

# FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Comet News

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Dear School Community Member:

Happy summer everyone! The long and seemingly never-ending winter has finally left us and the warm summer months are beginning to settle in.

I would like to thank the Fallsburg school community for supporting our school budget this past May. Your support continues to make a positive difference for the Fallsburg Central School District at every level.

While this was a challenging school year, at many levels, the goal of the school district, in terms of budgeting, continues to be balancing the needs of the school district with the financial capacity of our taxpayers. The budget stayed underneath the tax levy cap while still allowing for a sustained program of studies and the addition of supports for the improvement of instruction efforts that are continuing.

In terms of the building project, we will be breaking ground immediately following our June graduation. Initially, there will be roofing work done at the junior-senior high school and flooring work to be completed at BCES. The project is scheduled to take place over the next two summers, with some work being done during the school year. There is going to be site work on the outside, work on the inside, and equipment storage in various areas. As a result of the facilities work, school grounds (indoors and outdoors) will not be available for use by outside groups for the next two summers. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Once the project is complete, our school district facilities will be available as they have always been.

As we come to the end of the 2013-14 school year I would like to congratulate the Class of 2014 for their achievements! This is a very special class of young men and women who are prepared to show the world what they've got! We are very proud of our 2014 graduates and we will be following their accomplishments as they leave our hallowed halls, diploma in hand and step into the world of tomorrow.

I wish us one and all a restful, relaxing and rejuvenating summer! I look forward to seeing you in September!

Educationally yours,

*Qvan J. Katz, Ed.D.*

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# FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

## Have a Safe, Healthy and Happy Summer!

I cannot believe this is our final Comet newsletter for the school year! The year has flown by so quickly! I am very proud of all our students' accomplishments. They have grown both academically and socially.

As you gather your sun block and bathing suits, think about bringing along some good books to read with your children. Visit our local library for some wonderful literature. If your child is engaged in what he/she reads, he/she will be more motivated to read and become a better reader.

To make reading more enjoyable:

- Provide a quiet, pleasant place in your home for your child to read.
- Take your child to the library. Help him/her select books that interest him/her.
- Get your child books related to his/her favorite movies or TV shows.
- Give your child reading materials that are just for fun – joke books, baseball cards, and comics.

- Read with your child. Choose a book that you can read together.

Have a wonderful summer! Please keep in touch – we would love to receive letters from the children!

*Mary Kate Stinehour*

## FROM THE ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

While many of us, focusing on summer fun, do not want to think about the upcoming academic year, it is, in fact, right around the corner. It is very important that everyone takes steps to prepare for the school year that begins in September.

The students can help get themselves ready for next year by reading and doing intellectually challenging activities over the summer vacation. There is a very good reason for this.

The brain needs to be kept active and challenged. Students who arrive at school in September having “worked out” their minds all summer will be better able to stay on top of their studies and will have a more positive school experience.

As we all know, there is one more integral part of this team. That is the parents. They can help out by encouraging their children to read. Parents can also play “word” and “alphabet” games with their children. This can be done during dinner, at playtime, or even when traveling in the car.

Working together, we (administration, teachers, support staff, parents and students) can help ensure that the students of Fallsburg Central School District reach their full potential.

*Dave Viglione*



# FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Greetings again! Can you believe that the school year has come to a close? The Class of 2014 will move on to bigger (and better) things and we are all taking a deep breath after a very successful year in the junior-senior high school.

This has been an incredibly successful year in the junior-senior high school. We continue with the OLWEUS anti-bullying program in grades 7 through 12. Our students again traveled to Iowa to compete in the Future Problem Solvers International Competition. We had a record number of inductees into the Junior and Senior National Honor Societies. Over 60 students traveled to Broadway as a result of their place on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. We competed in the third annual Soap Box Derby in Liberty. Our top seniors were recognized at the local, county and state levels. This just goes to show

that our students here are doing the right things! Congratulations to those students and their families.

I hope that you all will take an opportunity to get some well-deserved rest, take a vacation and spend some quality time with family and friends. Summer is a great time to "recharge the batteries." We here in the district will be working very hard to prepare for the next school year.

