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**UPCOMING EVENTS****November**

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| 1 | BOE Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 4-5 | NYSSMA Jr. High All-State @ Akron HS |
| 4 | 1/2 Day Elementary
(Parent/Teacher Conferences)
MS Play @ 7:30 p.m. |
| 5 | MS Play @ 2:30 p.m. |
| 7-11 | National School Psychology Week |
| 10 | 1 st Quarter Ends (MS/HS) |
| 11 | Veteran's Day (No School) |
| 15 | BOE Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 18-19 | NYSSMA Sr. High All-State @ Fredonia |
| 18 | 1/2 Day Elementary
(Parent/Teacher Conferences) |
| 22 | National Ed. Support Professionals' Day |
| 23-25 | Thanksgiving Recess
(No School) |
| 28 | Elementary PTO Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 30 | MS/HS Photo Retakes |

December

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| | MS/HS Prog. Reports |
| 1 | Gr. 5 Winter Concert @ 6 p.m. |
| 6 | BOE Mtg. @ 6:30 p.m. |

THE FALCON

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FALCONER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to all our New Falcons!

Genevieve Audino, AIS (MS/HS)
 Casey Barber, HS Counselor (MS/HS)
 Todd Beckerink, Safety Advisor (District)
 Jamie Bowman, Secretary to the Superintendent (District)
 Brandon Caruso, Math (MS/HS)
 Tyler Common, Cleaner (Temple)
 Genevieve Cooper, Social Studies (MS/HS)
 Emily Diamond, Special Education (MS/HS)
 Kelsey Edwards, Spanish (MS/HS)
 Kathryn Freeman, Social Worker (MS/HS)
 Alexandra Gates, UPK (Temple)
 Annette German, AIS (Temple)
 Rebecca Golley, OTA (Temple/Fenner)
 Molly Gustafson, Gr. 1 (Temple)
 Jennifer Hochulski, AIS (MS/HS)
 Kylee Lindahl, Gr. 2 (Temple)
 Renee Marshall, Social Worker (Temple/Fenner)
 Alyssa McCarthy, AIS (Fenner)
 Andy Ohl, Special Education (Temple)
 Brittany Paulisick, Cleaner (MS/HS)
 Anne Pekrul, AIS (MS/HS)
 Tim Przybelinski, Music (Temple/Fenner)
 Susan Pugh, LPN (Fenner)
 Sarah Seaholm, Guidance Secretary (MS/HS)
 Alicia Shields, Aide (Temple)
 Kayleigh Sieber, Behavior Specialist (District)
 Ryene Snow, TA (MS/HS)
 Nathan Stimson, TA (MS/HS)
 Noelle Swanson, Gr. K (Temple)
 Krista Vincent, LPN (MS/HS)
 Katie Wissman, Gr. 2 (Temple)
 Mackenzie Wright, MS/HS Counselor (MS/HS)
 Julie Zanghi, LPN (Temple)

Many of these new staff members were introduced at the Opening Day Superintendents' Conference Day (pictured below).





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Welcome Back FCS!!!

Although it might have rained on our Homecoming Parade it didn't rain on the start of our new school year. We're truly excited to be back to school in a far more normal setting for our students and staff! Our teachers, administrators, and support staff started their school year on August 31 with three days of professional learning to kick-start the education of over 1,100 growing minds that pass through our doors daily. Our Back to School Bash at the MS/HS was an amazing success! Representatives from colleges and universities were present along with a variety of FCS clubs and local organizations outside by the bus loop/flagpole to meet with our kids and families. We also had a great in-person turnout at both Harvey C. Fenner and Paul D. Temple Elementary schools that same evening.

As we enter into this new school year, we hope to build on the many successes we had across the District last year, while continuing to build toward our new goals. We are a great community that rises to challenges and supports our schools. Our strength, diversity, and dedication have made Falconer a great place to educate our children.

Please take the time to view our website as well as looking in the coming months. We want the community to share in the school's accomplishments and activities. You can find many pictures and news updates on the site. We continue to add highlights to the website each week. Our website is www.falconercsd.org!

We certainly have a lot of work to do, but we are a great District with great teachers and great support staff. Together, we will achieve great things. On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish the entire Falconer family an exciting and successful school year!

Stay Falcon Strong!

