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Fort Site Journal

January 2024

Happy New Year! I hope this edition of the Fort Site Journal finds you and your family well and enjoying a great start to the new year. January is School Board Recognition Month in Ohio and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our board members for their dedication and commitment to the district and our students. School board members give the community a voice in education decision-making and help set the direction for our district. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in January, their contribution is a year-round commitment. Please thank our board members and let them know we support them and appreciate their service to our district! Our current board members are President, Don Wendel, Vice-President, Sean Kahlig, Nick Wehrkamp, Greg LeFevre, and Mitch Fullenkamp. Thank you!

As we transition into the new year, one new change within the district that I would like to draw your attention to is our new process for booking and renting school facilities. Our district encourages responsible community use of these facilities while also working to ensure that such use does not interfere with our regularly scheduled school purposes or impose an undue financial burden upon the district. To that end, we have simplified and adjusted our booking procedures in the district. You can now request to book district facilities online at fortrecoveryschools.org using a simple form. Go to the district webpage, hover over the "Community" tab, and click on facility rental. Additional information regarding booking and contact information can be found there as well.

Thank you for your continued support of Fort Recovery Local Schools and go Indians!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year! I hope all had a wonderful and blessed holiday season. We are excited to get the second semester underway here in the high school. A lot of great events are going on this time of year, including basketball games, swim meets, bowling matches, and band/choir concerts. We love seeing the community attend these events and the students certainly appreciate the support.

In December, the Ohio Department of Higher Education released details on the new Ohio Governor's Merit Scholarship. This scholarship, beginning with this year's seniors, will be offered to the top 5% of Senior students annually in each school in the state of Ohio. The scholarship will be worth up to **\$20,000** (up to \$5,000 a year renewable for four years) for each student. *To accept the scholarship, the student must be attending a college within the state of Ohio.* The intent is to help motivate the top students in the state to remain in the state for their higher education.

The introduction of this scholarship has brought to the forefront the discussion of how class rank is determined in school districts. Here at Fort Recovery, class rank is based on a percentage formula including a student's GPA, number of honors classes taken in high school, ACT score, and number of credits earned. While some schools base class rank on GPA only, often causing many ties at the top with multiple 4.0s, our formula helps break those ties and rewards those students taking more rigorous classes in high school. It has been very effective for us since its first use in 2018 and is being modeled now by other schools as they look to determine their top 5% of students for this scholarship.

This year the submission deadline for the scholarship was Dec. 20th, so the current class rank was used to determine the top 5% (4 total) eligible students here at Fort Recovery. In future years, the submission deadline will be Sept. 1st. Therefore, for the class of 2025 and beyond, the senior class rank at the end of August will be used to determine the top 5% of students who will be offered the scholarship. The intention then is to pass the offer off to those students prior to them determining which college they plan to attend. This is a major scholarship opportunity for students here in the state, and I am glad that the ODHE was able to make this available for this year's seniors.

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Dates to Remember

Jan. 29 - HS Class Scheduling for 24-25 School Year
Feb. 6 - CC+ Parent/Student Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Community Room
Feb. 9 - HS Winter Sports Pep Rally
Feb. 11 - Band Concert
Feb. 16 - No School (Staff PD Day)
Feb. 19 - No School

FRHS Guidance News

College Credit Options Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

7:00 p.m.

HS Community Room

Learn how to earn college credit while in high school

MANDATORY for student + parent if they intend to take college classes
off-site or online (WSU, Edison, Rhodes, etc.) next year

OPTIONAL for students taking CC+ classes at FRHS

Students must declare their intent to participate
in College Credit Plus by April 1



Call for Local Scholarships

Organizations, families, or individuals wishing to award a scholarship this year should contact Amy Kaiser at the high school 419-375-4111 or

kaisera@fortrecoveryschools.org

by February 2

We encourage students to...



Job Shadow days do not count as absences
(pending proper paperwork).

STOP BY THE GUIDANCE OFFICE
TO LEARN MORE

HS Students
will be
selecting their
2024-25
classes in
February

Registration
materials
coming soon!

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!

READ THE GUIDANCE & SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

It has LOTS of useful information for
students and parents

available at school and on the FRLS website
(High School > Guidance Homepage)

How will my College Credits Transfer?

[Transferology.com](https://www.transferology.com) is a website that allows
you to "build your list" of college credits
earned through CC+ classes and AP exams.

Students can then find equivalent courses
at participating colleges.

A Transferology handout with instructions
is available on the HS Guidance Homepage
(under "Informative Links").

FRHS will offer the ACT at no cost to Juniors on March 12, 2024

Students will register and receive more details at school.

Good luck!



