

# THE FALCON FLYER



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Central  
School District



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## From the Board of Education

The Board of Education continues to be impressed by the many accomplishments of our students, staff, and teachers across the district. From academic achievements in the classroom to athletic and extracurricular successes on the fields and courts, our school community consistently demonstrates dedication, talent, and pride. These efforts reflect the strong commitment of our educators and the support of families, and they remain a source of great encouragement for the Board.

As mentioned early in the year, we have two student board members. They have recently reached out to the MS/HS student body with a survey to receive feedback regarding the school environment. Results were positive overall, with some suggestions regarding lunch menu items, school cleanliness, increased school participation in activities and athletics, improved communication, and more effective ways to address bullying. We look forward to continued discussions on addressing suggestions for improvement!

As we enter budget season, we would like to remind the community of our upcoming budget workshops, which will take place on March 3, March 17, April 7, and April 20. With the exception of the March 3 and April 7 workshops, all of the others will be held in addition to the regular business meeting. Our annual budget hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Each budget cycle brings new challenges. One of the most significant in developing the 2026-2027 budget is the continued rise in health insurance costs across the district, with an anticipated increase of approximately 9 percent. This will result in approximately \$500K of additional cost. This is a contractual and unavoidable cost. Within this context and the context of rising costs, the Board has had to make some very challenging decisions including the discontinuation of non-mandatory Medicare premium reimbursements. We have received significant feedback about this decision, and we want the community to know that it was not one that was considered lightly. This benefit was projected to exceed a quarter of a million dollars annually and is the equivalent to approximately five starting teachers' salaries. While Retirees will continue to remain covered under the District health insurance in accordance with collective bargaining agreements, the Board made the difficult decision to discontinue the non-mandatory Medicare premium reimbursements. This was done in order to support long-term fiscal sustainability for our community at large, along with current and future students. While we are still awaiting critical information from the state for the 2026-2027 budget, we do not anticipate any staff reductions at this time, and a key priority remains reviewing class sizes, particularly at the elementary level, to ensure we are meeting student needs effectively.

Additionally, many of you may have also noticed that Pre K interest forms for the 2026-2027 school year are now available. Based on recent information shared by the Governor, she plans for state funding for UPK to remain consistent. We expect to receive more definitive guidance from the state in the coming months and will continue to share updates as additional information becomes available.

We appreciate the continued engagement, support, and partnership of our families and community as we move through

this important time of planning and progress. Your participation in board meetings, budget discussions, and school activities plays a meaningful role in shaping the future of our district. We look forward to the months ahead and to continuing our shared work in support of student learning and success.



## From the Superintendent

There is a great deal of positive work happening throughout our schools, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share a snapshot of where we are and where we are headed as a district. With strong community support, dedicated staff, and a clear vision for the future, Fabius-Pompey continues to build on its strengths while planning responsibly for what lies ahead.

Our capital project, approved by voters in December 2023, continues to move forward as planned, and we are very pleased with the progress that has been made to date. Much of the early work is now complete, and we are looking ahead to the next major phase. As soon as the winter sports season concludes, we anticipate beginning work in the high school gymnasium. Throughout this process, we remain focused on minimizing instructional disruption while ensuring these long-term improvements strengthen the safety and instructional aspects of our facilities for students, staff, and the community for years to come.

At the same time, we are working diligently behind the scenes on the 2026-2027 budget. This is always an important and thoughtful process, and our goal remains the same: to be fiscally responsible while continuing to invest in programs and opportunities that support student learning and overall student well-being. Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks through budget workshops as the budget continues to take shape.

I am also excited to officially welcome Jay Lang, our new Director of Curriculum. Jay comes to this role directly from the classroom and fills the vacated position created when our Middle-School High-School Assistant Principal role was restructured into a district-wide curriculum leadership position. This transition reflects our continued focus on teaching and learning and strengthens our capacity to advance our Strategic Plan and support the recommendations of the Blue-Ribbon Commission. Jay will work closely with teachers across grade levels and content areas to strengthen both vertical and horizontal alignment in our classrooms, ensuring a cohesive and purposeful learning experience for every student.

None of this work happens without the trust, partnership, and support of our families, staff, and community. I am deeply appreciative of the shared commitment to our schools and to the continued forward progress of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District.