~ Stephen M. Penhollow, Superintendent
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Nurses' Notes

From our Middle/High School Nurses:

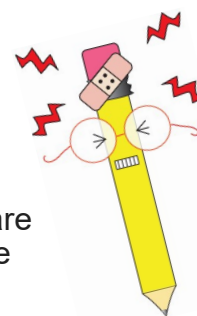
On 9/8/22 The New York State Department of Health sent a reminder to schools that physical exams for school athletics are only valid for a period of 12 months through the last day of the month in which the physical was conducted.

Please remember that students entering 6th grade are required to have a Tdap vaccine; students entering 7th grade are required to have a meningococcal vaccine; and students entering 12th grade are required to have their second meningococcal vaccine.

Reminder: anyone who returns from their 5-day quarantine due to a positive COVID test needs to wear a mask for an additional 5 days. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

As flu season approaches, we would like to remind you all of the symptoms: fever/chills/body aches/cough/sore throat/headache/runny or stuffy nose/increased tiredness. If your child(ren) have any of these symptoms please keep them home to help combat the spread.

Thanks, Roxanne and Stacy



Reflect—Reset—Renew

In June 2022, the District started by hosting the first of four open sessions under the title of Reflect - Reset - Renew, or R cubed. This effort originated from a shared sense of District employees collectively spinning our wheels, longing for what we miss from before the pandemic but not being able to take a break and establish a new, healthy normal.

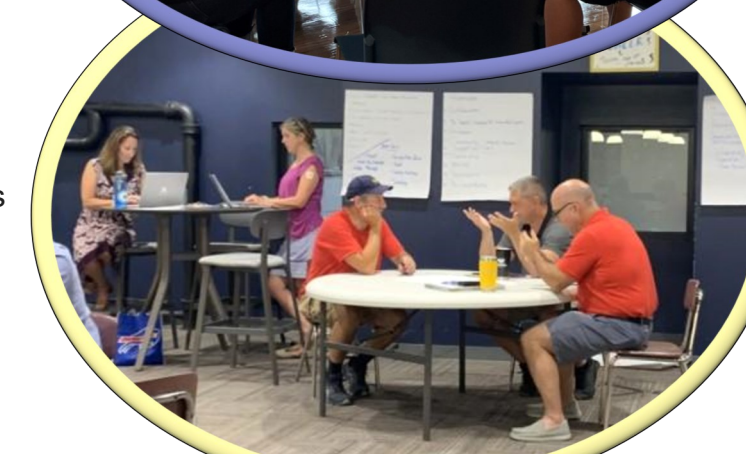
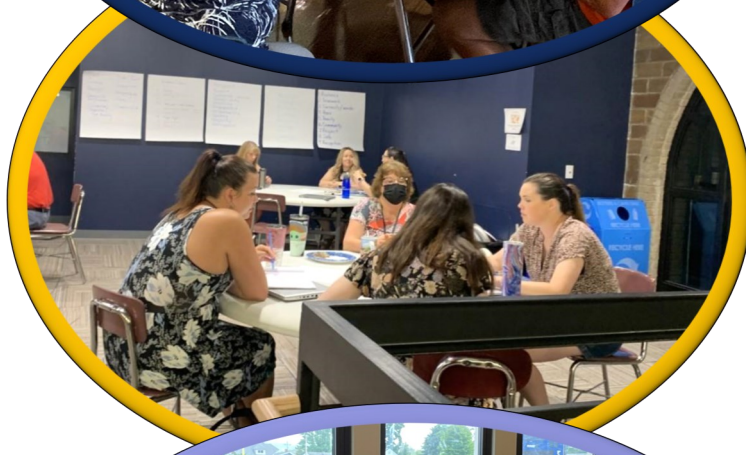
We started on June 23, 2022 with a reflection on our strengths and weaknesses as a learning community and compared them to our ideals. Over 70 people attended our first meeting, and we established a baseline for where we are and reset our vision on where we want to be. We looked at six pillars of our school ecosystem: our norms, values and goals, as well as our interpersonal relationships, our organizational structure, and our teaching and learning practices.

Over the summer we had 20-35 people from all three buildings attend each of three more sessions where we engaged in solution-focused collaboration, starting to define action plans to address our identified priorities. Simultaneously, we started to explore purposeful community building and a construct for working with students to form healthy, prosocial behavior habits, instead of using a traditional disciplinary approach. As a District, we are shifting in disciplinary practices to focus on relationships and a responsibility to self and others as the primary objective of our ecosystem, versus simply compliance with a set of rules.

