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March 2024

Hard to believe we are nearly 75% finished with the school year! It has been a great year so far thanks to our hardworking students, supportive parents, and caring staff. We are definitely blessed at Fort Recovery Local Schools and have much to look forward to as we make preparations to finish the year strong!

As the calendar inches closer to spring, our students' academic achievement is front and center as the district prepares for our annual end of course testing. In March, our junior students have the opportunity to take the ACT and later in April, the rest of our students will begin state testing. Our students and teachers have been hard at work preparing for these tests during the school year and I expect nothing but great results from them in the future!

Outside of the classroom, there is much to accomplish yet as well. There are several upcoming field trips planned for our students to provide additional learning opportunities for them. Some of these include trips to the state FFA convention, local colleges/businesses, and the Mock Crash event at the county fairgrounds. Additionally, our spring sports are hard at work preparing for their upcoming seasons and I encourage everyone to come out and take in a baseball or softball game at our beautiful new facilities.

Another major event on the horizon is the solar eclipse scheduled for Monday, April 8th. As a reminder, Fort Recovery Local Schools will be closed for that day and all athletic/district facilities will be closed as well. This is out of an abundance of caution given the potential influx of outside visitors into the county as well as transportation disruptions given the time of the eclipse related to our dismissal. All district activities will resume as normal the following day on Tuesday, April 9th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your son/daughter's school building for additional information.

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

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Superintendent

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Spring! With March upon us, Winter activities and sports season has wrapped up. First, congratulations to the MAC co-champion Girls Bowling Team who competed in their first ever State Tournament in Columbus on March 2nd. The ladies finished in 9th place overall as a team in Division 2 in the state of Ohio. What an incredible accomplishment! A huge thank you to Coach Rosegrant and her staff for their work with the girls this year.

Thank you also to all of these coaches and advisors for their work with the students this Winter, and congratulations to each of these teams on their successes:

Boys' Bowling – Coach Gerlach and the boys qualified for District tournament, finishing 5th at District tournament. Also, congratulations to Senior Lucas Acheson on bowling a perfect game 300 at Sectional tournament! Nice season boys!

Cheer – Coach Steinke led the Indian Cheer team to an OAC State Championship in her first year coaching the Varsity squad. Incredible accomplishment ladies, way to go!

Boys' Basketball – Coach Leverette, his staff and team finished up their season at sectional tournament with a loss to USV. It was a fun season, great job boys!

Girls' Basketball – Coach Deitsch and his staff in their first season coaching overcame a few injuries to have an exciting season, ending with a loss at Wayne Trace in sectional tournament. Great work Lady Indians!

Swim – Coach Bubp's squad had numerous swimmers qualify for district tournament, and the season ended with Senior Teigen Fortkamp individually qualifying for and competing at State Tournament. Nice season swimmers!

Drama Club – The drama's performance of the Wizard of Oz was an incredible production. Thanks to Mr. Knuth and all of the cast/chorus members for their hard work and dedication to the drama program!

Choir/Band – The Band had their concert in February and the Choir had their Cabaret concert in early March. Thanks to Mr. Knuth and Mrs. Evers-Westgerdes for their work with the music department!

With Spring upon us, that also means we have a lot planned at the high school as we near the end of the school year. As we come out of Easter Break, all Juniors and Seniors will be attending the Mock Crash at the Fairgrounds on April 3rd. This great event organized by local emergency personnel is conducted once every two years, and is a great reminder to students as to the importance of driving safely. April 8th there will be no school due to the Solar Eclipse. Beginning on April 11th will be the high school End of Course Exams, and these will run throughout the end of April. And on April 26th will be the Fort Recovery Prom. I am looking forward to these hectic, yet enjoyable, last few months of the school year!

