

# BISON BULLETIN

Fenton Community High School - District 100  
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## Upcoming Spring Concerts at Fenton High School Choral Concert, May 12 Band Concert, May 19



The Fenton Music Department will celebrate the spring season with a Choral Concert on Thursday, May 12 and a Band Concert on Thursday, May 19. The concerts will be held in the



Lewis-Huffman Auditorium at Fenton and begin at 7:00 p.m.

There is no admission and everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the musical talent of Fenton students.



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SERVICE CORPORATION

### Journeyman Trades Fair

*Sponsored by The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO)*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18

**Time:** 11:10 a.m. - 1:35 p.m.

**Location:** Community Room

On Wednesday, May 18, all Fenton students will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from the union trades during assigned lunch periods. Representatives will include electricians, pipefitters, carpenters and more.

Visit the CISCO's Education to Career webpage for more information.

### 2016 Summer School Information Available

Session 1: June 13 - June 30

Session 2: July 5 - July 22

7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Resident: \$150 per semester course/Non-Resident: \$195 per semester course (supplies and workbooks additional).

Registration is now open. A free sack lunch will be available but preregistration is required. Please visit the Fenton website for more information. Contact Mrs. Pomahac at 630-860-6260 if you have any questions.

## A Note from the Principal

Fenton celebrated Staff Appreciation Week on April 25 - 29 to honor our staff members who dedicate their time and energy to insure the academic success of our students. I wanted to take this moment to say THANK YOU to our team, which includes teachers, instructional aides, administrative assistants, para-pros, bus drivers, lunch staff, substitute teachers, maintenance/grounds crew and administrators.



THANK YOU for all your support, understanding, patience and dedication.

Your hard work and the energy you put into your work is appreciated by the 1500 students we serve and their parents and guardians. Our parents hold you in high esteem because of the relevant and rigorous learning their students encounter in our classrooms, gymnasiums, auditorium and athletic fields. Our staff is there with a warm smile to greet our students when they arrive on the school bus, when they enter the building, and in the hallways, cafeteria, ARC, offices and in the classrooms. Our staff is there when our students are physically and/or emotionally in pain and during times of celebration.

As the school year ends, let's continue to focus on our students and learning. Let's finish strong. I'll end with a quote from Kathy Davis, "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove .... But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Sincerely,

James Ongtengco  
Principal

### Tree Dedication Honoring Dr. Kathie Pierce

May 10, 2016  
2:45 p.m.

In partnership with the Village of Bensenville, a tree will be planted on the Fenton campus to honor Dr. Pierce and her 33 years of service to Fenton High School.



### District 100 School Board President to be Honored

Fenton High School is proud to announce that School Board President, Mary Ribando, will be honored by the Frida Kahlo Community Organization during a special event on May 7. Other local honorees include School District 2 Superintendent, Dr. James Stelter and Father Agustin Ortega of St. Alexis Church. The fundraiser, held at Monty's Banquet Hall, will celebrate leaders who have made a positive impact in the communities in which they serve.

President Ribando, an alumnus of Fenton, has been a member of the community for over forty years. She was elected to serve on the District 100 Board of Education in April 2009 and re-elected in 2013. She is a member of the following District 100 committees: Policy, Branding and Community Relations as well as the Board Secretary for the Bensenville Intergovernmental Group (BIG). In 2012, Mrs. Ribando was elected and currently serves as a Director-at-Large for the DuPage Region of the Illinois Association of School Boards. She is also a member of the Bensenville Senior and Disabled Advisory Council.

For the past four years, Mrs. Ribando has organized a community-wide blood drive. In 2014, she was recognized and nominated for the American Red Cross "Volunteer of the Year" Award for her outstanding achievements with the American Red Cross.



Mary Ribando

### Fenton Named to the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report* Best High Schools List

Fenton has been named to the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report* Best High Schools list after receiving a Silver Medal designation based on student performance. The list ranks Fenton 90 out of 674 high schools in Illinois and nationally 2,173 out of over 21,000 schools. For more information, visit the U.S. News and World Report webpage: <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/illinois>.

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, the publication partnered with RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm. "RTI implemented the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, which is based on these key principles: that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators."