We have five focus areas that were established during the meetings:

- Falcon Strong Monthly Themes
- Team-building activities that cross grade levels for both students and adults.
- 9th Period Revamp (an update letter was sent on September 29, 2022 with each student in grades 6-12)
- Non-negotiable expectations including how we treat one another as human beings out of a place of kindness and dignity, and emphasizing the importance of no hats or hoods in the buildings, and backpacks staying in lockers, from the perspective of safety and security.
- Communication, to include a focused effort to streamline effective communications practices to better support a healthy culture.

There will be on-going workshops to continue to address these issues, and future issues that arise. We, like our students, are in a constant state of learning and continuous improvement.



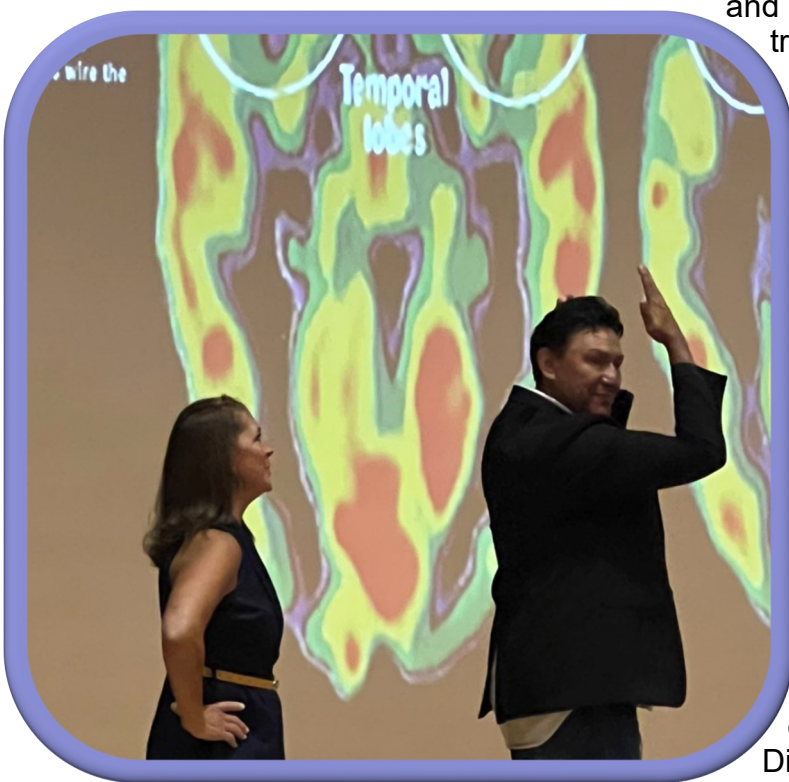
FCSD Welcomed Two Guest Speakers

The Falconer Central School District had the privilege of having two guest speakers participate in the opening Superintendent's Days for the 2022-2023 school year. On August 31, 2022, Professor Denise Krause provided two sessions to all the UPK-12 faculty and staff of the District. Professor Krause received her Master of Science in Social Work in 1987 from Columbia University. She is a Western New York native and the first Full Clinical Professor at the University at Buffalo Graduate School of Social Work. She also holds the title of Associate Dean for Community Engagement and Alumni Relations. While trained as a marriage and family therapist, her current areas of expertise include trauma-informed care, solution-focused practice, clinical supervision, and online education. Ms. Krause has been involved in several ongoing teaching and training initiatives in New York since 2000. She regularly offers workshops and presentations on trauma-informed care and solution-focused practice locally, nationally, and internationally.



Professor Krause's presentation was titled *"Trauma-informed and solution focused school interactions: What is possible?"* In the morning session, Professor Krause provided a whole group presentation in the auditorium. In the presentation, she addressed five trauma-informed and solution-oriented responses; safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment. As part of the presentation, Professor Krause used an anonymous polling app called Mentimeter to interact with everyone. In the afternoon session, the UPK-12 faculty and staff worked in small groups to identify types of trauma (acute, chronic, complex, and historical & racial) and the experiences that we face in the District.

On September 2, 2022, we welcomed back Dr. Darryl Tonemah to the Falconer Central School District. Dr. Tonemah (Kiowa/Comanche/Tuscarora) has a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology and Cultural Studies, a Master's Degree in Community Counseling, and three Bachelor's of Science Degrees. He has also recorded 11 award-winning cds, published research, published a book entitled *Spray Your Swamp Cooler*, and is working on his next book about addressing trauma called *Personal Sovereignty*. He has appeared in numerous films, television shows, and stage productions.



