The Soaring Eagle Spotlight

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Mya's Mission Accomplished

By Becca McVicker

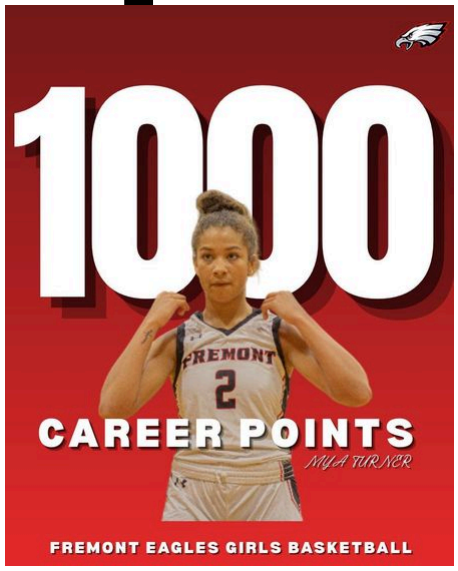
Junior Mya Turner has made an epic accomplishment on the court by transcending above and joining the 1,000 points club.

Mya has been playing basketball since the young age of six. She was aware that her goal to surpass 1,000 points was possible this season, but it didn't become so real to her until she was close. Some of the tips Mya gives to achieve 1,000 points are: “Put your mind and heart into your goal and you’ll receive the outcome you are looking for.”

She tries to get extra work in whenever she can, so basically every day. Mya stated that her dad inspired her to start playing basketball due to the fact that he also played high school basketball. Mya wanted to show and prove that she could follow in his footsteps.

She shared that her favorite part about basketball is being able to succeed as a team while also having the opportunity to get better every day. Mya explained that she plans on taking the next big step in her basketball career and playing in college.

She has been graciously given multiple offers, so we can expect that by some time during her senior year, she’ll have made her decision on what college she wants to attend. Congratulations to Mya on an excellent season and good luck for your senior season!



Academic Teams Head to State Competition

The Fremont High School Math, Science, and Interdisciplinary Academic Teams are headed to state competition on May 9 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

The teams qualified by having the top scores at an area meet this spring, held at Fremont Middle School.

Math team members who qualified are Gabby Concus, Brayton Moss, and Jake Chilenski. Alternates Jordan Gibson and Avi Patel will also attend the state meet and fill in, if needed, for competition. Science team members heading to the state meet are Lily Coler, Avi Patel, Thor Schemahorn, and Jake Chilenski. Interdisciplinary team members are Amelia Morrissette, Jake Chilenski, Gabby Concus, and Oliver Chorpenning.

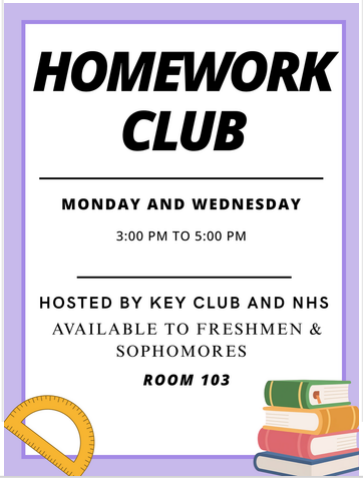


Homework Club

By Mercadies Vaughn

The homework club is on the rise after being created by Key Club and National Honor Society to assist freshmen and sophomores with their struggling academic topics. Homework Club is a place to peacefully do work and grab some extra help on some subjects you aren’t confident in.

Several students have offered to stay after school on Monday and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m. to offer help to freshmen and sophomores. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the main office.



Robotics Team Season Ends with a Gold Star Finish

By Mr. Ken Baker

Fremont Robotics enjoyed a standout season, demonstrating strong teamwork, creativity, and technical skill this year. The team celebrated their best tournament finish this year, placing 3rd overall at the Culver Academy tournament — a testament to countless hours of practice, strategic thinking, and steady performance under pressure.

Their success is especially notable given the limitations they faced, including constrained resources and limited build time. Despite these challenges, the team remained focused, adapted quickly, and delivered smart solutions that impressed competitors and judges alike.