## Class of 2016 End of Year Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
May 2 - 13	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Senior brunch tickets on sale in the bookstore, \$25 per ticket
May 6	3:15 p.m.	Community Service Deadline (25 hours required for graduation)
May 11	9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Senior Meeting Seniors report to the auditorium <i>AFTER</i> going to Bison Time for attendance. Information concerning commencement and related activities will be discussed.
May 13	4:00 p.m.	Deadline for students not wishing to participate in the commencement ceremony to submit the enclosed form to the Principal's office
May 25	7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	All fines <b>MUST</b> be paid and penalties served by the end of the school day in order to receive a cap and gown and commencement tickets.
	8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Senior Awards Night practice in the Auditorium (by invitation only)
May 26	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Mandatory graduation practice in the Field House. Caps, gowns and tickets will be distributed at graduation practice. Graduation tickets will not be distributed to seniors who have not paid fines, fees or served their penalties.
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Awards Night in Auditorium
May 27	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Senior Brunch at White Pines, Bensenville
May 29	11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Seniors line up Graduation begins

## Principal Ongtengco Celebrates with the Class of 2016



*On Friday, April 22, Principal Ongtengco grilled hot dogs during lunch for the Class of 2016. The students ate outside in the new courtyard.*

## Registration for Preschool Program

Fenton High School is pleased to offer two preschool programs for families in our community. Fenton's Preschool Program and PUPS (Parents Utilizing Preschool Skills), both located in Fenton High School, offer a unique opportunity to both high school students and preschool children. Enrollment for the 2016 – 2017 school year is now open. For more information on the preschool program, call the Family and Consumer Science Department at 630-860-4935. Enrollment applications are located on the Fenton website at [www.fenton100.org](http://www.fenton100.org).

## An Invitation to Step inside the Future at Fenton High School

One year ago, we embarked on a major renovation project that was well overdue. The renovation was designed to update and modernize certain areas of our school without cost to taxpayers. The Fenton High School District 100 Board of Education is proud of this accomplishment and would like to invite our communities to visit and tour the newly renovated Academic Resource Center, Student Commons, cafeteria, additional classroom spaces, main entrance, Community Room and courtyard.



**Community  
Open House**

**Saturday, May 21**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**Fenton High School**

**1000 West Green  
Street, Bensenville**

**No RSVP is required**

**Everyone is welcome  
to attend**

## Students Present at Tech 2016

On Tuesday, May 10, Trisha Butz, Max Dausch, Andrew Kozy and Jamie Minard will represent Fenton at Tech 2016.

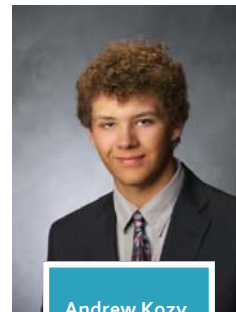
Tech 2016 is hosted by the Illinois Computing Educators (ICE) and allows schools, by invitation only, to present on technology projects to state senators and representatives.



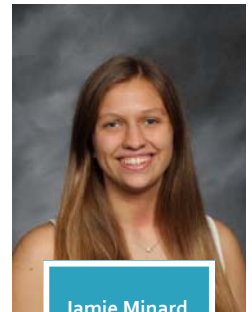
Trisha Butz



Max Dausch



Andrew Kozy






Jamie Minard

The Fenton team, under the direction of Mr. Berago, Mrs. Lemm and Mr. Scheldrup, will present their project, *Fenton Foot Paths*. *Fenton Foot Paths* is an interactive computer map that provides an easy, interactive way to navigate the school. The event will be held at the state capitol in Springfield. Follow the hashtag, #ILTECH2016, on Twitter to read highlights of the event.

## Fenton Finishes Strong in LearnStorm Math Competition

The Khan Academy LearnStorm contest has come to an end with Fenton finishing as the number one high school in the Mastery category after earning 25 of the top 100 spots. In addition, Fenton was the number two high school in the Cup 3 Hustle category, with five of top ten and 42 of the top 100 students. In the final stretch, stand out performances were given by Stephen Sanchez, Elma Jaimes, Taylor Kaminski, Desiree Flores and Naisha Kadric.

