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STARPOINT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Supplies Collected for Puerto Rico Victims of Hurricane Maria

The middle and high school foreign language clubs had a supply drive for the victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. The students collected 4 carloads of donations for the hurricane victims and brought all of the items to The Belle Center in Buffalo for transport to Puerto Rico.



High School to Present Mary Poppins

SHS Musical Club will be producing Mary Poppins on March 8 at 7pm, March 9 at 7pm, and March 10 at 2pm and 7pm, 2018. This year we will be taking the program to new heights as Bert and Mary Poppins will be the first students to fly in my program!



Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.

Intermediate School Partakes in the Kindness Rocks Project

Intermediate Principal, Monica Daigler, and her teaching staff came up with a fun project for their students to kick off the school year. There has been a lot of buzz about The Kindness Rocks Project which is a movement that encourages people to decorate rocks with inspirational messages and leave them in public places for people to find as random acts of kindness. Many staff members shared with Mrs. Daigler that they found some when they were vacationing over the summer and how fun it was logging on to the Facebook page written on the back of the rock and sharing where they found it.



Art teacher Lindsay Abramo, student Madelyne Wesolowski and Intermediate School Principal Monica Daigler.

"Our theme this year for PBIS is Acceptance, Kindness Rocks," says Mrs. Daigler. "I started off the school year with reading a book called 'Only One You' which is written by Linda Krantz. It's a very cute story with pictures of fish and it talks about life lessons and how it is okay to be different or unique. At the end of the story it asks, how you are going to make it a better place. We issued that challenge to our students."

Students were given brainstorming sheets and asked how they would make the world a better place like recycling or being kind to animals. They then sketched out what their kindness rock would look like based on their ideas. Art teacher Lindsay Abramo helped the students translate those ideas into artwork. "Some of the students kept to their original idea and others decided to take it into another direction," says Mrs. Daigler. "Their assignment was to make a unique rock that meant something to them."

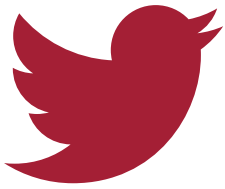


The rocks that the students made will find a permanent home in the school's rock garden. But since the idea is to share with others and pay it forward, the teachers made their own rocks over the summer and those will be gifted to the Rising Star Students each month who can choose one from the display and hide it in plain sight in the community. They created a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pg/StarpointIntermediateRocks>) for the school so that people could write where they found them and students would be able to track where the rocks ended up and how their kindness is being spread in the community.

Fifth grader, Nora King, was awarded Star Student of the Month and hid her rock at the Cambria Town Park. "I was so excited. I wrote a letter at the beginning of the year that my goal was to be a Star Student and I achieved it right away! I really like the idea of Kindness Rocks. It's a lot of fun and I think that when people find the rocks they will be happy and inspired."



Message from the Superintendent



Top Priority at #OneStarpoint = School Safety



Sean M. Croft, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

"If teachers and students do not feel safe, they will not have the psychological energy for teaching and learning." - Dr. Robert J. Marzano

There has never been a time in the history of the Starpoint Central School District when we have been more focused on enhancing instructional effectiveness. Teachers are using a district-wide model of lesson design and delivery; focusing on research-based instructional strategies that we know increase student learning. Professional development consisting of classroom-embedded learning has become commonplace in Starpoint. Yet, can I say that this is our top priority? The answer is no.

Echoing the quote above from Dr. Marzano, the most dynamic teacher will be ineffective and the brightest student's learning will be stalled when placed in an environment where they do not feel safe. As safety is our highest priority, we have made and will continue to make changes to Starpoint to enhance the safety and security of the campus.

Following the announcement of my appointment as Superintendent of Schools in March of 2016, the Board of Education and I made it a priority to add a full-time School Resource Officer to the 2016-17 budget. We are blessed to have Sheriff's Deputy Craig Beiter on campus every day to protect your children and assist them in making positive decisions in their lives. In his short time here, Deputy Beiter has become a fixture across the district.

