

# Fabius-Pompey Central School District

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Excellence in School, Community and the World.*

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## Introducing the Fabius-Pompey STEAM Academy

by Mr. Lang, STEAM/Technology Coordinator

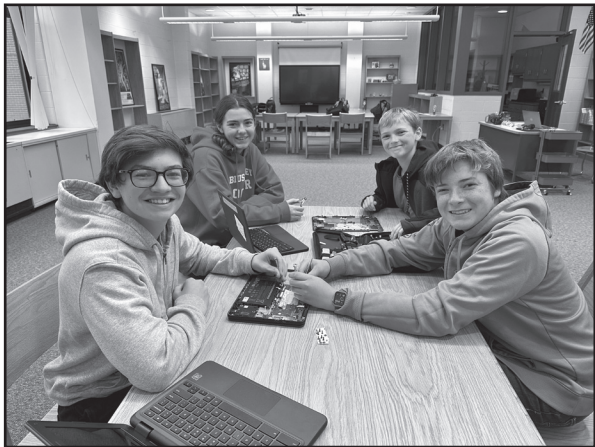
I'm excited to introduce our newly established STEAM Academy and highlight the opportunities it brings to our students and the wider community.

The STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Math) Academy comprises four integral components: the CTE Program, LAN Tech, Esports, and Cross-Disciplinary coordination. The CTE Program is a standout feature in our new course programming. Historically, Career & Technical Education (CTE) has been outsourced to BOCES, requiring our students to split their days between F-P and BOCES. While valuable, this setup is costly to taxpayers and takes students away from our dedicated teachers. Our innovative approach is to offer as many of these programs as possible right here in our community. In 2024-25, we'll kick off the Business CTE program, followed by Agriculture in 2025-26, and Technology in 2026-27. Additionally, we're exploring the future addition of programs in Computer Science, Welding, and Art.

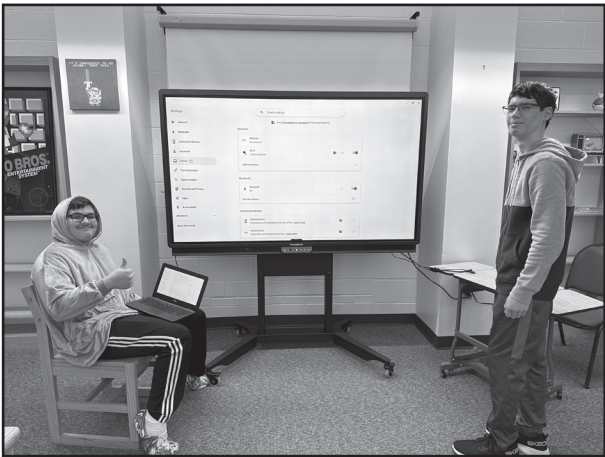
This year, we're launching the student LAN Tech program, which I personally oversee. The primary aim is to train students to support our district's instructional technology. They'll serve as IT support, addressing help desk tickets from both students and staff. In just their first month, our student LAN Techs have already taken on tasks such as Chromebook maintenance, inventory management, and troubleshooting software issues. LAN Tech students will earn course credit and have the opportunity for summer work preparing technology for the upcoming school year.



Our Esports team, led by coaches Hillary Lang and Ryan Duke, started last year and competed successfully in the PlayVS league alongside other high school teams. We look to expand the Esports program this year by creating a dedicated Esports match space and obtaining sponsors. On its own, Esports builds critical thinking, team building, and interpersonal skills. Additionally, Esports plays a crucial role in the STEAM Academy, engaging students in technology and school activities who may not have been involved otherwise. This can potentially lead to increased participation in other STEAM pursuits.



The final piece of our STEAM Academy puzzle is Cross-Disciplinary coordination, a concept I'm passionate about. During my 20 years of teaching Math and Computer Science, I witnessed the challenges of integrating cross-curricular activities due to a lack of central coordination. With the STEAM Academy in place, we can now achieve this seamlessly. An exciting example is our upcoming Cyber Cafe, a school-run, full-service coffee shop. Business classes will craft the business model and manage day-to-day operations, engineering classes will design the layout, art classes will add aesthetic touches, and the agriculture program will supply farm-to-table ingredients for the menu.



