



BISON BULLETIN

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Village of Bensenville and Fenton High School Partner for Special Olympics

On Thursday, February 25, representatives from the Village of Bensenville and Fenton staff members competed in a friendly game of basketball to help raise money for the Fenton High School Special Olympics basketball team. The event raised over six hundred dollars to help support the team's trip to the State championship on March 11 - 12 at Illinois State University.
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Special Olympics Fundraiser *—continued from the front page*

The Fenton field house was filled with community leaders, teachers, students and family and friends of the players at the February fundraiser. Fans cheered as the starting line up was announced (top picture) and senior athletes thanked the crowd for coming (middle and bottom pictures).

When the clock ran down, the game was tied 60 - 60 forcing an overtime. At the buzzer, it was a win for the Bison.

Throughout the game, team members distributed thank you cards to community leaders who have supported the team. Sunil Patel is pictured below with Laura Wassinger, Board of Education Secretary, Peggy Walberg, Village of Bensenville, Mary Ribando, Board of Education President and Rick Robbins, Bensenville Park District Executive Director.

The winner of the raffle, Fenton sophomore, Annie Gonzales generously donated her prize winnings to the Fenton team.

Visit the Fenton Facebook page to view a photo album of game highlights.

Follow the team's road to the state finals on March 11 - 12 via the Fenton Twitter (@FentonHS) and Facebook.



A Note from the Principal

Happy March!

It's hard to believe that we are heading into the spring season and just three weeks from spring break. It is also "testing season" - ACCESS, PARCC, Advance Placement testing, ACT, SAT and final exams. Testing and academics are important and integral pieces of our students' high school career; especially, since grades and test scores play a key role in college acceptance.

However, there is also a social component of a well-rounded high school experience, outside the academic program that positively impacts students' success and development. This component is extracurricular activities and athletics, which includes Student Council, Badminton, Chess, Speech Team, Wrestling, Dance Force, Robotics and Group Interpretation, just to name a few. Studies report that students in extracurricular activities and athletics have higher GPAs, better attendance and goal setting skills, enhanced time and team building skills, and better written and oral communication skills. Also, involvement in extracurricular activities and athletics have higher appeal to college admission staff by providing college recruiters an insight into a student's interests and passion.

In total, Fenton High School offers 26 activities/clubs and 26 athletic teams. If you are interested in joining a club and/or sports team, please contact Mrs. Pomahac (clubs) and/or Mr. Becker (athletics).

This year, many Fenton clubs and teams represented or will represent Fenton at state tournaments. See page six and seven for this month's highlights. I encourage all of our students to join at least one extracurricular team. Our goal is 100% student participation. Eventually, Fenton students will discover that the lessons they learned outside the classroom, in Band, TRI-M, Gymnastics or Cross Country, will help them prepare for future goals and challenges in the university and workplace.

James Ongtengco
Principal

Coffee with
Principal Ongtengco
Saturday, March 19
Fenton Academic Resource Center
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Conversation in English
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Conversation in Spanish
Join us for an informal gathering
with Principal Ongtengco

Fenton Roles Out Spread No Harm Campaign

In an effort to address bullying at the high school level, the Bison Intervention Team (BIT) will be rolling out the SPREAD NO HARM campaign during the first week of March at Fenton. Students will be viewing a video about bullying and will be told what to do if they are the victim of bullying.

The SPREAD NO HARM program includes empowering students to address a situation if they are able to by telling the bully to STOP. If the bullying continues, the student should go to their counselor or social worker to report it. Once the counselor/social worker meets with the student, the information will be given to the dean. An investigation and report will be completed and the bully and any bystanders will be questioned and receive consequences. Consequences for repeated bullying, intimidating and/or harassing could range from an out of school suspension to police charges. Some incidences that get reported may be addressed by assigning a project for the bully to complete. It could include a paper on bullying, a letter of apology to the victim, reviewing a class on bullying and it's damage to the bullied, or any other appropriate consequence.

Mrs. Pomahac, Assistant Principal, will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences on March 3 and will have SPREAD NO HARM information available for parents. Stop by the table in the new Student Commons for more information.

Fenton Hosts the Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry, March 24

On Thursday, March 24, Fenton High School will host a Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry in the Field House from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Anyone in the community who is in need is welcome to attend and receive a box of nutritious food.

