

Once a Freddie, Always a Freddie

Superintendent's Message

October 1, 2021

Blood Drive: On September 22nd, the National Honor Society registered 33 donors and collected 34 units of blood, which can save 102 lives. Pictured are senior NHS members Lainy Partington who organized the blood drive and Katie Baker who helped with the blood drive.



District Mask Committee: On Monday, September 27th, the District Mask Committee composed of parents and staff met to think of creative ways to give unmasked learning opportunities throughout the day to K-12 students. Some of the ideas that came from this meeting include: purchasing picnic tables for outdoor learning spaces; utilizing open areas for lessons/activities when not in use, such as commons areas, gyms, and the administration building; and local spaces from area churches or businesses.

It is the goal of this committee to provide unmasked learning opportunities that follow Knox Public Health guidelines, without being quarantined. Thank you to our parents and staff members that participated in the committee.

Band Festival: On Saturday, September 25th, the Fredericktown High School Marching Band traveled to Mt. Vernon to participate in the 7th Annual Yellow Jacket Showcase of Bands. The showcase featured marching bands from Danville, East Knox, Northridge, Lakewood, West Holmes, and Mt. Vernon. The Freddie Band performed their "Boy Band" show which included "Larger Than Life" (Backstreet Boys), "Bye Bye Bye" (NSYNC) and "Don't Stop the Music" (The Treblemakers version from the movie *Pitch Perfect*). Additionally, two selections from the first halftime show, "Irresistible" (Fall Out Boy) and "The Pretender" (Foo Fighters) were showcased. The band is under the direction of Katie Metz, Jessica Overholt, and Percussion Instructor, Chris Phillips.



Homecoming: Monday, September 27th, kicked off Fredericktown High School's Homecoming Week. On Monday evening, the senior class held a cornhole tournament. Sophomores Trevor Bellman and Grant Hartley were the winners. On Wednesday night, we held our annual bonfire. The Homecoming Game is tonight and the Homecoming Queen will be announced. The high school homecoming dance will be tomorrow night.

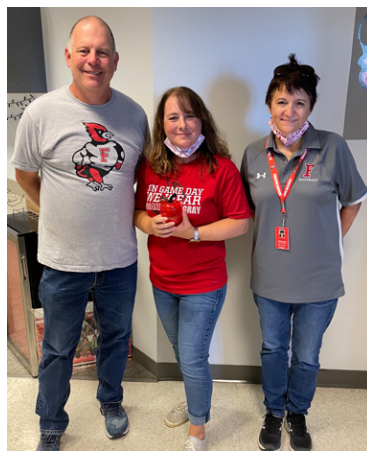


The homecoming attendants are: Emily Rook, Katie Mull, Audrey Bouton, Sadie Sanders, Celeste Swihart, and Katie Baker.

Book Fair: The Fredericktown Education Association and PTO will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair the week of October 4th-8th. On Monday and Tuesday, students will have the opportunity to browse the books available at the sale and create a wish list. Students will have multiple opportunities to shop at the fair throughout the week. We are excited to announce that this year, the fair will be open two different evenings to allow parents and grandparents the opportunity to shop with their children. The fair will be open the evening of Monday, October 4th and Wednesday, October 6th from 4:00 - 6:30. Students will also be able to purchase books throughout the week beginning on Tuesday, October 5th. Books may be purchased using cash, check (made out to FEPTO), credit (adults only), or eWallet (directions for setting up an eWallet can be found on our fair homepage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/gofreddies>). Books may also be purchased through our online book fair as well. The last day to purchase books will be on Friday, October 8th. Profits from the book fair are used to purchase books for the classroom and for students during *Read Across America Week*.

2 Hour Delay: Just a reminder that the district has a 2 Hour Delay scheduled for October 19, 2021 for professional development for staff to get recertified in ALICE. Training will also include *Stop the Bleed*.

Positivity Award Recipients: Congratulations to the recent winners of the positivity award-Derek Dibling, Buffy Sapp, and Samantha Boone.



Notifications of Student and Staff COVID-19 Diagnosis: If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, an email will go out to all parents and staff notifying them that an individual has tested positive. The district or Knox Public Health will contact-trace the individual who tested positive and notify parents/staff by phone if there has been a close contact. If a quarantined student develops symptoms and is tested, please notify Mrs. Sheriff, Mr. Garee, and Mr. Caputo.

COVID-19 Data Dashboard: You can find positive and quarantine COVID-19 cases by building on our district dashboard located on the front page of our district website. We will attempt to update the dashboard around 2:00 PM every day that school is in session.

Busing Guidelines for Face Masks: The CDC issued a legal order on January 29, 2021 requiring masks to be worn on all public transportation (including school buses). This order continues to apply regardless of whether or not individuals have been vaccinated. Therefore, in accordance with the CDC order, anyone riding on a school bus will wear a mask unless they have a medical exemption. In addition, on July 27, 2021, the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health issued COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 schools that mandates all people that ride a school bus must wear a mask. On days we have high temperatures, we will be allowing five minute mask breaks on the bus. These will occur 10 minutes after leaving school grounds.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine Protocol: Fredericktown is following the COVID-19 contract tracing and quarantine protocols laid out by the Ohio Department of Health. These are the current requirements for close contacts:

If wearing a mask and vaccinated:

- Individuals can safely remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.

If no mask, but vaccinated, contact is to:

- Wear a mask indoors either for 14 days or until they receive a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test performed 3-5 days after exposure.
- Vaccinated individuals can remain in the normal in-person classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sport activities as long as they have no symptoms.
- If they test positive, they must be isolated for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.

If no mask and not vaccinated, contact is to:

- Follow normal quarantine procedures, as outlined below:
- They shall not attend in-person school. They shall not participate in sports or extracurricular activities.
- They can return to normal classroom and extracurricular activities after 7 days if they have received a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least 5 days after exposure.
- If they test positive, they must be isolated for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test.
- If they do not choose to have a viral (PCR or antigen) test they must be quarantined for 10 days, and may return to school and extracurricular and sports activities on day 11 after exposure.