

April 29, 2022

Dear FSD Staff and Parents/Guardians,

We are certainly feeling the year-end frenzy of activities in our final five weeks of school. There are many exciting things going on, spring sports, plays, concerts, promotion, school specific activities and of course, graduation. I'm sure our seniors are getting excited as commencement is only a few weeks away. Be sure to check our website calendar and your school calendars for all the events that are taking place. Also join us Wednesday at 5 PM for the FHS Homecoming/Prom Parade. Additional information about the parade is provided in this communication.

Our final School Improvement Day will be this Wednesday, May 4. This will be a 3-hour attendance day for students. School Improvement Days are opportunities for teachers and staff to meet, review, plan, and engage in development aligned to school priorities and our strategic plan. We are appreciative of the opportunities to bring staff, and departments together on these days.

## 2022-2023 RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

### COMING SOON: Returning Student Registration

Beginning May 23rd, registration will open for current FSD students to enroll for the 2022-2023 school year. **Parents, please take a moment to make sure that your current email address is on file with FSD.** You will receive your student's snapcode via email, to complete registration. Please review the ["First Day Exclusion"](#) document which outlines requirements for physical and other medical examinations. In the very near future, look for a PeachJar flier, robo calls/emails and website/social media posts for more information. For new students and incoming kindergarten students see registration information below

### Kindergarten & New Student Registration Currently Open

Registration is now open for incoming kindergarten students and new students (not currently enrolled in FSD) for the 2022-23 school year. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more information. Online registration is available on our [website](#) or you may register in-person at our Enrollment & Transportation Center, located at 2037 W. Galena Ave.



### Summer Learning

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, we are excited to share with you plans for Summer Learning - both in school and at home.

**Summer Learning in School:** The purpose of the FSD145 Summer School is to increase opportunities for students to attend both remedial and enrichment classes to counterbalance unfinished learning from the 2021-2022 school year and tip the scales for our elementary and middle school students who have been identified as needing tier 2 support in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process. ***If your student is recommended to attend Summer Learning in-person you will receive written notification in the mail with instructions about enrollment in early May.*** Information will also be made available about optional participation in our K-6 Summer Camp enrichment program.

**Summer Learning at Home:** As not all students attend in-person summer school, we are particularly excited this year to announce the Summer Learning at Home Program!

**Who:** K-6 students

**What:** Summer learning for Reading and Math

**When:** June and July

**Where:** At home



Students will complete minutes reading or math and document their time using the Summer Learning at Home Logs. Awards and Prizes will be earned by participating students! Keep on the lookout on Facebook and your students' backpacks with materials to participate! Families are also invited to attend virtual informational sessions to learn more about Summer Learning at Home:

**Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 pm-Summer Learning at Home (English Meeting)**

<https://fsd145-org.zoom.us/j/82446228351>

**Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm-Summer Learning at Home (Spanish Meeting)**

<https://fsd145-org.zoom.us/j/86924421370>

### **FHS Theater Department Spring Play**

**THE ONE-ACT PLAY  
THAT GOES  
WRONG**

BY HENRY LEWIS, JONATHAN SAYER & HENRY SHIELDS

FHS Director of Theater, Tim Connors proudly announces the upcoming performances of ***"The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong"*** May 12, 13, and 14 in the Jeannette Lloyd Theater, starting at 7 p.m. This hilarious comedy is a play within a play, which makes the farce twice the fun. Tickets are \$7 each, and they are now available at the Freeport High School business office, from 7:30 to 3:30 p.m. People may also call 815-232-0428 or visit [fsd145.org/tickets](https://fsd145.org/tickets) to purchase tickets.

## **Appreciation Days**

This past week and the next couple of weeks afford us the opportunity to give special thanks and show appreciation to members of our staff. While we are continually grateful for the FSD Family, these special days allow us to thank particular work groups for all of their hard work and contributions to FSD.

### **Admin Professionals Day - April 26**



For the big and little (behind the scenes) things our secretaries do that make our work easier, we say THANK YOU! Their support spans the entire reach of our District, to all staff, students and families. They really are the glue that holds us all together.

### **Bus Driver Appreciation Day - April 28**



Our bus drivers and monitors are truly unsung heroes! They are the first and last FSD face our riders see each day. They transport our students with concern and safety at the highest level. For everything they do for our students we extend our sincerest thanks!