This will be an interesting summer in the Jr/Sr HS as the students and staff from BCES move up here while the building is being taken care of. All summer school classes for BCES students will be held in the Jr/Sr HS this summer. I welcome all of the students and staff to the building!

I will be sending along more information regarding changes to schedules, the Code of Conduct, and the like, throughout the summer. If you

ever have any questions, please feel free to give us a call and we will do our best to accommodate you. I want to thank all of our students, staff, parents and extended family members for their support throughout the past year and in the years to come. We couldn't be successful without all of you working with us. The Fallsburg CSD just keeps getting better, and we want to continue to do so next year and beyond. Remember our motto...."Effort Equals Excellence!" We will continue our work to maximize the excellence all of our students are capable of!

Best wishes for a relaxing, fruitful summer, and I will see you all again in the fall.

Remember...

Effort Equals Excellence!

*Michael Williams*

## FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

It seems almost impossible to believe that another year has come and gone. When I was a young teacher, a colleague told me that the older we get, the quicker the school year goes by. That definitely applies to this year. While this year is just a series of memories, now is the time to look ahead to the 2014-15 academic year.

For schools, the summer months are more than just a time of relaxation. The summer is a time of preparation. Schedules are finalized. Staffing is completed. The building is repaired. Data from the previous year is analyzed and plans are made to bring instruction to the highest levels we have ever achieved. Both teachers and administrative personnel alike will work together to foster this growth.

For students, the summer months should be a time to recharge their batteries. It also, however, must be a time of continuing growth. Learning is a lifelong activity. It is extremely important that students stay academically active. Reading and writing are skills that are not only developed in the classroom, but also in our daily lives. This summer, read the newspaper and magazines with your parents. Discuss articles that you find interesting. Communicate with friends and family via letters or e-mail, but stay active. Challenge your mind as well as your body!

Enjoy the summer!

*Frank Godlewski*

## Fallsburg Honors Community Scholarship Winners

On May 4<sup>th</sup> more than 150 teachers, parents, friends and staff applauded the recipients of this year's scholarships at the annual Blossom Cohen Luncheon.

The Community Scholarship winners are Alexis Shea, Tiffani Suhm, Cody Vegliante, Ilyssa Weiner, and Samantha Wiles. Rafael Olan, Jr. received the Esther Mintz Flanagan Scholarship and an honor award as class valedictorian. Logan Mednick earned the Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship. The Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarship went to Adham Abohussien. Courtney Stack received the Blossom Cohen Memorial Scholarship, and Justin Cohen earned the Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship.



Fallsburg Central School District

## Health Fair Fun Day and Wellness Day

The annual Health Fair Fun Day and Wellness Day was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> in the High School Cafeteria and Gym. Twenty-five vendors were there to offer free and valuable material and consultation about healthcare services available to the community from PRASAD Children's Dental Care to Cancer Screening to Hudson River Healthcare and the WIC Program for women, infants and children. The entertaining and educational chef, Robert Dell 'Amore demonstrated simple and nutritious meal preparation for the family. Monticello Fruit Market provided assorted fruits and vegetables for families attending.

The morning events kicked off with the intramural basketball awards ceremony for third through sixth graders. More than 40 children received acknowledgements from Coach Phil Motl of BCES. The audience enjoyed the versatility and skill of the Upstate Karate kids and adults under instructor Alexandre Lalieu. Later, parents and children enjoyed Zumba, salsa dancing, yoga, line dancing and step dancing exhibitions and audience participation throughout the morning. There was a performance by the Pop Warner Cheerleaders, a large bounce house, and children's game area. South Fallsburg Library's Rena Kalanick brought 100 books to give away. Dozens of children with parents enjoyed these popular events thanks to Fallsburg Central School District staff members Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez, Heather Grodin, and Michael Geller. Thanks also to Kelli West, Nancy Ramos, Lisa Madison, Pam Bossett, and Marilyn Valant.

FCSD's Interim Athletic Director Harold Fried heads the District's Wellness Committee that organized this event for the tenth straight year. Next year should prove to be an even greater success, with the addition of a \$150,000 outdoor physical education adventure course that is planned for completion this coming summer and paid for with funding from the Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant.

