

Fabius-Pompey Central School District

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Mock Trial Members Serve the Community

by Mrs. Hopseker, Mock Trial Co-Advisor

Mock Trial has been busy lately. We took a field trip to the Onondaga County Courthouse to see an actual trial. At the trial we witnessed how the court system runs. We learned how and when to make objections and the appropriate way attorneys speak and conduct themselves in a trial. We also learned that how you think a case will turn out may not actually occur that way.

Our principal, Mr. Martin, and advisors Mr. Cognetti and Mrs. Hopseker, along with five Mock Trial members, boarded the bus at 5:45 a.m. one recent morning to volunteer at the Samaritan Center. Upon arrival, we were divided into stations and they put us to work. The students learned how valuable a smile is to other people and to just visit with those patrons who might need a place to interact with others. A warm, dry, welcoming environment with good people and getting a hot meal is sometimes all that they need. The students did a wonderful job serving, cleaning, doing dishes and welcoming people into the Samaritan Center.

We would like to say an extra *thank you* to Mr. Martin, who attended both of our field trips and swept and mopped like a "mad man" as he joined in at the Samaritan Center with us!



**Annual Vote on the School Budget and Transportation Proposition
and Board Member Election**

May 21, 2024

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**at Fabius-Pompey Middle School High School
for qualified district voters residing in the Towns of Fabius and Cuyler**

**at Pompey Community Church
for qualified district voters residing in the Towns of Pompey, LaFayette and Cazenovia**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH 2024

Complete minutes can be found at www.fabiuspompey.org.

Personnel Items:

- Approved the acceptance of the notification of retirement by Patricia Feeney as School Nurse, effective November 1, 2024.
- Approved the acceptance of the notification of resignation by Sarah Tavolaro as Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2024.
- Approved the appointment of High School musical advisors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of spring coaches for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved Keegan Moskov as a student teacher in the area of Special Education, March 20 through May 13, 2024.
- Approved Michael Wright as Substitute Custodial Worker for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Business Items:

- Reviewed Budget Workshop V.
- Approved February 2024 Warrants and Transfers.
- Approved the adoption of a SEQRA resolution for the Capital Project.
- Approved to declare miscellaneous technology items and devices as surplus.

Information Items:

- Approved the Committee on Special Education student recommendations as presented.
- Approved the curriculum for a 10-week Computer Science CTE course for students in the 8th grade, effective for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved the addition of Monday, April 8, 2024, and Friday, May 24, 2024, as holidays in the 2023-2024 school year calendar.

READ THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Visit the Fabius-Pompey website at www.fabiuspompey.org and find us at the bottom of the District flyout menu.

THE ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS MAY 3.

Please email articles to jgasparini@fabiuspompey.org.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL

When circumstances require the emergency closing of school, the following television stations will broadcast the information: WSTM-TV (Channel 3); WTVH-TV (Channel 5); WIXT-TV (Channel 9); YNN (Channel 10).

Please review with your children the details of the plan that you have established in the event there is an emergency early dismissal of school.

**WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL,
or will be arriving late,
please call or email the Health Office.**

Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School

Grades 6 through 12

(315) 683-5214

pfeeney@fabiuspompey.org

rlangey@fabiuspompey.org

Fabius-Pompey Elementary School

Grades Pre-K through 5

(315) 683-5197

erapp@fabiuspompey.org

Elementary Parents:

**Please use PickUp Patrol to manage your
child's late arrivals, absences and early dismissals.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

	Term Expires
Mr. John Repak, President (315-480-8248)	6-30-25
Mr. Eric Exelby, Vice President (315-683-9434)	6-30-26
Dr. Denise Fresina DiRienzo (315-374-0496)	6-30-26
Mrs. Holly Frazee (315-247-9522)	6-30-25
Mr. William Heselden IV (315-466-1548)	6-30-24
Dr. Gina Myers (315) 450-4462	6-30-24
Mrs. Carlena Wallace (315-683-5638)	6-30-24

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Meetings are held in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

May 7, 2024

May 21, 2024

June 4, 2024

June 18, 2024

Dates, time and location are subject to change.

Please visit the District website for updates.

www.fabiuspompey.org

STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS USED IN PUBLICATIONS

Throughout the school year, photographs of students may be taken for use in District publications or by the local media. If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please send a note to your child's principal.

SCHOOL CENSUS

If you are a new resident of the Fabius-Pompey Central School District, please contact the District Office at (315) 683-5301 to provide census information for our records.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Every year the budget development process commences in January, extending until final adoption in spring. This thoughtful process aims to strike a delicate balance between the district's financial obligations, such as compliance with numerous state mandates, and meeting the needs and goals of the district. When allocating resources, our primary focus lies in enriching educational opportunities ensuring our students are prepared to compete effectively. Though not obligatory, the provision of Honors, AP classes, STEAM, and Pre-K programs, alongside various extracurricular activities, underscores our commitment to providing a comprehensive education program and fostering competitiveness among our students.

In our continuous efforts to enhance our students' experience and support their needs, we have implemented various initiatives over the past few years. Some of these initiatives are; establishment of a Pre-K program, increasing mental health staff, development of an Agriculture program and a STEAM initiative. With safety a concern, we have installed a number of safety measures and hired a school resource officer. We aim to further develop our Pre-K program contingent upon securing a grant. We also are actively working to align our curriculums across all grades to address lingering effects in math and reading from the pandemic.

