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Hamilton at the Benedum



On Thursday, September 26, 2024, thirty Frazier Drama Club students and supporters saw "Hamilton" at the Benedum Center. The evening was perfect for a night out in Pittsburgh. Sitting in the front balcony brought the action close to the audience. Profits from "The Wizard of Oz," raffle ticket sales, and other fundraisers made it possible to buy great seats. Thanks to the parent boosters who help us out. The show and cast were stellar and were greeted with a lively crowd. King George said) it best, "You'll be back." Frazier Drama Club will be back, not only to see "Hamilton," but hopefully other shows in the upcoming seasons.



Keep an eye out for Frazier Drama Club's Spring Musical in late March. Sign up for HS Drama Club or Stage crew if you would like to participate. GC code **U5phisj**

Auditions will be held in early January

Email <u>vrafail@fraziersd.org</u> if you would like to make a donation or support our organization. We are always accepting bottled water, snacks, and unique costumes (wedding dresses, gowns, hats, tuxedos) Email if you have anything to donate!

Once Upon A Mattress is based on the famous fairy tale, The Princess and the Pea. Because of her noble birth, the Princess is unable to sleep on a bed of many mattresses when a tiny pea is placed underneath the bottom mattress.

The kingdom is an unhappy one. King Sextimus has been struck dumb by a witch's curse and is condemned not to speak again until "the mouse devours the hawk!" Queen Agravia has assumed power and she talks enough for the whole Royal household. She has decreed that no one in the Kingdom may wed until Prince Dauntless is married to a true princess of Royal blood. So far the Queen has tested the eligibility of eleven applicants and each has failed the almost impossible tests the Queen has devised.

The Knights and Ladies of the Court are most distressed by the situation but the most concerned are Lady Larken and her handsome lover, Sir Harry. Lady Larken has informed Sir Harry that he is to be a father so the situation is quite desperate. Sir Harry, determined to find a true princess, sets off for, until now, unexplored parts and returns with Princess Winnifred. She arrives dripping wet and swum the moat and proceeds to act as unlike a princess as one could possibly imagine. Prince Dauntless is very impressed by the new princess and is soon obviously in love with her - to the consternation of the angry Queen, who decides to give her an impossible test. She consults the Wizard and together they decide on the sensitivity test - a pea is placed beneath twenty mattresses and the Queen decrees that if Princess Winnifred cannot sleep she will prove her royal birth. However, to ensure that she does sleep, she proceeds to do everything to make her tired out. A ball is held where the dancing is fast and furious and Winnifred is encouraged to drink heavily. She is also given a sleeping draught and a singing bird is provided to sing her to sleep.

However, the Queen fails, for Winnifred cannot sleep and spends the night counting sheep. The Queen is furious and orders Princess Winnifred to leave, but Prince Dauntless defies her and puts an end to the curse upon the King for, as the Jester proclaims, "the mouse has devoured the hawk!" At the final curtain, we discover that the Princess was unable to sleep because the Jester had placed under the top mattress his lute, a helmet, a large spiked ball, some livestock and some old armor. Of course, all ends happily and the Queen is punished.

"A Novel Idea"

Mary Fuller Frazier Community Library November 10, 2024 at 2:00 Contact the Community Library for details. 724-797-0225

The Middle School Drama Club will be Performing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, The Musical!



A young reindeer named Rudolph lives at the North Pole. His father is one of Santa's reindeer and it is expected that Rudolph will eventually be one too. However, he has a feature which causes him to be ostracized: his red nose.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024Thursday, December 5, 20246:00 PMConcessions available6:00 PMStudents \$5 (elementary age and younger)

Annual Eighth Grade Perryopolis Walk



Eighth grade students from Frazier Middle School explore the local history on land once owned by George Washington.



The class of 2029 looks at the models of the grist mill, Mary Fuller Frazier school, and other landmarks in Perryopolis. Former students spanning several generations contributed.