In essence, the STEAM Academy is poised to provide our students with a wide array of opportunities for growth and development, all within our own community. We look forward to fostering innovation and collaboration while enhancing the educational experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your support, and stay tuned for more exciting developments from the F-P STEAM Academy.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Complete minutes can be found at [www.fabiuspompey.org](http://www.fabiuspompey.org).

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Personnel Items:

- Approved the acceptance of the following notifications of resignation: Donald Retz as Bus Washer/ Shuttle Bus Driver, effective September 1, 2023; Alicia Mason as part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 5, 2023; Sandra Sancomb as part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 5, 2023; Richard Lysik as Bus Driver, effective September 22, 2023.
- Approved the appointment of Amanda Dancks as Special Education Teacher, effective September 20, 2023.
- Approved the appointment of Alicia Mason as Food Service Helper (full time), effective September 6, 2023.
- Approved the appointment of Sandra Sancomb as Food Service Helper (full time), effective September 6, 2023.
- Approved the appointment of Tiffany Pilcher as part-time Food Service Helper, effective September 5, 2023.
- Approved the appointment of Robert Axelson as Long-term Substitute Technology Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of mentors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of student activity advisors for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Shawn May as Modified Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Ashley Welch and Jennifer Bobbette as Co-Assistants to Athletic Director for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Michael Angello as Bus Driver, effective October 4, 2023.
- Approved the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year: Penny Deemer as Substitute Teacher Aide; Barry French as Substitute Teacher Aide.
- Approved volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year.

Business Items:

- Approved to declare items surplus.
- Approved the June 2023 and July 2023 Warrants and Transfers as presented.
- Approved the ratification of the Transportation Agreement, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

Information Items:

- Approved the CSE student recommendations as presented.
- Approved a contract with the County of Onondaga for the services of a Special Patrol Officer for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the adoption of Board of Education policies.
- Approved the Athletic Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.



SCHOOL TAXES

Please drop off payment in the mailbox by the District Office entrance, or enter and pay tax collector if necessary.

\*Please call ahead with cash payments\*

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Closed on school holidays

- September 5 through October 4, 2023 - No Penalty
- October 5 through October 31, 2023 - 2% Penalty
- November 1 through November 2, 2023 - 3% Penalty
- November 3 through November 15, 2023 - Pay to County

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
Mr. Donald Neugebauer (315-683-5331)	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.

November 7, 2023

November 28, 2023

December 12, 2023

January 9, 2024

January 23, 2024

February 6, 2024

February 27, 2024

March 5, 2024

March 19, 2024

April 2, 2024

April 17, 2024

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](http://www.fabiuspompey.org)



*Navigating Future Challenges:  
A Glimpse into the District's Financial Path Ahead*

As we stand on the cusp of a new era, F-P is preparing itself for a host of opportunities and financial challenges that will shape the educational landscape in the coming years. While the District has always been resilient and adaptive, we have some upcoming endeavors that will call for a proactive approach to ensure the continued success of our students, supported by you and the community.

One of the foremost challenges is ensuring the upkeep of our building and facilities. We are looking at a significant capital project vote by the community in December. This will be funded with state aid, our reserves or “savings”, which we have not used in the past few years and local support. In anticipation of a capital protect, several years ago the voters approved a proposition allowing F-P to establish and fund a capital project reserve fund. While our reserve has benefitted from recent higher interest rates, the upcoming project will result in a slight increase to tax rates over future years. The planned improvements encompass a range of essential areas: upgraded facilities, enhanced security measures, modernized classrooms, technology advancements, and sustainable infrastructure.

The capital project is a testament to our collective commitment to providing the best possible education for our students. The financial commitment from the District will be thoughtfully managed to maximize the benefits and ensure the longevity of the improvements.

Additionally, as we navigate the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's crucial to stay proactive in addressing the evolving financial landscape. One significant aspect of this involves the gradual phasing out of COVID-19 grants and relief funding that have been instrumental in supporting our District during these challenging times.

These grants have provided essential aid in maintaining operations, supporting mental health, the safety of our students and staff, and more. However, we anticipate a decrease in funding as these grants come to an end in the upcoming budget year. This transition necessitates a strategic approach to sustain our educational standards and financial stability.

