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with Dr. Ivan Katz



Dear school community member,

Thope this issue of the Comet Newsletter finds you in the very best of health and spirit. I would like to give you updates on our school budget, facilities, and award recognitions.

**Budget Update:** The budget season is in full swing as the district is in the process of building the 2024-25 school year budget. The overarching goal is to bring in a budget that has as low a tax levy as is practicable. The District has had five consecutive years without a tax levy increase. As a district, we are charged with striking a balance between what the district needs and what our taxpayer's can afford.

Facility Upgrades: The newly renovated Junior-Senior High School auditorium is now complete with new lighting, stage controls, and curtains. Fallsburg audiences will be in for a special treat at upcoming events and performances. The ribbon cutting for this event took place on January 29, 2024.

The Junior-Senior High School's new storage facility is being built adjacent to the rear parking lot. The new storage building will house district tools, machines, and other resources that were displaced due to the last pool renovation.

The JSHS and BCES will be acquiring modular classroom buildings this spring. Two classrooms will be housed at BCES and two at the ISHS. These classrooms will help alleviate some space issues and will allow for PreK expansion at BCES. The modular classrooms and storage building were made possible by federal grant awards.

Recognitions: We've had a number of student and staff recognitions in the month of January.

After a COVID pause, the Al Rasnick "Do the Right Thing" Awards came back to Fallsburg and we had our most recent awards ceremony on December 20th. The award has been a tradition at Fallsburg since 2004. of the award is to The purpose students who have commemorate demonstrated excellent behavior and were caught doing a good deed. Teachers and staff nominate a student that they consider to be a positive role model and positive

Three elementary students (Pedro Mendieta Quiroz, Blerina Selimaj, Awa Gai) and one Junior-Senior High School (Pedro student (Angelina Levner) were honored on that day by the Rasnick family. It was a very special event and we look forward to the next installation in the spring.

Star Awards: During the Board of Education meeting on January 3, 2024, several special STAR Award presentations were made to several individuals who have continuously been caught making a difference!

The purpose of the Student/Teacher Award Recognition or STAR award, is to recognize staff members and students who have gone above and beyond the call of duty and have made a différence. There are so many unsung heroes in our ranks who deserve to be publicly recognized for the wonderful things that they do for our children and their colleagues. This award, in a small way, allows for such recognition to take place.

The STAR Award winner for January

Daniel Redmond: a math teacher at the junior-senior high school who holds math classes after school.

Frank Trochez (Varsity Boys Soccer): Times Herald Record All-Class B Team and Team MVP

Dominick Scanna (Varsity Football): All-Section 9 Coach of the Year

**Donovan Hart** (Varsity Football): Section 9 Eight-Man Team and Team MVP

Isaiah Young (Varsity Football): Section 9 Eight-Man Team, Section 9 Senior Game, and Team Defensive Player of the Year

Nikolas Bonner (Varsity Football): Section 9 Eight Man All-League, Section 9 Senior Game, and Black Helmet Award

Nick Storms (Varsity Football): Section 9 Eight Man All-League and Team Offensive Player of the Year

Ethan Dunn (Varsity Football): Section 9 Eight Man All-League and Black Helmet

Ashley Ingrassia (Varsity Volleyball): All-Section 9 Class B Second Team and Team MVP

Maya Ballard (Varsity Volleyball): All-Section 9 Class B Honorable Mention and Team Coaches Award

Jordyn Wall-Carty (Varsity Volleyball): All-Section 9 Class B Honorable Mention

**Joselyn Odell-Schreier** (Varsity Girls Cross-Country): 2nd Team All-County and Most Improved Player

Arianna Gonzalez (Varsity Girls Cross-Country): Honorable Mention/Sportsmanship Award

Isaiah Kirk (Varsity Boys Cross-Country): 1st Team All-County/Team MVP

Terrence Hayden (Varsity Boys Cross-Country): 2nd Team All-County/Most Improved Award

Joash Fernandez (Varsity Boys Cross-Country): Honorable Mention

Congratulations to all of our award recipients! Please visit our website (www.fallsburgcsd.net) to see the great things happening at FCSD.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Ivan J. Katz

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# FALLSBURG CSD PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024-2025



Please visit
<a href="http://www.fallsburgcsd.">http://www.fallsburgcsd.</a>
<a href="net/parents/registration">net/parents/registration</a>

for a list of documents needed and to preregister for an appointment Registration dates:

Pre-K: March 11-March 28

Kindergarten: April 8-April 26

Pre-K students must be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2024

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2024

For Pre-K: Complete Registration Packets (including ALL required documentation) will be accepted until March 28th. At that time, a lottery may be held if more students register than available seats. Once all seats are filled, students will be added to a waiting List.

Registration will be processed by date of receipt for **COMPLETE** registration packets only. **ALL** incoming Kindergarteners **MUST** register, even if registered for **BCES** Pre-K last year.

# NOW SHOWING

HIGH SCHOOL

BASED ON A SCREENPLAY BY JONATHAN LYNN

WRITTEN BY

SANDY RUSTIN

DIRECTED BY **AMANNI SITZ** 

MARCH 22ND, 23RD, & 24TH 2024

FRIDAY & SATURDAY @ 7PM SUNDAY MATINEE @ 2PM TICKETS ARE \$7.00 EACH ( AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR )

# AMAZING EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS AT FALLSBURG



allsburg is unique in that our before and after, as well as summer school programs as summer school programs, are run entirely by our own teachers and staff members. In many places, outside agencies come in to provide any extended day programs. At Fallsburg, we invest in our students, not only during the regular school day, but beyond the school day to offer extra support and enriching activities. We are currently in year 2 of our 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant (21st CCLC) and have used these funds to provide the programs that our students, staff and community need and have identified. We believe all students should have the opportunities that help them reach their fullest potential.