Achieving and maintaining a balanced budget necessitates either increasing revenue or decreasing expenses, a fundamental principle familiar to us all. In our 2024-25 budget there are several key factors affecting our revenue stream. State funding stands as a vital revenue source for many school districts in New York State. However, to balance the State budget, the State is proposing to reduce aid to local districts including ours. State funding equates to about 50% of our revenue. This compels us to grapple with challenging decisions regarding budget priorities potentially leading to reductions in spending.

New York State's property tax cap requirement imposes restrictions on the annual increase in property taxes that school districts can impose. While this cap serves to control property tax increases for taxpayers, it presents challenges for school districts in generating sufficient revenue to meet their budgetary needs. With the tax cap restriction, it is tough enough to manage the budget under normal circumstances. It becomes particularly difficult as expenses continue to rise due to an increase in cost caused by inflation. In addition, to be respectful of our local residents we are trying to limit the increase in taxes on the district taxpayers.

On the other side of the equation, our expenses are significantly impacted by several factors. Considering the effects of inflation over the last couple of years, escalating costs of goods and services such as utilities, supplies and employee benefits place a strain on our budget. We have limited control over these costs while we aim to retain and attract qualified employees to educate our children. Despite a recent decrease in inflation, the prices of materials and supplies continue to outpace revenue streams. Service contracts signed before the inflationary spike are now expiring. Providers seek to recoup losses and cover their own inflationary cost by securing new contracts at a higher price. As an example, our electricity contract through our municipal cooperative was recently renewed at a price twice as high as three years ago during the last renewal. We anticipate this trend to persist, impacting operations at least until the 2025-2026 school year, and potentially longer if inflation remains stubbornly high.

Despite working through some of the worst impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, moving forward we continue to grapple with ongoing recovery efforts. These include addressing learning loss, providing mental health support for students, along with implementing needed safety measures. These endeavors require additional funding and resources further complicating budgeting decisions. State and federal funding that supported many of these measures during the last three years is now ending.

By establishing and building reserve saving accounts and not having used \$750,000 of the State Smart Schools Bond Technology Money allocated to us in 2015, we have diligently prepared for this situation over the past few years. We have devised a strategy to tackle the decline in revenue and the rise in expenses. It's important to note that approximately 80% of the costs for our Pre-K program, transportation, certain technology, and capital project expenses are covered by aid, leaving only an approximate 20% impact locally. Therefore, amidst escalating inflation affecting all aspects of our operations in addition to increases for employee contractual obligations, we need to implement spending reductions along with some attrition to

help balance the budget. We feel we can do this while still upholding the educational standards you expect and our students deserve. To alleviate the burden of imposed taxes, we will use some of these reserves and part of the smart bond technology money. This year, we are adhering to the allowable tax cap of 2.9%, representing an increase of \$270,305 over the previous year. Although not finalized at the time of writing this article, our total budget stands at approximately \$20.9 million, marking a 0.3% increase compared to previous years. It's worth noting that this challenge is not exclusive to the Fabius-Pompey school district but is prevalent among our neighboring districts as well.

The rising costs of education coupled with stagnant revenue streams present significant obstacles in maintaining the quality of our schools while providing for the diverse needs of our students. Navigating through these challenges requires a commitment to fiscal responsibility, innovative problem solving, and transparent communication with our community. Together, we will overcome these hurdles and ensure a promising future for our schools and our community. We hope to see you at the Tuesday, May 7, Budget Hearing, in the MS-HS Auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m.!

FROM LLOYD L. PECK, ED.D. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

As we near the end of the academic year, we must address the pressing issue of our school's budget amidst unreliable state aid. Like many school districts, Fabius-Pompey is confronted with tough financial decisions. However, we remain committed to preserving the quality of education our students receive.

The state aid uncertainty has presented us with significant challenges. Despite these obstacles, we are working tirelessly to maintain the integrity of our educational programs without resorting to drastic measures such as increasing class sizes or reducing elective offerings.

To gain a deeper understanding of our budgetary strategies and initiatives, we encourage you to visit our school website www.fabiuspompey.org. There, you'll find comprehensive information including our budget presentation and a letter directed to our local representatives, advocating for increased support for education.

As we navigate these difficult times, it's essential for our community to come together and participate in the upcoming budget vote. Your voice matters, and your input will shape the decisions we make regarding the allocation of resources for the upcoming academic year. By actively engaging in this process, you play a crucial role in shaping the future of our school.

While we face financial constraints, our commitment to providing an exceptional education remains unwavering. We are exploring innovative solutions and reallocating resources to ensure that every student at Fabius-Pompey receives the support they need to thrive academically and personally.

Your ongoing support and collaboration are invaluable as we tackle these challenges head-on. Together, we can overcome these hurdles and emerge stronger as a school community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Vote on May 21, 2024

Proposition I 2024-2025 Budget

Proposed 2024-2025 budget in the amount of \$20,916,700.

Proposition II Transportation

Authorization to purchase two (2) 60-passenger diesel school buses and one (1) 66-passenger diesel school bus with a luggage compartment, for a total sum not to exceed \$492,000.

Proposition III Board of Education Members

To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three (3)-year terms (7/1/24-6/30/27). The seats are currently held by William Heselden IV, Gina Myers and Carlana Wallace.

FABIUS-POMPEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

When the cornerstone for the building at 7800 Main Street was set in place in 1931, so too was the foundational belief that has guided the District in the years that have followed, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve."

This solid belief in learning, in order to prepare for productive citizenship, displays itself on a continuum from Pre-Kindergarten to Commencement. We aspire for academic excellence that prepares our students for a future full of possibilities.

The partnership between home and school continues to be an essential component to our success. Parents and families have helped to create this safe environment where working together to ensure our children's safety and growth are top priorities.

A caring community of staff, students, and parents consistently collaborate to enrich and extend available opportunities and resources.

