



# The Fort Site Journal

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Indian Pride

## A Message from the Superintendent

The second semester is a time for students to begin anew. I hope each student has set a new personal goal that they can work on achieving during the second semester. Maybe it is studying a little more before going to bed. Maybe it is helping out more around the house. Maybe it is making amends with a classmate that the relationship has went south. Whatever the "New Year's Resolution" may be, I hope it provides each student something to strive for as we begin Round #2 of the school year!

January is School Board Recognition Month - A time to salute the work of our school board members. Our school board is reflective of our community's commitment to assuring that all children succeed. School board members, in the Fort Recovery Local Schools, develop policies and make decisions that shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$9.6 million, 903 individual students, and 106 employees. Our Board of Education ensures that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture, and circumstances. Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member. Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. These representatives and the others before them have made critical decisions that have advanced the well-being of the community. Thank you for their service of putting students first.

The men and women serving Fort Recovery Local Schools and their years of service are:

Ginny Fortkamp, President, 7 years of service

Aaron Guggenbiller, Vice President, 4 years of service

Jose Faller, 5 years of service

Mike Grube, 1 year of service

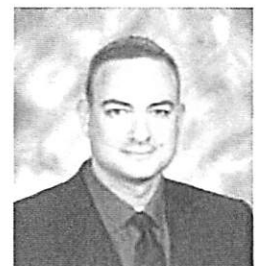
Mitch Ervin, 1 year of service

Best of luck as we begin the Second Semester in the Fort Recovery Local Schools!

With Indian Pride,

Justin M. Firks

Superintendent





## Upcoming Dates

**Jan. 21st**—National SAT  
Test

**Feb. 2nd**—2017-18  
Registration Presentations  
(grades 9-11)

**Feb. 3rd**—FREA  
Scholarship Chili Supper in  
HS Commons 4:30-6:30 pm

**Feb. 6th**—College Credit  
Plus Meeting @ 6pm in the  
Community Room

**Feb. 11th**—National ACT  
Test

**Feb. 11th**—Band Solo and  
Ensemble Contest

**Feb. 26th**—Battle of the  
Brains @ 2 pm in Elem.  
Auditoria

**Feb. 27th**—HS Information  
Night for 8th graders/  
parents @ 6 pm in HS  
Commons

**Mar. 3rd**—Last day to  
register for April ACT

**Mar. 9th**—Winter Sports  
Banquet



## From the Principal's Desk

The holiday season is over, the second semester has begun, and students are getting adjusted to their new routine with different classes and teachers. Student report cards for the first semester will be distributed on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to contact the high school office if your son/daughter does not bring one home.

There are a couple important dates coming up in February that all students and parents should know about. First, the Guidance Counselor, Amy Kaiser, will be meeting with students during the first week of the month to discuss class registration. When registering for classes, it is important for students to enroll in classes that interest them, but they also need to understand the requirements necessary for graduation. Secondly, there will be a College Credit Plus meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room. The meeting will begin at 6p.m. and should be attended by those interested in taking College Credit Plus courses, or just looking to gain more knowledge on what is offered. Lastly, there is a High School Information Night scheduled for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents on February 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30p.m. in the high school commons. This meeting will include important information for incoming freshman and their parents. If you have any questions about these upcoming items, please contact the high school office.

There are many extra-curricular activities going on in school at this time. I encourage everyone to come out and support these students as they work tirelessly to improve on the playing surface and in the classroom. Currently the girls' basketball team is 8-0 and the boys' basketball team is 5-1. The pep band and cheerleaders are doing a fantastic job of supporting the team and providing the crowd with entertainment. The swim team is off to a good start to their season and looks to continue their success. And lastly, the drama club will soon be putting on their performance, Crazy Town, on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please show these individuals your appreciation by attending their events.



As always, please feel free to contact the high school office at (419)375-4111 or send me an email at [overmanm@fortrecoveryhschools.org](mailto:overmanm@fortrecoveryhschools.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Marcus Overman, High School Principal

**Fort Recovery Drama** presents

# **CRAZY TOWN**

By Jonathan Rand      Playscripts Inc.