In addition to the impressive finish, Fremont Robotics earned the VEX Judges' Award. The VEX Judges' Award recognizes teams for special attributes, exemplary effort, or perseverance that stand out to judges. It is a required award in VEX (VIQRC/V5RC) to honor unique accomplishments that may not fit traditional technical awards, often highlighting teamwork, professionalism, and student-centeredness. Judges awarded Fremont Robotics for their innovative design, clear communication of design choices, and strong demonstration of team values.

These accomplishments reflect Fremont Robotics' resilience and commitment to growth and excellence. Coaches, mentors, and students alike are proud of the progress made this season and excited to build on this momentum for next year.



(Left) Members of the FHS Robotics Team stand with Coach, Mr. Ken Baker, after a meet this year. While still new, the Robotics Team is seeing a lot of success.

FHS Senior Cheerleader Plans to Continue Cheer Career at Trine University this Fall

By Mrs. Ashlee Hoos

Continuing her athletic career at Trine University, Ava Davis will be joining the cheerleading squad this fall.

She chose Trine, in part, because she is able to graduate from FHS with 47 credit hours of dual enrollment credits, which allow her to skip a year and a half of college. Another reason, she said, was because Trine does not require tumbling skills to cheer, which is common for most universities.

"I don't tumble, so for the past two years of my high school cheer career, I've been focusing on my stunting skills," she said. "Since we're a small school, I went to a few cheer clinics hosted by various colleges (Trine, Alma, and IU to name a few) so I could enhance my current stunt skill set."

She didn't realize cheering in college was going to be a reality until her junior year of high school when she watched FHS graduate Elli Davis head to cheer in college. Davis said watching Elli made her realize she wanted to follow a similar path.

"Those two are the key parts of being on a college team, and having them will set you up for success," she said. "If they're like me and don't tumble, then I severely recommend improving your stunting skills, as some teams are willing to overlook the tumbling if you're a good stunter."

Davis is the daughter of FHS Cheer Coach Krystal Davis and Jacob Davis.



Lady Eagles Made History in State Tournament Run

By Lily McKnight

The FHS Lady Eagles Basketball team punched their way to state this year after a massive semi-state win. Their opponent was Borden High School. Sadly, the Eagles fell short with a score of fifty-one to thirty-one.

But, even with this loss, Fremont came out on top because it took teamwork to get them that far.

In order to bond as a team, the girls often do positive circles or just group chats together. One of the common games they play is called Mafia. Along with those bonding efforts, they also have meals together frequently.

This year the team experienced a fun activity together and went tobogganing to help bond and get closer.

Strategies they used were anything to get the girls closer and happy to have fun to make the team bond stronger still.

From the coach's perspective, this season has been awesome. The girls are great to work with and be around because they always make it fun. While on the court, they know how to work hard, compete, and play hard.

Therefore, the girls often have fun with the determination they know they need. A large congratulations to the two juniors, Grace Scharlach and Mya Turner, for being named MVPs at semi-state. Both girls put time and dedication into all the games, and it shows in their performance on the court. We are all proud of the Lady Eagles basketball team, and are excited to see what next year brings.



A Golden State Moment for Gabby Concus

By Mercadies Vaughn

Senior Gabby Concus, the daughter of Christina and Daniel Concus, leaves a melody nobody will forget as she played all the right notes this year, earning Gold at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Gabby has played the flute for eight years now, starting her long journey at the start of her fifth-grade year. For the past seven years, Gabby has utilized her time in practicing her beloved instrument by taking private lessons outside of school with her personal tutor, Aimee Simons.

Gabby chose her piece for solo and ensemble in early July, which in turn gave her seven months to practice the piece until show time. Then, when she secured her gold at district solo and ensemble, her new goal was state.

Gabby then practiced for another month, which altogether meant that Gabby had been playing her unaccompanied piece "Syrinx" by Claude Debussy for around 8 months.

Gabby states, "Every year that I do a solo, I always pick my favorite, but out of all the pieces I've done, this one was by far my favorite."

