

BISON BULLETIN

Fenton Community High School - District 100
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Senior Mentors Prepare for the 2015 - 2016 School Year



On August 13 and 14, a select group of senior students took part in a training program to help them prepare to be mentors for the 2015 - 2016 school year. The Class of 2016 mentors will be available for tutoring during Bison Time for freshmen students. Bison Time was implemented last school year to provide all students with a 35-minute academic resource period.

Media Approval

Fenton Community High School District 100 consistently acknowledges the activities and accomplishments of its students by sharing information with the community. The District may videotape, audiotape, or photograph student activities and student work for use on the District website, District-sponsored publications, community cable channels, District social media sites and in other outlets. In addition, the school issues press releases and distributes photos to media outlets and may occasionally allow the news media to interview, photograph, record, or videotape students under the supervision of District personnel.

If you DO NOT WISH to have images, video, or audio of your child published, please notify the Fenton High School Community Relations Department in writing, including your child's name and ID number, at the following address:

Fenton Community High School
Attention: Community Relations Department
1000 West Green Street
Bensenville, 60106

Senior Citizen Gold Card Program

The Fenton Senior Citizen Gold Card program provides individuals, 65 years or older living within the District 100 boundaries, a Gold Card for free access to most Fenton High School athletic events, music performances and drama productions.

To receive a Senior Citizen Gold Card, please contact Teri Wood, Director of Community Relations, at 630-860-8621 or wood@fenton100.org. Please provide the spelling of your first and last name, a phone number, and an address where the card can be sent. The Senior Citizen Gold Card, along with a calendar of upcoming events, will be mailed to you.

A Note from Principal Ongtengco

One of my favorite mantras is Less is More. Many districts fall into the trap of starting too many initiatives in a school year. I'm happy to say that we are going to limit the number of initiatives. Our curriculum and instruction focus for this year will be a continuation from last year. They are: 1:1 (one computer for every student), Bison Time (to provide students with additional academic support), Literacy Across the Curriculum (the ability to read, write, speak and listen effectively in varying contexts) and Danielson (teacher evaluation tool). One new initiative we are starting this year is Equal Opportunity School or EOS. In short, EOS is a means to try to identify and encourage qualified students to enroll in our Advanced Placement (AP) classes. See page six for additional information on EOS.

Last May, *The Comprehensive School Climate Inventory: Measuring the Climate for Learning* was administered. The inventory, as a measure, is intended to provide information about school climate as specifically measured by ten scales corresponding to ten important dimensions of school climate: Safety-Rules & Norms, Sense of Physical Security, Sense of Social Emotional Security, Support for Learning, Social & Civic Learning, Respect for Diversity, Social Support, School Connectedness/Engagement, and Physical Surroundings. For school personnel there are additional scales that are relevant to school climate - Leadership and Professional Relationships. At Fenton, 715 students, 104 personnel and 70 parents completed the inventory.

I am happy to report that we did not receive any negative ratings in our inventory from students, personnel and parents. The majority of our ratings are positive. Please review chart below. For students, they reported Neutral Ratings, which means there is room for improvement, in the areas of: Sense of Physical Security, Sense of Social Emotional Security, Support for Learning, Social and Civic Learning, Physical Surroundings and Social Media. For personnel, they reported Neutral Ratings in the areas of Sense of Social Emotional Security and Social Media. For parents, they reported Neutral Ratings in the areas of Sense of Social Emotional Security and Social Media. The two common scales that were rated neutral by all three groups were Sense of Social Emotional Security and Social Media. In conclusion, the administration will dig deeper into the inventory, create a committee, create action plans and work diligently to make Fenton the best school it can be.




