



### Elementary School to Hold Parent-Teacher Conferences:

The Harry Hoag School will host Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 15th and Friday, November 16th. K-6 students will be dismissed early both days. The dismissal time will be announced. Jr/Sr High School students will remain in school for a full day.

### Help Wanted:

The district needs to fill the following positions:  
Substitute Bus Drivers  
Substitute Cleaners  
Substitute Food Service Workers  
An application, letter of interest, and three letters of recommendation are required. Please visit our website at [www.fortplain.org](http://www.fortplain.org) to download and print the application, or stop in the school during regular school hours. Completed packets can be dropped off or mailed to: Fort Plain CSD, Attn: Rebecca Smith, 25 High Street, Fort Plain, NY 13339. Please call 993-4000 #1000 with any questions.

### Junior Class Officers:

The Class of 2020 announces the following officers for the 2018-2019 school year....  
President - Brady Fureno  
Vice President - Gabby Jenks  
Secretary - Jenna Reese  
Treasurer - Michaela Stockwell  
Student Council Representatives - Jasmine Livingston, Willow MaGinnis, Selyna DuMond-Halse, Cassy Herron

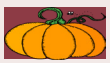
### College Visits:

The high school guidance office will host the following colleges in the coming weeks:  
10/31 Alfred State  
11/2 SUNY Oneonta & US Army  
11/13 Schenectady County CC  
12/2 Fulton-Montgomery CC

### Students of the Month:

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

Mariah Aney	Grade 7
Sunni Horton	Grade 8
Robert Jordan	Grade 9
Zavia Allen	Grade 10
Jasmine Livingston	Grade 11
Kevin Staples	Grade 12



### Elementary Halloween Parade: Wednesday, October 31st at 1:30

### Upcoming Events:

Nov. 12	School Closed
Nov. 14	Board of Education Mtg 7:00
Nov. 15	K-6 Early Dimissal 12:45
Nov. 16	K-6 Early Dismissal 12:45
Nov. 20	Emergency Release Day
Nov. 21-23	School Closed

### Drama Club Workshop/Auditions to be Held:

The Fort Plain-Canajoharie High School Drama Club has announced that the spring musical will be "The Sound of Music." Auditions will be held on Wednesday, November 28th and Thursday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. both days, at the Canajoharie High School. Students should choose just one night to attend. "The Sound of Music" auditions are open to all students in grades 7-12, from both districts. Rehearsals are held on weekday evenings, at Canajoharie. To help prepare for auditions, the directors will present a pre-audition workshop on Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Canajoharie High School. The workshop is not mandatory to be able to audition, but is definitely encouraged. For more information, contact Will Ryan at the high school or Lauri Broady at 315-867-5234.

**Elementary Student Council:** The Elementary Student Council conducted its annual campaign for officers and representatives, throughout the month of September. To run for the student council, students had to complete an application, make signs and posters for campaign week, make a short speech in front of their peers, and be interviewed for the student newspaper. The vote was conducted electronically for the first time, with students completing ballots in Mr. Heiser's computer classes. The 2018-2019 Elementary Student Council Officers and Representatives are: President-Payton Landry, Vice President-Jed Douglas, Secretary-Jordynn Gomez, Treasurer-Grace McFee....6th grade representatives-Andan Gomez, Jordan Brown, Conner Dillenbeck, and Vienna Jackson....5th grade representatives-Owen Castellano, McKenna Karker, Josephia Carcasole....4th grade representatives-Molly Kwasny, Tatyanna Washington, Hailey Hayes, and Cheyanne Wall. The group has already met and they have started a Buddy Bench campaign, as well as making plans for a Halloween Dance. The Elementary Student Council is advised by Mrs. Michelle Hext.

### Elementary Buddy Bench Campaign:

October is Bullying Awareness month. In honor of this, the Elementary Student Council is working to raise money to purchase a "Buddy Bench", which will be customized for our school. A buddy bench is placed on the playground and kids who are feeling left out and need a "buddy" to play with can sit there. This will be a universal sign to all students that someone is feeling left out. The students will recognize this and know they should show kindness and compassion the student on the bench. They could ask them to play or go sit and talk with them.