## Fallsburg School Budget Vote Accompanied by Music and Dinner

Coinciding with the annual School Budget Vote, the Class of 2017 hosted dinner in the school cafeteria, after which Fallsburg students, staff, and families attended the BCES spring concert.

Since the event was so close to Memorial Day, the BCES students sang and played a number of patriotic pieces. The beautiful red, white and blue artwork on the stage by teacher Maura Pellegrino and students enhanced the entire evening. The Bell Choir opened the music with a beautiful rendition of The Star Spangled Banner.

There were many highlights in the program, including a recorder solo by Jonathan Gallo, a New York State School Music Association Recorder Soloist; two trumpet solos by Amanda Zeno; a clarinet trio with Faith Colombo, Rebecca Patterson-DaCosta and Tulsi Patel; flute solos by Jose Rodriguez and Michael DiCarlo; and trombone solos by Mathew Vollmer and Kebbe Dumbuya. Much appreciation goes out to Ms. Andrea Henderson and Ms. Lauren Bernard for their excellent work, and to Mr. Leon Hilfstein for his added touch as piano accompanist.

## Annual Mock Auto Accident Alerts Students

For the past ten years the month of May has meant the annual Junior Prom at Fallsburg High School and the staging of a mock auto accident by the Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). SADD Advisor Kiffanie Rodgers-Sanchez worked closely with School Resource Officer Robert Noller to organize the staged wreck at the parking lot behind the Central Administration Offices on May 7<sup>th</sup>, two days before the prom.

The two cars were donated and set up as if in a head-on collision by Mike Weiner of Russell's Garage in Loch Sheldrake. Inside one car was driver Kali Seastrand, with a life-like



doll in a back child seat. The second car was driven by Sorena Negru, with Cody Vegliante in the passenger seat and Amanda Wilson in the back seat. Beginning at twelve noon, a police radio at the scene called in the accident while the entire tenth and eleventh grades watched the action play out.

Students watching the reenactment saw an elaborate array of equipment from Jaws of Life to pneumatic door stretching and removal tools, some of which were newly purchased by the fire departments. Special thanks to *Life Net Air 2* out of Wallkill, NY, Ray Price, T.J. Oltz, and pilot Brian Rabenda.

The entire operation was narrated by Firefighter Jack Halchak, former Fallsburg Chief and part of Sullivan County Emergency Management.

These dramatic enactments capture the focus and attention of the high school students, provide a terrific training opportunity for emergency personnel, and demonstrate the concern of Fallsburg Central School District to encourage safe driving and responsible decision making among its students. The Junior Prom was a big success on May 9, without any auto incidents.

## Summer Food Kickoff Set for Fallsburg

With summer right around the corner, it's time to think about keeping children eating healthy while school is out. The Fallsburg Central School District provides free meals to children during the summer.

Each year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture partners with local organizations like the Fallsburg Central School district to provide free meals to children when school is out for the summer. Any child under age 18 may come and eat. This summer, meals will be served at Morningside Park on Mon-

day through Friday at 11:30, from July 7<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the national Summer Food Service Program, visit <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/summer>.

## An Evening of Honors

Inauguration of newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) officers and induction of new members to the Comet Chapter of the National Junior Honor (NJHS) and National Honor Societies (NHS) is a special ceremony held each spring in the high school auditorium. On June 3, 2014, SGA Advisors Michael Weiner and Elisa Baum, NJHS Advisor Elisa Baum, and NHS Advisors Penny Esposito and Kasey Conrow conducted the event to the delight of many proud parents, friends, and family members.



High School Principal Michael Williams set the tone for the evening with a moving story about a seven year old student from another state that had learned a lesson about his words hurting a fellow student. When he realized the impact of his words as bullying his classmate and how much harm he had created, this young boy decided to do something to turn the episode into a positive. He immediately created an anti-bullying club and enrolled a couple dozen students to change the attitudes that he had exhibited. As Mr. Williams said, "No matter how young or old we are, we can do good every day." It was a great theme for the young people in the audience as they became student government leaders and honor society members.