In March 2022, Dr. Tonemah presented to the UPK-12 faculty and staff on self-care during the season of COVID. His training focused on making sure we are well so our students and family stay well. He discussed practical tools for health and mental health. We had the pleasure to have Dr. Tonemah return to the District in September 2022 to present *"Self Care and Community Care: Tools for Wellness"* to all employees of the Falconer Central School District. He addressed self-care and mental wellness. In his presentation, he left the employees with words of wisdom on self-care "When you are done with school, go be you!"

It was a pleasure to have both Professor Denise Krause and Dr. Daryl Tonemah work with the employees of the Falconer Central School District. Together we are "FALCON STRONG!"

Surrounding Communities Come Together in Support & Awareness; September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The Falconer and Frewsburg communities, along with support from other surrounding communities, have come together to support the LeBaron family and raise awareness for childhood cancers and leukemia. On September 3, a chicken BBQ was held at the Frewsburg American Legion.

Local bands, basket raffles, pie auctions, and a bone marrow donor sign up were featured. On September 18, Falconer hosted a 5K race around the village, including music from DJ Payne and race timing from Dave Rhinehart. The Falconer Fire Department and Ellicott Police Department were on hand to direct traffic and support the participants.

Many families, former students, and Falconer teachers and staff volunteered their time to help make the 5K a huge success! Thank you to all who have been involved. Let's continue to spread that sense of community and love and support to anyone who may need it. September is childhood cancer awareness month. Some other ways to show support are through blood donations and bone marrow programs. Blood donation resources can be found through: connectlife.org (stays local), the Red Cross, or directly at Roswell Cancer Institute (given directly to individuals who you choose). Bone marrow resources can be found at: <https://www.dkms.org>

The volleyball team hosted a Nolan's Race game to help raise money for the LeBaron family.



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Seen here, Mrs. Gunnell and her two boys, Jeffrey and Ripp, and Falconer Alumni: Andrew Ward, Reid Matecki, and Jessica D'Angelo at the Nolan's Race 5K Event.



Battle of the Businesses 2022

Falconer's faculty and staff again clenched the large business title in the YMCA 2022 Battle of the Businesses competition. Helping accrue the top points were the team's top three positions in the events of softball, curling, roller skating relay, axe throwing, trivia quiz, blacklight pickleball, 2-mile run/walk, cornhole, sailboat race, mystery event, and talent show. Way to show the Falcon spirit!

Pictured to the left: the Bowling team

Pictured below: the talent show group (shoutout to Mr. Spry for his unexpected interpretive dance.)



Pictured above: the volleyball team (shoutout to Mrs. Nelson for her basketball combo shot hitting a perfect "swish" through the basketball net with the volleyball)

Pictured to the left: the 2-mile run/walk group



New and Upgraded Tech

District techs have been busy updating all of Temple Elementary's Smartboards, document cameras and sound fields. Fenner has also begun the transition and the Middle/High School will as soon as the next round of the Smart School's Bond Act is approved by the state. The district techs have also updated over 80 staff devices and 350 student Chromebooks that were obsolete. Shown here is the new Smart panel and document camera in Ms. Adam's room at Temple Elementary.





Homecoming 2022
included spirit week dress
up days, parade, bonfire,
carnival, sporting games,
and pep assembly.

Above: Mr. Goold
kissing the pig at
the Homecoming
Pep Assembly.

Above: Mrs. Gunnell with sons,
Jeffrey and Ripp, and Mrs. Spry
with daughters, Emily, Vivian
and Jacqueline, at the Carnival.



Welcome back to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you are settling into your classes, but if not feel free to stop down and see us or just send us a message. We hope that this school year will be full of successful experiences for all students.

Be sure to check out the guidance calendar for visits with colleges & universities, military representatives, as well as community organizations. They will be visiting us during lunches in the mezzanine.



Meet Our Falconer MS/HS Counseling Team!

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Back to School Bash a Success

The Back to School Bash was held on September 1 at the Falconer MS/HS and was well-attended! Students and families were able to navigate the building, meet their teachers, and meet with representatives from various colleges & universities, along with a variety of FCS clubs and local organizations. We are already looking forward to next year's event!