A closer look inside the hallways and classrooms of the Elementary School reveals the following characteristics and components that contribute to our unique learning environment.

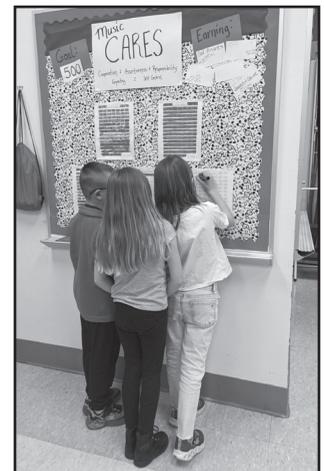
- A solid academic curriculum aligned with the New York State Learning Standards.
- A PreK-5 English Language Arts program based on reading, writing, informational text, literature, language and communication, research and study skills, and productive habits and attitudes, along with the distinction of continuous improvement on the ELA assessment.
- An environment where professionalism and teamwork are the norm, and teachers continually strive to expand their own knowledge and skills.
- A PreK-5 math program that is rooted in real-life problems and situations, and where students are engaged in investigation, data gathering and analysis, probability, geometry, patterns and algebra. Our students continue to demonstrate excellent understanding of concepts, problem solving strategies and reasoning skills.
- After-school enrichment clusters provide opportunities for children to explore their interests and involve children in activities such as sewing, games, and crafts.
- AIS (Academic Intervention Services) and RTI (Response to Intervention) support continues to provide our students with additional support and resources in reading and math.
- The Motor Lab is an exciting addition to our school that allows students the opportunity for additional movement and sensory input. Use of the motor lab stations addresses all areas of development through foundational and developmentally appropriate movements and skills. This includes activities like spinning, jumping, writing, crawling, rolling, bouncing, catching, balancing, cutting, eye-hand/eye-foot skills and even playing in a small ball pit. As students continue to develop and improve their balance, coordination, strength, ball skills, and sensory experiences they will be more prepared for the academic tasks of sitting at their desk, reading, writing, and problem solving for math.
- Our Winter and Spring concerts provide all students PreK-5th the opportunity to perform for their families and showcase their musical abilities during the school year. Band is offered to all students in 5th grade with a band concert held at the end of the year. Our 5th graders also participate in their first musical. This year, students will perform *The Lion King Jr.* Every student in 5th is provided the opportunity to be involved through singing, acting, staging and lighting tasks.
- We have implemented C.A.R.E.S. this year as our meaningful school-wide behavior expectations program. Students have learned about these traits and what they look like and sound like in all areas of our school environment. We host assemblies for each trait to celebrate and recognize our students and all of their achievements. Our classroom teachers and school counselor collaborate to incorporate instruction around these expectations throughout the school year.
 - Cooperation** - Working together and helping others.
 - Assertiveness** - Believing in and being able to stand up for yourself.
 - Responsibility** - Making good choices and taking accountability for your actions.
 - Empathy** - Being able to know how someone else feels: "Walk in their shoes."
 - Self-Control** - Your ability to manage your behavior.

The Elementary School is what a school should be - a place of learning and laughter where both children and adults continually strive to reach their full potential.

Grades 3-8 New York State Assessments Percentage of Students Scoring at Levels 3 and 4 (Proficient)

The results of the 2022-2023 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments represent student achievement on the new Next Generation Learning Standards. Because the tests measure different learning standards, the results are not comparable to those from prior years.

		ELA 2022-2023	Math 2022-2023
Grade 3	Fabius-Pompey CSD	33%	31%
	NYS Average	45%	54%
Grade 4	Fabius-Pompey CSD	40%	47%
	NYS Average	49%	54%
Grade 5	Fabius-Pompey CSD	26%	63%
	NYS Average	45%	50%
Grade 6	Fabius-Pompey CSD	41%	48%
	NYS Average	46%	48%
Grade 7	Fabius-Pompey CSD	38%	45%
	NYS Average	48%	52%
Grade 8	Fabius-Pompey CSD	62%	53%
	NYS Average	55%	41%
		Science 2022-2023	
Grade 8	Fabius-Pompey CSD	67%	
	NYS Average	47%	



FABIUS-POMPEY MIDDLE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Middle School

Our Middle School provides programming for students in grades 6-8. Students benefit from excellent instruction and strong curriculum. Careful consideration is given to ensure a seamless academic transition from elementary to middle school. Academics, character education and volunteerism combine to support our mission to have each student "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve."

Parents and staff work together to guide students through their journey of academic achievement and self-discovery. A positive environment, combined with a well-structured curriculum, ensures students will receive a well-rounded education that prepares them to pursue their goals and to benefit their community.

Once students move into the Middle School, they can look forward to:

- A solid academic curriculum aligned with the Common Core Learning Standards.
- A student-centered faculty that is aware of individual student needs and delivers a well-organized curriculum.
- The team approach to grade-level instruction, which assures that each student will receive individualized attention, and experience interdisciplinary units of study.
- An experience where students are nurtured toward self-discovery and an understanding of civic responsibility.
- Academic programs which prepare our students for success in High School.
- An after-school program that allows each student time to meet with individual teachers for additional instruction.
- A number of quality extra-curricular, co-curricular and athletic opportunities.
- Availability of academic enrichment beyond the regular program.
- A 21st century technology program that enhances student learning.

High School

Our High School provides programming for students in grades 9-12. We strive for excellence in and beyond the classroom promoting critical thinking through academic rigor and various pathways after graduation. Our goal is to prepare lifelong learners who are passionate and able to contribute to their community and our global society.