# May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 BASE A Wheaton Academy S 4:30 BASE H Wheaton Academy V 4:30 SB A Bartlett F 4:30 SB A Bartlett JV 4:30 SB A Bartlett F 4:30 SB H Bartlett V 7:00 BTEN A Willowbrook S 4:30 BTEN H Willowbrook V 4:30	3 <b>2:00 pm Dismissal</b> BASE H Wheaton Academy S 4:30 BASE A Wheaton Academy V 4:30 SB H Willowbrook F 4:30 SB H Willowbrook JV 4:30 SB H St. Edward V 4:30 BTEN H GBS S 4:30 BTEN A GBS V 4:30 BTF H S/IV 4:30 BVB A IMSA JV 5:00 BVB A IMSA V 6:00 GSOC H Timothy Christian 6:15	4 BGYM A Sectionals V TBA SB A GBW F 4:30 SB A IC Catholic Prep JV 4:30 SB H IC Catholic Prep V 7:00 BVB H Illiana Christian JV 4:30 BVB H Illiana Christian V 5:30  Bison Boosters 7:00 30th Annual Fenton Art Festival 7:30	5 BADM A Sectionals V TBA BGYM A Sectionals TBA BASE A Ridgewood S 4:30 BASE H Ridgewood V 4:30 SB A Streamwood JV 4:30 GSOC A Elmwood Park JV 6:30 GSOC A Elmwood Park V 4:45 National Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.	6 <b>Orange and Blue Day</b>  Community Service deadline for graduating seniors BADM A Sectionals TBA BGYM A Sectionals V TBA GTF A Aurora Central TBA BTF A Conant F/JV/V 5:00 SB H Amundsen (DH) V 5:30	7 BADM A Sectionals V TBA BGYM A Sectionals V TBA BVB A Addison Trail FA 8:30 BVB A Leyden V 9:00 BTEN H Bison Invite V 9:00 BASE A Plainfield Central F 10:00 SB A Regina JV 10:00
8	9 BASE H GBS F 4:30 BASE H GBS S 4:30 BASE A GBS V 4:30 GSOC A Maine West F 4:30 GSOC H Maine West JV 4:30 GSOC H Maine West 6:30 SB A Maine West F 4:30 SB H GBS V 7:00 BVB A Morton East FA 4:30 BVB Morton East FB 5:30 BVB A Morton East JV 4:30 BVB A Morton East V 5:30	10 <b>2:00 pm Dismissal</b> BASE A GBS F 4:30 BASE A GBS S 4:30 BASE H GBS V 4:30 SB A GBS F 4:30 SB A GBS JV 4:30	11 SB H Maine West F 4:30  Music Boosters 7:30 pm	12 BADM A Hit Around V TBA GTF A Sectionals V TBA BASE H Chicago Christian S 4:30 BASE A Chicago Christian V 4:30 SB H Wheaton Academy V 4:30 BVB A St. Joe JV 5:00 BVB A St. Joe V 6:00  Choir Concert 7:00 pm	13 <b>Orange and Blue Day</b> BADM A State V TBA BGYM A State V TBA GSOC A Regionals V TBA SB H Bison Blast V TBA GTF A Sectionals V TBA BTF A GBS MSC S/V 4:30  Padres Unidos 7:00 pm	14 BADM A State V TBA BGYM A State V TBA GSOC A Regionals V TBA SB H Bison Blast V TBA BASE A Antioch F (DH) 10am  Prom Ticket Required
15	16 BASE A Aurora Catholic S 4:30 BASE H Aurora Catholic V 4:30 SB H Morton F 4:30	17 <b>2:00 pm Dismissal</b> BASE H Aurora Catholic S 4:30 BASE A Aurora Catholic V 4:30 GSOC A Regional@FHS V 6:30 GSOC A Regional@FHS V 4:30 SB A Aurora Catholic JV 4:30 SB H GBW F 4:30 SB H Aurora Catholic V 4:30 BTEN H Elmwood Park V 4:30 BVB H R-B FA 4:30 BVB H R-B FB 5:30 BVB H R-B S 4:30 BVB H R-B V 5:30	18 Cisco Trade Fair During all assigned lunches See page back page for details  BASE A Aurora Catholic F 4:30	19 BTF A Sectionals V TBA GTF A State V TBA BASE H Aurora Catholic F 4:30 SB H Aurora Catholic JV 4:30 SB A Aurora Catholic V 4:30   Band Concert 7:00pm	20 <b>Orange and Blue Day</b> BTF A Sectionals V TBA GTF A State V TBA SB A Loyola Academy V 5:00 BVB A GBW FA 5:00 BASE H Taft V 7:00  Community Open House 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	21 BTEN A Sectionals V TBA GTF A State V TBA BVB A GBW FA 9:00am GSOC A Regionals@FHS 11:00am
22	23 BASE A Regionals V TBA SB A Regionals V TBA BVB A Regional prelims V TBA  Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.	24 <b>2:00 pm Dismissal</b> BASE A Regionals V TBA GSOC A Sectionals V TBA SB A Regionals V TBA BVB A Regionals V TBA	25 Honors Assembly Last day for Seniors  BASE A Regionals V TBA GSOC A Sectionals V TBA SB A Regionals V TBA BVB A Regionals V TBA	26 Graduation Practice BASE A Regionals V TBA BTEN A State V TBA BTF A State V TBA  Senior Awards Night 7:30 p.m.	27 <b>Orange and Blue Day</b> Senior Brunch GSOC A Sectionals V TBA BTEN A State V TBA BTF A State V TBA BVB A Sectionals V TBA	28 BASE A Regionals V TBA GSOC A Sectionals V TBA SB A Regionals V TBA BTEN A State V TBA BTF A State V TBA
29  Commencement 12:00 p.m.	30 No School Memorial Day  Memorial Day Parade FHS Marching Band: Parade Call Time: 9:30 a.m.	31 <b>2:00 pm Dismissal</b> GSOC A Super Sectionals V TBA SB A Sectionals V TBA BVB A Sectionals V TBA				

## Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Connection

Many colleges look for volunteer hours as part of their admission requirements. Additionally, many scholarships list community service as a requirement, and employers often look at volunteer experiences when hiring workers. Colleges and employers usually look for long-term volunteer experiences that have helped the student develop a skill or explore an area of interest, rather than a list of disjointed, one-time opportunities. For some ideas on family and youth friendly volunteer opportunities in DuPage County, please visit the following websites:

Giving DuPage: <http://givingdupage.org/>

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County: <http://www.dupageforest.com/Volunteer.aspx>

DuPage Habitat for Humanity: <http://www.dupagehabitat.org/>

Students can also visit the Community Service Office at Fenton or contact Ms. Wood ([wood@fenton100.org](mailto:wood@fenton100.org)) for more opportunities.

Remember, summer break is a great time to complete hours for currently enrolled students! Until next year, stay healthy!

## HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

### *Attention Incoming Freshman Families*

The state of Illinois has recently updated the *Certificate of Child Health Examination* form and will accept only two versions during the 2016-2017 school year. Valid health exam forms include versions dated 2/13 and 11/15. If your physician uses any other version of the form than what is listed it cannot be accepted by Fenton's health office. In addition, if you have a religious objection to examinations and/or immunizations the State of Illinois requires that the *Illinois Certificate of Religious Objection* form be completed by you and your physician.

Please be sure that your incoming freshman student has a physical and up to date immunizations on record in Fenton's health office on or before July 1, 2016. Copies of all forms can be found on the Fenton website under Health Office.

## Bowl-a-thon

During Fenton's annual PE Week held in April, students participated in a bowl-a-thon to benefit the American Heart Association. We are proud to announce that students raised \$5,108 (breaking last year's record) during the two day event held at Wood Dale Bowl.



## FCCLA Finishes Strong at State Conference

Congratulations to FCCLA for having a great showing at the 2016 State Competition! Alexis Petrella, Jenny Oliver, Angelina Giuliano, Michelle Garcia,

Mariah Montalvo and Perla Roque represented Fenton well by finishing with two gold medals and a silver medal in the Children's Literature category. The students are pictured at their state send off with staff advisors Ms. Edwards and Mrs. Bigalke.



## Athletic Department News

### Badminton Program Hosts Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

In April, the Fenton Badminton Team, under the direction of Coach Hastings, hosted a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The event was held in memory of Class of 2013 graduate and former teammate, Stephanie Marcotte who passed away in March. Stephanie's mother and several members of the Marcotte family were in attendance to accept a \$900 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in her memory.



