



Sports News & Notes:

Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Baseball Team for defeating Bishop Gibbons to take the league championship. The team finished regular league competition with a 12-1 record and are currently ranked 8th in the state as they head into sectional play.

Maple Hill Track Invitational: The boys team finished 5th and the girls team finished 14th. A total of 22 teams participated. Many personal records were set, and a school record was set in the high jump of 6'5" by Tyler Brado.

3rd Quarter Academic Awards:

66 Jr. High Students and over 115 Sr. High Students were named to the Honor Roll and Principal's Lists for the 3rd Quarter, and were recently honored for their academic achievements. Each student was presented with a certificate and a Ben & Jerry's ice cream treat. Congratulations!

PreK and Kindergarten for Fall:

Students turning 4 by December 1st are eligible for full-day PreK this fall. Students turning 5 by December 1st are eligible for Kindergarten this fall. Families who have not yet registered their child for either of these programs should contact the Elementary Office.

Prom 2017:

Members of the Junior and Senior classes will attend the annual Spring Prom, on May 20th. This year's event will be held at Beardslee Castle, with a coronation ceremony before-hand in the Harry Hoag School gym. SADD will host a post-prom party at the Fulton County YMCA in Johnstown.

Congratulations to the April Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month:

Tucker Jones	Grade 7
Jacob Douglas	Grade 8
Brady Fureno	Grade 9
Sherry Huang	Grade 10
Eryka Swank	Grade 11
Amber Douglas	Grade 12

Upcoming Concerts:

Sun. June 4th: 6:00 p.m.
Junior Band, Senior Band, Jazz Band
Mon. June 5th: 7:00 p.m.
Elementary Band and Chorus
Sun. June 11th 2:00 p.m. Junior and Senior Chorus, Harmony

Upcoming Dates:

May 29: School Closed for Memorial Day

June 1: Elementary National Honor Society Induction 6:00 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium

June 2: Harry Hoag School Field Day

June 9: Jr/Sr High School Moving Up Day

June 16: Jr. Honor Society Induction 6:00

June 24: Graduation 10:00 a.m. HHS

Unified Basketball League:

The first ever Fort Plain HS Unified Basketball Team took to the court during May, as a member of the Unified Sports League sponsored by NYS HS Sports Section V. Unified Sports is a registered program of the Special Olympics, which combines students with disabilities and team athletes of a similar age and ability. The program aims to provide a competitive high school sports experience comparable to regular school sports opportunities. Players work to gain physical fitness, develop new friendships, and demonstrate an appreciation and respect for both the game and their teammates. The Unified Sports goal is to "teach sports skills to students with different abilities in a friendly, supportive, and competitive environment." The Fort Plain HS Unified Basketball Team consists of thirteen players in grades 9-12. Their season featured both home and away games, against teams from Gloversville, Amsterdam, Glens Falls, Queensbury and South Glens Falls.

Emory Sammons to Compete Nationally:

Fort Plain Junior Emory Sammons recently finished first at the State Finals of the Scholastic Rowing Association of New York State. Featuring competitive rowing for athletes in grades 7-12, the SRA is one of the largest and strongest rowing programs in the country. Emory rows for the Saratoga Rowing Association, traveling to Fish Creek in Saratoga for regular practices and training.

Emory and his teammates recently competed in the state championships on May 12th and 14th. He came away the 1500m Varsity Mens Singles Champion with a time of 5:44.5, which was 1.8 seconds ahead of the runner-up from Amadeuzs Rowing Academy in Long Island. There were 8 boats in the finals, with 4 from Amadeuzs, 1 from Long Island Rowing Club, 1 from Rye HS, and 1 from F.D.R. HS.

Emory then competed with his rowing partner Mike Newell, from Cohoes, in the 1500m Varsity Mens Doubles finals and came away a champion again! They finished with a time of 5:03.4, almost a full 6 seconds ahead of the second place team from Shenendohoa. Other teams represented included Saratoga HS, Sagamore HS and Canisius HS, along with several teams from Amadeuzs.