As students begin their High School journey, they will experience:

- Well-rounded academic opportunities, which include numerous electives and an increasing number of honors and college-level classes.
- A tradition of athletics, which emphasizes sportsmanship, competitiveness and teamwork.
- Small class sizes taught by a dedicated staff.
- Numerous opportunities for individualized instruction.
- A STEAM Academy that offers students career exploration, work-based learning opportunities and CTE accreditation.
- Continued integration of technology into the instructional program.
- Excellent opportunities in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
- A Music Department that offers opportunities in instrumental band and chorus, as well as musical productions
- Counseling Office instruction in career exploration, course selection for college planning and assistance in promoting healthy personal growth.
- An art program involving almost one third of the students, utilizing a variety of multimedia techniques and widely displayed in exhibits throughout the Central New York area.

New York State Regents Exams

	Percentage of students scoring at or above:			
	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	Passing	Mastery	Passing	Mastery
English Language Arts				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	98%	63%	93%	56%
NYS Average	81%	42%	77%	38%
Algebra I				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	93%	11%	82%	18%
NYS Average	66%	13%	65%	15%
Geometry				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	69%	21%	79%	17%
NYS Average	53%	15%	53%	14%
Algebra II				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	96%	26%	90%	10%
NYS Average	65%	18%	64%	17%
Global History and Geography II				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	84%	16%	82%	31%
NYS Average	80%	23%	74%	24%
U.S. History and Government				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	Exam not given in 2021-2022		93%	32%
NYS Average			80%	21%
Living Environment				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	86%	34%	77%	26%
NYS Average	74%	28%	66%	25%
Physical Setting/Earth Science				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	69%	10%	69%	29%
NYS Average	62%	27%	65%	29%
Physical Setting/Chemistry				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	81%	26%	78%	26%
NYS Average	60%	20%	65%	20%
Physical Setting/Physics				
Fabius-Pompey CSD	91%	59%	94%	50%
NYS Average	62%	30%	68%	33%

Graduation Rates

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Fabius-Pompey CSD	94%	96%
NYS Average	87%	86%
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<i>Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation</i>		
	2021-2022	2022-2023
Fabius-Pompey CSD	49%	53%
NYS Average	42%	36%



**BREAKFAST MENU FOR
MAY 2024**
(subject to change)
Grades PreK-12 \$1.55

Monday - French toast or bagel with cream cheese.

Tuesday - Bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or bagel with cream cheese.

Thursday - Pancakes and sausage (ES) or bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Friday - English muffin with egg and ham or sausage and cheese or bagel with cream cheese.

Cereal, toast, fresh fruit and yogurt are available daily at ES and MS-HS.

All breakfasts include milk and juice. Students must take a fruit or vegetable.

LUNCH

Sandwiches available daily:
Peanut butter and jelly, tuna, ham, turkey, cheese and egg salad (subject to change)

Salad bar available daily at MS-HS
Hummus or legumes

Fresh fruit, vegetables and milk are available with lunch daily at the ES and MS-HS.

Gluten-free options are available daily.

LUNCH MENU FOR MAY 2024

(subject to change)

Grades PreK-5 \$2.75 / Grades 6-12 \$2.85

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Milk 75¢ Snacks 75¢ Ice Cream 75¢		1 Chicken patty on bun Broccoli Fruit and milk	2 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	3 Tomato soup Grilled cheese sandwich Fruit and milk
6 Chicken and waffles Hash brown Fruit and milk	7 Falcon Bowl (MS-HS) Popcorn chicken (ES) Mashed potatoes Gravy Corn Fruit and milk	8 Hot dog on bun Baked beans Fruit and milk	9 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	10 Mac and cheese Broccoli Fruit and milk
13 Mozzarella sticks Marinara sauce Fruit and milk	14 Taco Meat, lettuce, cheese, and salsa Black beans Fruit and milk	15 Cheeseburger or hamburger on bun Tater tots Fruit and milk	16 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	17 Homemade Hamburger helper Green beans Fruit and milk
20 Pizza crunchers Marinara sauce Fruit and milk	21 Sweet and sour Chicken with Broccoli and carrots over rice Vegetable egg roll Fruit and milk	22 Deluxe chicken patty on bun Corn Fruit and milk	23 Personal pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	24 Memorial Day Weekend No School
27 Memorial Day No School 	28 Walking taco Refried beans Fruit and milk	29 Chicken nuggets Corn Fruit and milk	30 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	31 Mini corn dogs French fries Fruit and milk

For a complete meal, you must take a minimum of three items. One item must be a fruit or vegetable.

Mrs. Marion Carr, Cook Manager, can be reached at (315) 683-5327 or mcarr@fabiuspompey.org.

STUDENT CHARGES

The District offers a variety of healthy, economical meals for all students. It is understood that there are times when a student will forget lunch money. If a student has a balance of three charges, parents will be contacted. Long-term circumstances can be addressed through the Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk program or a confidential meeting with a District administrator. If a student needs to charge, arrangements can be made through the cafeteria manager or a District administrator.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Payments for lunch accounts can be made online at myschoolbucks.com. A student ID number is necessary to make a payment and can be obtained from the cafeteria.

DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Bus Garage.....	(315) 683-5278
Committee on Special Education.....	(315) 683-5465
District/Business Office.....	(315) 683-5301
District Office Fax.....	(315) 683-5827
Elementary School Fax.....	(315) 683-5680
Elementary School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5197
Elementary School Office.....	(315) 683-5857
Middle School-High School Cafeteria.....	(315) 683-5327
Middle School-High School Fax.....	(315) 683-5569
Middle School-High School Guidance Office..	(315) 683-5460
Middle School-High School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5214
Middle School-High School Office.....	(315) 683-5811

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Sasha Rasmussen, Principal

Happy Spring Fabius-Pompey!