Having Deputy Beiter on board made the implementation of our next intervention that much smoother. Starpoint has increased our focus on practicing Lockdown, Lockout, and Shelter-in-Place drills. Is it sad that we have to put such an emphasis on training our staff and students to

respond to potential threats inside or outside our school buildings? Yes. Is it necessary? In my opinion, absolutely. Students and staff need to know what to do in a Lockdown situation as well as they know how to exit the building in the case of a fire.

You may notice more changes in the months and years ahead. Entrances at each building will be enhanced to provide additional layers of security and our camera system will continue to be upgraded on a weekly basis. Supervision of entrances after-hours will be strengthened and events and activities, such as our community education program, will be funneled into two or three buildings rather than being scattered across the entire campus.

These changes to enhance security may make Starpoint's campus feel a bit different; however, the Board of Education and I feel they are unequivocally necessary. Every change is being made with one goal in mind: Making the Starpoint campus as safe and secure as possible so your children can focus on learning.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sean M. Croft
Superintendent of Schools



Fricano Students Skating to Success with SABAH

Fricano students in Miss Carolyn Schaus', Mrs. Jena Zubricky's and Ms. Marie Vergils' self-contained classes have been having a great time every Monday. The classes have been heading out to Bud Bakewell Rink on Riverside Street to participate in SABAH which provides adaptive ice skating. "It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn how to ice skate while working on self-help, social, emotional and academic skills," says Miss Schaus.

The students started their adventure this October. They will be working on their skating skills, which will result into choreographed musical routine at First Niagara Center in March when they will perform in front of an audience. "We will be skating with other classes who have similar needs and similar academic abilities," says Miss Schaus. "The students learn to skate through academic activities. These activities range from ELA skills such as word families, sight words etc. to math skills such as counting, number recognition and math facts. The SABAH program does a great job of incorporating academic activities while teaching the kids to skate. It's the coolest program because it gives the kids a chance to be successful in something outside of school. I think the parents are really excited about their kids participating. It gives them an activity they can do as a family once the child learns how to skate."

The students have loved skating every Monday and can't wait to hit the rink. "Are we skating today? Is it time to go?" laughs Miss Schaus. "None of them have skated before this. It is a whole new experience for them. It's awesome!

We are so lucky that Principal Mrs. Brachmann and Starpoint have approved this opportunity. Everyone has been so supportive. It will give our students a chance to shine."



Nicholas Armagost



Fricano Principal Kathy Brachmann with
Mason Coker, Logan Seymour and
Ryan Sauer.



Members of "The President's Own" US Marine Band Play Free Concert at Starpoint High School

On Saturday, October 7th, a brass quintet from "The President's Own" United States Marine Band performing a free concert at Starpoint High School auditorium by invitation of music teacher Michael Volpe.

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band's mission is to perform for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. It was founded in 1798 by an Act of Congress and is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization.

The quintet played a short program and then held a question and answer session with the audience who asked the musicians questions from everything on how they chose their instruments, what has been their favorite memory of playing in the band, what is their basic training like and what kind of music they like to play.

"Mr. Volpe says he was very excited about the visit. "I think it was a fantastic experience for our students and community. I hope that hearing these fantastic musicians perform was inspiring to our students. It was interesting to learn about the lives of these professional musicians and their career path in the military! Mr. Volpe also attended the Marine Band's performance at Shea's that evening and said it was an amazing, magical performance with multiple standing ovations!"

Mastery Gunnery Sergeant Christian Ferrari says the band loves playing for students and were very grateful with the warm reception that Starpoint gave them.



(LtoR) Staff Sergeant Williams Samson, Gunnery Sergeant Timothy Dugan, Mastery Gunnery Sergeant Christian Ferrari, Michael Volpe, Gunnery Sergeant Jennifer Paul and Staff Sergeant Robert Bonner.

Starpoint Students Attend Summer Music Camp

Music was in the air this summer as honors band students from North Tonawanda, Starpoint, Lockport and Roy-Hart gathered together in a weeklong music camp.

Its creation was the vision of mother and son music instructors April and Justin Carere. Mrs. Carere teaches at North Tonawanda City School District and Mr. Carere teaches at Regan Intermediate School at Starpoint.



(LtoR) Riley Nixon, Ian DeWilde and Amanda Simano.