### **School Principals Appreciation Day - May 1**



While October is designated and celebrated as National Principals Month we believe our principals are well deserving of this recognition day as well. Principals are among the hardest working, yet often least recognized individuals in education. Principals set the academic tone for their schools, and it is their vision, dedication, and determination that provide the mobilizing force for achieving student success. THANK YOU FSD Principals for all you do!

### **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6**



In addition to the special recognition days that have been acknowledged, all next week we will honor, recognize and celebrate FSD Staff! What an amazing opportunity to appreciate each one of our nearly 800 staff members. It is the role that each person plays that makes educating our students a holistic process. On behalf of the Board of Education and myself we cannot say THANK YOU enough for all that you do. Let's celebrate all week long! As well, we encourage families and the community to show appreciation to our staff next week. Drop an email, send a note, post on social media and let the staff of FSD know that they truly are appreciated.

### **Teacher Appreciation Day - May 5:**



To our amazing educators, teaching truly is a “work of heart” and we see your heart at work every day. On your special day we say THANK YOU for the extraordinary and tireless work that you do for our students.

### **Lunchroom Heroes Day - May 6**



Between preparing healthy meals for America’s students, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student food allergies, and offering service with a smile, school nutrition professionals are true heroes. THANK YOU to our FSD Nutrition & Dining Staff!

### **School Nurses Day - May 10**



National School Nurse Day has been set aside to recognize and honor our school nurses. Over the last two years their roles have reached a level that required resilience and great strength on their part. We are so proud of our FSD nurses and the amazing job they have done with courage and compassion. **THANK YOU** from the bottom of our hearts!

### **FHS Homecoming/Prom Parade**



The FHS Homecoming Parade will take place on Wednesday, May 4 at 5:00 PM. The parade steps off at Park & Empire and will extend down Empire to the Pretzel Bowl. Bring the family out and enjoy this Pretzel tradition, at a different time of year. We hope to see you there!

### **COVID-19 Infection Rates Update**

Here are the current [case and quarantine counts for students by school](#) for FSD. There are currently 1 positive staff member.

Even though our COVID case numbers still remain low, we would like to inform you of a small outbreak that was associated with the NJROTC Ball this past weekend. Most symptoms start

3-5 days after exposure, but If your student develops symptoms within the next 14 days, please keep them home and have them tested. As we come up on our end of year activities, it is important to remind everyone to take the necessary precautions to keep yourself and others healthy. Please stay home if ill, wash your hands and if you have a known exposure to COVID-19, quarantine for 5 days and monitor for symptoms.

No cases of transmission have been traced to a classroom contact.

### ~~Upcoming Events~~

*The organizations & events listed below are not sponsored by or affiliated with FSD 145*

 **Boys & Girls Club Space Flight 22** is a program that teaches students about earth's atmosphere and gives them the opportunity to participate in a balloon launch from Albertus Airport. Details on participating are provided in this [flier](#).

 **Senator Brian Stewart** is once again sponsoring his **Summer Reading Club**, building on all the good work that has been done in classrooms throughout the school year. Read more about this program that challenges students in grades 1st to 5th to read eight books during their summer break. [View flier here](#).

 The **Northern IL 4-H** is sponsoring a **4-H Summer Camp** for students ages 8-14 at the Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL. [View the flier](#) for additional information and enrolling your students.

 The **Freeport Park District 2022-2023 Catalog** can be viewed [here](#). Check out all that FPD has to offer our students, families and community.

## REMINDERS

### FSD Employment Opportunities

FSD offers many employment opportunities. **We currently have openings for subs in multiple roles.** For more information on job openings and to apply visit our website, [fsd145.org/employmentopportunities](https://fsd145.org/employmentopportunities).

### Care Solace

Freeport School District 145 partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstance. If you or a family member are looking for help with mental health or substance use and would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595. Support is available 24/7/365 in any language.
- Visit [www.caresolace.com/fsd145](http://www.caresolace.com/fsd145) and either search on your own OR click “Book Appointment” for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

**Upcoming Notable Dates:** 

May 4 - School Improvement Day (3-hour day for students)

May 30 - Memorial Day, FSD Closed

June 1 - Last Day of school for students

While the weather may suggest otherwise, the school year is quickly coming to an end and summer is right around the corner. We will continue our biweekly communications through the beginning of June and of course will communicate as needed throughout the summer. Have a wonderful weekend and as always, THANK YOU for all that you do for our students and our District.

With gratitude

*Dr. Anna Alvarado,*

Superintendent of Schools