We hope that you are enjoying spring and getting to see the flowers popping out of the snow! We appreciate your continued support and participation in our school events. Your presence has made a difference in the lives of our students and the level of excitement in our school community!

At FPES we have been learning about Empathy as part of our CARES traits. We have an upcoming CARES assembly before April break where we will recognize students, classes, and one grade level who have demonstrated this trait.

C- Cooperation is working together and helping others.

A- Assertiveness is believing in and being able to stand up for yourself and others.

R- Responsibility is making good choices and taking accountability for your actions.

E- Empathy is being able to know how someone else feels and show that you care.

S- Self control is the ability to manage your own behavior.

Attendance: Coming to school on a regular basis ensures that students have consistent instruction and builds the foundational skills students need to be successful. Missing school days, late arrivals, and early dismissals can lead to gaps in understanding and make it difficult for students to keep up with their peers academically. As a reminder, if your child is sick please let us know in pick-up patrol or by calling us at (315) 683-5857.

Spring Concert: Our students in grades 3 through 5 put on a wonderful concert for us! We are so proud of all of their hardwork and dedication! A huge thank you to Mrs. Lefkus for incorporating both music and instruments into an amazing performance! Great job everyone!

Grandparents & Special Guests Breakfasts: Our Grandparents and Special Guests Breakfasts were very well attended and we hope that everyone enjoyed visiting our school and spending time with our students! It was great to see so many smiling faces!

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

- Elementary Open House UPK-Grade 5: May 9, 5-7p.m.
- 5th Grade Musical: May 21, 6:30p.m., Elementary Auditorium

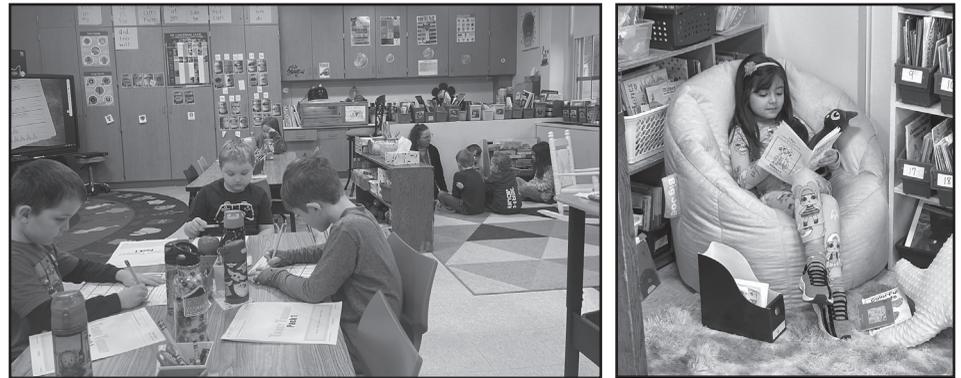
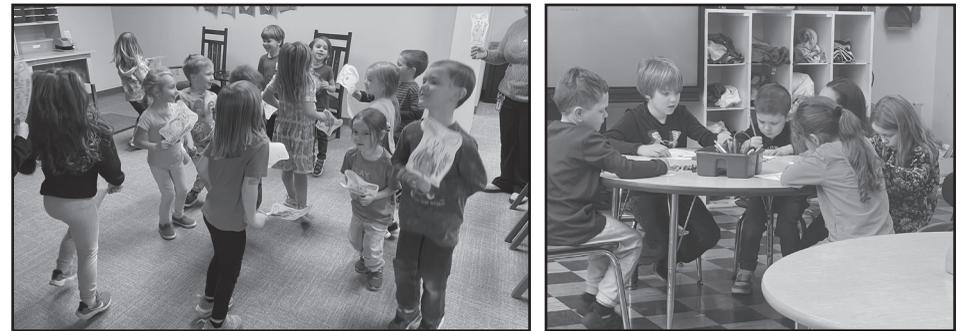
As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, let's continue to prioritize attendance, engagement, and collaboration. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rasmussen



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH NEWS

by Mr. Neumire, English Teacher

The Fabius-Pompey visiting author series wrapped for the year with its fifth author, Tim Carter, a Syracuse poet and the director of the Downtown Writers' Center. Tim read from his most recent book of poems and conversed with an audience of more than thirty high school students and staff in the Middle School-High School library. It was a thought-provoking, interactive conversation that added a little something special to the year.



COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

by Mrs. Barnum and Mr. Piorkowski, School Counselors

Summer School

Counselors will contact any students that may need to sign up for summer school at the end of the school year. *Remember, to stay on track for graduation, you should attend summer school if necessary!*

Summer Sessions at College for High School Students

Many colleges offer summer sessions over the summer for high school students. In the next few months, check the Counseling webpage for a sampling of some of the programs available.

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 webpage.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2024

Based on college acceptance letters provided by senior students as of April 9, 2024.

Sage Badman

SUNY Morrisville
SUNY Alfred State
SUNY Cobleskill
SUNY ESF
SUNY Canton

Stephen Bodley

SUNY Oswego
Wilkes University
SUNY Morrisville

Gavin Breed

Ferris State University
La Roche University
Grand Valley State University
Oakland University
Le Moyne College
Gannon University
Holy Family University
Wayne State University
Syracuse University

Ethan Clark

Le Moyne College

Camira Crossman

SUNY Canton

Isabella Esposito

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Kloey Fairbanks

SUNY Potsdam
SUNY Cobleskill
Onondaga Community College
SUNY Morrisville

Ashlee Freebern

University of New Haven

Madeline Hutson

Pepperdine University
University of Notre Dame
George Washington University
Emory University
The University of Alabama
University of Michigan

Dana Ingersoll Jr.