Emory will now move on to the Northeast Championships in Worcester, MA. This will be followed by the Scholastic Rowing Association Nationals in Camden, NJ. In addition, Emory has also qualified to represent New York State at the Youth Nationals in Sarasota, FL on June 9th-11th. He has also been asked to participate in training with the US National Team in San Diego, CA this summer! Emory is the third child of Victor and Amy Sammons.

Project ACES Day at Harry Hoag:

Project ACES stands for All Children Exercise Simultaneously! It is a signature program of the Youth Fitness Coalition, created in 1989 as a way of motivating children to exercise. The program works by bringing large groups of children together to perform a single form of exercise, usually aerobic dance-type moves set to pop music. ACES Day takes place on the first Wednesday in May, and has been called the "world's largest exercise class" as students across the country all exercise at the same time, on the same day. The Harry Hoag participated in ACES Day on May 3rd, with all students in grades K-6 coming together in the gym to perform dance and exercise moves to fun and energizing songs. The program was sponsored by the elementary physical education classes, under the direction of teachers Casey Russom and Katie McCumber, and students worked for a couple of weeks ahead of time, learning all of the dance moves. District Cheerleading Coach Andrea Bouck was instrumental in coming up with dances that the students could feel confident in participating in. Students and staff alike got their blood pumping, worked their muscles, and had a great time exercising together!

SADD Sponsors Drunk Driving Warning:

On July 19, 2015, Amy Stock was killed by a drunk driver. She was an innocent victim driving home from an evening of babysitting. The man who killed her was traveling at 65 mph down an Albany city street when he ran a stop sign and hit Amy's car at high speed. His blood alcohol level was .27, more than 3 times the legal limit. Amy's family contacted the Sheriff's Department and local STOP-DWI office, and expressed a desire to donate Amy's car for educational purposes. Through the donations of many local businesses and organizations, a trailer was specially made to hold Amy's car behind display glass. The trailer was then fitted with education information about drunk driving, and information about Amy's life and story. The Amy Stock Memorial Trailer now travels around the state, bringing awareness to drunk driving, and especially focusing on students during prom and graduation party time. Students who visit the trailer are encouraged to "Hand over the keys, or hand over a life." The memorial trailer made a stop at the Fort Plain HS on May 16th, with all students in grades 10-12 visiting the exhibit.

Fourth Grade Fables:

Students in Mrs. Heiser's fourth grade class have been studying fables as a form of literature used to teach about morals and life lessons. After selecting their favorite fables, the students went on to study elements of drama and how to perform a Reader's Theatre performance. Working in small groups, they then turned the fables into short plays. Each group had to come up with an appropriate setting, work on character development, and figure out how to make sure that the moral of the story came across in the best way possible. Students from other grade levels had a chance to stop in on May 16th-18th and see the results of their hard work!

Voters Approve 2017-2018 Budget:

Fort Plain Central School District residents voted in support of the district's 2017-18 school budget Tuesday by a vote of 159 to 48. The approved \$19,890,000 budget plan calls for a 2 percent spending increase over the current year's budget with a 1.95 percent tax levy increase. "We deeply appreciate the continued strong support our schools receive from the Fort Plain community," said Dr. David Ziskin, Superintendent. "This budget positions our district to maintain programs and foster growth in key areas that will lead to a safe, highly productive learning environment in each of our schools."

Voters also approved a second proposal on the ballot which authorizes the use of \$270,000 from the District's Bus Purchase Reserve Fund for the purchase of new school vehicles with 155 yes votes. Expenditures of reserve funds require voter approval; however, since 100 percent of the cost is paid from the fund, there will be no impact on the tax levy.

In addition to voting on the budget, residents re-elected three members of the Board of Education to three-year terms commencing on July 1, 2017 and expiring on June 30, 2020. David Przezdelski received 161 votes, Todd McFee received 179 votes, and Jeffrey L. Jones received 173 votes.