All class officers took their oaths from the Class of 2021 to 2015. Then eleven new members of the NJHS became inductees. The last installation was eighteen new NHS members. At the end of these rituals, the SGA honored Murray's Chickens for their outstanding contributions to the Fallsburg community.

To conclude the evening of celebrations, President of the Class of 2015 Madison Levine, Outgoing SGA Chief Justice Cody Levine, and SGA Advisor Elisa Baum presented a special award to Michael Weiner for meritorious service for the past twenty-two years as Faculty Advisor to SGA. Mr. Weiner was speechless for the first time in his career at FCSD, as he thanked everyone for the award. He retires from teaching later this month.

## Young Entrepreneur's Award

Members of the Young Entrepreneur's Club spent the school year learning how to operate a small business. They concentrated on bookkeeping skills, inventory control, profits, losses, sales and math skills. All of their skills were applied to managing the school snack cart. They spent many afternoons selling snacks to students, faculty, and staff who stayed after school.

Profits from this student run business are given to a graduating senior to help with their college costs. This monetary award goes to a hardworking and deserving senior who either was a member of the club or who will be majoring in business. The Young Entrepreneur's Club is pleased to announce that this year's Young Entrepreneur's Award goes to Rafael Olan, who will be attending SUNY Oneonta this fall. As a member of The Young Entrepreneur's Club, Rafael put in a great amount of time and effort into club activities. His dedication was appreciated and acknowledged when he was presented with an award of \$300.00 at graduation. We wish Rafael good luck in his studies and in all of his future endeavors!

*Anna Baron*

Young Entrepreneur's Club, Advisor

## Fallsburg Teachers Hold a Memorable Retirement Dinner

June 8<sup>th</sup> was a special evening for the Fallsburg Teachers as they held their retirement dinner to honor service to the community and to the teaching profession. Master of Ceremonies Ms. Christine Decker welcomed the huge audience of honorees, retirees, former and current staff, and appreciative families and friends. She acknowledged that the past year had been extra stressful, culminating with the passing of one of their beloved colleagues, Ms. Robynne Anderman-Pacheco, after a protracted battle with cancer. People stood in silence to honor Robynne's memory.



The main focus of the evening was to celebrate those that completed twenty years of service to the school district - Theresa Strack, Kasey Conrow, Christina Serrone, Michelle Sager, Colleen Keaveney, and Kelly Zuewsky. Faculty Union President Patty Bertholf spoke about Bruce Rogers,

who was reluctantly retiring because of illness and was in the middle of medical procedures. She asked for prayers for his recovery. She also mentioned Lee Smassanow, who retired last year, and who was unable to be there that evening.

The true high point of the dinner was saying thank you to three outstanding retirees - Robin Pantel, Reading Coach at BCES; Janet Kaplan, Home and Careers teacher; and Mike Weiner, Social Studies teacher. Thanks go out to Karen Billig and Jamie Lippen for creating such a successful evening of celebration.

### Fallsburg High School Honors Joe LaRuffa

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 was a special day for the Town of Fallsburg. The Class of 2014 received their diplomas and Joe LaRuffa entered the Fallsburg Central School District Hall of Fame as its second member. Joining last year's inaugural inductee and fellow high school teacher colleague Jack Leshner, Joe LaRuffa had an illustrious career and made a lasting impact on the Town of Fallsburg.

After three years of service in the United States Army during WW II, Mr. LaRuffa studied music education and received a BA degree

from NYU and a Master of Arts from Columbia. In 1954, he began an eventful thirty years of teaching music and performing as Band Director at FCSD. During this period he served as Town Councilman and Deputy Supervisor for 17 years; eleven years as Secretary of Hurleyville Fire Department; two years as NY State Music Association Executive Council member; and over forty years as fundraiser for the school district's Irving Hertz Scholarship that later became the Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship.