Some key points we will be considering are:

- Budget Analysis and Reevaluation.** Conduct a thorough review of our current budget, identifying areas that may be affected by the reduction in grants and outlining potential adjustments.
- Resource Allocation.** Prioritize critical areas such as student support, technology integration, and facility maintenance, ensuring that essential services are maintained effectively.
- Grant Diversification.** Explore alternative funding sources and grants that align with our District's goals and needs, aiming to replace the decreasing COVID-19 grants.
- Efficiency Measures.** Implement cost-saving measures and efficiency enhancements where feasible, optimizing resource utilization without compromising the quality of education.
- Communication and Transparency.** Keep open communication with stakeholders, including staff, parents, and the community, about the upcoming financial challenges and our strategy to navigate them successfully.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to meet these challenges head-on and emerge stronger, ensuring a bright and prosperous future for our students and community. Stay tuned for updates and initiatives as we work together to create a better tomorrow.

Hello Fabius-Pompey!

We are very excited to share some highlights from the fall with our school community! In September we unveiled our new Elementary Falcon and kicked off Falcon Fridays. We encourage all students, staff, families, and community members to join us in wearing our school colors on Fridays to showcase our school pride!

We also have an online store that is available to purchase F-P merchandise for all three schools on our website. You can also scan this code to access.



We celebrated the dedicated service of our nurse Denise McAndrew and wished her well in retirement. She still plans to be a familiar face as a nurse substitute and volunteer! At this time we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new nurse Erin Rapp!

From Mrs. Rapp:

*Hello! My name is Erin Rapp and I am the new School Nurse at the Elementary School. I attended Fabius-Pompey and graduated in 2012. I received my nursing degree from Nazareth University and have spent the last 7 years working in the operating room. I enjoy traveling, spending time with my family and my dog, and skiing. I look forward to getting to know all of the children and keeping them safe and healthy throughout the school year!*

We look forward to the concerts and fun events we have planned this year! In music class, students have been learning new songs, dances, and playing instruments including xylophones, rhythm sticks, and drums. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are also learning to play their own recorders! This year all students will have an opportunity to perform for their families.

**Concerts & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical**

Winter/Holiday Choral Concert - December 6 (UPK - Grade 2)  
MS/HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Choral Concert - March 20 (Grades 3-5)  
MS/HS Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical - May 21  
Elementary Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

At Fabius-Pompey Elementary, we have developed school-wide behavior expectations referred to as CARES. All students are provided with monthly lessons to support this work at their grade level by their classroom teachers. CARES stands for:

- **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.

For September we have been focusing on Cooperation and what that looks like in the classroom, in the cafeteria, and on the playground. At the end of October we will recognize students who have demonstrated cooperation above and beyond the expectation at a school-wide assembly.

Teachers have kicked off the school year by modeling school routines and procedures and engaging students in fun activities to build strong classroom communities. Students often participate in Morning Meetings where they play games, read a message from the teacher, share about themselves, and get to know each other. Students are making new friends and practicing social skills including taking turns, sharing, and using words to solve conflicts.

We are delighted to have our UPK program in full swing this fall. Mrs. Neuner and Mrs. Kelley spent countless hours this summer and fall setting up classrooms with all of the new furniture and learning materials. Students are provided with a wide-range of experiences including attending music, art, library, and physical education each week. Social skills are being taught with puppets and role play as part of our social-emotional learning curriculum in addition to early literacy and math skills. We believe that this program will significantly contribute to the growth and development of our young learners, laying a strong foundation for their educational journey. We can't wait to see their growth and achievements this year!

As a friendly reminder, we are using ParentSquare for all communications and PickUp Patrol for transportation and attendance needs. If you need help getting signed up please give us a call at (315) 683-5857.