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Dates to Remember

March 14 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 14 - ABC Pork Chop Dinners
March 15 – End of 3rd Nine Weeks
March 22 – Electronic Grade Cards Available
March 26 – FFA Banquet
March 28-April 2 – No School (Easter Break)
April 3 – Mock Crash (All Juniors/Seniors Attend)
April 8 – No School (Eclipse)
April 11 - High School EOC Testing Begins

Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived, but there's still a lot to do before the students leave for summer break. The class of 2024 have been busy with scholarship applications and other post-high school plans. Our state testing starts April 11 and AP exams will be given on May 6.

We've been working on scheduling for the 2024-25 school year and hope to have tentative schedules to the students by the end of May.

I have had several meetings with the HS students throughout the year to help them plan for the future. All of that information is posted on the High School Guidance Homepage of the school website so you can view it as well.

-Amy Kaiser, FRHS Guidance Counselor



THANK YOU Local Scholarship Donors!

Applications were shared with seniors earlier this month. Awards will be given at Commencement on May 19.

Additional scholarships can be found in the FRHS Guidance & Scholarship Newsletter at:

www.fortrecoveryschools.org
(high school > guidance homepage)

FRHS students attend Medical Exploring Program at Mercer Health

All FRHS students were invited to attend Mercer Health's Medical Exploring Program on March 6. Students who attended learned about volunteer and career opportunities, were given a presentation on the history of the organization, as well as a "behind the scenes" tour of the hospital. We want to thank the coordinators and staff at Mercer Health for providing this opportunity for our students!



Some of the areas explored:

Radiology Ultrasound Nursing
Emergency Services Maintenance
Materials Handling Marketing Laboratory
Physical, Occupational, & Speech Therapy

ATTENTION STUDENTS & PARENTS IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE A CC+ COURSE AT FRHS NEXT YEAR

CC+ English Comp CC+ Comp & Lit CC+ Public Speaking CC+ Anat & Phys CC+ Gen Chem I CC+ Computer Apps CC+ College Algebra CC+ Calculus

New CC+ students must complete the online Rhodes State Application.

An informational meeting (and email with instructions) will be shared with students in April.

Placement tests will be offered by request.

No need to attend an orientation at Rhodes-- Mrs. Kaiser will register students.

*Earning college credit for these classes is a GREAT BENEFIT.
Complete the requirements or you will not be eligible for the CC+ credit!*

ATTENTION STUDENTS (& PARENTS)

IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE CC+ COURSES OFF-SITE/ONLINE NEXT YEAR

The deadline to submit your Intent to Participate form is April 1

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Franklin B. Walter Recipient

Congratulations to Fort Recovery High School Senior, Mr. Trevor Heitkamp, the 2024 Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Recipient. Trevor has selected Mr. Reid Knuth as his Teacher of Influence.

When asked about Trevor, his teachers reply "Trevor Heitkamp is a truly gifted young man in many ways. I can easily envision Trevor becoming a future doctor or medical researcher who uses his intelligence and compassion to help others throughout his entire life."

And "Trevor is truly an academic powerhouse". "Trevor's academic performance, combined with his active extracurricular involvement and well-developed sense of social responsibility, make him one of the most well-rounded students I've encountered in my 23 years of teaching".

Trevor and Mr. Knuth will both be honored at a banquet hosted by the Mercer County ESC on April 3rd.



Athletics

Recognition Nights and Senior Nights

Tom Galdeen Family Recognition- March 23
Baseball Senior Night- April 25
Softball Senior Night- May 2
Track & Field Senior Night- April 11
JH Home Track Meet- April 15

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

GO INDIANS!

Aimee Pottkotter-Athletic Director

Looking for something to do that also pays?

FRLS needs route drivers & sub drivers!
You choose just morning or afternoon or both! Sporting events, field trips, band and choir trips are available as well. Contact us to find out about what it takes to become a bus driver!

Stacy Laux
Transportation Director
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ABC Award Winners

Throughout the winter sports season, the Academic Booster Club recognized seven deserving students for their commitment to excellence beyond the athletic playing surface. These students received a plaque, as well as a \$20 Merchant Gift Certificate. This year's honorees were Cole Shoemaker, Paige Guggenbiller, Kathryn Bruns, Joscie LeFevre, Megan Evers, Carson Grube, and Reid Timmerman. Congratulations to each of these students, thank you for your amazing work in school, and much appreciation to the Academic Booster Club for their generosity in providing the awards to these students.