Go Bison!
James Ongtengco

II. School Climate Overview

Comparative Ratings—Another View

Comparative Ratings — Another View

	Students	School Personnel	Parents
Safety Rules & Norms			
Sense of Physical Security			
Sense of Social-Emotional Security			
Support for Learning			
Social and Civic Learning			
Respect for Diversity			
Social Support/ Adults			
Social Support/ Students			
Connectedness/ Engagement			
Physical Surroundings			
Social Media			
Leadership	--- N/A ---		--- N/A ---
Professional Relationships	--- N/A ---		--- N/A ---

	= median rating in the negative range (scores lower than 2.5 on a 5 - point scale)
	= median rating in the neutral range (scores between 2.5 and 3.5 on a 5 - point scale)
	= median rating in the positive range (scores above 3.5 on a 5 - point scale)

Welcome New Staff Members

New Staff Members

James Ongtengco - Principal
Kyra Behnke - World Languages / French Teacher
Natalie Wendling - World Languages ESL / Bilingual Spanish Teacher
Jessica Collins - Special Education Self-Contained Teacher
Kim Lechner - Part-Time School Psychologist
Gibel Cushing - Math Teacher
Kathleen Molloy - Data Specialist
Nancy Kulpa - Bus Driver
Deborah McComb - Bus Driver
David Walker - Bus Driver

Familiar Face - New Position

Patrick Fritsch - Math Teacher

Student Teachers

Andrew Rankin (Band)
Jill Morano (Physical Education)
William O'Herron (Math)
Lizette Santiago (Guidance)
Joselyn Rivera (Social Work)
Jennifer Rodriguez (Social Work)

Bensenville Chamber of Commerce Hosts New Teachers Breakfast

On Tuesday, August 18, new certified staff members from Bensenville School District 2 and Fenton were welcomed to the community during a breakfast sponsored by the Bensenville Chamber of Commerce.

The event has been a tradition for over 40 years. Representatives from the Village of Bensenville, library, fire and police departments, park district and Chamber members come together to share information about the community and demonstrate their combined commitment to the education of our youth.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Bensenville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Program which annually recognizes a college bound Fenton student with a scholarship.

Pictured from left: Superintendent, Dr. Kathie Pierce, Patrick Fritsch (Math), Kim Lechner, (School Psychologist), Gibel Cushing (Math), School Board President, Mary Ribando, Kyra Behnke (World Languages), School Board Secretary, Laura Wassinger, James Ongtengco (Principal), Jessica Collins (Special Education) and Natalie Wendling (ESL).



Fenton Administrators



Dr. Kathie Pierce
Superintendent



James Ongtengco
Principal



Dr. Jill Kingsfield
Director of Curriculum



Todd Becker
Athletic Director



Pedro Castro
Assistant Principal



Eric Koranda
Assistant Principal



Carrie Pomahac
Assistant Principal



Teri Wood
Director of Community
Relations/Community
Service

Curriculum Night September 17

Join us on Thursday, September 17 from 6:15 - 8:49 p.m. for Fenton High School's annual Curriculum Night. Informational parent meetings will begin at 6:15 p.m. Immediately following, parents will follow an abbreviated version of their student's daily class schedule. During each class period, parents will have the opportunity to meet the teacher and hear an overview of classroom highlights and expectations. There will also be an opportunity for parents to speak with school counselors and administrators.

Please have your student write his/her daily schedule on the form below and follow the schedule period by period during the evening. If your student has a study hall period, please visit the Media Center, Guidance Office, Athletic Office, or the Main Office. Student volunteers will be in the hallways to assist you in locating classrooms.

Parent Meeting

Parents are invited to attend an informational meeting prior to Curriculum Night on September 17 at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium. Mr. Ongtengco, principal and Dr. Kingsfield, director of curriculum, will present on school-wide initiatives.

Bilingual Parent Meeting




A bilingual parent meeting will be held prior to Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 17 at 6:15 p.m. in Room 50. This is an opportunity for parents of students in the ESL program to get to know one another and meet the teachers in the ESL/Bilingual program.

Curriculum Night Schedule

Please complete the schedule below and bring it on September 17

Period	Time	Teacher	Course	Room #
0	6:45 - 6:55 pm			
1	7:00 - 7:08 pm			
2	7:13 - 7:21 pm			
Bison Time	7:26 - 7:31 pm			
3	7:36 - 7:44 pm			
4	7:49 - 7:57 pm			
5	8:02 - 8:10 pm			
6	8:15 - 8:23 pm			
7	8:28 - 8:36 pm			
8	8:41—8:49			