At the Junior-Senior High School, students can take part not only in a sports and extracurricular schedule, but can also be a part of academic support in all subjects and enrichment activities that include: Cooking, Open Library, board games, Spirit Wear, Dungeons and Dragons, Video Gaming, Robotics, Mad Science, Bilingual Guitar, Yoga, and art therapy.

At the Elementary School, students also receive academic support wherever they need it and also can participate in the following activities: Buddies, Zero Math, crochet, Warm regards, book clubs, animal science, yoga and much more!

Our program has been built through the collaboration and input from our community. The advisory board me-





ets 4 times a year to get updates, discuss programs and get feedback and suggestions. We also have sent out surveys to hear from more of our stakeholders so we can continue to grow a program that is inclusive, exciting, and informed. Our program is evaluated annually by an external evaluator. See our 2022-2023 evaluation on our website.

I serve as the program director and the educational liaison for this program. If you have any questions or suggestions, I would love to hear from you!

#### Dr. Sally Sharkey

Assistant Superintendent For Curriculum and Instruction

# A MESSAGE FROM PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

kindergarten through 12th grade. Our goal is to hesitate to contact us to ask. highlight one aspect of Pupil Personnel Services to information and resources parents/guardians and community members. In this listed below: issue of Comet News, we highlight the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a lrussell@fallsburgcsd.net federal law in the United States that provides support Dillon Paul, Assistant Director and protection for individuals and families who are (845) 434-6800 ext. 1276 experiencing temporary loss of housing. McKinney dpaul@fallsburgcsd.net
Vento is critical in ensuring that unhoused students Lesvi Fuentes Hernandez, Typist
have the opportunity to receive an education and
overcome the barriers that homelessness can create. It
lfuenteshernandez@fallsburgcsd.net aims to provide stability and support, encourages collaboration among various service providers to support homeless individuals and families, and protects the educational rights of these vulnerable students.

McKinney-Vento defines homelessness broadly to include not only those who are living in shelters or on the streets but also those who are "doubled up" with friends or family due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or other reasons. Unhoused students have the right to enroll in and attend school immediately, even if they do not have the required documents, such as proof of residence, immunization records, or school records. McKinney-Vento emphasizes the importance of school stability by keeping unhoused students in their original school, rather than requiring them to change schools because of their housing situation. Unhoused students are entitled to a range of support services to help them succeed academically and emotionally. This may include tutoring, counseling, transportation, and access to extracurricular activities and educational services.

New families registering at Fallsburg are provided with a residency questionnaire so that we can identify new students who qualify for McKinney-Vento services. Your child may qualify for McKinney-Vento services if they are living in a shelter, living with another family or person because of a loss of housing or as a result of economic hardship, living in a hotel/motel, in a car, park, bus, train, campsite or other temporary living situation. Upon completion of the residency questionnaire at registration, the documentation collected will be shared with a school social worker who will reach out to you to provide additional resources.

Existing families who are experiencing a temporary

In the Pupil Personnel Services Office, we oversee loss of housing may contact our Pupil Personnel Services English Language Learners, Special Education, Mc- Office, and we will connect you with one of our school Kinney Vento, Foster Care, and Section 504 social workers to support you. If you are unsure of whether Accommodation Plans for students in pre-your child may qualify for McKinney Vento, please do not

to Contact information for PPS Administrators/Typists is

Leighanne Russell, Director  $(84\overline{5})$  434–6800 ext. 1273

# SYDA FOUNDATION DONATES TO **FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL**



donated \$4,000 to the Fallsburg Fairbank representing the SYDA Superintendent Schools

supporter of the school Katz.

On January 11, 2024, district for many years and has the SYDA Foundation made yearly donations to the Central School Fallsburg Central District for decades. The tunds School District. Gail will go toward supporting Roch, educational programs.

foundation, personally Dr. Katz, wishes to thank the delivered the check to SYDA Foundation for their Dr. Ivan Katz, continuous support of the of district and their generous "The donation. SYDA Foundation is a true school The SYDA Foundation community partner and has has remained a close been for many years," said Dr.

# FOUR STUDENTS HONORED WITH THE AL RASNICK "DO THE RIGHT THING" AWARD



(from left to right) Bart Rasnick, Angelina Levner, Pedro Mendieta Quiroz, Blerina Selimaj, Awai Gai, and Dr. Ivan Katz

n December 20, 2023, three Benjamin Cosor the Town of Fallsburg judge, Bart Rasnick, and the Elementary School students, Awa Gai, Pedro Mendieta Quiroz, and Blerina Selimaj, and one Fallsburg Police Department. It was eventually renamed the Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award to commemorate Bart's father, the late Al Rasnick.

Were named recipients of the Al Rasnick Do the Right Thing Award. Thing Award.

The purpose of the award is to commemorate students who have demonstrated excellent behavior and were caught doing a good deed. Teachers and staff nominate a student that they consider to be a positive role model and positive influence.

"Though these young students are getting the award, it is all trickled down from the parents, the guardians, and the grandparents," said Bart Rasnick. "They're the ones who instill these children to do the right thing."

The award has been a tradition at Fallsburg since 2004 when then-School Resource Officer Ed Liotard, had the Superintendent of Schools prize accredited for the district after observing the Miami congratulated the award recipients and wanted to Police Department's version of the Do the Right Thing thank the Rasnick family for their many years of Award. Since then, it has been financially supported by

Judge Rasnick provided remarks during the ceremony, emphasizing the importance of family influence when

Dr.