Gabby does plan on continuing her passion with the flute after she graduates by either playing in college or community bands.

After high school, Gabby plans on attending Georgia Southern University to study Secondary Education for Mathematics.

Fremont Choir Students Hit New High Notes with Solo and Ensemble Contests

By Mercadies Vaughn and Jasmine McGuirk

The choir hit a new note this year while hosting Solo and Ensemble for the second year in a row. There were a total of 11 high school students performing in district vocal Solo and Ensemble, and all of them achieved new heights in their musical career by receiving gold.

This year, competing for a chance to go to state, FHS had one soloist, sophomore Eva Kelley singing "Pais Angelicus" a Latin piece composed by Cesar Franck and Sylvester Wager and an ensemble called "The Kelley Ensemble" which sang "Brand New Day," a barbershop piece.

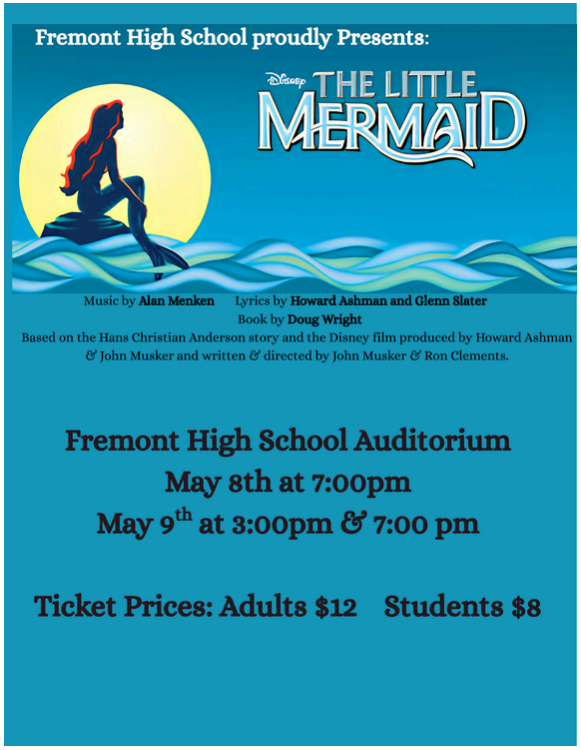
Performers Jasmine McGuirk, Eva Kelley, Gabrielle Baum and Arianna Baum were in the ensemble and wowed the stage, receiving gold. Both the Kelley Ensemble and Eva Kelley as a soloist also received gold at state.



Lights, Camera, Action! Spring Musical Coming to Fremont High School Auditorium Stage in May

Watch the love story between a little mermaid and her human prince on stage at FHS on May 8 and 9 as the FHS Theater Students perform Disney's The Little Mermaid. This performance is under the direction of Ms. Betsy Fowler.

Tickets are $8 for students at the door and $12 for adults.



Cast List

Prince Eric – *Bryatt Spurgon*
Grimsby – *Logan Czarnecki*
Sea Horse – *Carrington Kitzmiller*
King Triton – *Jaden Stewart*
Sebastian – *Gabrille Baum*
Aquata – *Jasmine McGuirk*
Allana/Jetsam – *Ella Weible*
Ariel – *Eva Kelley*
Flounder – *Mercadies Vaughn*
Scuttle – *Kaitlyn Baum*
Ursula – *Abby Jordan*
Chef
Louise/Flotsam/Andrina – *Mady Runyon*
Sea Chorus – *Carly Lash*
Stage Manager – *Brayton Moss*
Set Crew – *Thor Schemahorn*
Set Crew – *Aria Fike*
Set Crew – *Hallie Lowery*
Set Crew/Atina – *Ava Kitch*
Light Tech – *Arianna Baum*
Sound Tech – *Ally James*

Carmyne signs for his College Football Future with Carroll University

By Mercadies Vaughn

"It's not about how bad you want it. It's about how hard you are willing to work to achieve it."