Kathy Kifer led a group through the grist mill. She explained the history of the site, how a grist mill works, and how it was rebuilt a few years ago. She stressed the importance of knowing the local history and passing it down to future generations.



Former Frazier High School History teacher, Joanne Cushman, explained the Whiskey Tax and the impact it had on Perryopolis. The students asked questions and were told facts and folklore about what happened at this historic site in Fayette County.

Patriot Day Activities



The Middle School participated in several activities in remembrance of Patriot Day. A moment of silence was observed to remember September 11, 2001. Special projects involving writing, research, and art were commissioned by the students for this special day.

FALL SPORTS

High School

Volleyball

Our high school volleyball team ended the season undefeated in their section, but lost four non section games. They were section champs.





The High School Football team had a record of 2-7.





HS Cheer High school cheer attended each football game they had. They supported their team through all games. They now focus on basketball coming up in December.



FALL Sports Middle School

Are you an athlete or spectator?

MS Softball Our Middle School Softball

team ended their season with a record of 6/8





Middle School Football



Middle school Football record 5/3

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER

The Frazier Middle School Cheer Team was at every home football game to cheer on their Frazier Commodores. They also attended an away football game against Beth Center.





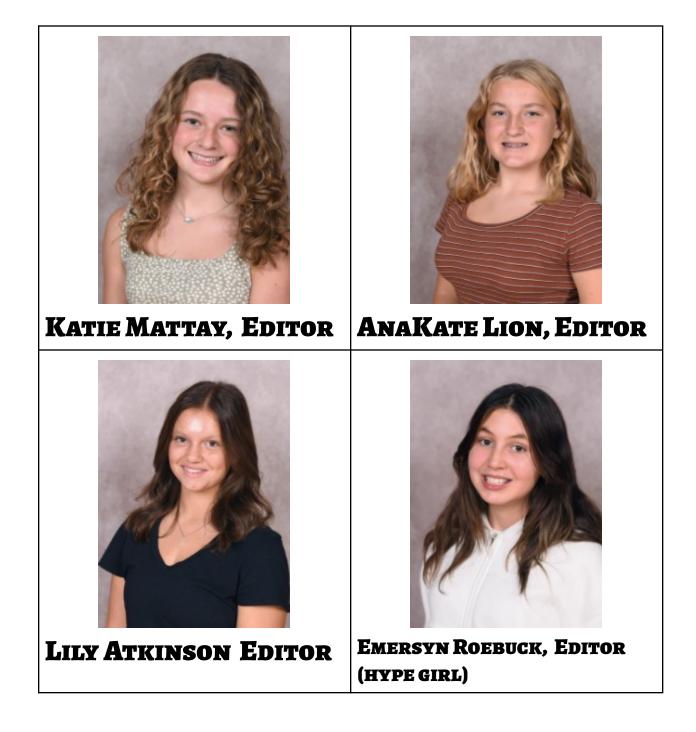


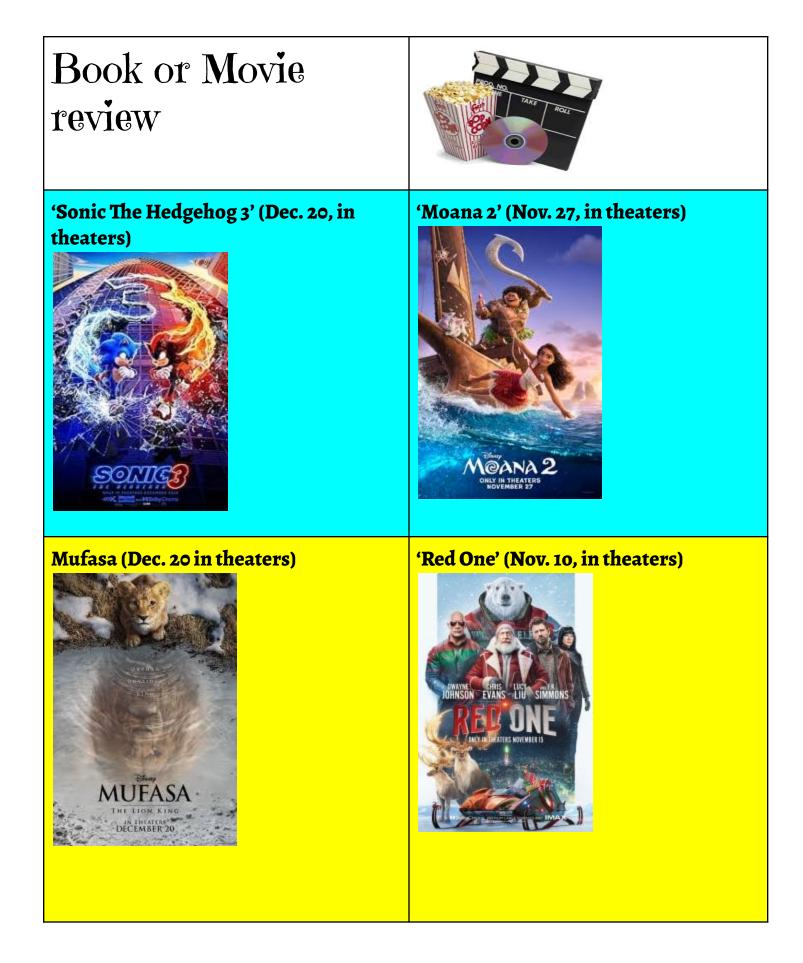
Grace Vaughn



Grace Vaughn was escorted by Andrew Bandish to the Fraizer Homecoming game. She plays softball and volleyball for Frazier. She is going to college and will play D1 softball.

COMMODORE CHRONICLE STAFF SPOTLIGHT







DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT



CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION



On July 1, 2024 Mr. Michael Turek was named Superintendent of Schools for the Frazier School District. Mr. Turek is a Connellsville graduate, class of 1988. He graduated from Edinboro University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. Later Turek would obtain a Masters Degree from California University of Pennsylvania, a principal's certification from St. Francis University of Pennsylvania and a Superintendent's Letter from California University of Pennsylvania. Mike taught Special Education in the Connellsville School District for several years before moving on into administration. This is Mr. Turek's 16th year at Frazier and 31st in teaching.

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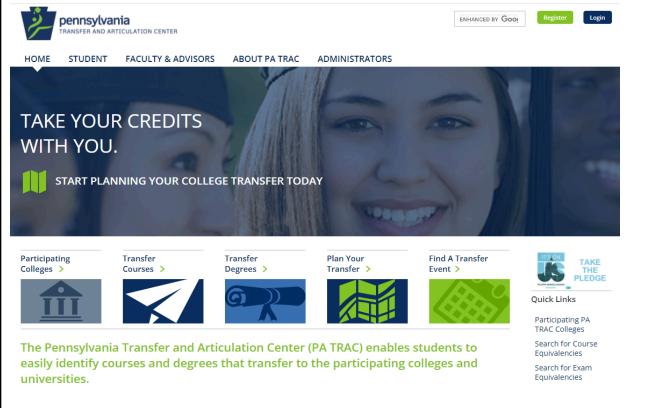


Comprehensive planning is a process that involves creating a school's vision and goals for the future, and then developing a plan to achieve those goals. The final document is called a comprehensive plan. Every three years school districts are required to revisit their comprehensive plans. Frazier's plan is due to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education in the Spring of 2035. In the picture above the Frazier School District Steering Committee is meeting in the HS library as they discuss and identify strengths and weaknesses of the FSD. Steering Committees are made up of stakeholders from all factions in a school district which may include students, parents, school board members, teachers, administrators and community members.

razier High School

Planning Your Postsecondary Education

High school students have been introduced to The Pennsylvania Transfer and Articulation Center (PA TRAC) website. This interactive website helps Frazier students plan their postsecondary education. As a high school student, PA TRAC can help students learn about ways to earn college credit while enrolled in high school, find out how college courses you've taken – or plan to take – transfer to PA TRAC college, and explore your postsecondary options. For more information, students are encouraged to see Ms. Hohol or visit https://www.pacollegetransfer.com/ and click on Students, then click For High School Students.