Every Friday at 6 pm, our Kindergarten teacher, Ms. considered a huge success as many of the participants Rosa Hoffman, teaches an adult introductory Englishhave seen a significant improvement in their English language course to members of the Fallsburg school skills. Ms. Hoffman has even reported a sharp increase community. The class is primarily made up of parents in families signing up for the class soon after releasing a of students who attend Fallsburg Central School. Their flyer about the course. lessons consist of grammar, common phrases, letters,

lessons consist of grammar, common phrases, letters, and sounds.

The purpose of this class, according to Ms. Hoffman, is for parents to be able to communicate with a staff member or help with their child's homework without additional assistance. "The end goal of this program, at least for this year, is for them to pick up the phone and talk to the principal or talk to the teacher," said Ms. Hoffman. "Most importantly, we want them to look at the homework and be able to help their children with it."

After its launch in October 2023, the class has been

There is hope for continued success leading into the following school year as Ms. Hoffman wishes to introduce advanced courses. She said, "What we are hoping is that every year, we can add another class. This group right now is doing K-1 (level classes). Next year, I'll be able to do 2nd and 3rd grade, the year after that, 3rd through 5th grade, and so on."

Central School District and is free of charge to anyone who has a student currently enrolled. For more information about the course, please email Ms. Hoffman at rhoffman@fallsburgcsd.net.





ood things come to those who wait, and that especially rings true for the Fallsburg Comets varsity football team. After finishing the 2023 season with a 5-3 record and winning their first-ever playoff game, the Comets have a newfound optimism for their program's future. They are also entering into uncharted territories as they have never before experienced a period of success. Their path to becoming a winning program has been a long and challenging one.

Things were off to a disappointing start for Fallsburg when they began their varsity program. From 2010 to 2012, the team finished with a 1-26 record and was outscored 1,135-260. Problems with the program went beyond just a lack of playing experience. Losing players due to being academically ineligible was the most significant setback. But most of all, the team also found it challenging to draw interest from more students to play. This ultimately led to the program to fold.

Despite no varsity football team in 2013 and 2014, the district maintained its modified and junior varsity programs. The possibility of reviving the varsity team was in serious doubt. It only took the resilience and initiative of Dominick Scanna, a Benjamin Cosor Elementary School first-grade teacher and experienced youth baseball coach, to restore hope in a comeback.

Dominick was determined to keep the program alive in any way possible after becoming the head coach of the restored varsity team in 2015. The program's absence disheartened him, but he was also concerned about the lack of football sports connection with the district and community. He believed sports, particularly football, are essential to building community bonds.

"I figured that it [the varsity football program] would be a good program for our community," said Dominick. "It felt like our community was severed; there wasn't a good connection between the school and community. Football can fix that."

He viewed the role of a coach as more than simply guiding the players to victory but also being a positive influence in the players lives. He wanted to create an environment that allowed his players to flourish outside of the football field. Providing extra tutorial help, hosting team dinners, and opening the weight room in the offseason offered such an environment. But despite his best efforts, many of the problems that plagued the team in their first few seasons continued to persist.

The Comets finished their first season back in 2015 with a 0-7 record, one of their losses resulting in a forfeit. Things only worsened in 2016 as the team registered another winless record of 0-8; all but three games resulted in a forfeit due to a lack of eligible players. With no end in sight to their roster and performance issues, the program folded yet again in 2017.

This seemed like it was indeed the final nail in the program's coffin. A glimmer of new hope came to pass in 2018, thanks in part to the introduction of eight-man football. The program now had another fighting chance for survival.

Several schools throughout Sullivan County transitioned to eight-man football, and Fallsburg was right there with them. Dominick would not take this new opportunity for granted, as he believed it was the team's last saving grace.

"We went to eight-man to save our program," said Dominick. "A lot of schools went to eight-man to win and build off of wins and hopefully bring [more] players in. Because if you win, kids want to play. We did it strictly to save our program."

The transition to eight-man football did pay off significantly as the team snapped their 29-game losing streak (which was the New York State record at the time) in



the very last game when Fallsburg triumphantly first season to not have a single player make the list. And defeated visiting Dover 34-26. That single win, after it after achieving the once unthinkable endeavor of looked certain that the team was headed for another winning a playoff game, Fallsburg now strives for newer winless season, was precisely the kind of momentum the heights. team needed.

The team has compiled a 13-21 record between the asked about how he feels about the change, Dominick 2019 and 2023 seasons. There was also a considerable said, "The goal of our program was to go back to decline in the number of players on the academically in- eleven-man and not to stay as an eight-man for life."

the 2018 season. Although, the win didn't come until eligible list throughout this period, with 2023 being the

The 2024 season will introduce new challenges to the There were clear signs of maturity and growth within Fallsburg football team as they transition back to eleventhe Fallsburg football program in the following seasons. man football and elevate to Class B competition. When





# FEBRUARY 2024

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Blueberries	2 Baby Carrots
	5	6 Red Peppers with Ranch	7 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	8 Watermelon	9 Baby Carrots
	12	<sup>13</sup> Celery with Ranch	Apple Slices & Orange Segments	15 Grapes	16 Baby Carrots
	19	20 Green Peppers with Ranch	21 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	Raspberries	23 Baby Carrots
	26	27 Cauliflower	Apple Slices & Orange Segments	29 Cantaloupe	

# **MARCH 2024**

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 Grape Tomato with Ranch	6 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	7 Strawberries	8 Baby Carrots
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18	19 Green Peppers with Ranch	20 <sub>Apple Slices</sub> & Orange Segments	21 Bananas	22 Baby Carrots
25	26 Broccoli with Ranch	27 <sub>Apple</sub> Slices & Orange Segments	28 Watermelon	29

# APRIL 2024

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1	8	<sup>9</sup> Broccoli with Ranch	10 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	11 Pears	12 Baby Carrots
	15	<sup>16</sup> Celery with Ranch	17 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	18 Clementine	19 Baby Carrots
	22	23 Zucchini Coins with Ranch	24 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	25 Bananas	26 Baby Carrots
	29	30 Green Peppers with Ranch			