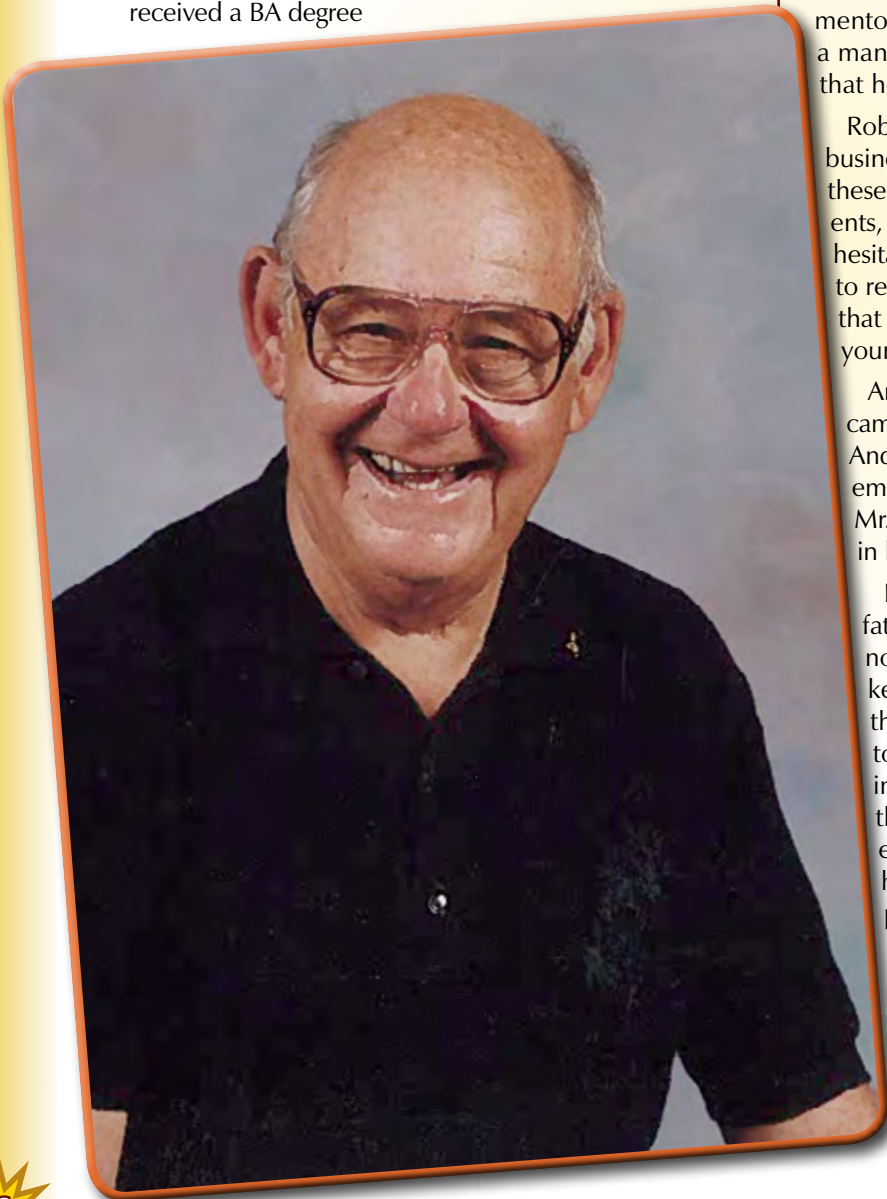
Mr. LaRuffa brought local, state, and national recognition to the Fallsburg High School Band. In twenty-two national competitions, the band earned A and A+ ratings in twenty-one. In 1965 at the first commencement ceremony for Sullivan Community College, the college president requested that Mr. LaRuffa and his outstanding band perform. On August 19<sup>th</sup> of the following year, the band earned a rare privilege by being selected to play before President Lyndon Baines Johnson at the dedication of the new Ellenville Community Hospital.

Outstanding achievements and honors to him and the band tell only a part of the story behind Mr. LaRuffa's election into the Fallsburg Hall of Fame. He was a wonderful educator, a dedicated public servant, a mentor to thousands of students and colleagues, and a man who made a difference in the lives of those that he touched.

Robert Kaplan, Fallsburg graduate and long-time businessman, remembers his former music teacher in these words: "If I were asked who other than my parents, influenced my life the most, I would say without hesitation it was Mr. LaRuffa. He allowed all students to reach their personal best by constantly teaching that it takes hard work and practice to accomplish your goals."