FORT RECOVERY HS ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

MARCH & APRIL 2024

03.23	VARSITY BB-HOUSTON	12:00PM
03.25	VARSITY SB-ANSONIA	5:00 PM
03.25	VARSITY BB-CELINA	5:00 PM
04.01	VARSITY SB-CELINA	5:00 PM
04.01	VARSITY BB-LEHMAN	5:00 PM
04.02	VARSITY SB-RUSSIA	5:30 PM
04.02	JV BB-MINSTER-NL	5:00 PM
04.02	T&F-PARKWAY,KNOXVILLE,BREMEN	5:00 PM
04.04	VARSITY BB-PARKWAY	5:00 PM
04.05	JV BB-CRESTVIEW	5:00 PM
04.09	VARSITY BB-VERSAILLES	5:00 PM
04.11	JV BB-DELPHOS SJ	5:30 PM
04.11	T&F MEET-COLDWATER	4:30 PM
04.12	VARSITY SB-FT. LORAMIE	5:00 PM
04.15	JV BB-FRANKLIN MONROE	5:00 PM
04.16	VARSITY BB-COLDWATER	5:00 PM
04.18	VARSITY SB-MARION LOCAL	5:00 PM
04.18	JV BB-MARION LOCAL	5:00 PM
04.20	VARSITY BB-LINCOLNVIEW	5:00 PM
04.22	VARSITY SB-TRI-VILLAGE	5:00 PM
04.22	JV BB-SOUTH ADAMS	5:00 PM
04.23	VARSITY BB-ST. HENRY	5:00 PM
04.25	VARSITY BB-MINSTER	5:00 PM
04.29	VARSITY BB-WAPAKONETA	5:00 PM
04.30	JV BB-VERSAILLES-NL	5:00 PM



FORT RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOL-SPRING HOME SCHEDULE



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

- JH Sports Passes, Senior Citizen & Football passes will go on sale August 13th
- Basketball Passes will not go on sale until November

Pass Blast Order Form - April 15-26

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Return this page with money to the office by April 26, 2024 -enter the name you want on the pass(es) below

All Sport - Student \$50 \$25	All Sport - Adult \$150 \$100

Total Due:

_____ x \$25 = _____

_____ x \$100 = _____

TOTAL: _____

Reminder: Pick up 2024-25 season tickets at the high school office beginning August 13th.

Student Council Seeking Donations for Senior Fest

Attention business owners and individuals interested in supporting our 2024 Seniors. The Fort Recovery High School Student Council members are excited to start planning this year's Senior Fest and need your help. Senior Fest is our annual end of the school year celebration. On this day students gather together for fun-filled activities including games, food vendors, and tons of prizes! It's such an enjoyable and memorable last day for our seniors.

We are asking local businesses and individuals to consider donating money and/or merchandise to fund this year's prizes. If you are interested in donating please contact Cheryl Wenning at 419-375-4111 or bring your donation directly to the High School Office. Student Council members will also be visiting businesses during the month of March. We truly appreciate your support!

PROM 2024

Fort Recovery High School is excited to announce that the upcoming Junior/ Senior Prom will be held on Friday, April 26th. The junior class is working hard to make the 2024 Fort Recovery High School Prom, Roaring 20's, a memorable, enjoyable, and safe event.

Promenade will begin at 6:00 pm. Doors will open to the public at 5:15 pm. This year we ask that all visitors please enter and exit through the Commons Entrance only. We will be asking for donations at the door this year to help with the costs of prom.

A formal dinner and dance will be at Romer's Catering in St. Henry.

- Dinner - 7:30 pm
- Dance - 8:15 pm-11:00 pm.

With the help of the chaperones and the Fort Recovery Police Department, we are hoping for a safe and fun prom.