# District-Wide Fruit & Veggie Cart Calendar

\*Subject to change

# MAY 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Blueberries	3 Baby Carrots
6	7 Cauliflower with Ranch	8 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	9 Honeydew	10 Baby Carrots
13	14 Grape Tomato with Ranch	15 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	16 Grapes	17 Baby Carrots
20	21 Snap Peas with Ranch	22 <sub>Apple Slices</sub> & Orange Segments	23 Raspberries	24 Baby Carrots
27	28 Zucchini with Ranch	29 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	30 Watermelon	31 Baby Carrots

# JUNE 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Celery with Ranch	5 Apple Slices & Orange Segments	6 Pineapple	7 Baby Carrots
10	11 Grape Tomatoes with Ranch	Apple Slices & Orange Segments	13 Strawberries	14 Baby Carrots
17	18 Broccoli with Ranch	19 NO SCHOOL	20 Blueberries	21 Baby Carrots
24	25	26	27	28

Elementary News

# FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

At BCES, we value what you are teaching your Seek Support When Needed: Parenting can be child(ren) at home. Our BCES expectations: Be Reschallenging, and it's okay to ask for help when you pectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be There/Be Ready need it. Reach out to teachers, school counselors, or are the same expectations that you instill in your other professionals for guidance and support if you're child(ren). Fostering such positive behavior both at struggling to address behavioral issues with your child. school and at home is essential for creating a supportive and nurturing environment for children to thrive. We By incorporating these strategies at home, you are are sure you are doing much of this at home, and for that helping your child(ren) develop the social and we thank you!

Establish Clear Expectations: Clearly communicate expectations for behavior at home and reinforce these Sincerely, consistently. Explain the reasons behind the expectations and involve children in setting them when appropriate. Use simple, age-appropriate language and provide examples of desired behaviors.

Mary Kate Stinehour BCES Principal

**Model Positive Behavior**: Children learn by example, so it's important for parents to model the behavior they want to see in their children. Demonstrate kindness, patience, respect, and empathy in your interactions with others, including your child.

Use Positive Reinforcement: Acknowledge and praise your child's positive behavior regularly. Offer specific praise that highlights the behavior you want to encourage. For example, instead of saying, "Good job," you could say, "I'm proud of how you shared your toys with your friend."

**Set Consistent Boundaries:** Consistency is key when it discipline. Establish clear rules and consequences for breaking them, and enforce these consistently. Be firm but fair, and avoid making empty threats or giving in to manipulation.

Encourage Self-Regulation: Help your child develop self-regulation skills by teaching them strategies for managing their emotions and impulses. Encourage them to take deep breaths, count to ten, or use positive self-talk when they're feeling frustrated or upset.

Promote Problem-Solving Skills: Teach your child how to solve problems and resolve conflicts in a constructive way. Encourage them to communicate their feelings calmly, listen to others' perspectives, and work together to find solutions that are fair to everyone involved.

Create a Positive Home Environment: Foster a positive home environment where your child feels safe, loved, and valued. Spend quality time together as a family, engage in activities that promote bonding and connection, and prioritize open communication and active listening.

**Stay Calm and Patient:** Respond to challenging behavior calmly and respectfully, using it as an opportunity to teach and guide your child.

emotional skills they need to succeed both at school and

# **WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR ELEMENTARY** STUDENT AT HOME

As the assistant principal of Benjamin Cosor Elementary School, I am privileged to witness the journey of our young learners as they navigate through their elementary school years. Both at home and in school, our children are presented with new opportunities for growth and development each day. As a partner in your child's educational journey, I would like to share some thoughts and suggestions for things that can be done at home to help support your child's successes and overall development:

**Establish a routine:** Create a daily schedule with time designated for homework, reading, playing, and helps children activities. Consistency understand expectations and feel secure.

Designate a study space: Set up a quiet area where your child can focus on their schoolwork free of distractions.

Communicate with school staff: Stay in touch with your child's teachers and administrators to understand their progress, areas of difficulties, and how you can best support their learning at home.

**Encourage reading:** Read with your child regularly, it helps create a special connection between you and your child. Letting them choose what they want to read also helps foster a love for learning.

# Elementary News

through everyday tasks and activities.

Use educational resources: Explore educational websites, apps, and other materials that align with your child's curriculum and interests to promote and reinforce learning at home.

**Promote independence:** Encourage your child to be responsible for their learning. Allow them to solve problems on their own and complete tasks Celebrate achievements: Acknowledge and celebrate your child for their accomplishments and efforts. Offer praise and rewards to reinforce their hard work and dedication. This will also help boost their confidence and increase motivation.

Stay organized: Create and share a calendar with your child to keep track of important dates, assignments, and projects.

Limit screen time: Set limits on screen time and encourage other activities that promote social interaction, physical activity, and creativity.

By implementing these strategies at home, you can create a supportive environment that enhances your elementary student's academic success and fosters a lifelong love of learning.

Sincerely,

#### Pamela Carr

BCES Assistant Principal

# **BCES FIRST** MARKING PERIOD **HONOR ROLL LIST**

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School is excited to announce their elementary Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients for the first marking period. Students who made the Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.0-3.5, and students who made the Superintendent's Honor Roll list earned an overall grade-point average of 3.6-4.0. The students who were recognized for their high academic achievements are: achievements are:

#### Grade 4

Honor Roll: Mila Arroyo, Santiago Brito Garcia, Isaiah Crawford, Kadence Duncan, Giada Evangelista, Katheri-

Practice basic skills: Help your child practice ne Giron Cabrera, Leah Glanstein, Jonah Godby, Jase fundamental skills like reading, writing, and math Hermann, Jackson Hockenberry, Eliza Eliza Lagos Hermann, Jackson Hockenberry, Eliza Eliza Lagos Guardado, Enina Lulanaj, Zoya Meer, Lincoln Oneal, Jax Pillius, Skyla Restrepo, Taylor Simms, Madax Simpson, Elijah Torres, and Tyler Torres.