Western New York College Consortium

The WNY College Consortium took place on Tuesday, September 20, in the Media Center. Falconer high school students had the opportunity to do a walk-through and meet with up to 21 college representatives. Thanks to all who participated!

The FAFSA Is Now Available

Please be advised that the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) launched on October 1, 2022. Every college-bound senior needs to file a FAFSA form. The FAFSA is the first step in applying for aid to help pay college expenses. Students may visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and get started on this process. Keep in mind that you will be using the tax return you filed in 2021. It's recommended you file the FAFSA as soon as it's available so you don't miss out on anything!

Seniors Reminders

- ⇒ Register for the ACT or SAT
- ⇒ Apply to JCC
- ⇒ Begin your Common Application and/or SUNY Application

College-Bound Seniors

College application season has officially arrived! It is recommended that seniors apply to between three to six schools. If you're having trouble deciding which schools will make the final cut, consider taking a virtual tour in October or November. Contact the school's admissions office for details. Once you've decided on the lucky contenders, you may begin working on first drafts of your college essays and requesting letters of recommendation! Your English teachers and counselors are always willing to take a look and offer advice on these.

Senior grades do matter! Stay diligent and keep up the good work. Sometimes colleges will delay your entrance into their program until they see your senior year, semester one grades. Additionally, schools will request a final transcript at the conclusion of your senior year.

Falconer proudly partnered with Jamestown Community College and hosted an "Instant Admit Day" on Monday, September 12. Seniors had the opportunity to apply to JCC in their Government classes and were accepted that day

Remember, you are not in this alone. The Counseling Department at Falconer is always open to help you through this stressful and exciting time!

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
SAT	December 3, 2022 March 11, 2023 May 6, 2023 June 3, 2023	November 3, 2022 February 10, 2023 April 7, 2023 May 4, 2023	November 22, 2022 February 28, 2023 April 25, 2023 May 23, 2023
ACT	December 10, 2022 February 11, 2023 April 15, 2023 June 10, 2023	November 4, 2022 January 6, 2023 March 10, 2023 May 5, 2023	November 11, 2022 January 20, 2023 March 24, 2023 May 19, 2023

Falconer Approved to Offer Seal of Civic Readiness

This summer, Falconer Central School's application to NYSED to offer the Seal of Civic Readiness was accepted. According to the State Ed website: "Civic readiness is the ability to make a positive difference in the public life of our communities through the combination of civic knowledge, skills and actions, mindsets, and experiences....Civic education facilitates the development of civic competencies, which are needed for a democratic society to flourish. Through civic education, students learn how to identify and address problems in their community or school community. Students also learn how to demonstrate respect for the rights of others, respectfully disagree with other viewpoints, and provide evidence for a counterargument. Civic education can strengthen the relationships of schools and students with parents, families, civic leaders, and organizations and community partners."



http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysedfiles/styles/let_or_right_paragraphs_image/public/sealofcivicreadiness.png?tok=enSslzj5

The Seal pathway will be discussed with students in their 11th and 12th grade social studies classes this fall, and as the year progresses, with 8 - 10th graders. Over the course of their years in Grades 8 - 12, students will have opportunities to earn "points" by completing assessments or projects. Students must earn 6 points to be awarded the Seal, two of which must meet state requirements for demonstrating civics knowledge and two of which involve demonstrating and reflecting upon civics skills and actions.



Tennis Lady Falcons Complete Season

The 2022 Falconer Girls' Tennis team had another outstanding season. The team finished the season with an undefeated record of 12-0 overall and 8-0 in the league. As a result of their performance, the team won their 5th consecutive league title! Junior, Angelina F., went undefeated at first singles. Sophomore, Riley F., went undefeated at second singles, and 8th grader, Myla B., went undefeated at third singles. The first doubles team of Rachael S. (8th grader) and Jerzie S. (Junior) combined for a 9-3 record.

Angelina and Riley represented Falconer in the singles portion of the county tournament. Riley narrowly missed qualifying for sectionals, losing a tough 3-set match for the 3rd and final spot. Angelina ended up taking 2nd place in the tournament, earning herself a spot to compete at the sectional tournament.

High School Art Club

High School Art Club is busy getting ready to paint backgrounds for the middle school play. Cyrus J., seen here, working on touch ups as we get ready to paint. We have many projects coming up this year!