As a reminder, all students are expected to be at school for at least half a day in order to be eligible to attend prom. This expectation is the same for athletic or other extracurricular eligibility and prom is no exception. Please plan accordingly as prom gets closer and if there are some extenuating circumstances that could impact your schedule, please contact the high school office ahead of time.

The junior and senior classes will meet on March 18th for the following:

- vote for the senior prom court
- hard copy invitation and RSVP
- date forms available for those bringing someone not a FR junior or senior.
 - *(No persons over 21 are permitted to attend prom.)*
- sign up for the S.A.D.D Prom Promise. Prom Buddies will have a reserved seat in the student section of the gymnasium. This year they will take a picture with their buddie at the last stop of promenade.

All forms (RSVP, Prom Buddie form, Out of Town Date, Sophomore forms) are due to the office by April 12th!

A special thanks goes out to the Junior Class Officers: Mara Wenning, Bailee Muhlenkamp, Zach Schoenlein, Evan Evers, and Kennedy Muhlenkamp for all of their hard work the past few months planning and preparing for this year's prom! They have been fantastic to work with. Also, a thank you to Mr. Ryan Steinbrunner, Mrs. Cheryl Wenning, Mrs. Stacy Laux, Mrs. Lindsey Reinhard, Mrs. Sara Moorman, HS Staff, Administration and School Board Members for their continuing support in preparation for prom. The junior class has gone above and beyond to prepare for a wonderful prom as a salute to the seniors and we hope that everyone will find it truly memorable.

Chelsea Kahlig, Junior Class Advisor



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Here at Fort Recovery Local Schools, we strive for everyone to be better today than we were yesterday, and better tomorrow than we were today. We are excited to introduce you to a transformative journey that promises to ignite enthusiasm, positivity, and resilience in our middle school students. The Energy Bus, penned by renowned author Jon Gordon, is not just a book; it's a powerful concept that can shape the way our children navigate their educational and personal paths. With its inspiring message and actionable lessons, The Energy Bus equips our students with the tools they need to overcome challenges, foster a growth mindset, and embark on a journey towards success and happiness. Join us as we embark on this exciting journey together, steering our children toward a brighter and more promising future.

Every month, we engage students in discussions about a different rule on our Energy Bus days! Here's a rundown of the eight rules we've already covered.

1. You're the driver of your bus: Take control of your life and attitude. You determine the direction and energy of your journey.
2. Desire, vision, and focus move your bus in the right direction: Have a clear vision of where you're going and concentrate your energy on that vision to overcome obstacles.
3. Fuel your ride with positive energy: Surround yourself with positivity, as it propels your journey forward and attracts more positive experiences.
4. Invite people on your bus and share your vision for the road ahead: Build a supportive community of people who share your vision and values, fostering collaboration and teamwork.
5. Don't waste your energy on those who don't get on your bus: Not everyone will support your journey, so focus on those who believe in you and your goals.
6. Post a sign that says "No Energy Vampires Allowed" on your bus: Protect your positive energy by setting boundaries and avoiding relationships that drain you with negativity.
7. Enthusiasm attracts more passengers and energizes them during the ride: Stay enthusiastic and passionate, as your positive energy inspires others to join you and keeps them motivated.
8. Love your passengers: Show appreciation and care for those who support you on your journey, fostering a positive and supportive environment.

As our district motto states, education is a community effort. When all stakeholders come together, we provide our students with the best environment to thrive. We invite every member of our school community to join us on this journey, steering our children toward a brighter and more promising future. Together, let's embrace the power of positive energy and create an environment where every student can thrive. Thank you to everyone for making Fort Recovery a remarkable place to work and learn.

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Dates to Remember

March 14 - Academic Booster Pork Chop Dinners, 4-6 pm
March 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 pm
March 15 - End of 3rd nine weeks
March 19 - Ronald McDonald Field Trip
March 19 - Grades due by 8 am for 3rd nine weeks
March 27 - Energy Bus Day
March 28 - April 2 - Easter Vacation – No School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Spring is in the air at Fort Recovery Elementary School, and we are beginning to plan our parent/teacher conference evening, which will be held on Thursday, March 14 from 3:30-7:00. Online scheduling at www.fortrecoveryschools.org will close on March 12. If you'd like to schedule a conference with your child's teacher after that date, please call the elementary office.

