the following Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month for January:

Brandon Dygert
Jacob Fuhs
Meagan Behan
Quinn Jones
Kendall Kennedy
Kierra Reid

Upcoming Dates:

2/17	10:30 Dismissal
2/20-2/24	Closed for Winter Break
3/8	First Public Budget Hearing
3/17	10:30 Dismissal

Schools Help Community:

The Gram Lorraine Holiday Program concluded another successful year by providing 132 children, from 54 different families, with gifts of food, toys, clothing and blankets. Teachers and staff from the Fort Plain schools teamed up with employees from Fucillo, Hannaford, and local businesses to sponsor families.

Harry Hoag Elementary School teachers & staff, along with student council members, took turns manning the Salvation Army red kettle at Price Chopper during this past holiday season. Over \$250 was collected!

Health & Wellness Fair Plans:

The annual Community Health & Wellness Fair will be held on Sat. April 8th from 9:00-noon at the East Hill Elementary School in Canajoharie. Any business or organization is welcome to join this event. If you would like to have an informational booth or sales table, present a workshop or demonstration, or host an activity, please contact Lauri Broady at lauri.broaday@fortplain.org. There is no charge for vendors to participate in this event. The health fair is free of charge and open to the public of all ages.

Drama Club Rehearses "The King and I":

Rehearsals are currently in full swing for the Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club production of "The King and I", which will be presented on March 24th, 25th and 26th at Canajoharie High School.

"The King and I" is a beloved Rodgers & Hammerstein production, and has been presented all over the world during the past 66 years. It was made famous after the 1954 movie, starring Yul Brynner. "The King and I" tells the story of Mrs. Anna Leonowens (played by Jillian McGowan) and her son Louis (played by Keagan Ford), who arrive in Siam, where the widow Anna has been contracted to serve as a governess and English tutor to the many wives and children of the stubborn King Mongkut of Siam (played by Jared Paratore). Anna and the king have a clash of personalities from the start, as she works to teach the royal family about English language, customs and etiquette. They work together, however, to prepare a lavish dinner party for a group of European diplomats, in an effort to change their opinion of the king and of Siam.

Anna is helped along the way by the King's prime minister, The Kralahome (Isaiah Cechnicki), head wife Lady Thiang (Quinn Jones) and the eldest son Prince Chulalongkorn (Vicente Nunez). While working with the wives and children, Anna is also drawn into the story of a young slave girl Tuptim (Zoe D'Arcangelis), who has been presented to the King to be his newest wife, despite her secret love with the Burmese court official Lun Tha (Michael Daniels).

Also appearing are Connor Bowden as Sir Edward Ramsey, Sophia Rogers as Princess Ying, Bretton Scofield as Phra Alack, Mason Rivenburgh as the Interpreter, and Michael Hoffman as the Man Slave. Company dancers include: Eliza Cechnicki, Vicki Wilday, Michael Daniels, Sophia Rogers, Sarah LaComb, Vivian Hopkins and Samantha Keane.

The King's wives are portrayed by: Sarah Bowden, Alexia Hill, Vivian Hopkins, Samantha Keane, Caitlynn Lawrence, Macenzie Richtmyer, and Bretton Scofield. The King's children are played by: Ryan Beam, Cameron Brownell, Jenna Conley, Sarena Conley, Madison Delgado, Maura DiMezza, Aliza Hopkins, Sarah LaComb, Mathea Leonard, Ethan Mykel, Chad Rogers, Kristin Sanders, and Emily Palmeri.

"The King and I" is directed by Will Ryan and produced by Lauri Broady, along with musical director Norma Bowley. They are assisted by: Lisa Hill (costumer), Ron Hill, Jim Fiaschetti, Cecilia Hill and Michael Broady. Student crew members include: Allison Ramsey, Garrett Oeser, Alex Montanye, Carlie Montanye, Rob Rogers, Catherine Twitchell, Zack Rogers. Production artists are: Mason Rivenburgh and Allyson Dahlin.

Mrs. Close's K2 Class Studies Geology:

Mrs. Close's students have recently been studying "The Earth: Inside Out." They have learned various vocabulary terms such as crust, mantle, outer core, inner core, volcano, magma, and lava. Then, students worked together to create a paper mache volcano! They learned to mix baking soda and vinegar to create a realistic eruption! They followed the "lava flow" of foam and were able to realize just how far the effects of a volcanic eruption can go.

Back in the Saddle:

Twice a month, the students of Mrs. Petty's Jr/Sr High School Lifeskills Class have been traveling to the HFM BOCES Equestrian Science Barn to experience the joys of horsemanship. Mr. Boshart and the members of his senior class work with the students to feed and groom the horses. They spend time going over horse safety techniques, which include: avoiding bites, watching the horses' ears for signs, and standing in the right places so that they do not get kicked. All of the students in the class then enjoy western horseback riding inside the arena. They participate in therapeutic "rodeo" class, with the students passing balls and rings while on horseback, and riding the horses in certain patterns. Although riding stops for a bit during the very cold weather, Mrs. Petty's class is looking forward to resuming their equestrian lessons in the spring!

Students and Seniors Team Up:

The students of Mrs. Petty's Jr/Sr High School Lifeskills Class visit the Fort Plain Senior Center once a month, to converse with the members there and play bingo. Special tables are set up, with the students paired with a senior member. Donated prizes are awarded to the winning teams. True bonds and friendships are formed over the course of the school year, with the senior citizens especially enjoying hearing about all of the activities and social events going on at the school. At the end of the year, the Lifeskills Class students will play the host. They have invited the Senior Center members to come to the Jr/Sr High School and enjoy a special celebratory luncheon. The members of the class will spend time selecting a menu, finding recipes that sound good, and making lists of the needed ingredients. They learn about proper etiquette for setting the table and decorating for the event. Then, the students will cook and serve the meal to their Senior Center friends, as a way to thank them for sharing bingo visits and special times!

Walking Program Reminder:

Community members are reminded that the Fort Plain Pacers walking program continues through April 30th. The Harry Hoag Elementary School is open for walkers each day that school is in session, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Contact the district office to register. The cost is just \$5 per person.

School Nutrition Department:

Families are reminded that all students in grades PK-12 may eat both breakfast and lunch for FREE. Monthly menus are available in the main offices of each building, or by visiting the school nutrition section of our website at www.fortplain.org.