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Sports schedules are subject to change. Please call the Sports Information Hotline at (630) 238-7100 for up-to-date sports information.</i></p>		<p>1 2:00 pm Dismissal</p> <p>BSOC Addison Invite S 4:30 BSOC A Addison Invite V 4:30 GVB H Proviso West FA 4:30 GVB H Proviso West JV 4:30 GVB H Proviso West V 5:30 GSWIM H Plainfield Central JV 5:00 GSWIM H Plainfield Central V 5:00</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GOLF A Leyden S 3:45 GOLF A Leyden V 3:45 BCC A St. Pats Invite S 4:30 BCC A St. Pats Invite V 4:30 GCC A St. Pats Invite JV 4:30 GCC A St. Pats Invite V 4:30 BSOC H Westminster JV 5:00</p> <p>Bison Booster Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>GOLF H R-B S/V 4:00 BSOC A Leyden Invite F 4:30 BSOC A Addison Invite S 4:30 BSOC A Addison Invite V 4:30 GVB H IC FA 4:30 GVB H IC JV 4:30 GVB H IC V 5:30</p>	<p>4 Orange and Blue Day</p> <p>BSOC H Leyden JV 4:30 FB A Plano S 5:30 GSWIM A Maine East JV 5:30 GSWIM A Maine East V 5:30</p>	<p>5</p> <p>BSOC A Addison Invite S TBA BSOC Addison Invite V TBA GOLF H Fenton Invite V 7am GOLF A Willowbrook V 8am BCC H Early Bird F/S/V 9am GCC H Early Bird JV/V 9am FB H Maine East F 9am FB A Walther V 1pm GTEN A GBE JV 9am GVB A Leyden Invite F 9am</p>
	6	7	<p>8 2:00 pm Dismissal</p> <p>GOLF A IC S/V 4:00 BSOC A GBS S 4:30 BSOC A GBS V 6:15 GTEN A St. Edward V 4:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>GCC A St. Viator F/S/V 4:30 GTEN A Leyden West /JV/V 4:30</p> <p>Music Booster Meeting 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>GOLF H Wheaton S/V 4:00 BSOC H Mather JV 4:30 BSOC H Mather V 6:30 GVB H R-B FA/JV 4:30 GVB H R-B FB/V 5:30 GSWIM H Leyden JV/V 5:00</p> <p>Special Education Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. Padres Unidos Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Orange and Blue Day</p> <p>FB H Ridgewood S 5:00 FB H Ridgewood V 7:15</p>
13	14	<p>15 2:00 pm Dismissal</p> <p>GOLF A St. Edward V 4:00 BCC A IC S/V 4:30 GCC A IC JV/V 4:30 BSOC A Aurora Central S/V 4:30 GTEN H Aurora Central JV/V 4:30 GVB A St. Edward FA 4:30 GVB A St. Edward JV 5:30 GVB A St. Edward V 6:30</p>	<p>16</p> <p>BSOC H Walther JV 4:30</p>	<p>17</p> <p>BSOC A St. Edward V 4:30 GTEN H R-B JV 4:30 GTEN A R-B V 4:30</p> <p>Curriculum Night See Page 3 for Details</p>	<p>18 Orange and Blue Day</p> <p>12:08 Dismissal School Improvement Day</p> <p>BSOC A Crystal Lake JV 4:30 GVB H Wheaton FA 4:30 GVB H Wheaton FB 5:30 GVB H Wheaton JV 4:30 GVB H Wheaton V 5:30 FB A Elmwood Park S 5:00 FB A Elmwood Park V 7:15</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Technology Center of DuPage EXPO 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. www.tcdupage.org</p> <p>GVB A Willowbrook FA 8:30 am GVB A Ridgewood V 9am BCC A Warren Invite JV/V 9am BCC A Warren Invite GCC A Warren Invite JV/V 9am GTEN H F/S Invite 9am</p>
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27	<p>28</p> <p>GTEN H Niles West JV 4:30 GTEN A Niles West V 4:30 FB A Aurora Central F 5:00</p> <p>District 100 School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>29 2:00 pm Dismissal</p> <p>GVB H East v West V TBA BSOC H Wheaton S 4:30 BSOC H Wheaton V 6:15 GTEN A IC V 4:30</p>	<p>30</p> <p>GOLF A F/S/V MCS Tourney 8:30am</p>	<p>Stay Connected with Fenton</p> <p>Visit the Fenton website at www.fenton100.org to sign up for the Fenton e newsletter, like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, view Fenton YouTube videos or download the 2015—2016 Fenton Google Calendar.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>		

Fenton Crest Receives an Update

The Fenton Community High School District 100 Board of Education in partnership with school administration is proud to unveil an updated version of the Fenton crest.

