

SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

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Happy  Graduation

CLASS OF 2024

As Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week comes to a close, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all educators and staff members for their unwavering commitment to shaping the future of our community through our work with students.

Congratulations in advance to our FHS Class of 2024 on their commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 19. It will be a proud day to celebrate this momentous occasion with students and their families.

Following are a few highlights of some of the wonderful events and recognitions that students across the district have been acknowledged for. None of these would have been possible without the support of educators and families as our partners in this important work.

NJROTC Year-End Ceremony



On Wednesday evening the Freeport NJROTC held its annual year-end ceremony that included awards, scholarships and recognition and promotion of cadets. The highlight of the evening was the Change of Command Ceremony in which Lauren Hjelmeland was relieved of her duties as Cadet Lt. Commanding Officer and Cadet Lt. Serenity Tuell was named the new Commanding Officer. You can view the Change of Command ceremony [here](#). The awards and promotions ceremony can be found on the FSD Facebook page.

Technical Design (CAD II) Students Earn Awards/Internship

The class participated in the 2024 Helm VDC Competition. Students were required to virtually pipe a series of Hot Water Supply and Return lines throughout a building (which was previously a Helm project). All submissions were blind reviewed by 3 different Helm VDC technicians; awards based on quantity of completion and the accuracy of the work. The students were competing for both cash awards and a paid summer intern position. Wyatt Hays from Helm talked with the class and presented the awards, as follows:



- Adolfo "Javy" Cuevas Samboy (12th) - 1st Place Cash Award & paid Summer Internship**
- Asher Kittoe (11th) - Cash Award - 2nd Place/Cash Award**
- Ethan Scudder (11th) - 3rd Place /Cash Award**

IPA Student Leadership Brunch

A number of students were invited to and recognized at the IL Principals Association + ROE 8, Student Recognition Brunch on May 3 in Dixon, IL. Congratulations to the following students:



Empire Principal: Ramon Viveros	Zi'Yanna Williams Reignen Stifter
Jones Farrar Principal: Jen DeJong	Ayleen Julian-Alquesada Nolan Wagner
Lincoln Douglas Principal: Melissa Sago	Amari Watkins Rya Patrick
Carl Sandburg Principal: Dr. Beth Summers	Brooklyn Watter Kalli Bradbury
FHS Principal: Sarah Hasken	Faith Freeman Nathaniel Redmore

Congratulations to the **Boys' Varsity Tennis Team** who won its first NIC-10 boys tennis title in 29 years. Good luck on Sectionals. The team has one graduating senior so the rest of these awesome athletes will be back next year for a repeat. Thanks to coaches Ed Schradermeier and his wife, Uli Dornhagen.



Congratulations to students from JFIB, Carl Sandburg and FMS for performing in their first **WEE SPEECH** competition under the direction of Tim Connors and student judges from the FHS Speech Team.



Freeport graduating students were invited to the **Noon Rotary Club Student Scholarship Luncheon**. FHS Senior **Corinne Schneiderman** received a scholarship. Students with 3.5 & higher GPAs with good attendance were invited to the luncheon.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



May 27
Memorial Day FSD Closed

May 31
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Our final Newsletter for the 2023-2024 SY will be on Friday, May 31st.

Na'viea Wright won 2nd overall at Freeport Art Museum for the **Aspiring Artist Show** for NW IL Schools. She was awarded a certificate and a Dick Blick Premium Art Materials to go with her certificate! Congratulations Na'viea!