Enjoy the beauty of fall!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Rasmussen



BREAKFAST MENU FOR  
NOVEMBER 2023  
(subject to change)  
Grades K-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 NOVEMBER 2023  
(subject to change)  
Grades K-5 \$2.75 / Grades 6-12 \$2.85

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Ravioli Broccoli Fruit and milk	2 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	3 Fish sticks Carrot sticks Fruit and milk
6 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Tater tots Fruit and milk	7 Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti Broccoli Fruit and milk	8 Pulled pork Coleslaw Fruit and milk	9 <b>Staff Development Day</b> <b>No School</b>	10 <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>No School</b> 
13 Pizza crunchers Marinara Fruit and milk	14 Popcorn chicken Corn Fruit and milk	15 <b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> 	16 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	17 Rib-b-q Carrots Fruit and milk
20 <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> <b>1/2 Day</b>	21 <b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b> <b>1/2 Day</b>	22 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> <b>No School</b>	23	24
27 Meatball sub Green beans Fruit and milk	28 Chicken patty French fries Fruit and milk	29 Walking Taco Meat, lettuce, cheese and salsa Black beans Fruit and milk	30 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	Milk 75¢ Snacks 75¢ Ice Cream 75¢

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

Mrs. Marion Carr, Cafeteria Manager, can be reached at (315) 683-5327 or [mcarr@fabiuspompey.org](mailto: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](https://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



# ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOR THE 2023-2024 WINTER SEASON

*Schedules are subject to change.*

*Please visit the Athletics page at [www.fabiuspompey.org](http://www.fabiuspompey.org) for complete schedule information.*

<b>Girls' Varsity Volleyball</b>		
Vs. Multiple	11/25/2023 8:00 AM	Chittenango HS- Large Gym
Pulaski	11/28/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
DeRuyter (ROCKETS)	11/30/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	12/5/2023 7:00 PM	Whitey Anderson Court @ MPH
@ Cincinnatus	12/6/2023 7:00 PM	Cincinnatus Gymnasium
Onondaga Central	12/8/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Faith Heritage	12/14/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	12/15/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Port Byron	12/19/2023 7:00 PM	Port Byron High School Gym
Chittenango	12/21/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Christian Brothers Academy	1/3/2024 7:00 PM	John F. Lynch Gym @ CBA
Cincinnatus	1/5/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ DeRuyter (ROCKETS)	1/8/2024 7:00 PM	DeRuyter HS Gym
Weedsport	1/9/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Port Byron	1/11/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	1/16/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Onondaga Central	1/18/2024 7:00 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
@ Tully	1/23/2024 7:00 PM	Tully HS Volleyball Gym #2
@ Faith Heritage	1/25/2024 7:00 PM	Faith Heritage
@ Morrisville-Eaton	TBD	Middle/High School Gym
Morrisville-Eaton	TBD	Fabius-Pompey H S

<b>Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball</b>		
Vs. Multiple	11/25/2023 8:00 AM	Chittenango MS- Large Gym
Pulaski	11/28/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
DeRuyter (ROCKETS)	11/30/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	12/5/2023 5:30 PM	Whitey Anderson Court @ MPH
@ Cincinnatus	12/6/2023 5:30 PM	Cincinnatus Gymnasium
Onondaga Central	12/8/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Faith Heritage	12/14/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	12/15/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Port Byron	12/19/2023 5:30 PM	Port Byron High School Gym
Chittenango	12/21/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Christian Brothers Academy	1/3/2024 5:30 PM	John F. Lynch Gym @ CBA
Cincinnatus	1/5/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ DeRuyter (ROCKETS)	1/8/2024 5:30 PM	DeRuyter HS Gym
Weedsport	1/9/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Port Byron	1/11/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	1/16/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Onondaga Central	1/18/2024 5:30 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
@ Tully	1/23/2024 5:30 PM	Tully HS Volleyball Gym #2
@ Faith Heritage	1/25/2024 5:30 PM	Faith Heritage
Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 PM	Middle/High School Gym

<b>Girls' Modified Volleyball</b>		
Onondaga Central	11/9/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
LaFayette	11/14/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Cazenovia	11/16/2023 5:00 PM	Cazenovia Middle School Gym
Christian Brothers Academy	11/21/2023 5:00 PM	Callahan Gym @ CBA
Chittenango	11/28/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Tully	11/30/2023 4:30 PM	Tully Elementary Gym
@ Onondaga Central	12/5/2023 4:30 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
@ LaFayette	12/8/2023 4:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
Cazenovia	12/11/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Christian Brothers Academy	12/13/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Chittenango	12/15/2023 4:30 PM	Chittenango MS- Large Gym
Tully	12/19/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym

<b>Boys' Varsity Wrestling</b>			
@ TBD		12/2/2023 TBD	Cortland Jr-Sr HS Aux Gym
Cazenovia		12/6/2023 6:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ TBD		12/9/2023 TBD	CS: Paul V. Moore Gym
Jordan-Elbridge (Port Byron/Union Springs/Jordan-Elbridge/Cato-Meridian)		12/13/2023 6:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Central Square		12/21/2023 6:00 PM	Tully HS Volleyball Gym #2
@ Pulaski (APW/Pulaski)		1/3/2024 6:00 PM	Pulaski HS/MS
Cicero-North Syracuse, Liverpool, Baldwinsville, East Syracuse Minoa, South		1/6/2024 9:30 AM	Dimao Gym, Laidlaw Gym
@ Hannibal		1/10/2024 6:00 PM	Hannibal Kenney M S
Mexico		1/18/2024 6:00 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
@ Marcellus		1/24/2024 6:00 PM	Middle School New Gym

<b>Boys' Modified Wrestling</b>		
Syracuse City (Syracuse City), Cazenovia	1/25/2024 5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Phoenix @ Oswego	2/13/2024 4:30 PM	Oswego MS Gym
Central Square, Onondaga Central	2/27/2024 5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Oswego, Jamesville-Dewitt (JD/CBA), Marcellus	2/29/2024 5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
West Genesee, Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	3/7/2024 5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S

*Visit the Athletics page on the website at [www.fabiuspompey.org](http://www.fabiuspompey.org) for updates and schedule information for Winter Track, Cheerleading and Boys' Junior Varsity Wrestling.*

<b>Boys' Modified Basketball</b>		
@ Port Byron	11/9/2023 4:30 PM	Lehn Gym
@ Onondaga Central	11/13/2023 4:30 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
Weedsport	11/15/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
LaFayette	11/17/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Faith Heritage (Faith Heritage/MPH)	11/20/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	11/27/2023 4:30 PM	Cato-Meridian Jr. Sr H S Gym
Tully	11/29/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Port Byron	12/4/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Onondaga Central	12/8/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Weedsport	12/11/2023 4:30 PM	Weedsport Elementary School
@ LaFayette	12/13/2023 4:30 PM	Grimshaw E S GYM
@ Faith Heritage (Faith Heritage/MPH)	12/14/2023 4:30 PM	Faith Heritage
@ Tully	12/20/2023 5:15 PM	Tully HS Volleyball Gym #2
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	12/21/2023 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym

<b>Girls' Varsity Basketball</b>		
@ Morrisville-Eaton	11/28/2023 7:00 PM	Middle/High School Gym
@ Pulaski	12/6/2023 7:00 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
Altmar-Parish-Williamstown	12/11/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	12/14/2023 7:00 PM	Tully HS Basketball Gym #1
Altmar-Parish-Williamstown	12/16/2023 1:30 PM	A-P-W High School
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	12/19/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Otselic Valley	12/21/2023 7:00 PM	Otselic Valley HS Gym
@ Cincinnatus	12/22/2023 5:30 PM	Cincinnatus Gymnasium
Cincinnatus, McGraw	12/28/2023 2:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
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LaFayette	2/1/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
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Morrisville-Eaton	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S

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Otselic Valley	12/21/2023 5:30 PM	Otselic Valley HS Gym
Weedsport	1/4/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Port Byron	1/9/2024 5:30 PM	Lehn Gym
@ LaFayette	1/11/2024 5:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
Onondaga Central	1/18/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
OnTech Charter School	1/23/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Pulaski	1/25/2024 5:30 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
OnTech Charter School	1/30/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
LaFayette	2/1/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	2/6/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Onondaga Central	2/8/2024 5:30 PM	HS Main Gym
Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Cincinnatus	TBD	Cincinnatus Gymnasium

<b>Girls' Modified Basketball</b>		
@ Citizenship Academy	1/17/2024 4:30 PM	Citizenship Academy
Bishop Grimes	1/19/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Bishop Ludden	1/22/2024 4:30 PM	Bishop Ludden Gym
@ Solvay	1/24/2024 4:30 PM	Solvay MS Gym
Lyncourt School	1/26/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Syracuse Academy of Science	1/29/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Southside Academy Charter School	1/31/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Citizenship Academy	2/2/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Bishop Grimes	2/5/2024 4:15 PM	Bishop Grimes Sheehan Gym
Bishop Ludden	2/7/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Solvay	2/9/2024 4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Lyncourt School	2/12/2024 4:30 PM	Lyncourt School
@ Syracuse Academy of Science	2/14/2024 4:30 PM	Middle school Gym
Southside Academy Charter School	2/16/2024 4:30 PM	Southside Academy, Syracuse