New Year, New FBLA

Earlier this year the national organization of Future Business Leaders of America rebranded and made membership-level updates. As a result, Falconer FBLA has split into two separate chapters, FBLA (high school) and FBLA-middle level. The middle level chapter is made up of students in grades 6 through 8. New members are always welcome and can stop down to room 131 to get meeting details.

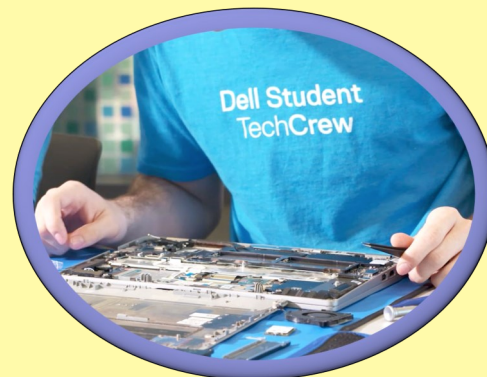
Only four weeks into the school year, and our chapter has so many great memories. Some fall 2022 highlights include a recruitment drive at the Back to School Bash, volunteering at Nolan's Race, hosting a bake sale at the Homecoming Festival, and holding an ice-cream social.

Also, as part of the national Champion Chapter Challenge, we crowned Anna C. as our first-ever Member of the Month. The 2022-2023 year is going to be exciting.

Summer STEM Camp Reflection

The following was written by now 9th-grader, Madelyn C. about her trip to STEM camp over the summer.

I had a great time at the Appalachian STEM camp. We did many fun activities like breakout rooms, a mountain challenge, going to a Smokey's baseball game, and going on a riverboat cruise on the Tennessee River. We were separated into four master groups: drones, micro-bits, water quality, and 3D printing. I got put into the drones group. We learned many things about drones, including how to fly them, how they are used in life, what payload capacity means, and different ways to use them creatively. After learning about our master groups we got put into shark tank groups and figured out ways to combine our master groups into a solution for common problems in our communities. I learned a lot not just in STEM fields but also in leadership and independence, among other social skills.



https://studenttechcrew.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/StudentTechCrew_1.jpg

Dell Student Tech Crew

Falconer High School has been awarded the Dell Student Tech Crew Grant. This grant is given to establish and maintain a student tech crew, student—led help desk for staff and students as well as fix Chromebooks after being certified to properly work on them. If you are a student in grades 9-12 and are interested in possibly being a part of the tech crew, please see Mrs. Mikula in the FTC.



Chris Herron: Inspiring Young Students Across the Country

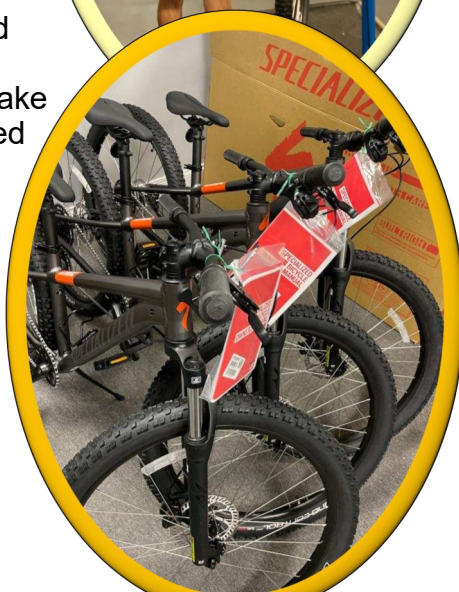
Juniors and seniors attended the speaker event at Jamestown Community College on September 15, 2022. They were joined by other districts within Chautauqua County to watch an in-depth video about Chris Herron's journey as an ex-NBA player. Following the video, students listened to Mr. Herron himself, who described his past as living a double-life while battling drug addiction and substance abuse. Chris Herron's goal is to share his story and help others not repeat those experiences he went through. It was a powerful message that resonated with high school students in the JCC gymnasium that morning.

Reggie Dabbs Comes to FCS!

Motivational speaker Reggie Dabbs visited students at Harvey C. Fenner Elementary and the middle school on October 12, bringing the message of never give up through jokes, singing, and stories that captured the students' interests and hearts.