They designed the program for students in grades 4-9 as a way to provide motivated students an opportunity to continue their studies over the summer months. This year, there were five separate bands including a 7-9th grade jazz ensemble. "We've grown in size and scope each year adding students and faculty to the operation. This summer we worked with nearly 400 students," says Mr. Carere. "We try to make camp fun by incorporating a lot of team building and group bonding activities that serve to allow students to make memories and meet new friends from other school districts." Mrs. Carere added, "The camp has exploded in popularity with many families planning there summer vacations around our dates."

New this year, was guest conductor Paul Ferington, retired conductor for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Maestro Ferington arranged a piece that the 5th grade band played at their concert performance at the conclusion of camp.



Mr. Justin Carere, Mrs. Fish and the Starpoint students.



Substitutes Needed:

Substitute Teachers, School Nurses, Teacher Aides, Typist/Clerical and Cleaner/Laborers.

Visit our website at www.starpointcsd.org, click on "Employment", then on left side of page, click on type of desired Substitute Position.



Starpoint Spirit Week Activities

Starpoint students and staff showed off their school spirit with lots of fun activities. Our Spartans dominated in the homecoming football game with a 57-13 win over Kenmore East!





Students of the Month

September

October



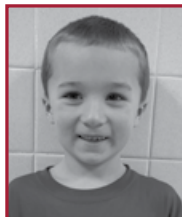
Julia Plewinski
Grade K



Harrison Zwada
Grade K



Natalie Gunnarson
Grade K



Codiegh Upton-Swanson
Grade K



Suhana Kanwal
Grade 1



Kelly Hoffman
Grade 1



Heath Wohlleber
Grade 1



Emma Burg
Grade 2



Rocco Prezioso
Grade 2



Baylee Budz
Grade 3



Emma DeFilippo
Grade 2



Douglas Dickey
Grade 2



Cooper Krawczyk
Grade 4



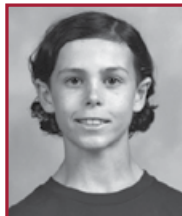
Elise Benedict
Grade 5



Jacob Universal
Grade 3



Conner Lauffer
Grade 5



Evan Floss
Grade 6



Ava Pytlík
Grade 7



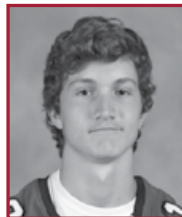
Joseph Robertson
Grade 5



Julia Buzzeo
Grade 11



Sadie Eckler
Grade 8

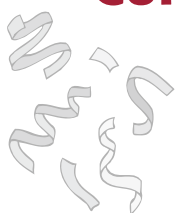


Aaron Chase
Grade 11



Joshua Pusateri
Grade 11

**Congratulations
to all!**



Renee Edbauer
Grade 11

Something to Cheer About!

Congratulations to our Varsity Cheerleaders who were named the Fall 2017 ECIC D2 Champions!



Starpoint Career Fair Offers Students Glimpse into Future



Gareth Leighty and Bethany Parish.

Starpoint High School recently hosted their second career fair. Assistant Principal Michael Moran says the idea was hatched by the school's counselors. "What we are trying to do here is have students see beyond high school. Our school counselors have adopted as our motto, "Begin with the End in Mind". Specifically the end in mind means the end of high school, the credentials you have, the activities you belong to, your transcript, who you are as a senior."

Mr. Moran says the counselors got the idea a couple of years ago for the career fair. "They said, let's look beyond college and let's look at careers that are out there. They wanted to look at the opportunities that exist beyond college

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because that is what is going to domino its way back to what we do here in high school. So we decided to include the community in that and invited them in to talk about their passion, their profession and hopefully students will see how to get where these professionals are right now."

Tenth grade School Counselor,

Andrea Rodenhaus says the professionals that volunteered their time were wonderful. "They were so full of energy and passion that they expressed it through their presentations. Our students loved the opportunity to sit and hear about the career area they were interested in. It really sheds light on what a typical day is like, education/training they may need, and room for advancement within the career field. As counselors, we want to expose them to these opportunities outside of Starpoint High School. This in turn allows the students to choose the coursework that will enable them to achieve their future goals."