Thank you for your continued support and for being such an important part of the Falcon community.

**Lloyd L. Peck, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools**

# INFORMATION and UPDATES

## From the Middle/High School

As we move through the winter season, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments and positive experiences that have defined the first half of our school year. Academically, our students and staff remain focused on high-quality learning and teaching. Our Student Council has led meaningful community service efforts, including a winter gear drive. Future Teachers Club continues to support our elementary school with visits along with a planned field trip to Colgate University. Clubs such as Esports and Science Olympiad provide students with opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. We held our first mid-year National Honor Society Induction Ceremony inducting 18 students.

Our winter athletic teams have represented Fabius-Pompey with pride, demonstrating sportsmanship, dedication, and teamwork throughout their seasons. We are grateful to our coaches, student-athletes, families, and community members for their ongoing support.

As we look ahead to the second half of the school year, we remain focused on continuous improvement and student achievement. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we wish you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable winter season.

**Sincerely, Jason Martin, MS/HS Principal**

## From the Counseling Office

**COLLEGE FAIR:** Juniors will attend the NYSACAC College Fair at the OnCenter on March 17. It will be an opportunity for them to visit and get information from many colleges.

**LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Seniors should check the counseling webpage for local scholarships and other scholarships that are being offered this year. Most are due in April or May. Some of the local scholarships from previous years are Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters, Fabius-Pompey Recreation, Delphi Falls Fire Company, Pompey Lions Club, and the Fabius and Pompey Ladies Auxiliaries. A list of scholarships will be posted outside the Counseling Office and on our website.

**SAT TEST DATES:** Test is May 2 - register by April 17; June 6 - register by May 22.

**ACT TEST DATES:** Test is June 13 register by May 8.

### AP EXAM SCHEDULE:

Monday, May 4	8:00 a.m. - AP Biology 12:00 p.m. - AP Economics
Tuesday, May 5	8:00 a.m. - AP Chemistry
Wednesday, May 6	8:00 a.m. - AP English Literature & Composition
Thursday, May 7	8:00 a.m. - AP World History
Friday, May 8	8:00 a.m. - AP U.S. History
Wednesday, May 13	8:00 a.m. - AP English Language & Composition



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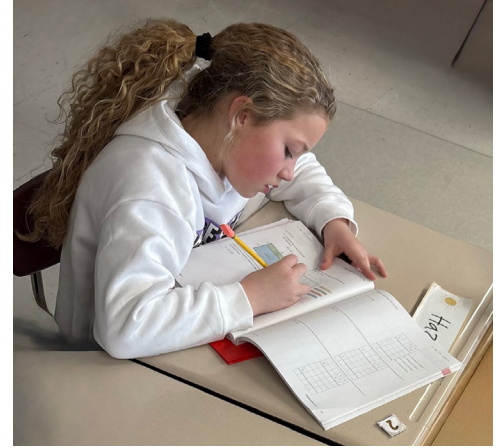
## From the Elementary School

Our focus remains on supporting student growth through strong instruction, meaningful enrichment, and positive school connections. Teachers continue implementing Eureka2 math and Wit & Wisdom, using recent benchmark data to reflect on progress and plan instruction that meets individual learning needs. These ongoing conversations help ensure students are supported and appropriately challenged as the year continues.

Enrichment and family connection remain important parts of our school experience. This winter, 2nd and 3rd grade students participated in afterschool enrichment clusters, while Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Perry continue coaching our 4th Grade LEGO League team for the second year. We also appreciated the strong turnout at our K-2 Winter Concert, which highlighted students' hard work, confidence, and teamwork. We look forward to welcoming families to our Grandparents & Special Guests Breakfasts and our upcoming PreK Peek event in March.

Through our CARES program, we continue to strengthen students' social and emotional skills. Following our focus on cooperation, we are now emphasizing assertiveness, helping students express themselves respectfully and advocate for their needs. During our recent CARES assembly, students were recognized for demonstrating assertiveness across the school day. Congratulations to our Assertiveness Award recipients: Kindergarten: Xander Milliken, Emeline Huysman; First Grade: Parker Costello, Benjamin Collins; Second Grade: Oliver Heaney, Jax Remon, Jaxson Moskal; Third Grade: Ryder Current, Daisy Harvey; Fourth Grade: Emma Marlow, Ricky Burlingame, Theo Fregly; Fifth Grade: Avery Fults, Ronnie Freeman Jr. As the year progresses, we remain committed to academic growth, social-emotional learning, and strong family partnerships, and we appreciate the continued support of our Fabius-Pompey families.