"Riding for Focus" Program to begin at the Middle School

Falconer Middle School received a grant award of 30 specialized mountain bikes and helmets from Outride's Riding for Focus (R4F) program. School employees, local businesses, and community organizations have been working behind the scenes for months to make this a reality. Outride is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of youth through cycling. Our PE teachers were trained over the summer on how to implement a six-week curriculum focused on bike safety and confident riding. We celebrated during lunch on September 16, as our dedicated teachers showed off the bikes in the cafeteria! In addition to Outride, this initiative was made possible through support from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the Falconer Region Community Fund at the Community Foundation, St. Luke's Thrift Shop and the FCS Middle School Student Council. We are grateful for their support!



September 2022 Middle School "Stars"



Student of the Month
Isabella E.
6th Grade

Kiwanis Terrific Kid
Luke S.
6th Grade



Growth Mindset in 8th Grade

8th grade students have been learning about fixed versus growth mindset. Having a fixed mindset means that a person believes that they cannot change their traits that they are born with and are limited with their possibilities in life. Having a growth mindset means that with work and effort you can improve nearly every aspect of your abilities and life. Students will be making a motivational video in their teams in English class. Can't wait to see what they create!



Lessons Learned

A Message to Students, from Cody R.

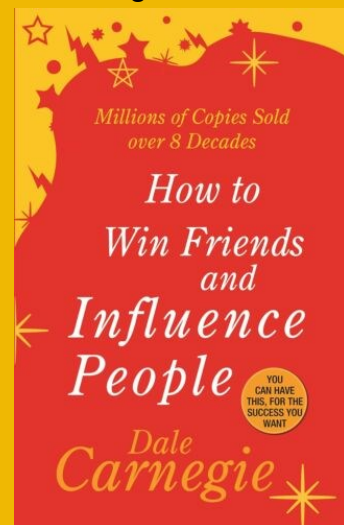
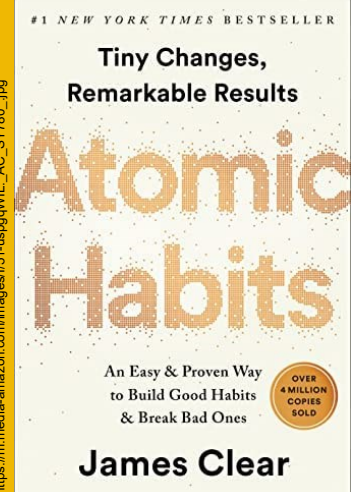
In 7th grade, I could be considered a troubled student. I would distract class and, to be honest, be plain rude. One day in the office, I realized this is not going to fly in high school. This summer in my social media feed, I saw content about self-improvement. I realized that I would watch these videos, but I never did anything about it. One video I watched helped me realize that I wanted to live a full life. After that, I wrote down my goals which quickly became my habits, including meditating, reading and social detoxing. As a result, I have almost upgraded my whole life in every aspect, my study skills, my social aspect, and my mindset.

I have learned a lot. Some advice I would give others is to always stay focused on the end goal. The book, *48 Laws of Power* states, "always have the end in mind." One of the mottos I try to live by is "think with the end in mind." This applies to my life because I tend to think a lot about my future and how I want to end up. For me, it is to always be ahead of the game and the best version of myself. My end goal is to be financially free by 35. Having this goal in mind would allow me to think about my day at night and ask,

"did I move 1% closer to this goal or 1% farther?". Another thing I would tell my 7th-grade self, and others like me, is to try to not impress people and focus on your goals. Instead of trying to be the class clown, think about your goals and then decide what you think the best course of action would be.

Since I have started my self-improvement journey I have read three books (four including the one I am reading right now). I recommend reading *Atomic Habits*, which talks about how to create good habits and break bad ones. It goes in depth about the psychology of habits and what they are to the human brain. Also, read *How to Win Friends & Influence People*. Even if you already have friends, I still would

tell you to read this book. It helps you plot your path to success and tells about what having friends means, what friends do, and how to achieve lifelong friends. Another great book is *The Way of the Superior Man*. It talks about the power that we have and how to use it. It's a book to start with because then you can read books about how to further the topics talked about in the book.



Digital Citizenship Week

October 17-21 was Digital Citizenship Week! Mrs. Mikula met with the 8th Grade Middle School Success classes to discuss digital citizenship. Including pros and cons of technology, screen time, cyberbullying, and choices.

September Soaring Students

3rd Grade



(pictured above)
Noah N., Jaymeson C., Andrew Y.,
Addison C., Jazelle C., Nolan C.

4th Grade



(pictured above)
Huxley H., Emmeline P., Zoey Y., Lukas Y.,
Braylee M., Ryder D., Joshua W., Jonah J.