The following careers were represented: accountant, architect, athletic trainer, attorney/paralegal, auto mechanic, banking/finance, business owner, CAD, computer/information technician, cosmetology, criminal justice, culinary/hospitality, dentist, doctor, elementary education, engineering, firefighter, forensics, HVAC, marketing, media communications, military, nursing, personal trainer, pharmacy, physical therapist, physician's assistant, psychologist, secondary education, Secret Service/FBI, sound recording/musician, speech language, sports marketing, theatre, veterinarian, visual arts, welding and writing/editing/journal.



George Scott and Lydia Parise.



Holly Grant and Jennifer Fitzery from Shea's Performing Arts Center.

Starpoint Offers Students and Community Members Technology Support at ColLABoratory Café

As everyone is aware, technology has infiltrated almost every part of our lives. At the Starpoint Central School District there has been a big push to implement the use of technology across the district. "It is one of our missions and is part of the Smart Schools Grant we have received, it has allowed us to develop a plan for the use of these Chromebooks, iPads and tablets across the district," explains Middle School sixth grade teacher Rich Vittoria.

Mr. Vittoria is a twelve year member of the District's Technology Committee. "Over the past few years we have seen a significant increase in computer/internet use for assignments, Parent Grade Portal, Google Classroom and Google Apps for Education. As the District continues to fulfill its mission to facilitate the development of 21st century ready students, we realized that there are many students and residents who don't have access to broadband internet, updated computers and printing ability."



Rich Vittoria with students Sam Lindaman and Aidan Bartle at the ColLABoratory Café.

Last spring, after seeing the need in the District, Mr. Vittoria proposed an idea of the development of the ColLABoratory Café. "We have had an excellent response to using technology and our teachers are trained in it, but we realized when we started implementing it that there are a number of students that don't have up to date computers or a tablet at home or possibly don't have internet access. So I had a brainstorm about what we can do to help the kids other than giving them paper copies or letting them come in early or stay late or come in on a study hall. What if we had a computer lab, but it wasn't just for the students? What if we opened it up after hours to their parents, residents or employees?"

Mr. Vittoria's vision is for two open labs, a quiet one where people could just work or browse the internet. Then a second one that would be staffed with an employee who is very familiar with computers applications and understands Google Apps for Education, the District website and the Parent and Student Portals and be able to assist parents and students on how to access them. It would also be a collaboration lab where students could work together, discuss projects, assignments and do research together." It is free to the public and is open one night a week and rotates through Tuesday to Thursday, a different day each week. The times would stagger too and some nights operate 2:30-6:30pm or 3:10-7:10pm. There would also be an online help desk that students and residents can call or email if they need help. Mr. Vittoria, who is coordinating the labs, will try to get back to everyone who leaves messages within a day or two.

The schedule for the labs can be found on the District's website at http://www.starpointcsd.org/webpages/rvittoria/collaboratory_cafe.cfm. Those wishing to receive text alerts and lab schedule information can text the phrase @collabcafe to 81010 or 716-712-5556. Please remember that data rates may apply when receiving text messages.

This is the first year of the ColLABoratory Café and Mr. Vittoria says he is excited about the café and hopes that it will receive positive feedback from the students and the community. "We are going to see where it goes and then we will evaluate it and see if we need to adjust days or times. We will be tracking to see if the people using the lab are residents or students and we will look at the data and take it from there. It is open to everyone in our school district and if they just want to come in and browse the internet, they can. Starpoint is the heart of the community and our hope is that it will bring people together. You know, if you build it, they will come."



Mentoring Program Enhances Middle School's Culture of Kindness

Starpoint Middle School has been participating in the student orientation and transition program WEB, which stands for Where Everybody Belongs. The national program came to the attention of teachers, Chris Johnson and Brian Scully, through the principal at the school, Mr. Bryer. The Starpoint School District was the second one in the area to take part in it. "There was a flyer and he asked if we wanted to go for training, so we went," says Mr. Johnson. "It was eye-opening for us. It was the best professional development we have ever seen." Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scully were so impressed that they have since become national WEB trainers working with teachers, counselors, board members, principals and superintendents to implement the program in their districts.