It is recommended that guests bring a box or laundry basket to collect food items. Please note that access to the building will not be available until 4:15 p.m.

Assessment Information, March 14, 16, 17

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC—pronounced ‘Park’) is the assessment and accountability measure used in Illinois. Fenton High School will administer the PARCC test on March 14, 16 and 17 to English 1 and Accelerated English 1 students. On testing days, it is necessary to operate on a late start schedule for students NOT taking the PARCC test. ***Please note this schedule is different than the Late Start Schedule used during weather related emergencies. See schedule below.**

How will this work for my student?

- If your student is in English 1 (course code 005002) or Accelerated English 1 (course code 002007), he/she must be at school before 8:00 a.m. (bus routes will run as usual) to take the English 1 PARCC Assessment from 8:00 a.m. until 10:10 a.m. on March 14, 16, 17.
- If your student is **not** currently enrolled in English 1 or Accelerated English 1, he/she will begin classes at 10:25 a.m. on March 14, 16, 17. Buses will go through their routes a second time to pick up students for the 10:25 a.m. start time. Students will wait in the Student Commons area until PARCC testing has finished at approximately 10:10 a.m.

PARCC English 1/Accelerated English 1 Students Only

8:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.

Unit 1	110 minutes	Monday, March 14
Unit 2	110 minutes	Wednesday, March 16
Unit 3	90 minutes	Thursday, March 17

Late Start For Students NOT Taking PARCC Test Schedule for March 14, 16, 17

Period	
0	No Zero Hour
1	10:25-10:55
2	11:00-11:30
3	11:35-12:05
4	12:10-12:45 (5 extra minutes for lunch)
5	12:50-1:25 (5 extra minutes for lunch)
6	1:30-2:05 (5 extra minutes for lunch)
7	2:10-2:40
8	2:45-3:15

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Connection

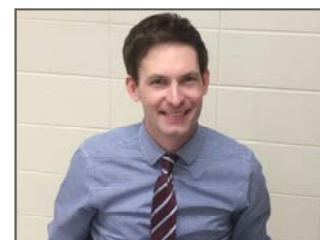
During the month of March, Fenton’s SEL program will focus on peer pressure and the issue of drug and alcohol abuse. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, parents are the strongest influence on children’s decision-making about drugs, tobacco and alcohol use. As a parent, you have more influence than your child’s friends, music, the internet or celebrities. The Partnership for a Drug-Free America lists the following six parenting practices that research has shown to be effective in preventing teen drug abuse:

- Build a warm and supportive relationship with your child
- Be a good role model when it comes to drinking, taking medicine and handling stress
- Know your child’s risk level
- Know your child’s friends
- Monitor, supervise and set boundaries
- Have ongoing conversations and provide information about drugs and alcohol

For more detailed information and advice on each of the above practices, please visit: www.drugfree.org/prevent.

Fenton Welcomes Mr. Vonderheide to the Business Education Department

In February, the Fenton Business Education Department welcomed Mr. Vonderheide to the Fenton family. Mr. Vonderheide is currently teaching Fenton Academic Curriculum through Technology (FACT), Sports Entertainment Marketing and Consumer Science at Fenton. His professional resume lists teaching Spanish for five years in Texas, five years at Curie High School teaching business and technology courses and two years at Barrington High School also teaching business courses. Mr. Vonderheide has a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Evansville and Master’s degree from Providence College.



Guidance Department News

Junior College Night, March 8

Junior students and their parents are invited to attend Junior College Night on March 8 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Fenton. The evening will include information on the college search, financial aid, college options and more.

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

Registration for AP testing has begun. Students have until March 18 to register and can do so at: www.totalregistration.net/AP/140290.

Perry Outreach Program

Fenton students participated in the Perry Outreach Program at Loyola University of Chicago on February 20. The Perry Initiative partners with medical centers, universities and high schools to host Perry Outreach Programs for young women in high school, college and medical school. Participants perform mock orthopedic surgeries and conduct biomechanical engineering experiments, while also hearing from prominent women engineers and surgeons in the field.

- photo courtesy of Julia Gainski



Upcoming College Visits		
3/1	Northern Illinois University	8:45 a.m.
3/17	Concordia University	11:10 a.m.
3/22	Southern Illinois University	10:20 a.m.