ACT National Test Dates

February 10
April 13
June 8
July 13

Registration Deadlines

January 5
March 8
May 3
June 7

Register online at myACT.org

FRHS CEEB Code is 362-165



- 2024-25 Applications were due January 18
- Program rosters will be released in early February
- See Mrs. Kaiser if you still wish to apply

2024-2025 Pass Blast Prices

- Pass Blast Prices Valid **ONLY** from April 15, 2024 Through and Including April 26, 2024
- Pass Blast Prices **ONLY** apply to the All Sports Passes this year!
- The All Sports **Adult** pass includes a reserved Boys Basketball seat
- The All Sports **Student** pass **DOESN'T** include a reserved Boys Basketball seat
- No Season Pass Sales From April 27, 2024 to August 12, 2024
- Purchased Pass Blast Passes will be available for pickup starting on August 13, 2024

All Sports (HS/JH)	Adult	Student
Regular	\$150	\$50
Pass Blast Price	\$100	\$25

2024-2025 Season Pass Prices

- Regular Season Pass Prices Effective August 13, 2024 (all listed below)

JH Pass (Fall/Winter)	Adult	Student
Regular	\$25	\$10
Football	Adult	Student
Regular	\$25	\$15
Boys' Basketball	Adult	Student
Regular	\$55	\$35
Girls' Basketball	Adult	Student
Regular	\$55	\$35
Senior Citizen	65+ (FR School District Resident)	
Regular	\$30	

Athletics

Student Attendance at Sporting Events

We will continue to encourage and promote the attendance of the entire student body at Fort Recovery Local Schools. It is important to keep a safe and respectful environment for not only our home events, but also when visiting other schools. Parents please review these guidelines with your children.

1. During the singing and playing of our National Anthem respect should be shown. Students should remove their hats and stand respectfully facing the flag.
2. Good Sportsmanship should be displayed at all times. Please be respectful during home and visiting team roster announcements (**DON'T TURN YOUR BACKS**). School rules (including disciplinary consequences) apply at all after school events.
3. Respect the officials and the opposing team!

Senior Nights

- *Girls Basketball*
-February 15th Vs. New Knoxville There will be NO JV game, so Senior Night will begin at 6pm.
- *Boys Basketball and Cheer*
-February 9th Vs. Minster
- *Swim*
-February 13th at Girls Basketball Vs. Wapakoneta

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Twitter- Fort Recovery Athletics @Fort_athletics https://twitter.com/Fort_athletics

Fort Recovery Athletics- <https://fortrecoveryathletics.org/>

FFA News



Top Fruit Sellers

The FFA would like to congratulate the top 3 fruit sellers for this year's fundraiser. 1st place-Riley Stammen, 2nd place-Clete Timmerman, 3rd place-Norah Meyer.

Greenhands Awarded

The Fort Recovery FFA awarded 39 first-year members the Greenhand FFA Degree at our January FFA meeting. All received a bronze pin to signify their first level of membership. Congratulations.

Students Learn Welding Skills

Sophomore Ag Ed students are in the shop learning how to arc weld. They will complete a skill board and a metal stool to take home.



Top Readers in Middle School

Top Readers were determined by total words read, completing all steps on their reading road map, and completed the 5 book challenge for both 9 weeks.

8th Grade

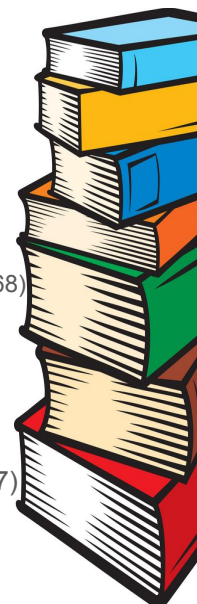
1. Ally Roessner (1,965,778)
2. Cora Pearson (1,808,587)
3. Kendall Ranly (1,539,655)
4. Joscie Bihn (1,188,836)
5. Will Faller (1,039,044)

7th Grade

1. Addie Heitkamp (1,978,722)
2. Addie Jutte (1,515,598)
3. Yoselin Juarez-Gomez (1,168,668)
4. Tony Evers (949,281)
5. Alex Roessner (944,105)

6th Grade

1. Gavin Willmann (4,249,454)
2. Chloe Knapke (2,182,003)
3. Addalyn Roessner (1,774,467)
4. Alex Bihn (1,417,929)
5. Alex Heitkamp (976,714)





December SADD Activities

On Thursday, November 30th the SADD and SADD Jr Clubs hosted a Christmas Cookie Decorating and Movie Night. They decorated approximately 250 cookies and then watched the movie Elf. This was open to all students in grades 6-12 and was a great way to kick off the holiday season!