The program centers on selecting 8th graders to mentor the incoming 6th graders. For many students the transition to the middle school can be somewhat challenging and it is a way to introduce them to the school in a safe and friendly manner. Two 8th grade mentors work with ten 6th graders and arrange activities throughout the year. Their job is to make the students feel welcomed and celebrate their achievements whether it is birthdays or awards they have received.

This year over 100 students applied for 43 mentor positions. The WEB coordinators, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Scully, Danielle Alterio and Amy Griesmer, were not surprised by the huge number of applicants. "It's a testament to the program on how many of these kids applied to be mentors, it's over half of the 7th grade. It shows the success of the program and the impact it made on them as incoming 6th graders," says Mr. Johnson.

"The number one criteria we look for in the applicants is are they kind to other kids," says Mr. Scully. "Sometimes what we see in front of the classroom is completely different from what they are like outside of the classroom. We do an extensive background check on the students by talking to their teachers, the lunch monitors, the bus drivers and our administrators. We have them fill out a survey and rank the applicants on their leadership qualities and their kindness. There is a tryout where we bring them in to do activities together to see who steps up and takes the initiative to organize the group. Those are the ones we are looking for."

All the WEB coordinators say that the program has made an impact on the whole school. "The 6th graders are nervous when they come in that first day and look like deer caught in the headlights," says Mr. Scully. "We have this orientation with the



8th Grade WEB Mentors (No Particular Order): Meghan Balko, Joshua Beccue, Morgan Bennett, Skylar Berube, Ty Bialik, Emma Bloomer, Lindsey Blount, Bailey Briggs, Emma Browka, Vivian Budny, Emilie Burt, Alex Buzzeo, Marissa Chase, Matthew Ciruolo, Jenna Clark, Carly Dell'Oso, Sadie Eckler, Mackenzie Gellerson, Alison Gibbons, Ava Gielow, Anthony Ginnane, Madison Harris, Veda Jauch, Jacob LaMarca, Adrienne Licata, Peyton Lyness, Norah Marriner, Adrianna Martino, Ashley Matthews, Thomas Meal, Emma Nesbit, Riley Nixon, Seth Parsons, Meredith Peehler, Marah Scholtz, Allison Schuler, Ashleigh Schreder, Matthew Screader, Michaela Staskiewicz, Samantha Stolzenburg, Chloe Vaughn, Zoe Wagner and Alivia Zawisky.

mentors who give them a tour of the building and then they have activities with them and the kids just have a blast. In that three to four hour period, they see how our school operates and how we do things. They come up as 7th graders and they know what WEB is and they remember the activities and the impact it has made on them."

Ms. Alterio says they work very closely with the mentors on lessons they can share. "We give them a bare bones outline to cover and then they go right in and take leadership and focus on making an impact on those 6th graders. They fly with it." "The growth we see in the 8th grade students has been the biggest surprise to us and the most satisfying part," says Mr. Scully. "Chris and I have them in the 7th grade and from what they are as a 7th grader to what they are as an 8th grader from being part of this program is unbelievable. Students that come to us and don't say a word, grow into these incredible people who organize events, take initiative in class and when they see things that need to be done at the school to make it better, they do it without hesitation."

"If we look at the school and how it was nine to ten years ago, it is not only the students we have seen a change in, we are changing the culture of the teachers as well," says Mr. Johnson. "They love the way the students are behaving and they know that WEB has a lot to do with that." The WEB program also show kindness to the teachers. "We

brought in a masseuses for them and say WEB's Got Your Back. We have a Christmas breakfast every year where the kids make the food for the teachers. The teachers love it. It's something they look forward to."



WEB Coordinators: Danielle Alterio, Chris Johnson, Brian Scully, and Amy Griesmer.

Ms. Alterio says that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Scully deserve a huge amount of gratitude for what they do with their WEB training. "They are very humble, but they were instrumental in bringing WEB not only to us, but to other school districts who are starting the program like Ken-Ton and Lewiston-Porter. "They are spreading kindness around."



