



FORT PLAIN

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Free Meals Continue: All students in grades PK-12, regardless of their family status or income, can receive both breakfast and lunch for FREE again this year, thanks to the continuation of the Community Eligibility Meal Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Menus are available in the school cafeterias, in the main offices of both buildings, or by visiting our website at: www.fortplain.org

Athletic Programs: The Fort Plain Central School is a member of the Western Athletic Conference. The conference is comprised of 13 schools and is the largest league in Section II. The conference's member schools are: Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Canajoharie, Duanesburg, Fort Plain, Galway, Mayfield, Mekeel Christian Academy, Middleburgh, Northville, OESJ, Saratoga Catholic, Schoharie, and Sharon Springs. We are also a member of the NYS Public High School Athletic Association and the NYS Coaches Association. For information and schedules for individual sports, visit the portal by following the athletics link on our website at: www.fortplain.org

PTA: The Fort Plain PTA is a member of both the national PTA and the New York State PTA. The group serves students from both schools with many activities and events throughout the school year, and also provides program funding for things like field trips and assemblies. Membership information goes home to families each fall. The Fort Plain PTA is currently looking for volunteers willing to serve as officers or chairmen. Contact the elementary school office for further information.

HARRY HOAG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHANGES START AND END TIMES.....

The instructional day now begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

All buses will be present at the dismissal of elementary students. Parents picking up students can do so outside of the kindergarten wing. The current Jr/Sr High School bell schedule remains the same (8:00 a.m. to 2:38 p.m.)

Remind Alert System:

REMIND is our free, safe and simple messaging tool that helps the school share important updates, event reminders, and weather advisories. Sign up to receive REMIND messages on your phone by texting @fpcsd1 to 81010

Upcoming Events:

Sept 6th: First Day of Classes
Sept 27th: Elementary Picture Day
Oct 6th & 9th: No School

Environmental Study Team at Work: Some members of the Fort Plain Environmental Study Team spent time this summer excavating along the Erie Canal lock in Fort Plain. They joined students from across the county and state, to begin an archeological exploration of the former Erie Canal lock off Hancock Street in the village. Archeologist Zach McKeeby, of the Schoharie River Center, led the students in excavation work, followed by cleaning and analyzing their findings, before presenting those findings to the public. Student groups were each assigned a one meter by one meter plot, carefully digging in horizontal levels about 10 centimeters deep at a time. As each layer was uncovered, the students discovered items - including a glass button, bottle caps, a pipe stem, copper gaskets, mechanical gears, ballast rocks, and a pipe decorated with an American Eagle design. Some of the students participating in the archeology project included: Bruce Thibodeau, Patrick Murphy, Mackenzie Wintermute, and Willow McGinnis.

Baseball Players Earn All-Star Honors: At the close of the school year, the New York State Sportswriters Association released its 2017 All-State Baseball Teams. Drew Fureno was the only local player to earn First Team honors. Drew is a catcher, shortstop and pitcher. He finished the season batting .368, with 29 stolen bases and 16 runs batted in. Pitching this season, for the first time since 7th grade, Fureno worked to a 1.96 ERA with 32 strikeouts in 25 innings. He will continue his baseball career by playing for LeMoyne College this fall. Selected to the Fourth Team was sophomore Bryce Thibodeau. As a first baseman and pitcher, Bryce hit .400 with 2 home runs and 27 runs batted in. He went 6-2 on the mound, with a 2.33 ERA. Thibodeau will return to lead the Hilltoppers this spring as junior.

District Receives Walmart Grant:

A \$2,000 grant from Walmart will fund "Smarter Social Studies" and create a resource library of more than 120 new books, to be used by seventh grade students this school year. The books will be selected to especially help students with their studies of early American history.

Emory Sammons: Team USA, Takes on Worlds:

Seventeen-year old Emory Sammons, a senior at the Fort Plain High School, represented Team USA at the 2017 World Rowing Junior Championships in Traka, Lithuania. Sammons and the three other members of his Quadruple Sculls Team won the B Final and finished No. 7 in the world. Switzerland won the event overall. Sammons earned a place on the United States National Team after winning at the NYS Scholastic Rowing Association State Championships, and then winning at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championships. Sammons is a member of the Saratoga Rowing Association.

Back to School: Medication Policy

In order for the school nurses to administer medication, including even non-prescription medications such as Tylenol and cough drops, families must note the following information: All medications must be delivered to the school nurse in the original container from the store or pharmacy. Medications may not be sent in with students. Written parental permission to administer over-the-counter medication must be current and on file. A physician's order must be on file in order to administer prescription medications. The physician's order must include the name of the medication, dosage amount, and frequency to be given. Any questions may be addressed by contacting Mrs. Hayes or Ms. Cumm in the School Health Offices, at 518-993-4000.

Back to School: Attendance Procedures

Parents are reminded to send in a written excuse each time a child is absent. The note should include the date of the absence, the reason for the absence, and a parental signature. If a child is (or will be) absent from school for two days or more, homework may be requested. Phone calls requesting homework should be made first thing in the morning, to allow time for teachers to gather work to send down at the end of the day. Students arriving late must report to the reception kiosk for a pass. When possible, they should have a written excuse for being tardy. If a child needs to be picked up early from school, a note should be sent in that morning outlining who will be picking the student up and at what time. Elementary school students who are being picked up during the course of the school day may not leave the building on their own. The child must be signed out by the authorized adult, and the receptionist will call them out of class at that time. Please call the main offices of either building with any questions about attendance procedures.

40th Annual Cross Country Invitational: Fort Plain will host the 40th annual Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 16th. Last year, over 800 runners representing 28 schools from 4 different NYSPHSAA Sections took part in the day's eight different races.

School Supplies Donated: The "Smile Committee" of Hill & Markes, Inc. of Amsterdam recently took on the project of providing school supplies to local students, for families who can use some assistance with getting their children the supplies that they need. The "Smile Committee" donated 60 backpacks to the Harry Hoag School, with each backpack being fully stocked with all of the supplies that an elementary school student needs to get the new year off to a great start. Thank you Linda Vidulich and Yvonne Masi, who visited the school and represented the Hill & Markes "Smile Committee!"

District Updates Communications: Visitors to www.fortplain.org will see a new school website, redesigned to better serve the community with timely information, coverage of special events, and links to district services of all kinds. The district's new Public Information Specialist is Ben Meyers, of Capital Region BOCES. Mr. Meyers oversees the district's website, social media accounts, and media relations. He also provides photography and videography services, and will work hand-in-hand with district administrators to cover school events and bring important information to our families and the community. Mr. Meyers splits his time with the Canajoharie School District, and can be reached by email benjamin.meyers@neric.org. Visit the new website today, and be sure to like us on Facebook at Fort Plain Central School.

Back to School: HS Parent Portal

Parents can access student schedules, report cards, progress reports, attendance, discipline, and daily announcements through the use of the Jr/Sr High School Parent Portal. To register to use the portal, simply send your name, your child's name, and a valid email address to: fpcportalhelp@gmail.com. A user name and password will then be emailed to you.

Annual Pesticide Notification

Pesticide Notification: NYS Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff, regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Fort Plain Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff, who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you wish to be added to this 48-hour notification list, please contact the school with your name, address, telephone number and email address. This information can be sent in by mail to: FPCSD District Office, 25 High St, Fort Plain, NY 13339. Contact the district office at 993-4000 with any questions.