<b>Boys' Varsity Basketball</b>		
Hannibal	12/5/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	12/8/2023 7:00 PM	Tully HS Basketball Gym #1
@ LaFayette	12/11/2023 6:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
@ Mater Dei Academy	12/13/2023 7:00 PM	Tipp Hill Community Center
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	12/20/2023 7:00 PM	Whitey Anderson Court @ MPH
@ Otselic Valley	12/22/2023 7:00 PM	Otselic Valley HS Gymnasium
Cincinnatus, Morrisville-Eaton	12/28/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Otselic Valley	12/28/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Otselic Valley, Cincinnatus, M-E	12/29/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	1/3/2024 7:00 PM	Cato-Meridian Jr. Sr H S Gym
@ Cincinnatus	1/5/2024 7:00 PM	Cincinnatus Gymnasium
Pulaski	1/8/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Faith Heritage	1/10/2024 6:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Onondaga Central	1/12/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
OnTech Charter School	1/17/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
LaFayette	1/19/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	1/24/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	1/26/2024 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Faith Heritage	2/2/2024 6:00 PM	Faith Heritage
@ Onondaga Central	2/5/2024 7:00 PM	HS Main Gym
@ OnTech Charter School	2/9/2024 5:30 PM	OnTech Charter School
@ Morrisville-Eaton	5:30 PM	Middle/High School Gym

<b>Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball</b>		
Hannibal	12/5/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	12/8/2023 5:30 PM	Tully HS Basketball Gym #1
@ LaFayette	12/11/2023 5:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
@ Mater Dei Academy	12/13/2023 5:30 PM	Tipp Hill Community Center
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	12/20/2023 5:30 PM	Whitey Anderson Court @ MPH
@ Otselic Valley	12/22/2023 5:30 PM	Otselic Valley HS Gymnasium
Cincinnatus, Morrisville-Eaton	12/28/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey ES
Otselic Valley	12/28/2023 7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey ES
Otselic Valley, Cincinnatus, M-E	12/29/2023 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey ES
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OnTech Charter School	1/17/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
LaFayette	1/19/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	1/24/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	1/26/2024 5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Onondaga Central	2/5/2024 5:30 PM	HS Main Gym
@ OnTech Charter School	2/9/2024 5:30 PM	TBD
Otselic Valley	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S



## COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

by Mrs. Barnum and Mr. Piorkowski, School Counselors

### College Application Reminders

As your child continues in the college application process, please remember that early submission of applications, whenever possible, is important.

Suggested timeline:

- SUNY applications should be in by mid-November.
- All other applications should be completed by winter break.
- All transcript requests should be received in the Counseling Office one week before any due dates in order to allow adequate processing time.

Questions? Call the Counseling Office at (315) 683-5460, or email [jbarnum@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:jbarnum@fabiuspompey.org) or [dpiorkowski@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:dpiorkowski@fabiuspompey.org).

### NCAA Changes

For changes in requirements for the National Collegiate Athletic Association for high school athletes, please visit the NCAA Guide for the CollegeBoard Student-Athlete on the website at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

### Website Links

A couple of links on our website:

- **Naviance.** Currently this is a program our seniors are using to apply to colleges. Later in the year, all other grades will be utilizing it for career and college exploration activities.
- **FAFSA.** The FAFSA 2023-2024 school year link is on our Counseling Department Google classroom as well. Applications for the 2024-2025 academic year will be available in December 2023. File your FAFSA as close to the open date as possible to improve your chances of qualifying for the most grant, scholarship and work-study aid. Fabius-Pompey will be hosting a Financial Aid Night prior to December.