Welcome to Our New Staff!



*Scott Bielec
High School
English Teacher*



*Amanda Bondrow
High School
Foreign Language Teacher*



*Megan Bull
Regan Intermediate School
Physical Education Teacher*



*Charity Burlingame
Fricano Primary School
Counselor*



*Joelle Cappellino
Middle School
Secretary*



*Carina DellaPietra
Middle School
Teaching Assistant for ELA*



*Erin DiCanio Fricano
Primary School
Elementary Teacher for Kindergarten*



*Joseph Flegal
District Office Network Manager*



*Chris Gerhard
Buildings & Grounds
Building Maintenance Mechanic*



*Jennifer Gregson
Fricano Primary School
Teacher Aide*



*James Manning
Buildings & Grounds
Building Maintenance*



*Robin Moore
High School
Teacher Aide*



*Shana Puff
Fricano Primary School
21st Century Skills and Tech Teacher*



*Sandra Rafe
Buildings & Grounds
Laborer*



*Carolyn Schaus
Fricano Primary School
Special Education Teacher*



*Christy Steward
High School
Teaching Assistant*



*Joan Smith
High School
Science Teacher*



*Toni Torchia
Middle School
Psychologist*

Fricano Tie Dye



Looks who took part in Tie Dye Spirit Day! (Left to Right) Back Row: Logan Seymour, Denise Galipeau and Nicholas Armagost. Front Row: Aliyahh Marshall, Rylan Sauer and Mason Coker.



In Xanadu

The Middle School had us all flashing back to the 1980's with their version of "Xanadu". The musical is about an artist inspired by a muse and is of course based on the movie of the same name.

The cast really wowed with their singing, roller skating and of course those fashions!

"Xanadu" is a hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure that follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist, Sonny, to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time – the first Roller Disco!

Music teacher Julie Arlotta says, "Guest director and choreographer Robert Cooke has brought so much out of the students and there were a lot of laughs!"



Brianna Gfroerer plays Kira complete with Australian accent and roller skating. Morgan Szpilewski plays Erato, the Muse of Lyrics, Ray-Anne Pacoloute plays Euterpe, the Muse of Music and Samantha Stolzenburg (in sequins) plays Melpomene the Muse of Tragedy.

Take Your Parents to School Day

October 13th was Take Your Parents to School Day at the High School. The day proved to be a tremendous success with 25 parents attending. After a tour of the building, they were able to experience classes in US History, Algebra II, Chemistry and English Language Arts (ELA). They also observed the Project Lead the Way program and heard a performance from the jazz band. Counselor Clement Smith gave a presentation on the college prep process and conducted a Q&A session.

At the end of their visit the parents completed a survey and staff received many great ideas on how to improve next year's event. The district plans on expanding the program and possibly expanding to other grade levels.



Fricano Celebrates Those Who Served

Fricano Elementary recently had some very special VIP's in their building. The school invited 80 veterans for a special reception in honor of Veterans Day. Teacher Jena Zubricky helped to organize the event. "We had an amazing turnout this year. We were so happy that so many could join us for the day."

The classes went to the hallway for a special morning announcement and sang "I am Proud to Be An American". After their performance, the veterans and students were treated to a reception at the cafeteria.

What a great way to say thanks to those who served and serve our country!



Charlotte Schubring and her grandfather



Student Addyson Cutter on the right, with Dad Derek Cutter and little sister Dani



Students from 1st Grade classroom



In Memory of a Fallen Officer

On October 25th, Starpoint held a dress down day in memory of Officer Craig Lehner where students and staff dressed in blue.

District-wide, we raised a total of \$1,000.05! This money will be donated to the Lehner family.



Mrs. Arlotta Takes Second Place in Lullaby Competition

Congratulations to our very talented music teacher Julie Arlotta for placing in the Oishei Children's Hospital Lullaby Contest.



Mrs. Arlotta took second place out of 75 contestants that submitted renditions of Brahms' Lullaby that will be played every time a baby is born at the hospital.

Well played!

It's the Great Pumpkin Drop!

As always our annual pumpkin drop at Regan Intermediate School was a smashing good time! Thanks to everyone who made it a fun and festive day for our students!