Another of Mr. LaRuffa's students, who later became a long-time colleague at Fallsburg High School, Andrew Neiderman, sees him in every sense "an embodiment of what a teacher should be." When Mr. Neiderman thinks about the school community, in his mind Mr. LaRuffa is "Mr. Fallsburg."

Fifty-eight years ago, a fourth grade student's father made a bet with Mr. LaRuffa that he could not "reach" his baseball loving and New York Yankees fanatical son. The music teacher accepted the challenge and began weekly clarinet lessons to the kid for \$4.<sup>00</sup>. Jeffrey Feldman, now partner in a Fishkill law firm, was that young boy. He says that this was the best money his parents could ever have spent. Meeting Mr. LaRuffa changed his life. "He made us believe in ourselves and proved to us that in band (and, as we would later learn, more importantly in life) that there was nothing that we couldn't achieve if we put our minds to it."



Rafael Olan, Jr. **Valedictorian**  
 "Arthur Townsend,  
 Abe Wasserman Award for Excellence in Mathematics"  
 "Eugene Feldman,  
 Sandra Williams Award for Excellence in English"  
 "Trudy Kapito, Award for Excellence in Social Studies"  
 Esthyr Mintz-Flanagan Scholarship  
 Seymour & Minnie Feldman Scholarship  
 New York State Award for Academic Excellence  
 The Brian Ingber Memorial Achievement Award  
 Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award  
 Young Entrepreneurs Club Award

Adam Hurwitz **Salutatorian**  
 "Samuel Beytin, Award for Excellence in Science"  
 Boy's Physical Education  
 Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship  
 New York State Award for Academic Excellence  
 Woodbourne Activities Scholarship  
 Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award  
 Fallsburg Fire Department & Rescue Squad Scholarship  
 Claryville Volunteer Firefighter Scholarship

Adham Abohussien Milton Brizel Scholarship  
 Kiwanis Club Scholarship  
 Fallsburg Alumni Award

Bashkim Ahmetaj

Courtney Andrew

John Barbiani Fallsburg Alumni Award  
 Fallsburg Class of '63 Alumni Scholarship

Danielle Beatty

Tiana Bosnjak The Helen Berkowitz Creative  
 Writing Award

Cristal Cannon The Lucy Pantel Home Economics Award  
 Justin Carpenter

Christine Christopher The Fallsburg Booster Club  
 Scholarship

Justin Cohen Edward Bryan Memorial Scholarship

Sean Cruz The Fallsburg Booster Club Scholarship  
 Citizenship Award

Kent Dalman The Regina Haaf Memorial Scholarship

Brianna Defreece

Jeremiah DeGraw

Elizabeth Delgado Triple C Award

Joseph Dominick Triple C Award

Mark Dymond

Allenson Flores Ramirez

Amado Gallo Spanish Award

Shakree Gibson

Lowrance Gillard

Selena Giron Saravia Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship

Joseph Haas PTSO Recognition

Jennifer Hernandez Avelar

Alexandria Horner PTSO Recognition

Kirsten Jacobsen Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship  
 Francis Tavormina Memorial Scholarship  
 Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Joseph Jones-Brown

Marisa Justiniano Catskill Shopper Award for Journalism

Phillip Kalanick Mira Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Analy Linares

Tadeusz Loarca

Edon Lulanaj

Amanda Lundy Sarnowski

Anthony Magie NYS Comptroller Achievement Award

Shane Martin Fallsburg Alumni Award  
 Woodbourne Activities Scholarship

Felix Martinez Escalante

Lawrence Matthews

Zea Mayers

Logan Mednick Drama Award  
 Vocal Musicianship  
 Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship  
 Salon Memorial Scholarship  
 Fallsburg Class of '63 Alumni Scholarship  
 Monticello Rotary Service Award  
 Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievement Award  
 Mel Mednick Memorial Scholarship  
 Robynne Malman-Pacheco Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Melendez

