



### Holiday Concerts:

The music department will present its annual Holiday Concerts in the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium:  
Sunday 12/3: Jr/Sr High 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12/10: Jr/Sr High 2:00 p.m.  
Monday 12/11: Elementary 7:00 p.m.

### Students of the Month:

#### Harry Hoag School

Piper Kretser	Grade K
Giavanna Suiter	Grade 1
Christopher Quiroz-Romero	Gr 2
Zionna Robarge	Grade 3
Gavin Mabie	Grade 4
JulieAnn Kirby	Grade 5
Delana Tracki	Grade 6

**Substitutes Needed:** The district is in need of substitute bus drivers and substitute cleaners. To apply, fill out an application on the employment page of our website. Include a letter of interest, resume, and three letters of recommendation. Send all materials to: David W. Ziskin, EdD, Superintendent of Schools, 25 High Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339. Contact Rebecca Smith in the District Office, 993-4000 #1000, with any questions or for more information. Substitute teacher aides are also in demand. If interested, contact the HFM BOCES Substitute Service at 518-736-4390 or visit their website at [www.hfmboces.org](http://www.hfmboces.org).

**Athletic Schedules:** Winter sports schedules are available by clicking the athletics link on our website. Games are listed on a daily basis, or select the school and the specific sport for a full schedule of dates, times and locations. Addresses and directions for other schools are also available.

### Upcoming Events:

11/8	BOE Meeting 7 p.m.
11/10	School Closed: Veterans Day
11/16	Elementary 12:30 Dismissal
11/17	Elementary 12:30 Dismissal
11/17	Report Cards Issued
11/21	Emergency Release Day
11/22	School Closed: Thanksgiving
11/23	School Closed: Thanksgiving
11/24	School Closed: Thanksgiving
12/6	Jr/Sr HS Picture ReTake Day
12/6	BOE Meeting 7 pm

### Class of 2018 Fundraiser:

The Senior Class is selling JoCoffee and Fort Plain coffee mugs. The sale runs from Nov. 13th - Nov. 27th. To place an order, see any student member of the senior class, or contact Mrs. Colvin at the elementary school or Mrs. Capece at the high school. Online ordering is also available at [www.JoCoffee.com](http://www.JoCoffee.com). Select the items you want to purchase, and use code: FPC-2018-SB in the coupon box at checkout. JoCoffee is available in bags or in K-Cups. Thank you for helping support the Class of 2018!

### Elementary Talented & Gifted Programs Begin:

Elementary students with a particular interest in Math, ELA, community service, or dramatics have an opportunity to explore those interests thanks to the new Talented & Gifted Programs. "Fun With Math" is a group that was developed for students with an interest in math and a desire to challenge themselves. Students focus on mental math skills, and developing speed while working with math facts. "Challenging Minds" will appeal to students who enjoy puzzles, word games, riddles, reading challenges and oral spelling. "Caring Kids" club was started by two students, a few years ago, and focuses on local public service projects. The club makes placements and bookmarks, and sends cards, for local senior citizens, veterans, and nursing home residents. They also support food pantries and animal shelters with collections and donations. "Elementary Drama Club" gives enthusiastic students a chance to learn acting skills and try out what it's like to be in the spotlight. They also learn about script fundamentals, how to select sets and costumes, and what jobs in the theatre are like: directors, producers, set crew, lights, and sound. The Elementary Talented & Gifted Program meets every Thursday after school. Information was recently sent home to students in grades 2-6, and families can contact the main office for another copy.

**Students Give a Helping Hand:** Lisa Petty's Jr/Sr High School Life Skills class is learning firsthand what it's like to help others and to have a lasting impact in their lives. Mrs. Petty's class is working with Liberty ARC to purchase and package lunch/snack bags for elementary students to take home and eat over the weekend, when school meals are not available to them. Mrs. Petty's class hand-decorates paper bags each week, hoping that the personal touch will bring an extra smile to the child who receives the bag. The students then fill the bags with items such as oatmeal packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, and Ramen noodles. The class delivers the filled bags to the Harry Hoag School every Friday, so that they are ready to be sent home to families in need. "One of the things I appreciate most about the Fort Plain School District is the emphasis we place on supporting our students in and out of the classroom," said Elementary School Principal Lauren Crisman. "This program provides children with comfort beyond the school day. From my interactions with students there is a sincere gratitude for these care packages. Healthy students are happy learners." The Life Skills class is planning a roast beef dinner fundraiser at the Canajoharie-Fort Plain Elks Lodge on Thursday, Nov 9, to support this program. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Take out will be available. Contact the Jr/Sr High School office or [lisa.petty@fortplain.org](mailto:lisa.petty@fortplain.org) for tickets or information.

### Jr/Sr High Drama Club Workshops:

To prepare for upcoming auditions for "Mary Poppins", the Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club will hold two workshops for students. Students will work on acting skills and practice an audition scene. The workshops will be held from 6:15-8:00 p.m. at the Canajoharie HS auditorium on: Tuesday, Nov. 7th and Wednesday, Nov. 15th. Students should select one night to attend. The workshops are open to students in grades 7 -12 from both schools.

**Little Free Library:** Recently, first grade teacher Kyra Gallup, and her class, decided to bring a Little Free Library to Fort Plain! They worked over the summer, and this fall, to have a free-standing cabinet set up at the Hilltopper Playland. Little Free Library is an international movement that inspires a love of reading by fostering free neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through these Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year. Studies show that one of the most successful ways to improve student reading achievement is to increase their access to books. Up to 61 percent of low-income families do not have any books for their kids at home. Little Free Libraries are kiosks/cabinets located in communities where there is a need - in places that children can access such as parks, playgrounds, and shopping centers. The program is especially important in communities without public libraries, or for kids who don't have transportation to get to libraries. Little Free Libraries enhance school library programs by providing books that are accessible after school hours and on weekends and breaks. Students simply walk up to a Little Free Library cabinet and take a free book. They can also leave a book that they are finished reading or don't want any more. Mrs. Gallup's class secured donations and stocked their cabinet with a variety of elementary-age books, ranging from picture books to chapter books. The class hopes to keep their Little Free Library stocked all year round. Contact the school office for information on donating to this project. Visit [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org) for more information about donating, or starting your own Little Free Library!

**Hurricane Heroes:** Harry Hoag 6th graders held a fundraising campaign throughout the school, over the past few weeks. Collection jars were placed in classrooms and offices, for students and adults to donate spare change to support those affected by the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. The students submitted suggestions for naming their campaign, and ultimately selected "Harry Hoag Hurricane Heroes" as their slogan. The students handed out the jars, collected the donations each Monday, and worked hard to count and roll all of the coins. They collected a grand total of \$223.60! The money is being sent to the American Red Cross. The 6th graders want to thank all of those who helped out! Great job!

**Health and Wellness Fair:** The annual Community Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, at the Harry Hoag Elementary School in Fort Plain. This event is free and open to public, and features exhibits and activities which focus on the variety of health and wellness services that are available throughout Fulton and Montgomery counties and the capital district. Individuals, school groups, community organizations, and businesses are welcome to participate by having a booth or activity. There is no charge to participate. Tables and chairs are provided. To register to be an exhibitor that day, email: [lauri.broadly@fortplain.org](mailto:lauri.broadly@fortplain.org)

**Cold Weather Reminder:** As the temperatures drop, the following information should be noted: PK-6 students will continue to have outdoor recess until the snow prevents it. Students should come to school with a warm coat, hat, and mittens or gloves. Contact the main office if any child is in need of these items.