The Fenton Branding Committee, comprised of school board members and school administration, worked diligently to capture the tradition of the crest while modernizing the graphic. With the facility construction project in progress, it was time to revisit the crest, mascot and school colors. The District 100 Board was strongly in favor of keeping current school colors and the Bison mascot to maintain the strong tradition of Fenton High School.

The new Fenton crest has updated icons within the four chambers, a letter F and a ribbon distinguishing 1917 as the year Bensenville first began providing a high school program. The crest's four chambers mirror the mission, beliefs and vision of Fenton High School. See descriptions below.



Our belief is that education in the Arts is vital to student success because it opens the door to diverse thinking and innovation. Fenton High School has a rich history in the Arts which includes curricular and after school programming in music, drama, speech, writing and multiple media art. With the understanding that attitude is a critical factor in determining whether one reaches his or her potential, a rich Arts program provides an outlet for students to communicate their viewpoints and experience how others view the world.

Our belief is that school, family and community share the responsibility for education. This support will lead to highly motivated students who are eager to pursue their education and will pass the energy on to enrich the educational environment for all.



Our belief is that a continuous focus on educating and inspiring all students to reach their fullest potential is our first priority. At Fenton High School, we understand that each student will demonstrate growth appropriate to his/her capabilities in math, science, social studies, reading and writing. This will be accomplished through a rigorous curriculum, established support system and measured on a variety of standardized achievement tests and local assessments.

Our belief is that effort and achievement build self-esteem. Establishing an atmosphere that promotes pursuing excellence with a passion in academics, activities, athletics and community service will result in learning as a lifelong endeavor.

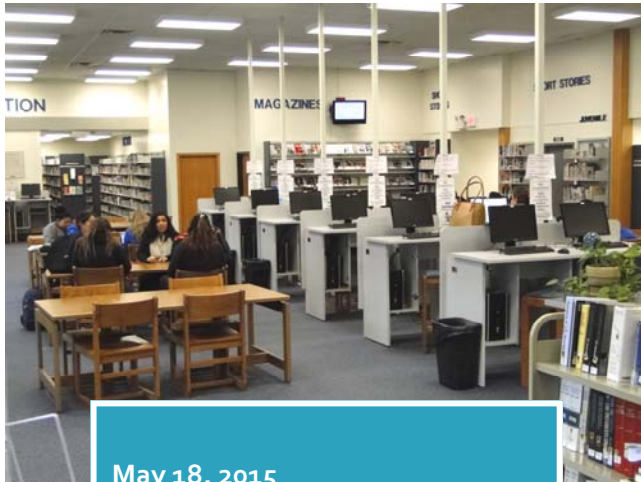
The updated Fenton crest will be added to the new main entrance, signage throughout the building, letterhead, business cards and communication vehicles such as the Fenton website, Twitter and Facebook page.



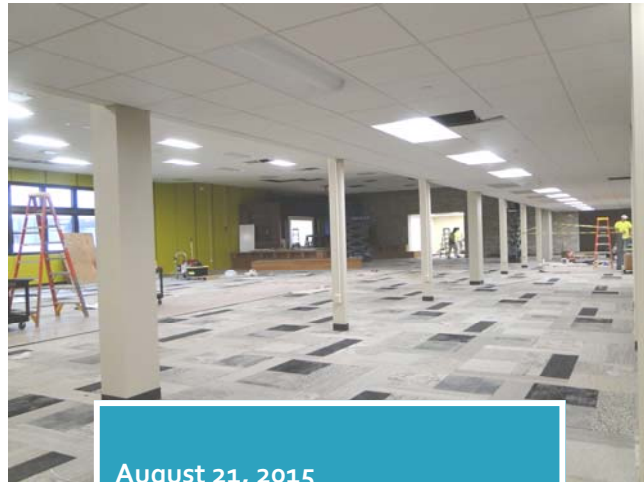
Construction Update

Several major elements of the Fenton construction project are nearing completion. The main hall has reopened with access to the new Health, Special Education and Guidance Offices. The reconfigured Student Service Center is also open; however, Door 1 will continue to be the temporary main entrance until January 2016. Visitors should enter the building using Door 1 and report to the Business Office to check-in.