**Saturday, January 21**  
at 7 pm

**Sunday, January 22**  
at 2 pm



**Fort Recovery Elementary Auditoria**

**\$5 tickets**

at the Fort Recovery High School Office or at the door

Spaghetti Dinner Carry-out immediately  
following Sunday's performance.

**PRESALE ONLY!**

## BUY YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!!

2016-17 Yearbooks are currently on sale for \$45, but starting February 1st the price will go up to \$50! You can pick up and return order forms in the high school office, print an order form from the school website, or order them online at [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Tory Horstman at [horstmant@fortrecoveryhschools.org](mailto:horstmant@fortrecoveryhschools.org).

**Make sure to get your yearbook  
ordered as soon as possible!**



## High School Happenings from the Teachers

It is hard to believe that another semester has ended. We only have one semester left of the school year and things are definitely not slowing down!

The majority of the seniors are beginning to work on their extensive research paper. Luckily for them, this will fulfill almost half of their required 20 written pages! They are well on their way to earning their 3 credit hours from Rhodes State.

My 3rd period seniors have made the transition from Introduction to Composition to Introduction to Literature. They will be spending this semester reading and analyzing various pieces of literature from various eras and regions. Being the avid readers that they all are, I know they are more than ready for this semester!

Lastly, my sophomores are continuing to fine-tune their reading and writing skills. We are leaving the world of drama behind and are entering the 20th century. We are reading one of my favorite novels, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Even though this novel was written decades ago, the lessons learned are still relevant today. Hopefully the 10th graders enjoy it as much as I do!

Mrs. Tracy Obringer, English Teacher

Fifty-seven **Algebra 1B** students have refreshed their memories about linear functions, been introduced to exponential functions, and are ready to dive into studying quadratic functions. Forty-three **Geometry (Advanced)** students are using the logical thinking they developed earlier this year (through practice writing and presenting proofs) to prove theorems about triangles, quadrilaterals, and coming soon... circles! Eleven **Statistics/Beginning Calculus** students have just begun their study of statistics since their class only convenes during second semester. The thirteen **Advanced Placement Calculus** students have conquered derivatives and are looking forward to learning more about integration. All of FRHS' math students are encouraged to continuously meet the high expectations that will ensure their future success.

Mrs. Osterloh, Mathematics Teacher

The year is flying by in the Social Studies Department. In Government, students recently compared several TV news shows for our unit over media and public opinion. The idea was to detect patterns in coverage. They found that on average, TV news stories are only two minutes long. The AP Government class is following Senate hearings for President Elect Trump's cabinet picks in our unit on powers of Congress. World History students are currently debating the effects of turning point events in history. We have a lot of thinkers in these classes which makes teaching a lot of fun!

Mr. Niekamp, Social Studies Teacher

## Scholarship Chili Supper

All you can eat!!

Tickets: \$6.00 Children 5 and under: FREE

At Fort Recovery High School  
Cafeteria/Commons

February 3, 2017

4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

Prior to the Parkway – Fort Recovery  
Boys' basketball game

Sponsored by the Fort Recovery Education Association

Proceeds benefit the FREA Scholarship Fund



## BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

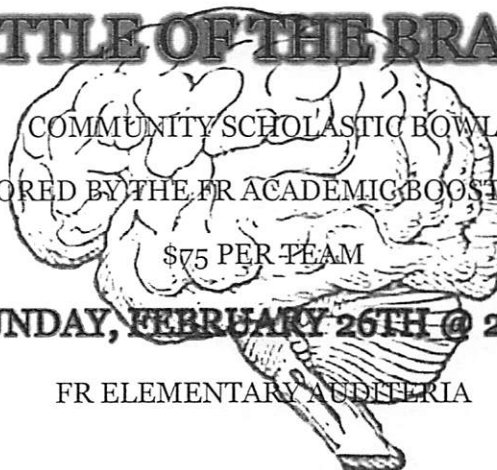
COMMUNITY SCHOLASTIC BOWL

SPONSORED BY THE FR ACADEMIC BOOSTER CLUB

\$75 PER TEAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH @ 2 PM

FR ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA





## FRHS Guidance News-January 2017

## Call for Local Scholarships

Organizations, families, or individuals wishing to award a scholarship this year should contact Amy Kaiser at the high school:

419-375-4111 or

[kaisera@fortrecoveryhs.org](mailto:kaisera@fortrecoveryhs.org)

no later than February 10.

## College Credit Options Meeting

*For students interested in taking college classes while in high school*

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**HS Community Room**

IT IS **MANDATORY** FOR ONE PARENT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING WITH THEIR STUDENT IF THEY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OFF-SITE CC+ PROGRAM NEXT YEAR

*IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME !!*

## READ THE GUIDANCE & SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

It has LOTS of useful information for students and parents

*(available at school and on the FRLS website--click on High School > Guidance Homepage)*

We encourage students to

## JOB SHADOW!

Job Shadow days do not count as absences

(pending proper paperwork).

Stop by the guidance office if you are interested!!

## Students can pick up an ACT/SAT informational flier near the Board Room

2016-2017 ACT Test Dates

### ACT National Test Dates

February 11

March 21 (for FRHS juniors only— FREE test given at school)

April 8

June 10

### Registration Deadlines

January 13

March 3

May 5

Register online at [www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

FRHS CEEB Code is 362-165





Welcome back! The middle school is off to a great start for the third nine weeks and the students are getting back into the swing of things for the second half of the school year. The year has been flying by so far but there are still several major events, activities, and opportunities for our students coming up this half of the school year. Some of these include the Geography Bee, Quiz Bowl Competitions, several types of athletic events, the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC Trip, as well as the middle school Science Fair. The year has been going well but there is still much work to be done. Please continue to be involved in your child's school work, your help and support is a crucial part of our success at Fort Recovery Local Schools.

With that being said, if you are planning on taking your child out of school for a family trip or any extended period of time, please contact the middle school office to get a Student Leave Form. Your timeliness and communication with this form helps our teachers prepare your child's missing work and allows for maximum time for your child to complete all necessary requirements. Please do not hesitate to contact the middle school office if you have any questions regarding this policy. Thank you!



Sincerely,

Tony Stahl  
Middle School Principal  
[stahl@fortrecoveryschools.org](mailto:stahl@fortrecoveryschools.org)  
(419)-375-2815 (ext. 301)

## Middle School Giraffe Hero Winners



Back row (l-r): Tommy Hart, Ross Pearson, Bethany Dues, Jackie Homan

Middle row: Ethan Evers

Front row (l-r): Chase Kaiser, Landon Post, Megan Knapke, Megan Metzger  
not pictured: Gentry Clark

## Upcoming Dates

**Jan. 20th**—Report Cards Go Home

**Jan. 26th**—Grades 3, 4, 5 Book Club

**Feb. 6th**—Pennies for Patients Campaign Starts

**Feb. 6th**—3rd Nine Weeks Interim Reports

**Feb. 6th**—College Credit Plus (CC+) Meeting 6 pm in Community Room

**Feb. 16th**—MS Band and Choir Concert

**Feb. 17th**—No School for Students (*District Professional Development Day*)

**Feb. 20th**—President's Day No School (*Make-up Day*)

**Feb. 27th**—HS Information Night for current 8th graders and parents 6:30 pm in HS Commons

## High School Information Night

(for current 8th grade students/parents)

**Monday, February 27, 2017**

**6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**HS Commons**

Learn what to expect as your 8th grader transitions to the High School:

- registering for classes
- testing      -technology
- high school practices, procedures, etc.