On Friday, December 22nd a group of students from the HS SADD Club went Christmas Caroling throughout the Fort Recovery community. Students helped think of people who had suffered a great loss throughout the past year, and then went from house to house singing carols in an attempt to bring some Christmas Cheer to them during a difficult season.

Chant Yearbook Thankful for Local Support

The FRHS Chant Yearbook staff thanks all of the local businesses who have bought an ad in the 2024 yearbook. Because of you, they can put together a high quality collection of memories for the high school students to purchase.

There is still time to purchase an ad in the 2024 book if this is something you are interested in. Please contact yearbook adviser Tory Horstman at 419-375-4111 for details on the purchasing process. Thank you to the businesses listed below.

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Carts & Parts
Cooper Farms Feed & Animal
Production
Edison Community College
Fort Recovery Insurance Agency
J&M Manufacturing
Machine-Pro
Tree of Life

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A1 Ag Services
C.J. Bowling
Cheeseman Transport
Crown Equipment Corporation
EMS Body Parts & Services
Fort Recovery Ambassador Club
Fortkamp Excavating & Drainage
Ft. Recovery Lumber
Gordon & DeSantis Orthodontics
JR Manufacturing
Mariachis
Muhlenkamp & Associates
St. Henry Bank
St. Henry Tile
Ted Homan Auto Repair
Wabash Mutual Telephone
Wendel's BBQ
Wings & Rings

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Mercer Savings Bank
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Park National Bank
Purdy Lammers & Schiavone
Ray's Refrigeration
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Home Idea Center
Homestretch Sportswear
Hull Brothers
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Mark Fullenkamp's Construction
Mel Heitkamp & Sons Builders
Mercer County Electric
Midwest Electric
Mike Kahlig & son
Thien Snipps
Vore's Welding & Steel
Westgerdes Floor Covering

Sponsor:

Cooper Farms Liquid Egg Products
Faller Mechanical
FCC Indiana
Fort Recovery State Museum
Fort Storage
Grounded Cafe
Hastings Auto Sales
Jennifer's Cleaning Service
Kahlig Dozing & Excavating
Roessner Energy Products
Rossburg Acres Campground
Tin Cupboard



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The first semester of the school year has officially ended and the school year is halfway complete. It really is hard to believe how quickly this first half of the school year has passed us by. The students have been doing a great job working hard in school thus far. On January 26th, any middle school students who qualified for the first-semester incentive will be getting out of school for the day to go roller skating in Greenville. This is just a small token of our appreciation for their hard work throughout the semester. Congratulations to all of the students who qualified!

An integral part of the Middle School is the involvement of our students in the planning of activities within the building. This past month the students have had some awesome new ideas that they've acted upon. The Student Council developed Student Appreciation Nights for a few of our Junior High Boys' and Girls' Basketball games where door prizes are given away, students dress up to a theme, and/or students get in free to watch the game! Some of these Student Appreciation Nights have already been held, and some are upcoming on January 16th (Girls vs. Coldwater) and January 26th (Boys vs. Marion Local). Please consider coming to these and all games as well to help support our JH basketball teams! The Student Council also planned grade level competitions that were held the day before Christmas break, giving the students a chance to interact and compete with their classmates in some fun-filled challenges. The Student Council also participated in the Operation Christmas Child where they filled over 100 shoe boxes being shipped to different countries around the world.

The boys' and girls' basketball seasons are coming to a close soon as well. The teams have been hard at work all season long. I'd like to thank Rick Wellman, Danielle Pottkotter, Lindsey Lamm, Jordan Winner, and Justin Overman for coaching this year. The skills, knowledge, and teamwork qualities they have instilled in these young men and women will last a lifetime. I would also like to thank Lauryn Griesdorn for coaching our JH Cheerleaders this year!

Please follow Fort Recovery Middle School on Facebook to see highlights of our students' work. These kids are doing AMAZING things, and our Facebook page is an excellent resource for recognizing these students' achievements.

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Dates to Remember

Jan. 26 - Roller Skating Incentive for Grades 6th-8th
Feb. 5 - Third Nine Weeks Interims
Feb. 16 - Professional Development Day - No School
Feb. 19 - President's Day - No School



Mark your calendars!

Dorothy in Wonderland the musical presented by the Elementary/Middle School students, grades 3-8.