Freshman Introduced to CWCTC Program

Freshman students will be introduced to the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (CWCTC) on December 10, 2024. All ninth grade students will tour programs at CWCTC and will be able to ask any questions that they may have. Students will have the opportunity to gain certificates and be able to attain a job immediately after the completion of programs. After the presentation, interested students should see Ms. Hohol for more information and scheduling options for the 2025-26 school year. For more information, check visit their website at <u>www.cwctc.org</u>.

Dual Enrollment

Students in Advanced Placement courses have taken advantage of the Dual Enrollment program and have the opportunity to earn at least 37 credits by the end of the 2024 -25 school year. Students scheduled



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courses such as, AP European History, AP American Government, AP Physics, AP English 12, and AP US History can earn college credits by successfully completing the advanced placement course and meeting college requirements. Interested students should see Ms. Hohol for second semester opportunities.

Frazier Juniors Tackle the PSAT

Juniors and sophomores at the high school had the opportunity to take the PSAT on October 07. The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) served as valuable preparation for both the SAT

PSAT Quick Facts	
Frequency	1 time/year
Duration	2 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	Math, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing
Cost	Fees are paid by schools
Max. Score	1520

and ACT, but it was more than just a practice exam. PSAT scores were used to identify National Merit Scholars and award merit scholarships. Each year, more than 3.4 million students, mostly juniors and sophomores, participated in this nationwide, multiple-choice test.

Although the PSAT didn't directly impact college admissions, it was the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Program. High-scoring students became eligible for scholarship opportunities, so while there was no need to stress, it was important not to overlook the PSAT. Students were encouraged to use it both as a practice tool for future standardized tests and a key step in their college admissions journey.

Senior Day 2024

Senior Day took place on October 25, providing an opportunity for our graduating class to capture memorable photos, sign autographs, and complete measurements for their caps and gowns. The day concluded with a celebratory luncheon at the Olive Garden in Uniontown. Congratulations to our Seniors!

FRAZIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Meet Daisy Certified Therapy Dog

In August 2024, Frazier School District was awarded the Tugboat Grant from Remake Learning, with support from The Grable Foundation. As part of the grant, Frazier was able to implement Animal-Assisted Inventions through a Certified Therapy Dog. Frazier's Certified Therapy Dog has been in training since September and will be making her debut in our schools later this fall.

Daisy is a 4 year old Labradoodle. She is certified by Therapy Dogs United and AKC Canine Good Citizen. More information to come!



Frazier Elementary School









On October 28, 2024, Frazier Elementary hosted a truck or treat. The event was very well received and attended. We had approximately 20 trunks for families to visit from various organizations in our school district. This included: The PTO and various PTO members, Cub scout pack 625, teachers and staff, Frazier Youth Football and Cheer, NJHS sponsor, Our Frazier Band, FBLA adviser and the Frazier MS and Elementary School administrative team. We had approximately 300 trick or treaters and a great time was had by all.

Additionally, on October 25, 2024 the students at Frazier Elementary Participated in Fall classroom parties. Crafts and snacks were provided by our PTO and pizza and chips were donated by Becks and Herr's Snack food for top grade level winners of the change wars fundraiser.



The fun continued with our Red Ribbon week daily themes which included, a black and gold/Steelers day, Pink Out, Frazier Wear and Halloween Shirt day. As the pictures indicate, the students enjoyed participating in all of our events.

Thanksgiving Break Wednesday, November 26, 2024 2 hour early dismissal

Thursday, November 27, 2024 to December 2, 2024 No School for STUDENTS