Security remains our top priority. The construction site will be closed to student and staff traffic at all times with a fence. A wooden wall surrounds the construction site and construction workers have no contact with students. All construction workers have undergone background checks and wear identifiable credentials while working on the Fenton campus.



May 18, 2015



August 21, 2015

The Fenton Media Center will open to students in September. Photos above demonstrate the dramatic transformation in just a few short months.

Spotlight on Fenton construction episodes on the Bensenville Cable Station air on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The show is available on Comcast Channel 6, AT&T Uverse and the Fenton YouTube Channel.

Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) Project

Fenton High School has been selected as one of 120 schools to participate in the Equal Opportunity Schools Project. Fenton's acceptance was based in part by past success with the Advanced Placement (AP) program and commitment to ensuring that underrepresented students have equal access to rigorous high school courses. This is a matching fund grant program and Fenton will utilize Title 1 funds to pay their portion. The goal of the program is to increase enrollment in the AP program from underrepresented groups. The Equal Opportunity Schools Project will assist by:

- Evaluating the size, shape and causes of advanced course enrollment gaps at partner schools, as well as schools' strengths and their most effective options to close those gaps.
- Providing tools and guidance that principals can use to build stakeholder support for the ambitious, inspiring goal of finding every missing student within the current academic year.
- Identifying missing students and providing recruitment support using an innovative data and analytics system.
- Improving quality and achievement in the most rigorous classes by collaboratively building an achievement plan using tested pedagogical and support strategies.
- Working with leadership to incorporate strategies for finding missing students to sustain the gap closure after the end of the contract.

Equal Opportunity Schools is a non-profit organization with funding partnerships that include Google, Harvard University and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Equal Opportunity Schools Project partnered with the Jack Cooke Foundation to help low-income and students of color reach advanced levels of academic achievement.

SEL Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Parent Conn

Fenton's Social-Emotional Learning program exists to help students improve their emotional health, relationships and social skills. These competencies are key to academic achievement and personal well-being. During the month of September, the program will focus on making healthy lifestyle choices (including sleep, diet, exercise and time management) as well as academic goal-setting for the school year. According to the National Sleep Foundation, only 20 percent of teens get the doctor-recommended **nine hours** of sleep a night they need. Parents can help their teens by encouraging a reasonable bedtime and discouraging screen time late in the evenings, which studies have shown reduces the amount of deep sleep teens experience.

Additionally, to help your teen with the process of long-term goal setting, please visit www.whatsnextillinois.org, a website run by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and available in both English and Spanish. Once registered, students can access career-planning tools to help with course selection and goal-setting in high school. Additionally, consider helping your teen set up a job shadowing appointment with someone working in his or her career of interest. While the summer offers the greatest opportunity for such experiences, school breaks and holidays are often good options as well. For more information or for a guide to use while completing a job shadowing experience, please email Melissa To at to@fenton100.org. Until next month, be well!

The Bensenville Youth Services Coalition Host Wellness Event

The Bensenville Community Youth Services Coalition will host the second annual BWELL Bensenville Walkathon and Family Fest on Saturday, September 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The event includes a progressive walk, wellness booths, activities and healthy refreshments. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.bwellbensenville.com.



Homecoming 2015 / October 5 - 10 Theme: Carnival

Additional details for Homecoming Week will be included in the Fenton e newsletter and posted to the Fenton website as soon as they become available.

Homecoming Spirit Day

Monday, October 5

Pajama Day

Tuesday, October 6

Country Western Day

Wednesday, October 7

Twin Day

Thursday, October 8

Tie - Dye Day

Friday, October 9

Orange & Blue Day

5:00 p.m. Sophomore Football Game

7:15 p.m. Varsity Football Game

Homecoming Dance Saturday, October 10

Homecoming Dance 7:30 p.m. (ticket required)

Tickets to the Homecoming dance will be on sale in the bookstore Monday, September 21 - October 9 for \$15. Tickets will not be available to purchase at the door.