> Superintendent's Honor Roll: Muhammed Kassama, Brianna Johnson, and Mason Li.

#### Grade 5

Honor Roll: Dilver Aleman, Arabella Almodovar, Hayden Atkins, Kadija Bamba, Ava Berrios, Isaac Castillo Miranda, Aubrianna Clark-Wheat, Aaron Cubias, Muhammad Dumbuya, Nelson Duque Moroy, Lithsy Fuentes Ardon, Emanuel Granados, Jordan Ketcham, Ashley Leon Santos, Bryan Lopez-Romero, Alexandria Mann, Marvin Martinez Gonzales, Camden McKenny, Theresa Medina, Samuel Melendez, Erick Rivera Moreno, Christian Robles Hernandez, Kendra Rodriguez, Madison Samora, Derrick Saravia, Blerina Solimai Blinara Solimai Molania Wang, and Banjamia Selimaj, Blinera Selimaj, Melanie Wang, and Benjamin Wizwer.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Bryan Balcazar Lavin, Anthony Frunzi, Selina Lazroe, Grayson Mungeer

#### Grade 6

Honor Roll: Yasmina Aquil, Giselle Ascencio Martinez, Ellis Basic, Darlin Chub Ujpan, Mylaan Dolberry, Dania Duque Enamorado, Shamiah Foy, Janary Fuentes Ardon, Gensis Gonzalez Alvarez, David Hernandez Martinez, Carsyn Hoefling, Madison Lucas, Hanna Manjarrez Paredes, Victoris Manjarrez Paredes, Jackelyne Mariaca, Reja Meer, Dylan Osbourne, Ariel Payne, Logan Retana, Genesis Reyes-Robles, Makayla Rivers, Malika Rivers, Leon Rodriguez Morales, Leonardo Rojas, Anthony Santos Morales, Zhara Snead, Fernando Turcios Garcia, Heaven Wilson and Allison Yautentzi Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Walker Budde, George DiNapoli, Jessica Saciolo, and Holly Surerus.



**High School News** 

# FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

As the colors of spring start to paint our surroundings, I am excited to extend a warm welcome to the month of March! With its promise of renewal and growth, March brings us opportunities to celebrate achievements, strengthen connections, and embrace the journey of learning together.

We recently held our Quarter Two Superintendent's Honor Roll and Honor Roll Celebrations, and I am excited to announce that 99 students received a Superintendent's Honor Roll distinction and 144 students received the Honor Roll award. To be considered eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, a student has to take a minimum of five academic classes. Students who receive Honor Roll have an average between 85 and 92, and Superintendent's Honor Roll is achieved when students reach above a 92 average. Additionally, a student cannot be failing a subject or receive an incomplete on his/her report card for that marking period in order to be eligible for this honor.

We are also celebrating our students through the arts, as we recently held our mid-winter Pops Concert and our students are rehearsing daily for our upcoming Spring Play, "Clue." The play will be performed on March 22 and 23 at 7 PM and at 2 PM on March 24, 2024. Tickets are available at the door for \$7! Our Spring Battle of the Classes will be held on March 7th for grades 7 & 8 and March 8th for grades 9-12. These popular events provide our students with muchneeded opportunities to collaborate with their fellow students and build school spirit. These are just some of our upcoming events – our school offers a diverse range of extracurricular activities that cater to various interests and talents. Whether it's sports, clubs, or academic competitions, we encourage students to explore these opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and community involvement. Students who are looking to get involved can speak to their counselor or student government representative for more information.

It is important to note that our students must be academically eligible to participate and attend these events - if a student is failing two or more classes, they must attend tutorials and work with their teachers to improve their grades in order to participate. Students should always speak with their guidance counselor for support or more information on how to become academically eligible for events.

As we approach Spring, we also must look ahead to our New York State standardized testing opportunities for grades 7 and 8. These assessments provide valuable insights into student learning and help us tailor our instructional approaches to better meet the needs of our students. We encourage all students to participate in these exams and approach these tests with a positive

mindset and do their best. The 7th and 8th grade Math tests will be held on April 11-12, the 7 & 8th grade ELA tests will be held on April 25-26, and the 8th grade Science test will be held on May 2.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and partnership in fostering a positive and enriching learning environment at the Fallsburg JSHS!

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling month of March!

Sincerely,

Shana Bruestle ISHS Principal

# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Dear Fallsburg Students and Families,

We all hope that you are staying safe and warm this winter as we look forward to the warmer months ahead. It was a pleasure to recognize all of the Honor Roll and Superintendent's Honor Roll recipients. For those who were recognized this winter, please keep up the hard work! For everyone else, keep striving toward greatness. We hope you can join as well next time.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Pops Concert -Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00 PM Staff vs. Student Basketball Game - Wednesday, February 28 at 2:45 PM Spring Battle of the Classes (Middle School) - March 7th Spring Battle of the Classes (High School) - March 8th School-wide Pep Rally - March 8th

#### **Communication Channels**

**Parent-Teacher Communication:** If you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers. We value open communication and believe that a strong partnersh-

Academic Preparedness: Our school regularly and Honor Wilson. conducts drills to ensure that students and staff are these drills.

