



# 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 2018-2019 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](http://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](http://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 SCHOOL DAY:

The doors are opened at 7:30 a.m. The instructional day begins at 8:05 a.m. and ends at 2:45 p.m. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

### 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 26th: Elementary Picture Day
- Oct 4th: Elementary Open House
- Oct 5th: School Closed
- Oct 8th: School Closed
- Oct 10th: Financial Aid Night 6:30
- Oct 12th: Jr/Sr HS Interim Reports
- Oct 17th: Student of the Month Bkfst

**Harry Hoag School Open House:** Open House for the Harry Hoag Elementary School is scheduled for Thursday, October 4th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The evening is designed to be an informal way to meet the teachers, see displays of academic work, and view the building layout. The Open House provides families with a chance to visit their children's classrooms and experience what their school day is like. The event will include a Title I Parent Information Session at 5:15 p.m. in the library. Fort Plain Central School follows the NYS Education Department regulations to ensure appropriate provision of academic intervention to all students who are not making sufficient academic progress. Anyone wishing to know more about our academic intervention services should plan to attend this information session.

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule:** The Board of Education has announced the following meetings for the 2018-2019 school year. Meetings are held in the conference room at the district office.

Oct 17th at 7:00 p.m.	Nov 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Dec 12th at 6:00 p.m.	Jan 16th at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 13th at 6:00 p.m.	March 6th at 6:00 p.m.
Apr 10th at 7:00 p.m.	May 8th at 7:00 p.m.
May 21 at 7:00 p.m.	June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

**Flag Football:** This past June, the Fort Plain Jr/Sr High School hosted its first annual flag football game. Ten Lady Toppers: Lauren Weinberger, Jenna Reese, Selyna Dumond, Rhyonn Ford, Alyssa Nellis, Cassandra Herron, Abigail Burkhart, Bella Paige, Faith Rende, and Jenna Dillenbeck began the event with a two day training camp, hosted by coaches Brad Niles, Adam Cutspec, Brandon Smith and Shannon Hyney. The game was held afterschool, with many spectators on hand to watch the teams run their practiced plays and score touchdowns! Everyone enjoyed this, the first game of what promises to be an empowering tradition.

### 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 school with any questions.

**41st Annual Cross Country Invitational:** Fort Plain hosted the 41st annual Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, September 15th. Over 600 runners representing 26 schools from 3 different NYSPHSAA Sections took part in the day's eight different races. The large school girls and boys team champion was Arlington CSD, while the Duanesburgh CSD girls and Saquoit Valley boys won the small school races. Coaches Charlie Karker and Patrick Petty extend their thanks to the many staff and community members who volunteered their time at this huge event.

**Mosaic Mural Completed:** The fourth grade mural project was completed in mid-June. This was the final year of a three-phase mosaic mural project, which produced three beautiful glass and tile mosaics, on display in the gym hallway of the Harry Hoag Elementary School. The project was begun in 2014, with a depiction of famous landmarks of Fort Plain. Phase two consisted of a triptych of scenes of the Erie Canal in the Village of Fort Plain. After a field trip to the MVGO in Amsterdam and the Riverfront Pavilion in Canajoharie, the fourth graders finished out the project with their vision of the future of the waterfront here in Fort Plain. The Mosaic Mural Project was made possible with an Arts Education Grant, funded by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the NYS Legislature. Local funding was provided by NYS grants offered through Saratoga Arts and a partnership with Micki Leiber and the Friends of Fort Plain, along with mosaic artist Linda Biggers.

### District Communications:

Visitors to [www.fortplain.org](http://www.fortplain.org) will see that our school website continues 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 Sara Wheeler, of Capital Region BOCES. Ms. Wheeler oversees the district's website, social media accounts, and media relations. She also provides photography and videography services, and works hand-in-hand with district administrators to cover school events and bring important information to our families and the community. Ms. Wheeler splits her time with the Canajoharie School District, and can be reached by email at [sara.wheeler@neric.org](mailto:sara.wheeler@neric.org). Visit our 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](mailto: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.