Sincerely, Sasha Rasmussen, Elementary Principal



## From the Health Office

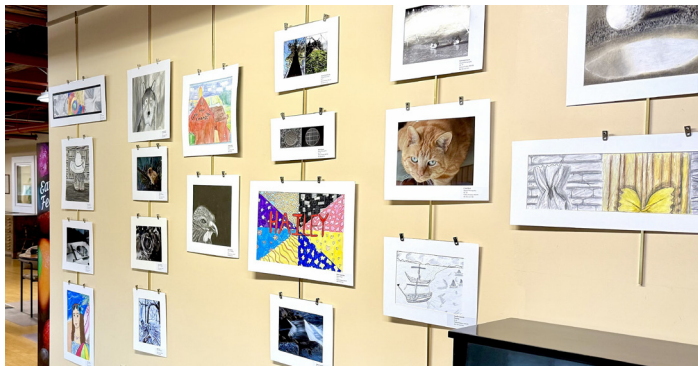
**Healthy Habits for Happy, Active Learners:** Small daily choices such as healthy eating, balanced screen time, and daily activity help to boost students' energy, focus, and well-being. Encourage fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and water. Set screen-free times during meals and before bed. Suggest reading, drawing, or outdoor play. Make time for daily movement through walking, biking, sports, or active play, and schedule movement breaks during homework.

Supporting these habits, both at home and school, helps children grow happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

## Fabius-Pompey Student Art Show

The Fabius-Pompey Art Department is pleased to announce a K-12th grade art show at the Fayetteville Free Library for the entire month of April. Student artwork selected by elementary art teacher Mrs. Turner, high school art teacher Mr. Hyatt and middle/high school art teacher Mrs. Di Rosa will be on display.

The Fayetteville Free library is located at 300 Orchard Street in Fayetteville. Their phone number (315) 637- 6374. During the month of April, you can stop by Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We hope you take the opportunity to view the show and to support our talented art students.



# SNOW MUCH FUN at F-P



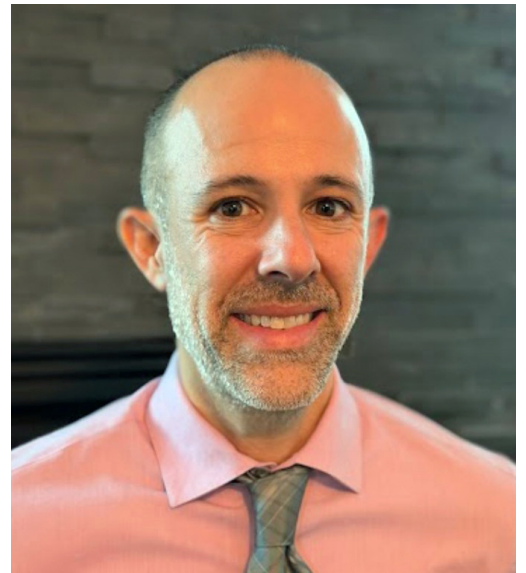
## New Director of Curriculum, Jay Lang

I am excited to introduce myself as the new Director of Curriculum for Fabius-Pompey. This is a new role in our district, created to strengthen curriculum, instruction, and professional learning across all grade levels. Many families may already know me from my work over the past few years as the district's STEAM/Technology Coordinator and Computer Science teacher. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our school community in this expanded role.

As the Director of Curriculum, my role is to serve as a districtwide leader for curriculum and instruction. This includes supporting teachers through professional development, participating in the instructional evaluation process, and overseeing the alignment of curriculum. Ultimately, this role is focused on strengthening teaching and learning so that all students are well prepared for success.

While this is a new position that replaces the vacated Middle School/High School Assistant Principal position, I will continue serving as the district's STEAM/Technology Coordinator, maintaining much of the same work families and staff are already familiar with. This ensures continuity in our technology, STEAM, and CTE programs.