Also, the end of the third nine weeks is quickly approaching! Grade cards will be published to Progressbook on March 22, so be sure to go online and check out the progress your child has made.

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

March 14 - Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
March 19 - 4th Grade Book Club, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
March 21 - 4th Grade Field Trip
March 21 - 3rd & 5th Grade Book Club
March 21 - 1st Grade Spring Performance, 7:00 p.m.
March 22 - Kindergarten Grandparents Day, 9:00am
March 28-April 2 - No School



Thank You FFA!

Fort Recovery Elementary School would like to thank the Fort Recovery Chapter of the FFA for sharing their knowledge of farming and agriculture with our students last month.

Intervention & Special Education Public Notifications

Fort Recovery Local Schools receive public funding for Title 1 and Special Education services under Individuals with Disabilities Act from the federal government. Currently, Fort Recovery Elementary School uses Title 1 funding for staffing and materials for interventions (primarily reading & math) and the Special Education funding to contract services with Mercer County ESC.

At the beginning of the school year, teachers providing interventions in Kindergarten and First Grade discussed Title 1 services that are provided and the goals of the intervention(s). Students receiving special education services through the Mercer County ESC communicate with both ESC and Fort Recovery staff to ensure the best education and services are being provided. Our goal is to provide an equitable, fair, and equal opportunity to achieve high level learning.

Each school year, Fort Recovery Local Schools must provide opportunities for the public to assist in the planning of these funds. We invite the public to submit any ideas and/or suggestions by emailing Laura Brandt at brandtl@fortrecoveryschools.org. Ideas and suggestions will be presented and discussed during the Board of Education meeting on April 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room. Another opportunity to discuss and plan for the 24-25 school year will be held in the Fall of 2024.

SENIOR REMINDER

to: Seniors/Parents date: ASAP

The following pictures are due to Mrs. Horstman for the yearbook and Graduation slideshow:

Senior Picture

In-Between Picture

Baby Picture

Quote to Live By

These pictures can be turned into the high school office or art room. All pictures will be returned at Graduation Practice.

Quiz Bowl News

The Middle School Quiz Bowl team is nearing the end of their season. The full team consists of sixteen members from grades 6, 7, and 8 who were selected through a tryout quiz to test their knowledge. The team participated in several regular-season matches and took part in an independent tournament. So far, after three regular matches, the team's record is 2 – 1. Hoyt Schmitz, 8th grader, has led the team all season with the most toss-up questions answered in the matches; however, many team members have complimented him by also answering toss-ups. The team has also done a nice job of collaborating on answers to the bonus questions.

On February 24th Fort Recovery Middle School hosted its third annual tournament. Ten teams participated from St. Marys, Van Wert, Coldwater, and Crestview. After qualifying for the finals round by leading the scoring for the morning, one of the three Fort Recovery teams took the Champions plaque on a nail-biting tiebreaker question. This team consisted of: Hoyt Schmitz, Maddie Weigel, Gavin Heitkamp, Kyle Andrews, and Cam LeFevre.

For the final competition of the year, the team will travel to the Mercer County ESC for a league tournament. We will compete against teams from Marion Local, New Knoxville, St. Marys, Parkway, and Waynesfield-Goshen. Coach Marcia Weigel would like to say congratulations to the entire team for an excellent season so far. We are looking forward to a strong finish to close out the season.

The complete team consists of: Kyle Andrews, Jesse Homan, Gavin Willmann, Logan Gaerke, Mason Jutte, Cam LeFevre, Alex Heitkamp, and Zahavah Steinbrunner from 6th grade; Jaxin Breen, Gavin Heitkamp, and Addie Jutte from 7th grade; and Riley DeRoo, Will Faller, Kendall Ranly, Hoyt Schmitz, and Maddie Weigel from 8th grade. We wish the best of luck to the 8th graders who decide to join the HS Scholastic Bowl team next year!