SUNY ESF
Paul Smith's College
Anna Maria College
Culver-Stockton College
Mercyhurst University
SUNY Morrisville
SUNY Cortland

Jared Janicki

SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Oswego
SUNY Potsdam
St. John Fisher University
SUNY Brockport

Russell Kanar

Utica University
Tompkins Cortland Community College

Grace Kilpatrick

Le Moyne College
St. John Fisher University
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Geneseo
Keuka College
SUNY University at Buffalo
UMass Boston

Hali Lindsay

Finger Lakes Community College
Mohawk Valley Community College

Blake Masters

SUNY University at Buffalo
Clarkson University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
SUNY Binghamton University

Jacob Monje

Susquehanna University
Florida Southern College
Le Moyne College

Melissa Moore

SUNY Potsdam
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY Buffalo State
SUNY Purchase College

Luke Neuner

InclusiveU, Syracuse University

Caleb Seubert

SUNY Morrisville

Taylor Straight

Onondaga Community College

Eliza Taubman

Alfred University
SUNY Cortland

Marisa Trommel

SUNY Binghamton University
SUNY Geneseo
University of Vermont
Union College
Ithaca College
St. Lawrence University
Skidmore College
Colgate University
Hamilton College

Shawn Van Erden

SUNY Canton
SUNY Alfred State
SUNY Polytechnic Institute
Clarkson University
Rochester Institute of Technology

Josslyn Wagner

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Grayson Wallace

Clarkson University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Sarah Lawrence College

Andrew Ward

Clarkson University
Rochester Institute of Technology
SUNY University at Buffalo

Alex Widdekind

Onondaga Community College

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

by Ms. Schoonmaker, High School Musical Director

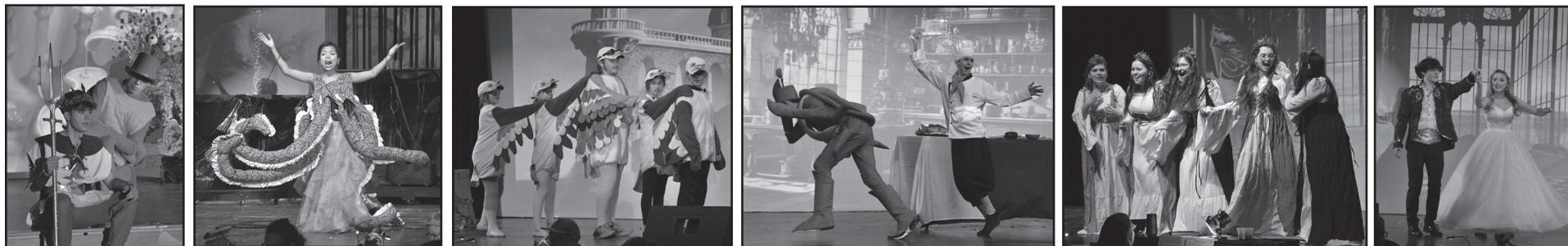
On March 8 and 9, Fabius-Pompey students entertained our community with three delightful performances of *The Little Mermaid*. A hard-working team of 6th through 12th grade technical theatre students “made the magic happen” on stage, while our performers brought this beautiful fairy tale to life. Parents, community members, and Fabius-Pompey faculty helped to build sets, create costumes and props, work backstage, play in the pit orchestra, and prepare food to support our students’ efforts. This remarkable team effort not only produced three wonderful shows, but also helped our students grow, learn, and have great fun working together.



A professional adjudicator from the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS) came to watch a rehearsal of *The Little Mermaid*. He then gave the cast, crew, and creative team constructive feedback to help them develop their skills further. He was impressed with the way the entire cast and crew worked together and the ways they supported each other to tell this delightful story. Our cast, crew, and production team learned a great deal from the adjudication process and were granted six special awards in recognition of their work.

- *The Entire Cast* was honored with a **Meritorious Achievement Award in Performance**.
- *Lauren Puente* received a **Meritorious Achievement Award in Choreography**.
- *Ray Sturge and the Orchestra* received an award of **Excellence in Musical Performance**.
- An **Award of Excellence in Playbill Design** was given to *Michael Curtis and Susan Schoonmaker*.
- *Kristin Palazzoli* received an award for **Excellence in Costume Design and Execution**.
- An award for **Excellence in Direction** was given to *Susan Schoonmaker*.

These awards help us recognize and celebrate the outstanding work that is being done in our Fabius-Pompey Theatre Program. We appreciate all of the people who worked so hard to make it possible for our students to grow, learn, and have great fun working on this production. We are pleased our district is so supportive of the arts!



TEEN INSTITUTE NEWS

by Mrs. Case, Advisor

Kids Night Out was a great success! We would like to send out a huge thank you for all of the support that Teen Institute received from our faculty, staff, and community! We had 131 students in kindergarten through 5th grade getting their faces painted, playing gym games and board games, and enjoying popcorn in the movie room. A special shout out to the amazing job our chaperones did. We could not have done it without them! Many thanks to Mrs. Ziegler, Mrs. Marlow, Mrs. Heaney, and Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy.

Here are some pictures from the event!



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA NEWS

FFA Members Compete in Public Speaking Contests

*by Liahanna Vazquez, 10th Grade Student
Fabius-Pompey FFA Chapter Reporter*

The Fabius-Pompey Chapter of Future Farmers of America had 14 students compete in the Leadership Development Event (LDE) during the months of February and March. Members grew as leaders in very competitive competition, while participating in public speaking events. Members compete in LDEs to build leadership skills as well as public speaking skills. Congratulations to every member who stepped out of their comfort zone and tried something new!!!