Show Dates:

Friday, April 12th at 7 pm
Saturday, April 13th at 2 pm
Sunday, April 14th at 2 pm
-Tickets will go on sale in early March.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy New Year from the staff and students at Fort Recovery Elementary School! We are halfway through our school year. Student grade cards for the second nine weeks have been published to Progressbook, so please make sure to check your child's progress with grades. If you need assistance with accessing your child's grades, please call the elementary office and we will be happy to help.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is fast approaching! To be eligible for Fort Recovery kindergarten for next school year, children must turn 5 years old on or before August 1, 2024. We will be working with Fort Recovery Public Preschool, Mercer County ESC Preschool, and Mercer County Head Start to gather information about students who will be ready for kindergarten in the fall. If your child attends one of these preschools, they will share your child's kindergarten readiness information with you and with Fort Recovery Elementary School. If your child does not attend one of these preschools, please contact the Fort Recovery Elementary office to schedule a conference to visit the school and determine your child's readiness skills.

At this time, our first step in preparing for next year's kindergarten class is to compile a list of potential kindergarten students. Please complete the form sent home with your child and return to your child's preschool or the Fort Recovery Elementary office no later than February 7, 2024, or scan the QR code and complete the form online. Additional information and forms will be sent home or mailed to students planning to enroll in kindergarten at the beginning of March. Transitioning to kindergarten is a big step, so please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. We hope to help ease the transition for parents and children as much as possible.

Thank you for supporting our staff and students as we work together to provide a strong foundation for our Fort Recovery kids!

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Dates to Remember

Jan. 15 - MLK Day, No School
Jan. 25 - Grades 3-5 Book Club, 3:30-4:30
Feb. 9 - 5th Grade Field Trip
Feb. 11 - 5th Grade Band Concert
Feb. 12 - Student Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30
Feb. 16-19 - No school for students
Feb. 22 - Grades 3-5 Book Club, 3:30-4:30

Fort Recovery
Kindergarten
2024-2025



Please scan if you have a child
who will be 5 years old on or
before August 1, 2024

Cents for Sawyer, Huge Success!

We raised \$9,666.48 for the Sawyer Overman Ninja Park during our event in November in memory of Sawyer Overman.

Pictured: Siblings, Cooper, Bennett, and Hadley Overman. Student Council representatives, Whitley, Overman and Anna Niekamp.



FORT RECOVERY

Chamber of Commerce

You're Invited!

ANNUAL CHAMBERS BANQUET 2024

Sunday, March 10, 2024

5:30 pm – Social Hour

6:00 pm - Dinner

6:45 pm - Awards Presentation

Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Auditorium

865 Sharpsburg Rd, Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Mail RSVP and Ticket Payment of \$15.00 each to:

Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 671 Fort Recovery, OH 45846

RSVP Deadline: March 1, 2024

<https://frchamber.org>

Tear here and send bottom portion back

____ Tickets Needed (\$15/ticket)

please provide an email address so we can confirm receipt

____ I would like to donate towards entertainment/door prize

(please contact eric@fortrecoveryinsurance.com or amyw@wabash.com if you are interested in donating)

____ I would like to be a table sponsor (\$50.00, please include)

FORT RECOVERY
Chamber of Commerce



Fort Recovery Academic Booster Club

Annual Pork Chop Dinner

Tuesday, March 14th
4:00-6:00 PM

\$10.00 per meal - PRESALE ONLY (Purchase tickets by March 1st)

Drive Thru Pick up at the FRES PreK/K entrance

(Meal includes: pork chop, baked potato, applesauce & roll)

Catered by Wendel's BBQ

Proceeds benefit:

FRHS SADD Club & the Academic Booster Club

**Tickets are available from any FRHS SADD member
or in the FRHS Office**

Make checks payable to: Ft. Recovery Academic Booster Club

Fort Recovery Academic Booster Club

*The Fort Recovery Academic Booster Club
is dedicated to encouraging high academic
achievement and strong work ethics within
the Fort Recovery School System.*



What we do with your generous support:

- Provide welcome packets for Freshman students and new students
- Provide incentives to M.S. and H.S. honor roll students and snacks for spring testing
- Provide varsity academic letters, pins and flash drives for academic excellence
- Provide varsity patches, bars, and treats for the Scholastic Bowl Team
- Award scholarship money
- Recognize outstanding scholars on plaques in the H.S. gym lobby
- And many more awards and activities to promote high academic achievement and hard work!

Please support our mission!

Patron Level	Donation
Family Membership	\$25
Achiever	\$50
Excellence	\$100
Salutatorian	\$250
Valedictorian	\$500

Checks should be made payable to:

The Academic Booster Club, P.O. Box 198, Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846

Or

Venmo your donation to @FRAcademicBoosterClub



Name(s) to appear on Donor List:

Email address:

Phone number:

- ☐ Notify me of meeting dates
- ☐ I would like to help with the pork chop dinner

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