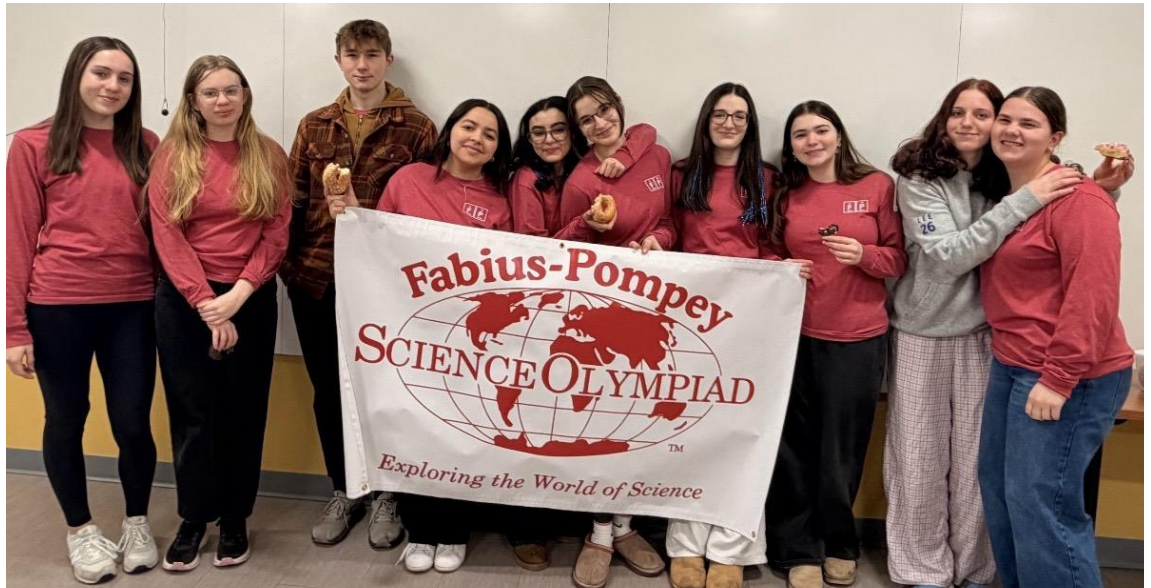
I look forward to continuing to work with staff, students, and families to support high-quality teaching and learning across the district.



## Strong Showing for Science Olympiad Team at Le Moyne College

The High School Science Olympiad team competed at Le Moyne College on Saturday, January 31, taking part in a wide range of science and technology events alongside 32 local schools.

The team had a strong showing, with Tim Barnum and Ranya Hassani earning 8th place in Materials Science, and Selima Attia and Tim Barnum earning 8th place in Water Quality. Adelina Kindon and Alanya Sandberg secured 7th place in Chemistry Lab. Tim Barnum and Sarah Rossi took 5th place in Designer Genes, while Abigail MacPherson earned 4th place in Remote Sensing. Paige Stroh and Myah Keenan also captured 4th place for their Boomilever. Congratulations to the entire Science Olympiad team on a great competition!



## Job Shadowing Opportunities for Fabius-Pompey Students

Fabius-Pompey is expanding its Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs in Business & Finance and Agriculture for students in grades 9-12. These programs give students valuable real-world learning and career exploration experiences.

To support this effort, we are seeking job shadowing opportunities within our community. Job shadowing allows students to observe a workplace, learn from professionals, and explore potential careers. Opportunities can range from a few hours to a full day.

If you, a family member, or your place of employment may be interested in hosting a student, please contact Jay Lang at [jljang@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:jljang@fabiuspompey.org) for more information.



## Board of Education Candidate Petitions

Notice is hereby given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board at the District Office, not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2026. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large.

**The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board:**

**One Trustee for a term of three years - Eric Exelby (incumbent)**

**One Trustee for a term of three years- Denise Fresina DiRienzo (incumbent)**

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District,

must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Blank petition forms may be obtained from the District Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday excepting holidays.

Further notice is hereby given that said election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., prevailing time, by voting machine at the Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School in the Town of Fabius, New York (for residents of the Towns of Fabius and Cuyler) and the Pompey Community Church in the Town of Pompey, New York (for residents of the Towns of Pompey, LaFayette and Cazenovia).