Special thanks to Mr. Martin, who volunteered as a judge and helped provide valuable feedback to FFA students.

Addison Wilcox - Jr. Prepared
Makenzie Penoyer - Jr. People in Ag
Kinsley Dewhirst - Jr. People in Ag
Addison Welch - Jr. People in Ag
Ava Morse - Jr. Prepared
Anya DiRienzo - Jr. Prepared
Riley DeLosh - Jr. Creed
Haleigh Way - Jr. Prepared
Alicia Vazquez - Jr. Extemporaneous
Cody Kadlubowski - Jr. Extemporaneous
Makenzie Gilbert - Employment Skills
Liahanna Vazquez - Sr. Prepared
Hannah Wilbur - Employment Skills
Isabella Esposito - Sr. Prepared and Employment Skills



AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION NEWS

by Mrs. Ballard, Agricultural Education Teacher

Introducing the Agriculture Mechanics Program

We are excited to introduce a new and innovative program, Agriculture Mechanics, within our agricultural curriculum. This class is specifically tailored to equip high school students with essential skills in small engines and welding, emphasizing the critical role these skills play in the success of rural communities and the future of agriculture. We are kindly asking for your support for this new class in material donations such as:

- portable, metal welding tables
- steel (10 or 12 gauge) in 4"x2" rectangles

With your help, we will equip students with the excitement and skills to support not only our community but agriculture as a whole.

If you have any questions about materials or how to help, please reach out to Lindsey Ballard, the agriculture teacher, at lb Ballard@fabiuspompey.org.

Thank you for your support!

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB NEWS

by Mrs. Piano, Advisor

On Thursday, March 21, the Future Teachers Club took a field trip to Syracuse University's School of Education. We started at Huntington Hall and went to the Center for Experiential Pedagogy and Practice, where we got to see a simulation of how a school experience for a new teacher would play out in real time. Students had a chance to meet with Dr. Benjamin Dodger and some of his education students to reflect on what they saw in the sims lab. We also had a tour of the campus, got to shop in the bookstore, and ate lunch in the dining hall. We ended our day back at the School of Education, where we listened and asked questions to a panel of students. It was a great day -- we learned a lot about going to school to be a teacher and got to see all of the opportunities that Syracuse University has to offer.

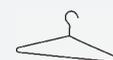


The Closet

is open during lunch and after school.

Please see Mrs. Langey in the nurse's office to escort you!

As always, everything is FREE!



SOLAR ECLIPSE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Below are some pictures of elementary students learning and having fun as they prepared for the total solar eclipse!



HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

by Mrs. Feeney, Middle School-High School Nurse

New York State requires an updated physical for all students wishing to participate in interscholastic sports. This includes all modified, junior varsity and varsity athletics.

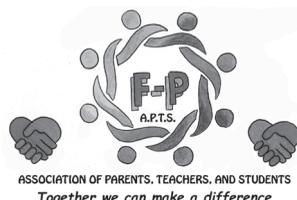
The school will be offering sports physicals in June. If you would like your student to receive a physical at school, please contact the Middle School-High School Health Office by Friday, May 3.

A.P.T.S. NEWS

by Mrs. Schroeter, Corresponding Secretary

www.f-p-aps.org

Allison Haslam, President - president@f-p-aps.org
 Gina Myers and Lori Kreilach, Co-Vice Presidents - vp@f-p-aps.org
 David Soergel, Treasurer - treasurer@f-p-aps.org
 Kelly Schroeter, Corresponding Secretary - correspond@f-p-aps.org
 Kelly Kirkeby, Recording Secretary - secretary@f-p-aps.org



A.P.T.S. is looking for volunteers!

We have several officer positions open for next year! Anyone can participate – parents, guardians, students and school employees. No experience necessary. For more information, visit our website, contact a current officer or attend a meeting!

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. on May 14 (Zoom) and June 11 (MS/HS library). All are welcome!

F-P SPORTS BOOSTERS NEWS

by Mrs. Clarkson, Secretary

Website: www.fpsportsboosters.org

Email: FPSportsBoosters@outlook.com

On Facebook @ Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters

Ben Neadom, President - Erin Markey Clarkson, Secretary - John Feeney, Treasurer

OUR MISSION. To support Fabius-Pompey's sports programs by providing equipment, tools and opportunities that might not otherwise be available from the school district.

The **2024 Senior Sports Banquet** will be held Monday, June 3, at The Pompey Club. Senior athletes will receive an invitation with complete details later in the spring.

Applications for the **2024 Fabius Pompey Senior Scholarship** will be available in late April or early May in the Counseling Office. Sports Boosters will award a scholarship of \$1,000 to one senior girl and one senior boy graduating with the Fabius-Pompey Class of June 2024 who has lettered in at least one (1) varsity sport. All eligible seniors are encouraged to apply.

SUPPORT SPORTS BOOSTERS. Purchase an engraved paver to add to the patio in front of the concession stand. A terrific way to commemorate a special event or student athlete and support Sports Boosters! Visit www.fpsportsboosters.org for an order form.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED. Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters is looking for new members. Please consider giving your time for this worthy cause. We hold one short meeting each month during the school year, and you may help as much or as little as you would like. In particular, we are looking for a new Treasurer to begin early summer 2024. Questions? Reach us at our email, website or Facebook addresses above.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN MID-MAY. Check our Facebook page for the date and time.