Alejandro Orellana The Michael Lorino Perfect  
 Attendance Award

Nicholas Pinder

Edwin Pinto Rivera

Dulce Ramirez Pacheco

Jordan Reichenbaugh

Stephanie Rossi

Rachel Schmitt Instrumental Music  
 Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship  
 New York State Award for Academic Excellence  
 Murry Gaiman Award  
 Loch Sheldrake Seniors Club Scholarship in Honor of  
 Alice Walter Professional Women of Sullivan County

Nicholas Serrone Jr. Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship

Alexis Shea Samuel Beytin Fallsburg  
 Community Scholarship  
 Salon Memorial Scholarship  
 Matthew Helm/Elissa Lippen Memorial Scholarship

Ahmad Shomo

Karanveer Singh

Daniella Solorzano Rose and Kiernan Scholarship

Courtney Stack Blossom Cohen Memorial Award

Danielle Stratton	Hertz-LaRuffa Scholarship The Brian Ingber Memorial Achievement Award Professional Women of Sullivan County BPOE Monticello Elks Scholarship	Ilyssa Weiner	Drama Award Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship New York State Award for Academic Excellence Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fallsburg Alumni Award Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievemnet Award Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Barbara Newberg Memorial Scholarship US Alliance Federal Credit Union Albert Shankar Scholarship
Tiffani Suhm	Girl's Physical Education Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fallsburg Class of '63 Alumni Scholarship Timothy Hill Memorial Scholarship The Coach Mike Weiner Scholarship The Resnick Group Scholarship	Samantha Wiles	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Samuel Beytin- Eugene Feldman-Trudy Kapito-Gussie Kasofksy-Arthur Townsend-Abe Wasserman-Sandra Williams SGA Memorial Scholarship Kiwanis Club Scholarship Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievemnet Award American Red Cross Life Share High School Scholarship Citizenship Award
Joshua Thomas		Mantee Williams	
Jasmine Vasquez Embrey		Amanda Wilson	
Cody Vegliante	Samuel Beytin Fallsburg Community Scholarship Samuel Beytin- Eugene Feldman-Trudy Kapito-Gussie Kasofksy-Arthur Townsend-Abe Wasserman-Sandra Williams SGA Memorial Scholarship Monticello Rotary Service Award Fallsburg Lions Annual Achievemnet Award Sheryl Kalter Memorial Scholarship	Kerri Winters	
		Alisha Young	Art Award Fallsburg Art Scholarship

### FROM THE NURSES

**The New York State Education Department require physicals for the following:**

- All students in grades K, 2, 4, 7, 10
- All new students to the district including Pre-K
- Annually for playing sports
- Triennially for the Committee on Special Education
- Immunization records are required for all new students. Please bring them with you to registration.

JV and Varsity Sports for the fall season will start on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Modified Sports for the fall season start on the first day of school.

Interval Health History forms will be sent to you in the mail along with a schedule for intervals. Please bring the completed interval form with you when you come to see the nurse to get your pink slip. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Lindsey, RN at 434-6800 ext. 2254.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child the nurses will be in this summer on July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> during the morning in the HS nurses office.

**Interval Health History will be done according to the following schedule:**

- Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 7 am to 12 pm
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 4 pm to 7 pm
- Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 7 am to 12 pm

Sports physicals will be held on Aug 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Please call 434-6800 ex.t 2254 to make an appointment.

Sports physicals will be held on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm. Forms will be available from the nurse after Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>



**8 Smiling Faces from the Pre-K Graduation on June 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## From the Athletic Director

Thanks to all athletes, coaches, school administrators, parents, teachers, staff and the school community for supporting the athletic program. We appreciate the effort put forth by all our athletes whether they participated in a team or individual sport. This year girls' golf and softball were division champions. Adam Hurwitz was the Section 9 pole vault champion. Zak Steingart, Madison Levine (First Team THR All Star Golf Team) and Candhace Forrest were NYS Championship qualifiers in their respective sports. Candhace placed third in the 100 meter dash at the state meet. Tad Loarca placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Section 9 Wrestling Championships. Kirsten Jacobsen and Adam Hurwitz were our Scholar Athletes. Samantha Wiles and Ahmad Shomo were voted our Outstanding Senior Athletes. Boys soccer, softball, girls and boys basketball, all qualified for the Section 9 Championships in their respective sports.