Attending classes consistently not only contributes to Canales, and Samantha Saciolo. your academic success but also helps you stay engaged with the learning process and build a strong foundation for your future. Your presence in class is valuable, and each day presents an opportunity for Hernandez, Amhara Gillmer, Carlos Granados Reyes, growth and learning. If you ever encounter challenges or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to Senaida Jeronimo Sanchez, John Ketcham, Emmett your teachers or school staff. They are here to help you Kleingardner, Dalila Koljenovic, Alisson Lagos Guardado, Yasmel Leon Mota Nazareth Maniarrez Paredes Brandon

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration in creating a positive and enriching Superintendent's Honor Roll: Addison Alvarado, learning environment for our students!

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Addison Alvarado, Autumn Rain Atkinson, Keily Brizuela Fuentes, Sophia

Sincerely,

# Mr. Steven Nilsen and Mr. James

ISHS Assistant Principals

# **HONOR ROLL LIST** FOR THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD

ip between home and school contributes to student success.

Lopez, Patrick Maxwell Jr., Carlos Mazariego Pena, Xander McCarthy, Victor Medina Orellana, Marielyd Muniz, Nancy Orellana Mejia, Om Patel, Justin Peralta Participate in the various after school activities to foster a sense of community and school pride.

Rosa, Easton Pugh, Dominico Retana, Franklin Reyes-Rosales, Joshua Velazauez, Hailay Vogal Samuel Vega Rosales, Joshua Velazquez, Hailey Vogel,

well-prepared for various emergency situations. We Superintendent's Honor Roll: Jack Bensimon, Xzander appreciate your cooperation and understanding during Berrios, Abdiel Cabrero, Joseph Cerone, Nicolas Ciorciari, Michael Damms, Alyssa Florence, Sara Flores Ramos, Keily Garcia Menjivar, Dina Gottlieb, Katherine Juarez

Attendance: This is just a friendly reminder to Cadena, Lindsay Lopez Landaverde, Rebecca Moocz, emphasize the importance of regular attendance. Teresa Nardi, Daniel Perez Martinez, Jeybi Rodriguez

Remember, every school day counts towards your Melendez Deras, Kileen Milligan, Jaysi Nicanor-Perez, education, and your commitment to attending classes Melina Ortiz, Tatiana Parada, Shiv Patel, Pedro Pineda will make a positive impact on your overall high Ortiz, Benjamin Santos Jr., Kiara Sauer, Marion Sesay, school experience.

Zayd Amir Snead, Angel Toxqui Hernandez, Helen Vasquez, Avery Wall-Carty, and Lavante Ward.

> Cordova, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Natalia Evangelista, Mariama Gai, Melanie Gomez Perez, Isabella Gonzales, Eriberto Gonzalez Jr., Layla Hermann, Camdyn Hoefling, Kate Islas Escamilla, Sophia Jacobs, Dayana Mendoza-Gallo, Ronny Mendoza, Evelyn Molina Ax, Dillan Padilla Avila, Payton Pisaniello, Kayden Saravia, Jiahnny Sebastian, and Joslyn Smith.

9th Grade

Honor Roll: Jordyn Cerone, Carissa Ciorciari, Fatoumata Gai, Riley Gorr, Chanel Han, Lucas McCarthy, Conner McManus, Jozyr McNeil, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Fabio Narkaj, Efrain Rodriguez, Axel Salinas Mejia, Inmer Santos Morales, Abigail Toledo, and Rodrigo Zacapexpan Reyes.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Sarah Blume, Emina Cenovic, Ashleigh Fuentes Ardon, Eric Moocz, Robert Perrera, Alisha Tremper, and Peyton Varner.

10th Grade

The Fallsburg Central School District is proud to announce their honor roll and Superintendent's honor roll lists for the second marking period. These students were commemorated for their high academic achievement. These students are:

Honor Roll: Edison Bastidas Avendano, Bintou Darboe, Marcos DerasLopez, Jonathan Dias Paredes, Sebastian Fowler, Kaedyn Freeman, Hector Jami Cocha, Virginio Jeronimo Sanchez, Joey Ketcham, Eric Li, Johnarris Lopez-Landaverde, Carmen Montes Velasco, Isis Santos Berrios, and Gavin Storms.

Honor Roll: Yasmina Bache-Seraphin, Adriel Canales Gonzales, Estrella Canales, Surey Delgado, Amelia Saladin Basic, Karrine Bennett, Andrew Bensimon, Forman, Leyna Greenberg, Angelina Lara-Jones, Elij-Xzavier Berrios, Lee-Ann DiNapoli, Jaecob Espinoza,

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Emmabella Ferreira, Douglas Medina Carcamo Jr., Josyln Odell Schreier, Madeline Pantel, Allison Rojas, Marilyn Santos, and Skylar Wright.

11th Grade

Honor Roll: Maya Ballard, Isaiah Brown, Amerie Capicchioni, Nehemiah Damon, Kenya Escalante, Kaelyn Fuentes, Adrianna Garcia, Isaac Hernandez Martinez, Hayden-Marie Herrera, Bryce Junior, Daris Koljkenovic, Mayline Maldonado, Francely Maradiaga, Nancy Martinez Cadena, Jamin McCollough, Brianna McManus, Juan Morales Perez, Brianna Noller, Mauricio Ordonez Nunez, Dalila Ortiz Fuentes, Keven Padilla Perdomo, Jennifer Rios Nunez, and Emy Sierra Mejia.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Isabelle Batista, Kimberly Diaz, Ethan Dunn, Jeffrey Evangelista Jr., Nicole Jimenez, Hannah Johnson, Erli Maldonado Garcia, William Martinez Martinez, Rachel Montenegro Sandoval, Bella Muscia, Vivian Ordonez Cabrera, Cecelia Riker Lainez, Jaily Sebastian, and Jordyn Wall-Carty.