Lockport Blue Campaign Gets Underway

For the second year, the Lockport Blue campaign is being held at Starpoint. Fricano students gathered at the High School auditorium to show their appreciation for local law enforcement. Lockport Blue encourages the public to show support for our law enforcement agencies.

After a presentation about respect, the students presented officers from the Niagara County Sheriff's Department, New York State Police (Lockport Barracks) and the Lockport Police Department with cards, thanking them for all they do for the community.

The students followed up the act of appreciation later in the week with serving hot coffee and breakfast sandwiches drive-thru style. The campaign will be ongoing through the month of November.



Halloween Celebration!

The students at Fricano had a great time dressing up and celebrating All Hallows' Eve!





Outstanding Starpoint Staff!

The following employees were recognized for their outstanding attendance during the 2016-17 school year.



Pictured (l-r): Jack Mitchell, Dorothy Szpaicher, Michele Burt, David Ciurczak, Maria Shields, Daniel Proefrock, Keri Anderson, Amanda Kennedy, Megan Catanese, Barbara Brown-Hunt. Not pictured: Danielle Alterio, Suzanne Andalora, Colleen Gailie-Mondello, Robert Glosser, Bonnie Gontarczyk, Susan Hausladen, Megan Hull, Donna Kolek, Samuel Williams

Et tu, Brute?

The Drama Club and Shakespeare Lives Club recently took in a performance at Niagara University of William Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar".



Students Participate in Annual Kids Escaping Drugs Leadership Summit

Starpoint Middle School students, Matt Schreader, Mara Beiter, Matthew Tilman, Morgan Bennett and Starpoint High School students, Alexa Weber, Katelyn Hawkins, Grace Vieaux, Marissa Peters, Carmelo Martorana and Ramsey Lubecki attended the 11th Annual Kids Escaping Drugs Leadership Summit. Their agenda started with a Welcome Presentation by guest speaker Alex Neutz, former UB football player, and then the students broke out into sessions in which they looked at the stereotypes of addiction, heard from peers about the consequences of drug use and addiction and the impact of media. Students worked together on ways to promote positive choices within the school community.

Starpoint Opens Doors to Chinese Teachers

The Middle School recently paid host to six English teachers from China. The visitors wanted to learn more about United States educational structure and instructional strategies.





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MUSIC DEPARTMENT CONCERT DATES 17-18



December

- 12 5/6 Bands in MS @ 6:30pm
- 13 HS Chorus Concert in HS Aud @ 7pm
- 19 4/5 Chorus Concert in HS Aud @ 6:30pm
- 21 HS Bands Concert in HS Aud @ 7pm

January

- 24 7/8 Band Concert in MS Aud @ 7pm

February

- 7 6/7/8 Chorus Concert in MS Aud @ 7pm

March

- 8-10 HS Musical runs in HS Aud
- 20 Music In Our Schools Month Concert @ 6:00pm (All Chorus) in HS Gym
- 21 HS Bands with Erie County Wind Ensemble HS Aud 7pm

April

- 25 3rd Grade Chorus/Recorder Concert in HS Aud @ 6:30pm

May

- 15 4th Grade Band and Chorus Concert in HS Aud @ 6:30pm
- 16 5th Grade Band and Chorus Concert in HS Aud @ 6:30pm
- 22 6/7/8 Bands in MS Aud @ 7pm
- 23 HS Chorus Concert in HS Aud @ 7pm
- 30 6/7/8 Chorus Concert in MS Aud @ 7pm
- 31 HS Band Concert in HS Aud @ 7pm

June

- 4 HS Solo Night in HS Aud @ 7pm
- 5 All District Jazz Concert in HS Aud @ 6:30pm
- 13 Music Awards Assembly in HS Aud @ 6:30pm

**Please note: off-campus events are not listed here.*

Fricano Says Thanks to Storytellers

The PARP committee would like to thank all of the readers, floaters and photographers who took part in the Mystery Teacher Reader event which took place on November 7, 2017.

Your love of learning and reading shines through in all you do and sets a wonderful example for our students here at Fricano. Thank you!