\*students and parents may tour the building



### Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Jan. 20th**— Grade  
Cards Go Home

**Jan. 26th**—Grades  
3-5 Book Club

**Feb. 6th**—Feb.  
16th—Pennies for  
Patients Campaign

**Feb. 16th**—Grades 3-  
5 Student Council  
Meeting

**Feb. 17th**—No  
School for students

**Feb. 20th**—No  
School

**Feb. 23rd**—Grades  
3-5 Book Club

### 4th Grade Studying Prehistoric Indians

In Social Studies, the fourth grade has been studying the Prehistoric Indians. The fourth graders had a special visitor come in and share about the Paleo-Indian, Adena Indians, and the Hopewell Indians. Bill Blalock is a Flint Knapper from the Portland, Indiana area. He brought in many things he has made and artifacts of the different tribes, such as an atlatl, birch baskets of various sizes, different animal hides, bows, quivers, and arrow heads. He told the students that he started making indian items at the age of five. Mr. Blalock also showed the students how to start a fire with flint. This was a great way for the students to learn more about these Indian groups.



### 2017 Kindergarten Screening

The 2017 Fort Recovery Kindergarten Screenings will be held March 7th and 8th at the Elementary School. Parents should look for a letter to come home with PS age children outlining the details of how to register and what to expect at the end of the month. Parents should register their child starting Feb 6th by going to [www.fortrecoveryschools.org](http://www.fortrecoveryschools.org) and click on the link <http://kgscreening.youcanbook.me> on the Elementary home page. If parents have trouble or do not have internet they should contact Sara Moorman at 419-375-2768 between February 6th and February 24th to sign their child up for K Screenings. There will not be a K parent meeting this year.



### Giraffe Hero Winners



back row (l-r): Kruise Siefring, Gavin Evers, Liz Hartings, Gavin Faller, Troy Homan, Ella Bechtol

3rd row (l-r): Nevaeh Lennartz, Kayla Heitkamp, Hannah Ervin, Reece LeFevre, Brynn Stammen, Kyla Dues

2nd row (l-r): Riley Heitkamp, Reed Westgerdes, Madie Schoenlein, Weston Bihn

front row (l-r): Carter Kaiser, Stetson Fullenkamp, Isaac Niekamp, Angel Serio, Charlie Stammen



## Upcoming Events at the Public Library

- The Fort Recovery Education Association is sponsoring a reading activity in collaboration with the Public Library. For every 100 books checked out by FR students from January 13 - February 17, the Education Association will donate a book to the Public Library and to the School Library. The more you read, the more books the libraries earn! Stop by and check out an item today!
- The Adult Reading Challenge is coming soon! A county-wide program for adults 50 and over is being sponsored by Briarwood Village and Celina Manor. All libraries in Mercer County will offer sign up opportunities for weekly prize drawings and for a grand prize of a Kindle Fire. More details available at the library.
- The **Fort Recovery Public Library** will offer **Story Time** in 2017 for babies and preschoolers and a guardian or parent. Join us at the Library select Tuesday evenings at 6:15 PM and every Friday morning at 10:30 AM beginning Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. For a full schedule, visit the Library's website at [www.fortrecoverylibrary.org](http://www.fortrecoverylibrary.org).
- A children's program, "**Music Time**," for toddlers and preschoolers, has returned to the Fort Recovery Public Library. "**Music Time**" sessions will be held at the Library Tuesdays at 10:30 AM beginning Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and running through Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Parent participation is encouraged. For more information contact the Library at 419-375-2869.
- The Fort Recovery Library will be having a Used Book Sale Feb. 6-11. Be sure to stop by and check out our selection of used books, DVDs and CDs.
- The Fort Recovery Public Library hosts a **Card Club** the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of every month at 1:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to participate. Thank you to Fort Recovery Radio for providing the playing cards for the Card Club.

## ANNUAL "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" & "HALL OF FAME" BANQUET

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce will again honor the individuals of our community who have rendered outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community. The presentation of awards will be held during a banquet on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Fort Recovery Middle School Auditoria. The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by a dinner and the award program.

The Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations from the community for both "Citizen of the Year" and "Hall of Fame" awards.

The "Citizen of the Year" Award will be presented to the person who has given outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community during 2016.

The "Hall of Fame" Award(s) will be presented to a citizen(s) who has given outstanding service to the Fort Recovery community in past years.

Nomination forms will be accepted through February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and are available at the Chamber website ([www.frchamber.org](http://www.frchamber.org)) or at the following locations: Fort Recovery Library, Post Office, Mercer Savings Bank, Second National Bank, and First Financial Bank.

The Chamber of Commerce will also be recognizing a Business of the Year. Nominations can be made at the Chamber website ([www.frchamber.org](http://www.frchamber.org)) or by submitting the information in the nomination boxes as listed above.

Tickets for the banquet may be obtained from any chamber member or by calling 419-375-2530.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

**Jan. 23rd**— Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm

**Jan. 25th**—Psi Iota Sorority @ 7 pm

**Jan. 26th**—Masons @ 7:30 pm

K of C @ 8 pm

**Jan. 30th**—Chamber of Commerce @ 12 pm

Library Board @ 6 pm

**Jan. 31st**—Friends of the Library @ 7 pm

**Feb. 1st**—Ambassadors @ 8 pm

**Feb. 5th**—Breakfast for Public @ VFW 7:30-11:30 am

**Feb. 6—11th**—Used Book Sale @ Library

**Feb. 6th**—Village Council 7:30pm

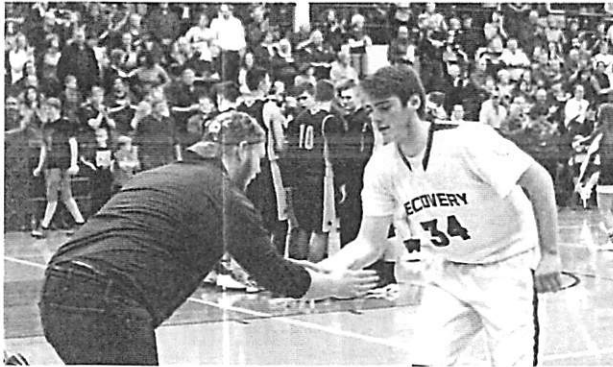
Sportsman Club 8 pm



## Winter Sports Update

By Curtis Grube

Fort Recovery basketball is alive and well in the community. Both girls and boys are off to dominant starts. The lady Indians are 8-0 (3-0 in the MAC), and the boys are 7-1 (2-0 in the MAC). Whitney Will is the lead scorer for the Lady Indians, with 15.8 points per game and Maciah Cox has 18.4 points per game for the boys. Both basketball teams hope to continue with their big success. Girls Coach Brian Patch said in an interview with the radio, "The girls have really come together to play like a team, and it shows on the court," and boys coach Chris Guggenbiller said, "The team is off to a solid start for the 2016-17 season. The players are working extremely hard and are having fun. Our senior group of guys are setting the tone of our team and are leading us in the right direction! We are looking forward to keep up our hard work throughout the season." Boys' games can be watched on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 6:00 pm. Girls games can be watched Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6:00 pm.



## Upcoming Sporting Events

**Jan. 20th**—Varsity  
Boys Basketball vs.  
Versailles

Varsity Swim @  
Greenville YMCA

**Jan. 21st**—Varsity  
Girls Basketball @  
Arcanum

Freshmen Boys  
Basketball @  
Arcanum

Varsity/JV Boys  
Basketball @  
Arcanum

**Jan. 23rd**—Boys Jr.  
High Basketball vs.  
Celina

**Jan. 24th**—Girls Jr.  
High Basketball @  
Marion Local

**Jan. 26th**—Boys Jr.  
High Basketball vs.  
Marion Local

Girls Varsity/JV vs.  
Marion Local

**Jan. 28th**—Varsity  
Swim MAC Meet @  
Jay County HS



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