The approximate cost of the bench is \$1300. This may seem like a lot of money for a bench but it has to meet specifications to be on our playground. Student Council has a fund but cannot cover the entire cost without your help. For the month of October we will be asking our school community for help with this endeavor. Students will be starting a "loose change" drive. Containers will be in each classroom for students to bring in any loose change to help with the cost. Student Council members have made presentations to each grade level, to inform their fellow classmates about the purpose and spirit of the bench, and about their fundraising effort. Student Council members will be collecting donations each week from the various classrooms. Anyone in the community who would like to make a donation, please contact Mrs. Hext at (518) 993-4000 ext. #3055.

**7th Grade Field Trip:** The district's 7th graders visited the New York State Museum on October 19th. They were there to learn about the Dutch influence in New York State history, asking the question "Why do we care that the Dutch were in New York State?" Students worked with staff from the NYS Archives and the NYS Museum to investigate artifacts, resources and documents to help them answer the question. They learned that the Dutch influence in the state began with Henry Hudson in 1609. Under contract to the Dutch East India Company, his exploration of the Hudson

River Valley provided access to the entire state and surrounding areas, providing land for settlement and resources for trade. Focusing on the Patroon system, Fort Orange, and the Dutch relationships with Native Americans, their research provided much information about the strong Dutch influence throughout the state. The students also met with Dr. Charly Gerhing, Director of the New Netherlands Institute, and a Fort Plain graduate. He talked with the group about the Dutch presence and influence right here in the Mohawk Valley, sharing stories with the students and helping them to relate what they had worked on to their very own hometown community.

### Merged Volleyball Team Wraps Season:

Canajoharie and Fort Plain schools have finished their first year of a combined varsity volleyball program on a high note, with a positive record and a sectional placement. The two former teams spent some time in the early season getting to know one another, learning each player's strengths and weaknesses, and forming one cohesive unit. They travelled to a local ropes course, to learn to overcome obstacles as a group, and to encourage each member to step forward as a leader and a driving force.

### Elementary Drama Club Begins Rehearsals:

5th and 6th grade members of the Elementary Drama Club are beginning rehearsals for the one-act comedy "Santa's Big Trouble." Students will rehearse twice a week after school, using the acting skills and techniques that they learned last year to transform the written script into an all-around stage production. Cast members include: Chad Rogers, Jed Douglas, Andan Gomez, Grace McFee, Jasmine Lapi, Josephia Carcasole, Chloe St. Louis, Vienna Jackson, Kyera Murray, Hailey Davis, Jordynn Gomez, Rachel Kamp, Natasha Hammond, Jacob Herringshaw, Alissa Boettcher, Emma Cook, and Country Hammond. The play is directed by Mrs. Lauri Broady. Crew members include McKenna Karker and Taylor Potter. "Santa's Big Trouble" will be performed on Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Fort Plain Jr/Sr High School.

### High School Students Enjoy Guest Speaker:

Wali Shah, a spoken word poet and public speaker, recently visited with students at the high school. Mr. Shah encourages students to use poetry as a tool for self-expression. He shares story-telling as an empowering art form, inspiring students to share their own stories and express themselves in an artistic and creative way. Mr. Shah's messages focus on good mental health, resiliency, positive peer relationships, and becoming a better leader through peace and understanding. Principal Deborah Larrabee spoke recently about the positive feedback from Mr. Shah's presentation. "I heard several students say he was the best speaker they've ever heard. He was positive, upbeat and engaging, using his words to connect with our students," she said. "They saw themselves in his stories."

### Health & Wellness Fair Planning Committee:

The Canajoharie-Fort Plain annual Community Health & Wellness Fair will be held in April. Plans for this year's fair are underway now. Each year, the ever-expanding fair offers healthy foods, medical screenings, massages, children's activities, and a variety of informational booths highlighting many of the health and wellness services that are available throughout the Fulton and Montgomery county areas. The event is completely free of charge and open to family members of all ages. This year's fair will be held at the East Hill Elementary School in Canajoharie, on Saturday April 13th. The Health Fair Planning Committee is made of up of administrators, teachers, staff members, students and community members from both schools. The first planning committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th at 3:15 in the library at East Hill Elementary. Meetings are monthly and alternate between Canjo and Fort Plain. Anyone who would like to join the committee should contact Lauri Broady at 993-4000 #1003 or at [lbroad@hfboces.org](mailto:lbroad@hfboces.org).