Fenton High School Music Department Presents...Spaghetti with a Song!

When: Sunday, March 13
 Time: Doors open at 12:45 p.m.
 Performances 1- 4p.m.
 Where: Fenton High School Cafeteria
 Cost: \$8 per person

Everyone is invited to enjoy:

- hours of entertainment provided by the Fenton Choir students
- a wonderful meal including salad, spaghetti with meatballs, dessert and coffee/lemonade
- a variety of raffles
- children's games and activities



Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door, until 350 tickets are sold. For more information contact the Fenton Music Boosters at 630-337-4685 or fhsmusicboosters.president@gmail.com.

Organizers are still accepting donations for raffle baskets and selling ads (personal/business) for an ad book. Please contact Susan Bruce at 630-337-4685 to donate or to ask questions.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT FENTON BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS

Teen Tech Week, March 7 – 11

Fenton High School will host Teen Tech Week March 7 – 11 in the Community Room. The goal is to provide a wide variety of hands-on experiences with technology during the week. Circuits with conductive pens, 3D printing, 8 bit pixel art and a retro technology museum will be among the activities available to students.

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 2:00 pm Dismissal Tri District Band Festival 6:30 p.m.	2 BTRACK H V/S 4:30 Bison Boosters 7 pm	3 12:08 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences 1:15–6:15 p.m.	4 No School Institute Day	5 BTRACK A Buffalo Grove V 10am
6	7 Teen Tech Week	8 2:00 pm Dismissal Teen Tech Week GTRACK H JVV 4:30 MSC Art Festival Junior College Night 6:30 p.m.	9 Teen Tech Week Music Boosters 7:30 pm	10 Teen Tech Week Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Contest 6:00 pm Special Education Parent Group 7 pm Padres Unidos 7 pm	11 Orange and Blue Day Teen Tech Week Tenth Annual Fenton Talent Show 6:30 pm	12 GTRACK H Kurtz Classic 9am
13 Spaghetti with a Song Music Booster Fundraiser \$8 1 - 4:00 p.m. <i>Details on page 3</i>	14 PARCC Testing for Select Students/Late Start See page 2 for details SB A Fremd V 4:30	15 2:00 pm Dismissal BADM A R-B JVV 4:30	16 PARCC Testing for Select Students/Late Start See page 2 for details	17 PARCC Testing for Select Students/Late Start See page 2 for details BADM H Plainfield South JVV 4:30 Contest Drama/ Group Interp Showcase 7 pm	18 Orange and Blue Day GTRACK A Glenbard South V 4:30 BGYM A Leyden West V 6:00	19 Coffee with Principal Ongtengco 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Conversation in English 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Conversation in Spanish SB H Streamwood F 10am SB H Streamwood JV 10am SB A Streamwood V 10am BTRACK A GBS V 10am BASE A Sherrard V 11am
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No School Spring Break						

Academic Achievement



Elma Jaimes

Fenton Students Excel in Khan Academy's LearnStorm Math Competition

After three weeks of competition, Fenton students continue to outperform their peers in the seven county Chicagoland area. In the Hustle category, Fenton is in first place with 42 freshmen, including first, second and third place, in the top 100. Freshman, Elma Jaimes currently holds the top spot. Fenton juniors have earned the top 19 positions with Patryk Bryk ranked sixth. In addition, the top ten juniors in the Mastery category are Fenton students with Anne Gonzales ranked seventh.



Patryk Bryk

Virtual Enterprises International (VEI) Student Presentation

On February 5, the Virtual Enterprises International class participated in a trade show that was hosted in Holland, MI and included over 40 different high schools from Illinois and Michigan. VEI is a class where students create a virtual company and then sell virtual products to other participating high school VEI classes across the country. At the trade show, there were several competitions that VEI companies can enter, including Best Commercial, Best Brochure and Best Flyer. Fenton's VEI company (A-1 Enterprises, students pictured at right) had a first place finish in the Best Website category. You can visit their webpage and see the products they have created and sell (with virtual money, of course) to other schools at www.veialenterprises.com.