- Every athlete needs to have their paperwork and physical completed before the start date of their season.
- Fall start Dates: August 18<sup>th</sup> for Varsity & JV teams / Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for modified teams.
- Winter start Dates: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> for Varsity & JV teams / Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> for modified teams.
- Spring start Dates: March 9<sup>th</sup> for Varsity & JV teams / Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> for modified teams.
- Sports Photo Shoot: Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Comet Team Pizza Party: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2015 Comet Varsity Awards Banquet - Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

### Fallsburg High School Athletic Department Honors Athletes and Fans

At the Annual Sports Banquet and Awards Ceremony held in the high school gym and auditorium on June 10<sup>th</sup>, all varsity athletic teams received awards and acknowledgement from the coaches. The full list of awards is posted on the Fallsburg Central School District web site at [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net).

#### *Most Valuable Players Each Sports Team 2013-2014*

Girls Soccer .....	Kirsten Jacobson
Boys Soccer .....	Arturo Perez
Boys Golf.....	Mathew Jonas, Most improved player*
Fall Cheerleading.....	Amanda Wilson
Girls Basketball Cheerleading .....	Jennifer Davilla
Volleyball.....	Christine Chrisopher
Girls Cross Country.....	Sierra Patterson
Boys Cross Country.....	Jordan Laguio
Boys Basketball.....	Ahmad Shomo
Girls Basketball .....	Tiffani Suhm
Boys Alpine Ski.....	Zakary Steingart
Wrestling.....	Tad Loarca
Boys Track .....	Adam Hurwitz
Girls Track .....	Nyasia Harris
Softball.....	Samantha Wiles
Girls Golf.....	Madison Levine



# FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## TENTH Annual Reunion & LUNCH BUFFET

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**



**\*The Woodridge Municipal Hall\***  
**2 Dairyland Road, Woodridge, NY 12789**

Join former staff and students for our annual meet and greet in the tenth year of continuing our mission to award FAA Scholarships to deserving seniors. This year ten awards will be presented!

We will also be honoring Mrs. Blanche Cohen - master teacher retired in 2001 and Mr. Charles Cohen - model community-minded alumnus (no relation to Blanche!).

**RSVP BY PHONE:** (845) 434-5371 • **RSVP BY E-MAIL:** [alumni-eileen@hotmail.com](mailto:alumni-eileen@hotmail.com)

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** [www.fallsburgcsd.net](http://www.fallsburgcsd.net)

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 12, 2014

**FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Tenth Annual Alumni Reunion**  
**Fallsburg Central Schools, PO Box 124, Fallsburg, NY 12733**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_



**Admission: \$13.00 per person or 2 for \$25.00** (includes a light lunch)

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (see above)

DONATION TO FAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **FALLSBURG ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4							1		1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				
													30														
JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
25	26	27	28	29	30	31							29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			
MAY							JUNE							JULY							AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30				26	27	28	29	30	31	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
31																				30	31						

  SCHOOL CLOSED    
   CONFERENCE DAY    
   REGENTS EXAMS

## SCHOOL CLOSED

SEP	1, 2, 25, 26
OCT	13
NOV	11, 26-28
DEC	24-31
JAN	1, 2, 19
FEB	16
MAR	30, 31
APR	1-6
MAY	25

## SCHOOL DAYS

SEP	18	+ 1 CONF
OCT	21	+ 1 CONF
NOV	16	
DEC	17	
JAN	19	
FEB	18	+ 1 CONF
MAR	19	+ 1 CONF
APR	18	
MAY	20	
JUN	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>+ 4 CONF.</b>

## MAKE-UP DAYS

DAY 1	Nov 26
DAY 2	FEB 16
DAY 3	MAR 30
DAY 4	MAR 31
DAY 5	APR 1

\* if all snow days are used this day will become a student day and not a conference day

## GIVE BACK DAYS

1 <sup>st</sup> day	May 22
2 <sup>nd</sup> day	Apr 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> day	Apr 8

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