Preschool Registration:
Available March 11,
2024 at 8:00am

Mark your calendars, and don't miss registering your child for the upcoming school year. The link for registration will be on the Fort Recovery Preschool's website.

SAVE THE DATES!

June 12 -16th, 2024



- The Fort Recovery Jubilee will be kicking off with the famous Merchant Taste of Town on Wednesday, June 12th on the Brickstreet, downtown Fort Recovery!
 - Thursday - Saturday will be fun filled days with lots of activities for the kids and adults alike!
 - Sunday will wrap up the festivities by having the Fireman's Parade at 2 p.m. with Presale Chicken Dinners to follow! (watch our social media and website for details)
- ★ Be on look out for Sponsorship forms and opportunities in the mail and Parade Entry Forms, on social media and our website soon!

Please feel free to contact any committee member if you are looking to volunteer, have a question or need more information about anything regarding the Jubilee!

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Community Garage Sale Set for 2024

The 2024 Fort Recovery Community Garage Sales will be held April 18, 19 & 20. If you are interested in hosting a garage sale, please contact the Fort Recovery Psi Iota Xi Sorority Group at theta.zeta.fortrecovery@gmail.com to register, or visit their Facebook page. Registration is \$30.00.

Maps & garage sale listings will be available in April at local businesses or on the Fort Recovery Psi Iota Xi and Village of Fort Recovery's Facebook page.

The local Psi Iota Xi Sorority sponsors the Community Garage Sales. All registration fees paid by those listing their garage sales are used for advertisement of the garage sales and for printing maps and signs. All other profits are put towards community projects.

The Psi Iota Xi thanks the community for their support of their many community fundraisers and projects.

Salsa Dancing Lesson

The Spanish Club Members got an official Salsa Dancing Lesson on Wednesday February 7. Students enjoyed learning the cultural dance from professional instructor David Fennig of Harmony Cafe and Dance Studio out of Portland Indiana. Thank you to David and his student helper for providing this experience for our students and giving them a chance to step outside of their comfort zones.



FREA Winter Reading Program

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go," Dr. Suess. Students at Fort Recovery are excited about all the new books in the library!!! The FREA (Fort Recovery Education Association) donated \$300 worth of books to the Fort Recovery School Libraries and the Fort Recovery Public Library. The FREA hosted a Winter Reading Program, titled **Fun, Reading, Exciting, Activity**. For every 100 books checked out at the public library, one book was donated. Thank you to all who participated! Hurry to your local library to check out all the new books!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!

COME JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ADVENTURE!!!! SCOTLAND and IRELAND

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME, ALONG WITH CURRENT 8TH GRADERS

You are invited to join us, The Traveling Tribe, as we will be setting out for another journey in June of 2025. This will be our SIXth voyage and each trip brings new adventures, new experiences, and new understandings. We invite you to join us and to be a part of this incredible opportunity.

For this trip we are going somewhere new. We will be going to Scotland and Ireland. We will learn about the area's geography, which includes their busy shopping and entertainment streets, countryside terrain, coastlines, castles, and cathedrals. We will experience their rich history and vibrant culture .

This will be a great opportunity to learn about the culture, history, and geography of both Scotland and Ireland. It is also a great opportunity to prepare community members and students to understand and succeed in an increasingly globalized world. There is a lot out there and we will be a part of it one way or another, so let's embrace it by understanding the world and obtaining the knowledge to strengthen our views. Invest in 21st century skills that prepare us for life, college, and future careers. This is also an opportunity to enjoy the learning of a new culture, a time to experience something exciting and new. A time to become a better you.