Anne Gonzales

Students in Technology (SIT) Conference

On Saturday, February 20, Fenton students presented at the Students in Technology Conference hosted by Bensenville School District 2. The keynote speaker for the event was Fenton graduate, Marcin Kleczynski, CEO of Malwarebytes, a cybersecurity firm. Andrew Hill, Trisha Butz, Alex Jordan and Max Dausch are pictured, right, with Mr. Scheldrup and Mr. Berago.



United States Hispanic Leadership Conference

On February 18, twenty three Fenton juniors joined over 3,000 high school students at the 34th Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference. During the event, high school students learned from motivational speakers, participated in a college financial aid workshop and visited a college/career fair.



Activities *follow on Twitter @CPomahac/ FHS Activities*

Academic Team

On Saturday, February 20, Fenton hosted the Class 3A Masonic Scholastic Bowl Sectional. The Fenton Academic Team won its match against Neuqua Valley High School and competed well in a close game with Glenbard South. In March, the Academic Team will end its season competing in the IHSA Regional competition at Oak Park-River Forest High School.

Chess Team Competes at State

The Fenton Chess Team placed 59th out of 146 teams at the IHSA State Chess Tournament. The Chess team had victories over Glenbard North, East Aurora, Rockford and Leyden. Fenton earned the rank of 13th for class 2A. State Medalist Krystian Tomasik placed fifth individually (out of 146) with a 6-1 record for board two.

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

On February 5, FCCLA members competed at Regionals with great success. The following students advanced to the State level of competition in Children’s Literature: Angelina Guiliano, Michelle Garcia, Jenny Oliver, Alexis Petrella, Mariah Montalvo and Perla Roque. In addition, special honors went to Mariah and Perla for receiving the Most Outstanding Award.

MSC Honor Band

Congratulations to the following students accepted into the 2016 MSC All-Conference Honor Band: Samantha Ward, Flute; Spencer Franke, Bassoon; Alexis Vargas, Clarinet; Alex Krynski, Alto Saxophone, Christina Morales, Tenor Saxophone, Danielle Ferbrache, French Horn; Ricardo Jesus Torres Gomez, Trumpet; Kathryn Bruce, Trombone; Jacob Trzeciak, Jazz Trumpet, Julia Zawitkowska, Jazz Trombone. Each year, music resumes are submitted to the conference selection committee from each MSC high school. Selection of members is based on the following criteria: prior experience, musical merit, musical achievement, ensemble participation, private lessons and extra-curricular music activities. Students are then chosen by the committee to participate in the honor band event which was held on February 16 at Ridgewood High School.

Robotics

The Fenton Robotics Club, under the direction of Mr. Jalowiec and Mr. Nelson, will compete at the FTC Championship Tournament on February 26 - 27 in Elgin.

Speech Team, Spencer Franke, Sixth at State

Spencer Franke finished sixth in Original Comedy at the IHSA Individual Speech State finals that were held on February 19 - 20 in Peoria. Spencer Franke was among 19 students to qualify in this category after placing in the top three at one of the toughest Sectional competitions in the state. Of the 19, only six students moved on to the final round of competition. Spencer is pictured above with Coach Hendricks.

Fenton Chess Team



MSC Honor Band



Robotics Club



Spencer Franke, Speech Team



Athletics - follow on Twitter @FentonAthletics

Wrestling, Regional Champions

On Saturday, February 6, the Fenton Varsity Wrestling Team won the IHSA Class 2A Regional Championship and all 14 wrestlers qualified for Sectionals. Individual champions included Manny Morales, Ryan Mencini, Angel Nava, Nikko Castaneda, Dylan Butts, Victor Vargas and Isaiah Brock.



Individual Wrestlers State Bound

Sebastian Kaspar and Manny Morales (pictured with Coach Hastings) competed at the IHSA Individual State Wrestling Tournament on February 18 - 20 in Champaign.

Girls Basketball 3 Point Shoot Out

Congrats to Krysta Wilson for advancing to Sectionals in the IHSA Girls' Basketball State 3-point shooting competition.



Girls Bowling

Congratulations to Shelly Laughlin and Katherine Prejzner on qualifying for the IHSA Sectional Bowling competition.

Highlights: Village of Bensenville / Fenton Staff Basketball Game



Mr. Vallone, announcer for the event, interviews Bensenville Village President, Frank Soto on his game strategy.



Shelly Laughlin



Katherine Prejzner