# COMMUNITY NEWS and EVENTS

## Pompey Earth Day Event

Save the date for the 6th Annual Pompey Earth Day Event, to be held Saturday, April 25, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Pompey Town Hall. This event is sponsored by the Pompey Environmental Conservation Commission and continues to grow each year. We hope even more town residents will join us this spring.

Our popular Norway spruce seedling giveaway will once again be the centerpiece of the event. Last year's raffle was a big hit and will return, featuring prizes such as a bluebird house and gift certificates to local businesses. Local environmental organizations will be on hand to talk with residents about topics including native plants, heat pumps, birding, forest health, citizen action on global warming, radon mitigation, electric vehicles, and more.

**Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Pompey Town Hall**

## Fabius-Pompey Outreach

Fabius-Pompey Outreach is a nonprofit organization that has served families and individuals in the F-P School District since 1988. Outreach operates food pantries at the Fabius Community Center and the Delphi Falls United Church. Please see food pantry hours for both locations listed below. For neighborly assistance, please call 315-677-3590.

Spring is on the way, and Fabius-Pompey Outreach's annual geranium sale begins this month. Visit [fpoutreach.org](http://fpoutreach.org) for more information and online ordering instructions, or contact Laura Windhausen at (315) 683-5240 with any questions.

Thank you for your continued support!

### Food Pantry Schedules:

Fabius (Thursdays, 3:00 PM-5:30 PM):

March 5 & 19 | April 2 & 16 | May 7 & 21 | June 4 & 18

Delphi (Saturdays, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM):

March 7 & 21 | April 4 & 18 | May 9 & 23 | June 6 & 20

## Fabius-Pompey APTS Updates

Thank you to everyone who supported the Little Caesars and Gertrude Hawk fundraisers as sellers and purchasers. Your efforts help fund student opportunities. APTS recently supported a Teen Institute event, a drama conference, a SUNY ESF trip, and the MS/HS career fair.

Remaining APTS meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS library on March 10, April 14, May 12, and June 9.



**Fabius-Pompey  
Association of Parents,  
Teachers, and Students.  
Together we can make a  
difference.**

Kid-friendly activities, including rock painting, will be available, along with a coffee and donut concession.

The Boy Scouts will host a bottle and can drive, so please save your refundable bottles and cans to support their troop.

Several longstanding town services will also be offered, including paper shredding; scrap metal drop-off; battery recycling (including car batteries); electronics recycling; and tire disposal.

Look for the event flyer on the Pompey Town website in late March.

Mark your calendars, gather your items, save your refundable bottles and cans, and join your neighbors for a fun and informative Earth Day celebration!

## F-P Sports Boosters

**Mission:** The F-P Sports Boosters support Fabius-Pompey athletic programs by providing equipment, tools, and opportunities not otherwise available through the school district.

**Winter Crunch Tickets:** Support F-P student-athletes while enjoying a Syracuse Crunch Friday night game. Dates: Feb. 6 & 20; March 6, 13 & 27; April 3. Tickets are \$20, with \$10 benefiting F-P Sports Boosters. Order: Contact Brenna at 315-473-4444 ext. 133 or [bbatzer@syracusecrunch.com](mailto:bbatzer@syracusecrunch.com), or order online at [syracusecrunch.com/FPBOOSTERS](http://syracusecrunch.com/FPBOOSTERS) (promo code FPBOOSTERS).

**Engraved Pavers:** Honor a student-athlete, senior, alumni class, or special event with an engraved paver at the concession stand patio. Message us on Facebook or Instagram for details.

**Become a Member:** Join F-P Sports Boosters and help support our athletic programs. Meetings are held monthly in the high school cafeteria. Check Facebook or Instagram for dates.

Contact: [FPSportsBoosters@outlook.com](mailto:FPSportsBoosters@outlook.com)

Facebook: @Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters

Instagram: @fabius\_pompey\_sports\_boosters

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## **Safety at the School Bus**

**Bus Safety is Teamwork • Never Be In the Danger Zone**

**Cross Only with Driver's Signal • Maintain a Safe Atmosphere • Do Not Distract the Driver**

**Be On Time and Ready for the Bus to Arrive**

**Practice Respect and Responsibility**