5th Grade



(pictured above)
Molly K., Lucas O., Mae G., Everly S., AJ
S., Clara C., Courtney K.

The Soaring Citizen of the Month:

1. Is respectful to all students and staff
2. Makes responsible choices at all times
3. Makes safe choices
4. Puts forth their BEST effort



Hooked on Books!

In June, students in 2nd through 5th grade were issued a reading challenge! They were asked to get "Hooked on Books" over the summer by reading for at least 15 minutes a day on 20 separate days during the month of July AND for at least 20 more days throughout the month of August! This year 53 students met the challenge! These students caught some really great reads over the summer, and kept their reading skills strong! As a result, they were honored during our Summer Reading Assembly and they got to "reel in" certificates, gold medals, treats, participation in special outdoor activities, and chances to win some really cool prizes! Congratulations, Summer Reading Champions! We are proud of you!

Paper Plate Connections

In Miss Scarpino's class, our theme this year is to show how "We Are All Connected." We drew four pictures on a paper plate that showed what we love. These items could be anything such as our favorite colors, sports teams, spending time with family, favorite foods, etc. We each talked about our paper plate and what we drew. Then, we tied a piece of yarn to each other's plate which also had the same item on it. This shows we are all connected!



Fire Prevention Assemblies at Temple!

Volunteers from the Kennedy Fires and Rescue and Falconer Fire Department met with classes from Fenner during the week of October 7. Pictures here include Miss Adams' 1st grade class, Mrs. Wissman's 2nd grade class, Mrs. Robinson's UPK class, Mrs. Swanson's kindergarten class and volunteers, Firefighters Avery from Falconer and Amanda Braley from Kennedy.



September Students of the Month

August C., Cora J., Samantha O., Easton M., Landon C., Alexandria W., Anna T., Owen P.

Students who receive this award are featured in weekly videos, assist with the announcements, and are able to eat lunch with a friend of their choosing.



UPK Orientation

Temple Elementary hosted an in-person UPK Orientation on September 1 for all UPK families. FCS Bus Drivers Shirley, Becky, and Chelsea conducted bus safety for all families and children riding the bus!

Temple's Summer Learning Challenge

Temple students were invited to participate in a summer learning challenge. Research shows that students who engage in educational activities throughout the summer return to school ready to learn skills at a higher level.

Students were given calendars with various educational activities on them. The students were challenged to complete 25 tasks per month over the summer. Some of the activities included reading outside, finding five things that start with the letter t, and writing the alphabet. The activities were selected to support early childhood development.

The students who completed the summer learning challenge were celebrated during September's 3B's assembly. Each student received a medal, a certificate, building blocks, and a smencil. In addition, students were able to enjoy extra outside time and a popsicle.

Each year participation continues to increase thanks to the support of parents, caregivers, and teachers. A special thank you to the Falconer Elementary PTO for supporting this challenge.

Mission Statement

The Board of Education, collective staff, and community of the Falconer School District are committed to preparing our children to be productive members of society. Through continuous evaluation and improvement, this partnership will provide a quality educational environment for students to meet the graduation requirements.



Alma Mater

Falconer High School here's to you best in the land. 'Neath the old gold and blue, we will proudly take our stand. In classroom study, field, or track with you dear as our guide, no honor ever shall you lack. I'll win your pride.



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Congratulations and Best Wishes on Retirement

Mrs. Rosie Digirolamo retired at the end of September from FCS after her many years of service. She will be missed not only from her presence in the nurses' office, but also her invaluable leadership with the After Prom and Kiwanis.

Gerry Brooks comes to Jamestown

Some FCS teachers met at the Reg Lenna to see educator and speaker, Gerry Brooks. He shared his laughs and wisdom about climate and culture within our schools. His message that we, teachers, are an active participant in the climate and culture of our schools.



Temple Store

The Temple School Store opened up on October 20 and is running in Miss Oehlbecks's room!



Save the Date!

After a two year absence from the stage, the middle school play is back! Falcon Productions Presents *Judy Moody & Stink; The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt* on Friday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, at 2:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. All tickets are \$7 and available at the door only. The community is invited to support drama at FCS and to solve the clues with Judy and Stink as they search for the pieces of eight (silver) in order to hopefully beat "Smart Girl" and "Tall Boy" in order to win the gold pirate doubloon and the coveted "shirt with words".

