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PRETZEL NEWS



Freeport School District #145 Monthly e-Newsletter

Board of Education Meeting Updates

During its meeting on March 1st, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Recognized the Freeport High School Girls Bowling Team on its 2nd place finish at the State competition in Rockford on Feb. 19-20.
- Considered a proposal to expand the AVID program in the district to 4th grade students in two elementary buildings.
- Considered a proposal for a 2018 Summer Field Trip to Germany and France for students studying French or German at FHS.
- Considered a proposed change to the software program used by school counselors and teachers for the 2016-2017 school year. The new program is called Career Cruising.
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report, and a Resolution Giving Notice of Withdrawal from Illinois School District Agency (ISDA).
- Approved a recommendation to increase social work support in the schools over the next 2-3 years, starting with the schools demonstrating the highest need based on data, and to employ a district PBIS External Coordinator to ensure behavior support systems are implemented with fidelity across the district.
- Approved proposed revisions to the following policies and administrative regulations:
 - * Policy 705.1 - School Attendance Areas
 - * Administrative Regulation 705.1 - In-District Student Transfers

During its meeting on March 15th, 2016, the Board of Education:

- Recognized the National Honor Society for its students' achievements and the work they do to serve FHS and the community.
- Received a monthly update on the finances of the district, including:
 - * February 2016 Revenues
 - * February 2016 Expenses
 - * February 2016 Board Investment Report
 - * Status of State Funding
- Considered a recommendation to adopt new high school math curriculum resources for Grades 6 - Integrated Math III.
- Approved the discontinuation of two high school courses, French & Foods, due to recent difficulties in staffing the programs.
- Received an update on the district's alternative programming.
- Approved the Freeport School District and CareerTec Bills, the Personnel Report with an addendum, and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Membership Renewal for the 2016-2017 school term.
- Approved a proposal for a 2018 Summer Field Trip to France and Germany for students studying French or German at FHS.
- Approved a proposal to purchase the software program, Career Cruising, for use by school counselors & teachers in 2016-17.
- Approved a resolution for dismissal and nonrenewal of non-final year probationary teachers.
- Approved a resolution authorizing notice of honorable dismissal of certain Educational Support Personnel employees.

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You can access the complete packet of materials for the March 1st and March 15th meetings by clicking [here](#).



Middle school students perform as part of the 14th annual World Arts Festival, held at Freeport High School on March 10th.



Students at Empire Elementary School view an image of the sun produced by a telescope during their study of the solar system.

Notes & Reminders

PARCC Testing

FSD students and teachers have been busy preparing for the PARCC test this spring. Beginning April 11th, FSD students in grade levels 3 to 9 will take the test. Testing will be completed by May 13th. [Click here for resources on how to support your student.](#)

Uniformity of Dress Survey

A committee of district faculty and staff have begun to review the Uniformity of Dress Code. The objective of the committee is to review whether the Code continues to accomplish the goals it was put in place to achieve, as set by the Board of Education. The uniform committee is seeking input from parents, students, and faculty/staff through a survey. [To take the survey, please click here.](#) The survey will be open until April 15th. Once the survey results have been analyzed, the committee will make a final recommendation of any possible changes to the Board of Education during the May school board meeting.

Freeport Community Public School Fund Allocations

Freeport School District is grateful for the support of the Freeport Community Public School Fund (FCPSF). In January, the FCPSF made its most recent allocation of \$54,305 to purchase technology and classroom resources for all subjects and grade levels in our schools. Since its inception in 1983, the FCPSF has contributed over one million dollars of resources to FSD schools. Their support continually enhances the classroom learning experience of our students. For more information about or to donate to the Freeport Community Public School Fund, visit www.fcpsf.org.

Summer University Registration

K-8 Registration for Summer University 2016 runs from April 1st to 30th. Sessions will be held June 13th to July 7th. Summer University is an exciting and unique opportunity for students in grades K-8 to wrap up work from their current grade level, get a boost for the next grade level, and/or engage in a fun and exciting enrichment class of their choice. [Visit "Summer University 2016" on the FSD#145 website for more information and online registration.](#)

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar. 25 to Apr. 1 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break

School resumes Apr. 4

Apr. 5 - Board of Education Meeting

7 PM, Empire Elementary School

Apr. 7 to 9 & 14 to 16 - Showtime 36

7:30 PM, Jeannette Lloyd Theatre

Tickets available at: fsd145.org/tickets

Apr. 16 to May 14 - FSD K-4 Spring Art Gallery

Hours Vary, Freeport Art Museum - Floor 2

Apr. 19 - Board of Education Meeting

7 PM, Administration Building

Apr. 20 - 67th Annual Tri-Il Music Festival

7 PM, Freeport High School, West Gym

Apr. 21 - School Improvement Day

(3-hour day)

Apr. 30 - Freeport Community Rally for Peace

9 AM, Freeport Middle School

Spring sports have begun!

For a schedule of athletic events, visit:

<http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS/>

FSD In the News

Superintendent's View Columns:

- * [Success is springing up all over for students](#)
- * [How to help your child get ready for the PARCC test](#)
- * [Should the school dress code be changed?](#)

Student Spotlights:

- * [Rubi](#)
- * [Grace](#)
- * [Haley](#)
- * [Shaprise](#)
- * [Brayden](#)
- * [Alexus](#)
- * [Nevaeh](#)



Articles:

- * [Freeport's AVID program continues to grow strong with more students](#)
- * [FSD looks to expand AVID program to elementary schools](#)
- * [Freeport students get rich with knowledge through new club](#)
- * [Freeport Pretzels twisted up in statewide mascot competition](#)
- * [Freeport School District celebrates world cultures](#)
- * [Center Elementary students get business, economy lesson](#)
- * [Students inspired to make positive changes at Freeport High](#)
- * [Annual arts tradition, Showtime, to hit Freeport stage in April](#)

"Every Pretzel's Voice" Blog Posts:

- * [Taylor Park Students Share Their Thoughts About School](#)
- * [Mr. Connors Reflects on 75 Years of FHS Speech](#)
- * [FSD Hosts 14th Annual World Arts Festival](#)
- * [Empire 2nd Grade Studies Our Solar System](#)

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