June of 2025 seems like a long ways away, but a lot of planning is required for such an adventure. The time will go quickly and before you know it, you will be off to experience an adventure you will always remember. We will have a formal meeting on **Tuesday at 7:00, March 26th, 2024** to discuss and explain

the trip. You are not required to commit, but we will show students, parents, and community members how to get signed up. We are inviting current 8th graders in that by the time of the trip they will have already finished their freshman year. It is always nice to see a good mix of young and old. They have always seemed to appreciate each other. We have great kids and a great community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at evers@fortrecoveryschools.org. The meeting will be in Mr. Evers classroom (201) in the High School.

Chamber of Commerce Hosts Annual Awards Banquet

The Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the recipients for their Annual Awards Banquet sponsored this year by Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home.

The 2023 **"Citizen of the Year"** has been awarded to Megan Wendel. Megan has been active in the Fort Recovery community serving as Chair on the Fort Recovery Jubilee Committee, President of the Sawyer Overman Foundation, and President of the Mary Help of Christians Ladies Sodality. Megan also helps with youth sports programs and the schools when she can as a volunteer. During 2023, Megan put in many hours to make sure the Jubilee and Sawyer Overman Benefit were successful.

The **"Hall of Fame"** award recipients for 2023 are JoAnne Glentzer and Chuck Meinerding. JoAnne Glentzer, is the go-to person for the Merchant's Christmas Open House and Halloween parade. JoAnne is Treasurer of the Fort Recovery Friends of the Opera House, Fort Recovery Merchants Association, and is Co-Treasurer of the Fort Recovery Community Foundation. JoAnne also volunteers to host numerous meetings at her business, The Tin Cupboard.

Chuck Meinerding was a Fort Recovery business owner for over 40 years. He has volunteered countless hours of his time and knowledge to the community. Chuck helped with the Fort Recovery Monument and Veterans Memorial project. He also helped repair cemeteries in Ohio and Indiana that were vandalized, including Pioneer Cemetery. Chuck was affiliated with the Fort Recovery Library Board, St. Marys Cemetery Board and Fort Recovery American Legion.

The Chamber will also present the Fort Recovery **"Business of the Year"** Award with the recipient being JR Manufacturing. Despite the April 2023 fire, JR Manufacturing has continued to give back to the community. They donate and sponsor many activities and community functions. They encourage their employees to volunteer or serve our community in various capacities not limited to school board, youth coaches, and Jubilee committee.

Mayor Dave Kaup will also be presenting the **"Outstanding Community Service Award"** with this year's award recipients being the Fort Recovery Athletic Booster Club. The Baseball/Softball complex has successfully been completed and was utilized this past season.

Additional awards to be presented at the banquet are the annual "Beautification" award winners. This year's recipients include: Jack & Edna Heitkamp – **Most Improved Dwelling**, Chris & Heidi Duhamel – **Most Improved Property**, and Mike & Jill Walter – **Most Improved Landscaping**. The annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will be awarded to Fort Recovery High School Senior Allison Knapke, daughter of Joe & Kim Knapke.

These 2023 Award winners will be honored at the Annual Awards Banquet, sponsored by Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, to be held Sunday, March 10, 2024 at the Fort Recovery Elementary / Middle School Auditoria. Tickets for the banquet are available at Fort Recovery Insurance Agency, Mercer Savings Bank, Park National Bank, First Financial Bank, Village Hall or by calling 419-375-4041.

The Brick Street Market

The Fort Recovery chapter of Psi Iota Xi is excited & proud to announce the return & revitalization of their annual craft fair! **The Brick Street Market** will be held on **Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00am - 2:00 pm in downtown Fort Recovery!** Join us on the Brick Street and visit & shop with local makers, crafters, vendors & food trucks, as well as the local Fort Recovery businesses. A special Kids Korner will feature our local youth crafters, and an Art Show featuring the Middle School and High School Art Club will be held at the Fort Recovery Library. Watch for details on other fun activities that day, like a puppet show outside the library!



*Calling all makers, crafters & vendors: If you are interested in setting up as a vendor at the Brick Street Market, please visit Fort Recovery Psi Iota Xi on Facebook, email us at theta.zeta.fortrecovery@gmail.com or contact Mandy Wendel at 419-733-2541.

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