### Fenton Athletes Commit to College Football

In April three Fenton students signed letters of intent to play football in college: Corey Hausen (Illinois Wesleyan), Josh Jakalski (Carroll/Wisconsin) and Eric Lonergan (McKendree). Cody Quarles, who graduated last year, is also committing to play football at Illinois Wesleyan.



### Fenton Graduates Continuing Football Careers in College

The following Fenton graduates are currently playing football in college: Alex Cowan - Aurora University, Willie Wassmann - Concordia University - Chicago, David Echeveria - Concordia University - Chicago, Griffin Idelman - Carroll University - Waukesha, Wisconsin, Adam Benyad - North Park University, Josh Casey - North Park University, Elijah Young - Robert Morris and Zach Jakalski - Drake University.

The Fenton High School Athletic Department is proud to feature the accomplishments of recent graduates competing in athletics at the college level. Please note, the following list may not be all inclusive. Please contact Mr. Becker, FHS Athletic Director, to add athletes to the list.

### Drivers Education Information

Registration for the Fenton Drivers Education summer Behind The Wheel program will be Tuesday May 17 at 2:30p.m. in the cafeteria. Students are required to pay a \$200 lab fee in order to sign up for teachers and times.

### Junior Golf Clinic, June 13 - 17

The Fenton Golf program will host a Junior Golf Clinic from June 13 through June 17 for students in fifth through ninth grade. The cost is \$90.

## Fenton Student Finishes the School Year Studying Abroad



Fenton senior, Monica Wedemann completed her graduation requirements in December, 2015 and is currently studying abroad in Germany. Below is an excerpt from a report she sent to Fenton German instructor, Ms. Zubovic.

*“My name is Monica Wedemann and I am a 2016 graduating senior currently attending Eckenberg Gymnasium Adelsheim, Germany (not a gym- this is what they call a high school). A Gymnasium is the most difficult type of school here in Germany and you can graduate with an Abitur which means you are ready to go to a University.*

*When I first arrived in Germany, I didn't know what to expect from the school, people or anything else. At first, it was overwhelming, but after awhile I learned to immerse myself into the culture and of*

*course learn the language. The students and people have been very friendly and very curious to find out what school is like at Fenton. They were interested in the school spirit wear I wear to school here because they don't have any school spirit wear. I participate in a regular school curriculum where there are over 800 students from 5th-12th grade. Some differences are that the teachers rotate classes and then the students stay. School starts at 8:15 a.m. and goes until 1:10 pm.*

*There are more subjects but they are not taught everyday. In addition, there is a 15 minute break between each class. I also joined their band called “Big Band.” Lunch is home-cooked meals served with real silverware and porcelain plates and is very delicious!*

*I think studying abroad in another country is a great way to learn a new language and open your eyes to new thoughts and ideas of a new culture. I think it is important to learn a new language because of better employment opportunities that can be offered and better communication skills with one another. Independent.*

*I have been taking German for three years at Fenton, in addition, I took German School outside of Fenton. I would definitely say taking German at Fenton has prepared me to study abroad in Germany. Once you are surrounded by the language and the culture it is easy to pick up on everything. Viele, liebe Grüße aus Adelsheim.—Monica Wedemann*

## Yearbook Information

The *Highlights* team is proud to announce that the 2015 - 2016 Fenton yearbook is complete! Yearbook distribution dates are as follows:

May 24:	Seniors only	During assigned lunch period	Community Room
May 25:	Underclassmen	During assigned lunch period	Community Room

Online ordering is no longer available. Students who are still interested in purchasing a yearbook, can do so at the time of distribution by paying \$55 in cash. No checks or credit cards will be accepted.

Students must show their Fenton ID when picking up a yearbook. NOTE: All yearbooks not picked up on distribution dates can be picked up at the bookstore.

### Class of 2017 Senior Portraits

Class of 2017 Senior Portraits will be taken from **July 18 to the 21**. Portraits are by appointment only. HR Imaging, Fenton’s photography company, will send a letter to current juniors. The letter will contain appointment time and date.

If any Class of 2017 students do not receive an appointment time by July 1, please contact HR aging at 815-433-1766 or [custserv@hrimaging.com](mailto:custserv@hrimaging.com) to schedule your appointment.



**The *Highlights* team, under the direction of Ms. Ciupuliga and Mr. Cain, celebrating the completion of the 2015-2016 yearbook.**