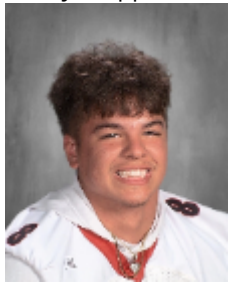
That is what one of our senior Eagles has done, working incredibly hard on and off the field to achieve his goals. Carmyne Moreno, the son of Jessica and Jeremy Antrup, is a senior who has signed to play football at Carroll University this fall.

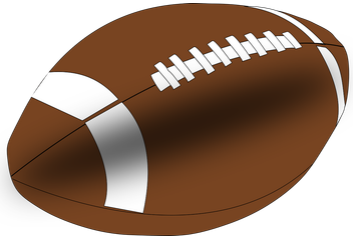
He expressed that what drew him to Carroll University is their Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

Carmyne has played football since he was in kindergarten, and it was always apparent to him that someday he wanted to take his playing to the next level. It became a goal he strived for both during the season and the post-season.

Some additional camps and training he has taken part in are training with OPS and traction work with his trainer, Ty Lawson. His biggest advice for younger classmen who wish to take their game to the next level is to work outside of the season.

Carmyne has played hybrid, RB, TE, and FB throughout his football career. Hard work and dedication have been seen these past four years, and we are excited to see the next chapter for Carmyne.





Hailey Steps Into Basketball Dream

Written by Mercadies Vaughn

One of our senior Lady Eagle Basketball players, Hailey Heller the daughter of Brian and Melissa Heller, will step onto her dream court at Aquinas College in Michigan to continue her academic and athletic career.

Hailey has been playing basketball for six years, and spends most of her free time shooting and working as much as she can on her technique. Hailey shared that playing on a college level in the sport she loves has always been a dream for her, and she plans on pushing herself to new levels with such a great opportunity.

Hailey was drawn to Aquinas College due to the size and the supportive team she was introduced to during her visit. Hailey was happy to give her advice to all underclassmen that if you work hard, success will come in time.

We are so proud of Hailey and are excited for her to fast break into her college career.



Senior Hailey Heller, right, stands with her fellow basketball seniors Willow Towers (middle) and Alaska Gochenour (left). Heller is headed to Aquinas College in the fall to continue her academic and athletic career. College basketball has long been her goal and now she gets to make it happen.

Doubles Tennis Stars McElhoe, Burkholder sign with Trine University

By Mrs. Ashlee Hoos

After four years each of playing tennis at Fremont High School, senior doubles standouts Katie McElhoe and Sydney Burkholder have signed to continue their academic and athletic careers at Trine University.

Katie McElhoe
Katie is the daughter of Janelle Spengler and Dan McElhoe. She has played tennis all four years of high school.

It was after a successful junior season that playing at the next level really became the goal. As far as amazing memories go, for Katie the best is breaking the school record at Lakeland during her junior season and getting $100 for a bet because of it.

Her advice to other aspiring tennis players is not to let one bad point define your match. She says to enjoy each match, have fun, and don't let the bad affect you.

She will be majoring in chemistry this fall at Trine.

Sydney Burkholder
Sydney is the daughter of Kelly Burkholder. Tennis has been a big part of her high school career, playing all four years for FHS.

"Playing in college has been the goal since junior year," she said.

She is torn between two good memories, including breaking the school team doubles win record and all of the fun team dinners over the years.

Her advice to future tennis players is to "Have fun and not be so hard on yourself because at the end of the day, it's not that deep."

She will be majoring in exercise science at Trine this fall.



Katie McElhoe, left, and Sydney Burkholder, right, ink their letters of intent to play tennis at Trine University during a signing ceremony held at Fremont High School. The pair have been standouts on the court playing doubles throughout their high school career. They are excited to continue playing the sport they love at the next level for the Thunder.

In Loving Memory...

Mrs. Lorie Knisely







On April 20, 2026, Fremont Community Schools lost one of their own with the passing of high school librarian, Mrs. Lorie Knisely.

Mrs. Knisely was an integral part of the Fremont High School community. Whether she was helping with Chromebooks, updating the website, working with the yearbook staff, supervising study hall, or whatever else was needed, she was always one who could be counted on to be there with a smile on her face.

She will be missed by all who knew her, worked with her, and loved her.