**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](mailto:pfeeney@fabiuspompey.org)

[rlangey@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:rlangey@fabiuspompey.org)

#### **Fabius-Pompey Elementary School**

Grades Pre-K through 5

(315) 683-5197

[erapp@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:erapp@fabiuspompey.org)

#### **Elementary Parents:**

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

### 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.

## FABIUS-POMPEY AUTHOR SERIES NEWS

by Mr. Neumire, High School English Teacher

Allison Gasparini, a 2014 Fabius graduate who currently works as a freelance science writer, kicked off the inaugural Fabius-Pompey Author Series with a fantastic, well-attended presentation on life as a science writer. Allison graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz Science Communication Master's Program where she was the inaugural Astrobiology Science Communication Fellow. She has bylines with NASA, Brookhaven National Lab, the American Institute of Physics, Stanford University, and more.



On Thursday, October 12, in the High School library, F-P welcomed Philadelphia poet, memoirist, and novelist Jiordan Castle for a virtual reading and Q&A. Castle read from her new memoir-in-verse *Disappearing Act*, out from Macmillan, which tells the story of her life as a teenager during her father's imprisonment.

The event was fantastic and well-attended, as students asked questions about life as a writer in Philadelphia, and Castle shared about her family, her writing, and her dog Hacksaw.

The reading was the second in a series that continues Friday, December 8, when acclaimed children's author Max Brailer will join us virtually to read. The purpose of the series is to bring writing voices and experiences from all over the world into our F-P community, and to give F-P students the chance to interact with professional authors. For more information, contact Mr. Neumire or Ms. Hall.



## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

by Mrs. Miles, MS-HS Instrumental Music Teacher

Mark your calendars for this year's Music Department concert dates. We hope to see you there!

### Middle-High School Concerts

#### Band Concerts

- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Concert: November 8 at 7 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert: January 22 at 7p.m.
- 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert: April 4 at 7 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Concert: June 3 at 7 p.m.

#### Chorus Concerts

- Fall Concert: November 1 at 7 p.m.
- Winter Concert: January 17 at 7p.m.
- Spring Concert: April 11 at 7 p.m.
- Awards Concert: June 5 at 7 p.m.

#### Musicals

- Middle School Musical: December 15 at 7 p.m. and December 16 at 2 p.m.
- High School Musical: March 8 at 7 p.m. and March 9 at 2 p.m.

### Elementary Concerts

- PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Winter Choral Concert: December 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Choral Concert: March 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical: May 21 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert: June 13 at 7 p.m.



## A.P.T.S. NEWS

by Mrs. Schroeter, Corresponding Secretary

[www.f-p-aps.org](http://www.f-p-aps.org)

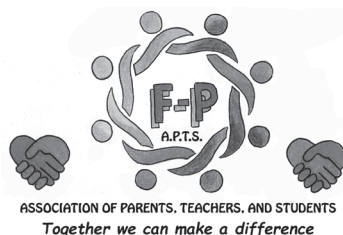
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Kelly Kirkeby, Recording Secretary - [secretary@f-p-aps.org](mailto:secretary@f-p-aps.org)



Meeting dates for the year are listed below. They are at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, with the final meeting being in person. All are welcome!

2023-2024 meeting dates: November 14, 2023, December 5, 2023, January 16, 2024, February 13, 2024, March 12, 2024, April 9, 2024, May 14, 2024, June 11, 2024 (in person).

Want to be included in our family directory? Scan this QR code!



### 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.

## F-P SPORTS BOOSTERS NEWS

by Mrs. Clarkson, Secretary

Website: [www.fpsportsboosters.org](http://www.fpsportsboosters.org)

Email: [FPSportsBoosters@outlook.com](mailto: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.

**2023 COMMUNITIES KICKIN' CANCER GAMES.** Thanks to all who supported the annual Communities Kickin' Cancer soccer games on September 29 as sponsors, donors, volunteers and spectators! Check out [www.communitieskickincancer.org](http://www.communitieskickincancer.org) for details of our total amount raised and photos of the event.

**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 out as much or as little as you would like. Our next meeting will be in mid-November. Questions? Reach us at our email, website or Facebook addresses above.

### MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT SPORTS BOOSTERS:

- **NYC BUS TRIP.** Sports Boosters will host a one-day fundraising bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9. The bus will leave Fabius very early morning and return late night same day. Drop off and pick up in NYC near Bryant Park. Cost includes bus transportation only. Participants will be on their own all day and will need to arrange their own meals and activities in NYC. Check out Sports Boosters' Facebook page and website for full details or email us at our address above.
- **ENGRAVED PAVER.** Purchase an engraved paver to add to the patio in front of the concession stand. A terrific way to commemorate a special event, student athlete, graduating senior or alumni class, and support Sports Boosters! Visit [www.fpsportsboosters.org](http://www.fpsportsboosters.org) for an order form.
- **SPORTS BOOSTERS NIGHT AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH.** Mark your calendars for a Sports Boosters night at Syracuse Crunch hockey on Friday, November 17. Discount tickets may be purchased with a portion of each ticket price going to Sports Boosters. Discount tickets must be ordered in advance. Visit [www.syracusecrunch.com/FPSB](http://www.syracusecrunch.com/FPSB) and use promo code FPSB at checkout. Plan to enjoy a night of hockey, while helping to raise funds for our Fabius-Pompey student athletes. Check out our website and Facebook page for more details.

**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 out as much or as little as you would like. In particular, we have an immediate need for a new webmaster to update and maintain the [www.fpsportsboosters.org](http://www.fpsportsboosters.org) website. We will also be looking for a new Treasurer beginning in Summer 2024. Questions? Reach us at our email, website or Facebook addresses above.

**NEXT MEETING.** Our next meeting will be held in mid-November. Check our Facebook page for date and time.





# COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

## 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](http://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](mailto:twilcox@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.

The **Fabius-Pompey Outreach Food Pantry** is located at the **Fabius Community Center, Main Street, Fabius**. The **Food Pantry** is open 3 to 6 p.m. on the following **Thursdays: November 2, 16 & 30**. In an emergency call (315) 677-3590.  
The **Food Pantry** at the **Delphi Falls United Church** is open 10 a.m. to noon on the following **Saturdays: November 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](http://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.

All are welcome to an **Election Night Dinner** at **Fabius Christian Church**, 7803 Main Street, Fabius, on **Tuesday, November 7**. A ham and scalloped potatoes dinner with dessert will be served from **4:30 p.m.** until it's gone. Dinner is free! Donations are welcome to support the church building project.

Mark your calendars for the **Holiday Bazaar** at **Immaculate Conception Church**, to be held **Saturday, November 18**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be baked goods (cookies, cakes and pies!), vendors, a white elephant table, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and much more. Be sure to come for coffee and donuts in the morning and soups and sandwiches for lunch!

## THE ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 3.

Please email articles to [jgasparini@fabiuspompey.org](mailto:jgasparini@fabiuspompey.org).

## READ THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Visit the Fabius-Pompey website at [www.fabiuspompey.org](http://www.fabiuspompey.org) and find us at the bottom of the District flyout menu.

## ANNUAL WATER TEST RESULTS

In accordance with NYS Regulations, the Fabius-Pompey Central School District recently completed its mandated annual water testing. Each year, under NYS Regulations (Public Water Systems, Subpart 5-1), Onondaga County defines the parameters for water sampling, which public water systems must follow, including school districts utilizing their own wells. This year, as in past years, our school district water was tested on a monthly basis for microbiological contaminants and is tested annually for chemical contaminants, including nitrates and sodium.  
This year's results remain consistent with the results of past years. The microbiological result is once again satisfactory and complies with the Onondaga County standard for drinking water. The nitrates result, at 3.66 mg/L in the Elementary School and 4.43 mg/L in the Middle School-High School, falls below the standard maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/L. Sodium levels tested at 79.3 mg/L in the Elementary School and 42.7 mg/L in the Middle School-High School.  
These levels are normal for the school ground water source. There is no maximum contaminant level for sodium under the New York State Water Statute. Sodium occurs naturally in drinking water and poses no health hazard in and of itself. However, the NYS Water Statute states, "People on **severely** restricted sodium diets should not consume drinking water containing more than 20 mg/L ." The Statute further states, "Water containing more than 270 mg/L should not be used for drinking by people who are on moderately restricted sodium diets." Our levels are less than one-half that amount.  
If you have any questions regarding this information, contact Richard Clancy, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Fabius-Pompey Central School District, 7800 Main Street, Fabius, NY 13063, or call (315) 683-5180.