



**Fort Plain Pacers:** The district is once again inviting community members to walk inside the elementary school building, from now through April 30th. District residents may walk during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on days that school is in session. There is a \$5 fee to join the Pacers, and all walkers must be registered and sign in each time they enter the building. To sign up for the Fort Plain Pacers program, contact Becky in the district office by phoning 518-993-4000 #1000.

**Fitness Center Open:** The district is allowing residents to use the Fitness Center in the Jr/Sr High School building from now through April 30th. The Fitness Center is open from 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and again from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on days that school is in session. The cost is \$20 per month for school district residents, and \$30 per month for non-residents. Anyone aged 65 and older may use the facility at no charge. To become a Fitness Center member, contact Becky in the district office at 518-993-4000 #1000, during regular school hours.

**Class of 2021 Fall Ball:** The sophomore class hosted the annual High School Fall Ball on November 17th. Students in grades 9-12 gathered in the school cafeteria for an evening of photos, dancing, food, and good times. The theme, "A Country Fall Ball" featured rustic decorations and beautiful autumn colors.

**Health Fair 2019:** The district is accepting businesses, organizations or school groups who would like to exhibit at this year's Community Health & Wellness Fair in April. Contact Lauri Broady at lauri.broady@fortplain.org to sign up, or for more information.

<b>Students of the Month:</b> Congratulations to the Students of the Month for October:	
Bently Dodson	Grade 1
Devin Nicolella	Grade 1
Natalee Crews	Grade 2
Sophia Rockwell	Grade 3
Aaliyah Delgado	Grade 4
Chanel Jefferson	Grade 5
Adeline Handy	Grade 6
Zachary Sanders	Grade 7
Savonna Tyler	Grade 8
Seth Rivkovich	Grade 9
Howie Kelley	Grade 10
Nate Beam	Grade 11
Sherry Huang	Grade 12

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 14	Santa's Big Trouble 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	Capital Project Vote 1:00-9:00
Dec. 24-Jan. 1	School Closed
Jan. 16	Board of Education Mtg 6:00
Jan. 21	School Closed
Jan. 22-25	High School Regents Exams

**District to Hold Public Vote on Capital Project:**  
The Fort Plain Central School district has announced a public vote on December 18th, to support an 11.2 million dollar capital project which will address health & safety upgrades to our facilities, along with building and site maintenance & improvements. By addressing maintenance needs now, "this proposal protects the Fort Plain community's long-term investment in our school facilities. This project helps us to avoid any potentially large future expenditures," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Ziskin.  
\*\*Health & Safety upgrades will include a new fire alarm system in both buildings, HVAC upgrades, classroom door security, kitchen updates at the elementary school, and the installation of an emergency generator at the Jr/Sr High School.  
\*\*Building Maintenance and Enhancements will include roof reconstruction at both schools, outdated window replacement at the elementary school, masonry repairs, updates and floor refinishing in the Jr/Sr High School gym, expansion of the server room to accommodate growing technology infrastructure, and enclosing an open maintenance area at the bus garage.  
\*\*Improvements to our building sites will include permanent repair of the main water/sanitation line at the elementary campus, replacing pumps at the athletic complex, reconstruction of the deteriorating track surface, paving restoration in both parking areas, and drainage reconstruction behind the transportation facility.

By completing these needed repairs, improvements, and upgrades through a capital project, 94.9% of the funding will come through bonds which are supported by state building aid reimbursement. This leaves a local share in the project of 5.1% or \$1.3 million. This local share would be funded from the district's already existing capital reserve fund. As a result of using these reserve funds, there is no anticipated tax increase associated with this project.

If approved, the district's project outline would be submitted to the State Education Department for approval in July 2019, go out to bid in January of 2020, and begin construction in July 2020. The total time of construction is anticipated to be 18 months.

The Capital Project Vote will be held on Tuesday, December 18th from 1:00-9:00 p.m. at the Harry Hoag Elementary School at 25 High Street, Fort Plain, NY. All district residents aged 18 and over are qualified to vote.



**Elementary Drama Club presents**  
**"Santa's Big Trouble" a one-act comedy:**



Starring: Chad Rogers as The ToyMaker, Andan Gomez as Sanata Claus, Isaac Clark & Jasmine Lapi as Head Elves, and Jed Douglas as Wondertoy. The show also features 14 other students and three crew members.

**Friday, December 14th**  
**7:00 p.m. at the Fort Plain Jr/Sr HS Auditorium**  
**Admission is FREE is open to all ages**

**Gram Lorraine Program:** For nearly twenty years, the Gram Lorraine Program has been serving local families by providing deserving children of the Mohawk Valley with four items of clothing, and a toy, book or game during the holidays. For the 9th consecutive year, members of the Fort Plain School staff, along with other community members, have come together to support students in the Fort Plain area with gifts and clothing at Christmastime. Local coordinators Tara Hayes, Lori Fredericks and Julie Crouse are grateful for the outpouring of support for the many families in our community who rely on the Gram Lorraine Program to bring joy to their children's faces on Christmas morning.

**Environmental Study Team Field Trip:** The High School Environmental Study Team traveled to the Schoharie River Center on November 11th, for a presentation on invasive species. Invasive species often leave their natural enemies behind. This allows them to spread unchecked, which causes extensive damage to the local ecosystem, creates a negative impact to local economies, and presents a threat to human health. Educator Marilyn Wyman, from Cornell Cooperative Extension, presented the study team students with information about how to identify invasive species, management options, and the resources needed to remediate issues. The Fort Plain HS Environmental Study Team was joined by students from other schools in Schoharie and Montgomery Counties. They took a nature walk, sat for the presentation, and enjoyed a lunch prepared by River Center volunteers. The trip was the first of a series of projects which will also include water quality testing and the making of a video for possible inclusion on the Smithsonian Institute website. Picture below are: Owin Landry, Tucker Jones, Keagen Ford, Willow MaGinnis, and Hailey Hogan. Other EST members include: Michaela Stockwell, Bryce Thibodeau, Brady Fureno, Seth Wintermute, Grace Hoffman, Sarah Paradiso, Even Crouse, Zach Young, and Damien Young.



**Fall Sports Conclude with Honors:** The following students were recognized by the NY State Western Athletic Conference, for their outstanding performance in fall sports:

- Girls Soccer:** Emily Abrams-1st Team All-Star and Mohawk Division All-Star
- Boys Soccer:** Jaxson Yacowenia - Div. Two 1st Team All-Star  
Troy Butler - Div. Two 1st Team All-Star  
Ethan Spaulding - 2nd Team All-Star  
Bryce Thibodeau - 2nd Team All-Star
- Cross Country:** Sherry Huang - Girls WAC All-Star Team  
Ty Perue(C) - WAC All-Star  
Trevor Howard(C) - WAC All-Star
- Volleyball:** Lauren Weinberger - Hudson Division Defensive Player Honorable Mention  
Sydney Shepard(C) - Hudson Division 2nd Team All-Star  
Kayla Mastin(C) - Hudson Division 2nd Team All-Star
- Football:** Wide Receiver Joe Nare(C)- Central Div. 1st Team  
Defensive Lineman Brandon Wolfkiel(C)-Cent. Div. 1st Team