12th Grade

Honor Roll: Jasmine Acevedo, Ezekiel Acosta, Meredith Anderman, Haris Basic, Jordan Batista, Madison Bertholf, Nikolas Bonner, Emily Bou, Sherlin Bruno Pinzon, Emily DeLaCruz, Alaina Dinkel, Etiben Escalante, Lilly Fairman, Arianna Gonzalez, Adira GreerPadilla, Terrence Hayden Jr., Lidia Hernandez Ponce, Ashley Ingrassia, Aryany Mercado Dubon, Cian Meyer, John Padilla Orellana, Catherine Pena, Semaj-zae Potter, Nadiushka Rosa Gonzalez, Alexandra Ruiz, Rugiatu Sesay, Willson Torres Martinez, Diego Ugsha, Ariel Vasquez, Alyssa Velazquez, and Isaiah Young.

Superintendent's Honor Roll: Gustavo Avila Morales, Asly Avila Reyes, Anngeleena Bruno, Emma DeGraw, Alexander Depuy-McBride, Chloe Doolittle, Miya Ennist, Jaedon Espinoza, Brandon Fierro, JeanCarolos Galeas Iraheta, Kevin Hernandez Martinez, Kristian Huttemeyer, Mia Irlbacher, Jane Islas Escamilla, Angelina Levner, Adam Mednick, Georgia Rane O'Brien, Junior Ordonez Bonilla, Emily Perna, Jalysa Poindexter, Elizabeth Rivas-Ferrufino, Selina Rodriguez, Besart Selimaj, Charlotte Steingart, and Christopher Yautentzi Reyes.

# FALLSBURG CSD CELEBRATES STUDENTS-ON-A-ROLL (SOAR) RECIPIENTS

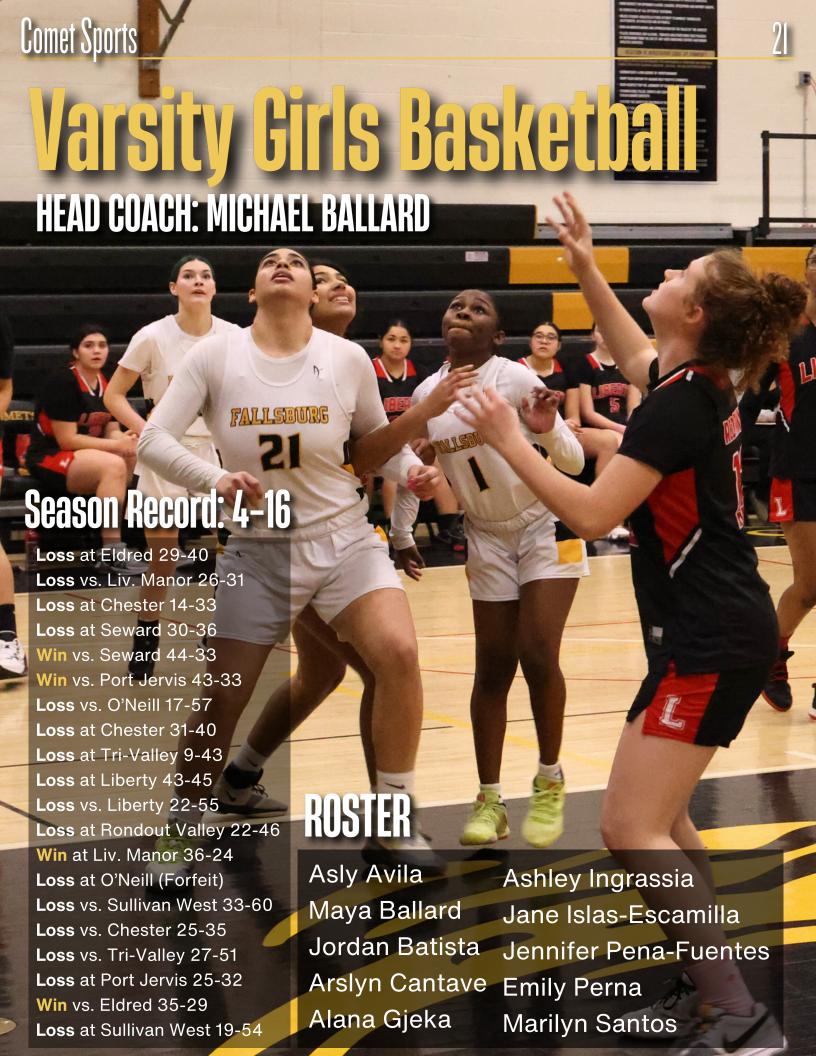


On January 18, 2024, the Fallsburg Central School District presented sixty-one students with the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Student-On-A-Roll Award. This award recognizes students who have made significant strides academically and behaviorally. Students are nominated by teachers who have observed their growth in the past marking period.

The following Student-On-A-Roll recipients are: Celeste Aguilar Calderon, Holman Bacca Bonilla, Diego Balcazar Lavin, Saladin Basic, Andrew Bensimon, Xzander Berrios, Sarah Blume, Monica Brown, Mario, Cadena Romero, Ayden Carpenito, Nehemiah Damon, Surey Delgado, Maddelynn DeMondo-Gernant, Deysi Diaz Hernandez, Niylah J Emptage, Luis Fajardo Molina, Emmabella Ferreira, Brayan Pavon Flores, Daniel Fontane, Demetrius Fontane, Natalie Fuentes Blandon, Fatoumata Gai, Isabella Gonzalez, Jancarlos Guardado, Daniella Gutierrez Aleman, Amanda Gutierrez Rodriguez, Leeland J Hadden, William Hamilton, Mikayla Harrington, Mykala Hines, Jefferson Jami Cocha, Senaida Jeronomo Sanchez, Jozyr McNeil, Katherine I Juarez Cadena, Zoey Ketcham, Emmett Kleingardner, Dalila Koljenovic, Azon Laurel, Cessy Lezama Rodriguez, Tiffany Maccagli, Stefan Mapes, Douglas Medina Carcamo, Emy Sierra Mejia, Heysel Mejia Corcio, Dayana Murillo Madrid, Danielle Olsen, Brayan Pavon Flores, Justin Peralta Rosa, Easton D. Pugh, Selina Rodriguez, Jeybi L Rodriguez Canales, Keily Rosales Charuc, Swarly Salguero Palacios, Axel Salinas Mejia, Marilyn Santos, Tracy Severino Paredes, Conner Torres, Naroline Umanzor Reyes, Marisol Vasquez Nunez, Sierra Velazquez, and Mabelin Videz Zacarias.