FABIUS-POMPEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The Fabius-Pompey Central School District is working toward inducting athletes, coaches, teams and individuals to the Fabius-Pompey Central School District Athletic Hall of Fame. The purpose is to motivate current athletes, connect the past to the present and develop pride in the rich traditions of Fabius-Pompey Athletics. In addition, the Hall of Fame will recognize and honor the accomplishments of athletes, teams, coaches and individuals who continually strived for excellence during their time here at F-P.

Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies are held annually. Athletes, coaches and other individuals will be inducted in even years (2024, 2026, 2028), and teams will be inducted in odd years (2025, 2027, 2029). An induction ceremony will be held every spring.

The Hall of Fame committee is seeking nominations for consideration for future inductees. Nomination forms can be found on the Fabius-Pompey website at www.fabiuspompey.org under Athletics. Nominations are due no later than February 1 for inductions for the current year. Please send completed forms to:

Timothy Wilcox, Physical Education Department
 Fabius-Pompey Central School District
 1211 Mill Street
 Fabius, NY 13063

Or email form to twilcox@fabiuspompey.org

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS



Red, White and Blue We Honor You!



You have Gone Before Us and We Thank You and Salute You

Please join us for a Special Military Service
at the Fabius Christian Church
7803 Main Street, Fabius
on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30 a.m.

Reception to follow.

Memorial Day will begin with a Military Salute
at the Fabius Evergreen Cemetery on Keeney Road
on Monday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Parade in the Village of Fabius to follow at 10:30 a.m.

*The parade will begin at the bus garage, exiting the Elementary
School turning west on Main Street, north on Route 91, east on
Academy Street, south on Ridge Road, west on Main Street,
ending back at the Elementary School.*

A ceremony will follow the parade at the monument at the
corner of Main Street and Keeney Road.

Fabius Fire Department will be holding a Chicken Bar-B-Q.

The **Fabius-Pompey Outreach Food Pantry** is located at the **Fabius Community Center, Main Street, Fabius**. The **Food Pantry** is **open 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: May 2 & 16**. In an emergency call (315) 677-3590.

The **Food Pantry** at the **Delphi Falls United Church** is open **10:00 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: May 4 & 18**.

To donate unopened, unexpired food items, look for bins at local churches and Post Offices. Our mailing address is Fabius-Pompey Outreach, P.O. Box 251, Pompey, NY 13138.

Please visit our website at www.fpoutreach.org for information and updates. *Thank you!*

Rides for medical appointments are available to those residing in the Towns of Delphi Falls, Fabius, LaFayette, Pompey and Tully. If you are unable to drive or arrange transportation, call **FISH (Friends in Service Here)** at (315) 696-8659. Volunteers drive **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday**. Call at least three days prior to your scheduled medical appointment.

The **Pompey Hill Fire Department Auxiliary Scholarship** is being offered again this year. The scholarship is open to a graduating senior living in the Pompey Hill Fire District who is planning to further their education at a college, business, trade school or an apprenticeship. We encourage all eligible students to apply. Applications will be available at the Counseling Office through Monday, June 3.

A Time to Grow Nursery School is accepting registrations for 3, 4 and 5-year-old children for the **2024-2025 school year**. Please visit www.atimetogrownursery.com for the registration form. Any questions, please contact Brett King at (315) 313-4307 or manager@atimetogrownursery.org.

The **Fabius Historical Society** will be at the **Fabius Community Center** on **Sunday, May 26, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, and on **Monday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Scrapbooks with Fabius history and veterans' albums will be on display. Please come and look at our Fabius history.

2024 SOUTHERN HILLS STORM YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

FABIUS-POMPEY * LAFAYETTE * TULLY

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT: <https://www.storm1stand10.com>

Season begins in August



CHEER FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	After June 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2024)	Flag Football Cheer	*\$75	*\$90
3-8	Cheer (C and B)	*\$75	*\$90

DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR CHEER: JULY 16, 2024



FOOTBALL FEES:

Grade	Team	Before June 1	After June 1
K-2 (must turn 5 before 12/1/2024)	Flag Football	*\$40	*\$50
3-4	C Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$120
5-6 (cannot turn 13 before 12/1/2024)	B Football (Tackle)	*\$90	*\$120

*There will be a \$40 fee added to the registration costs listed above. Registrants are given an opportunity to earn that \$40 back by selling the two raffle tickets given to you (\$20 each). You may sell those two tickets and return the stubs for entry in the drawing, or simply elect to enter yourself into the drawing.

The \$40 fee for your raffle tickets is NOT included in prices shown above.

To purchase Southern Hills Storm gear please visit our webstore:
<https://shfb2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Register Here:



- Grades for registration are as of **FALL 2024**
- Partial payments option available
- For scholarships and all other questions, please call: 315-382-9534



Sponsored by STORM 1st and 10 Club

Fabius-Pompey Outreach Annual Geranium Sale

Spring is here! It's time to order geraniums! Please send the completed form and a check made payable to F-P Outreach to Laura Windhausen, P.O. Box 87, Fabius, NY 13063, or call Laura at (315) 683-5240. **You can now order your geraniums online! Visit www.fpoutreach.org and click on the "Geranium Sale" link.**

Last day to order is Thursday, May 9. Pick-up is Saturday, May 18, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the parking lot behind Immaculate Conception Church in Pompey.

When you pick up your geraniums, please stay in your vehicle, and we will bring your flowers out to you!

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Enter the number of geraniums you wish to purchase on the line next to desired color, and total your order at the bottom.

Pink Rose _____ White _____ Red _____

Magenta _____ Salmon _____ Orange _____

White to Rose _____ Salmon Splash _____

Total geraniums _____ x \$3.50 each = Total cost \$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!