# Varsity Boys Indoor Track

HEAD COACH: LOREN RAPAPORT & DANIELLE HALIKIAS

4x200.

and Rubin Bonilla.



Bryan Avelar Martinez Yoshua Bache Seraphin

Jefferson Gallo

Kennyn Bonilla

Rubin Bonilla

Jayden Edwards

Erli Garcia

Treyvon Hayden

Isaac Hernandez

Isaiah Kirk

Jayden Johnson

Daris Koljenovic

**Azon Laurel** 

Nazir Lopez

William Martinez

Jamin McCullough

Jozyr McNeil

Olvin Mendez

Eric Moocz

Anthony Pignataro

Jansel Rosa Gonzalez

Isaac Rubio

John Trujillo

Rodrigo Zacapexpan Reyes



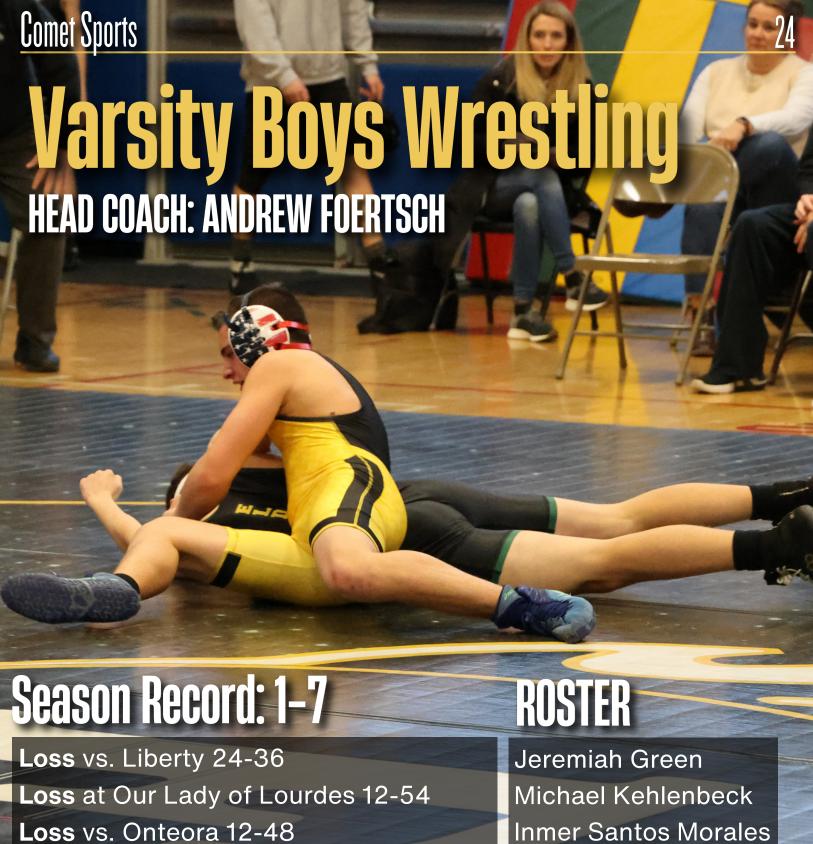
Jansel Rosa Gonzalez, Jefferson Gallo, and William Martinez-

Martinez, Jamin McCullough, Erli Garcia, Jansel Rosa, Jayden

State Qualifiers: Nazir Lopez, Jefferson Gallo, Isaiah Kirk, William

Edwards, Treyvon Hayden, Jozyr McNeil, Azon Laurel, Eric Moocz,





Loss at Chester 3-64

Loss at Rondout Valley 0-57

Loss vs. Burke Catholic 18-42

Loss at Ellenville 12-30

Win vs. Eldred/Sullivan West 30-6







#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

# **OCTOBER 2023**

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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#### **DECEMBER 2023**

### **JANUARY 2024**

### FEBRUARY 2024

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#### **MARCH 2024**

### **APRIL 2024**

## **MAY 2024**

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#### **SCHOOL DAYS**

September	17
October	21
November	17
December	16
January	21
February	19
March	19
April	17
May	22
June	17

Total: 186 + 4 conference days -10 snow days = 180 days

#### **MAKE-UP DAYS**

Day 1	February 19
Day 2	March 29
Day 3	April 4
Day 4	April 5

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED**

4, 5, 25
9
1, 10, 22, 23, 24
25-29
1, 15
16, 19
15, 29
1-5
27
19

If allowable, remote learning will take place after all 10 snow days have been used. Snow day 11 and beyond will be remote learning days.



=First Day of School



=Last Day of School



=Graduation

**School** Closed

**Early** 

Dismissal &

**Planned Delay** 

**Board of Education** Meeting

Conference Day (School Closed)

**Testing** 

= Board of Education Meeting (4/10 & 4/16)



= Budget Vote

#### October 6, 2023:

15 minute early dismissal October 12, 2023: Planned 2 hour delay January 11, 2023: Planned 2 hour delay May 7, 2023: Planned 2 hour delay

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