

Fillmore CENTRAL SCHOOL

Enter to learn; go forth to serve.



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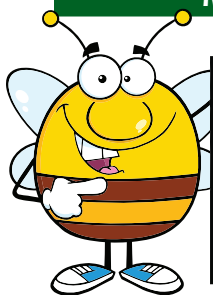
GIT UP AND DANCE!

On Monday, November 18th, students in grades PK-6 participated in the Principal's Reading Challenge.

Students were challenged by Mrs. Aylor and Mr. Talbot to read 50,000 minutes. They surpassed the goal and read over 61,000 minutes! Since they reached their goal, the administrative team agreed to do the Git Up Dance. Here are some photos of the administrative team and students dancing in the gym.



Middle School Spelling Bee! (Grades 6-8)



**Friday,
Jan. 10, 2020
FCS
Auditorium,
8:20 a.m.**

After-school prep sessions begin 12.3.19! Sessions are *NOT* mandatory but *ARE* helpful (and fun). There *WILL* be **SNACKS!** See Mrs. Peters or Mrs. Eagle for details! This year we have a special final after-school prep session **PARTY** and an **EXTRA SPECIAL** Amazon Gift Card prize for our **Spelling Bee** winner! \$\$\$

IMPORTANT PTO INFORMATION:

The PTO committee has decided to make the following **CHANGES** for the next few months of PTO meetings:

- 1.) January 15th meeting to 6:30 pm
- 2.) February 12th meeting to 3:30 pm

BOE MEMO: My Grown Up Christmas List

Over the years Christmas, for me, has gotten to be more about family and church than shopping and gifts. I for one tend to get a bit overloaded and turned off with the commercialized feel of much that goes on at Christmas. Even thinking about making a list of something to suggest to my wife is daunting. At this point in life, there is little that I want, and less that I need.

However, I think I can make a Christmas list of things that I want for Fillmore Central School.

1. I want Fillmore Central School to be a place of peace. Where people put others before themselves and no one feels left out. This means that from the Board down, we are here because we seek to do something good for others. Our decisions are not focused on ourselves but those we interact with. That is a recipe for peace! When others are first, we act out of compassion rather than reacting out of anger. When others are first, the things that irritate us are less important.

2. I want every student who attends Fillmore to feel loved and accepted. This requires every adult to look for the possibilities rather than the limitations that are in each student. It means teacher and admin are here for the students not for a paycheck. It requires each student to choose to say something nice to each other. Even if it is just a pleasant "Hi". Saying nothing to those we share space with is ignoring them, which is to reject them.

3. I want every student to have an opportunity to find something they enjoy doing. This is a positive at FCS! Students get to be involved in a variety of activities. Whether it is helping on service day, being in a sport, excelling in a class, reading extra on reading challenge days, or simply eating a breakfast sandwich, having something to enjoy makes school a better place.

4. I want the community to continue to fully support FCS. Seeing large turnouts for events shows that people care. Having people come to vote and pay taxes speaks volumes about this place.

5. In today's world, I want FCS to always be a safe place for our students. Whether it is the safety of being in school without being bullied, or never hearing a gun shot near the building, our students need to feel secure.

6. I want each family to be proud to be a part of FCS and proud of what their students accomplish in this school. This means that students achieve their full potential in learning. Not just to get a diploma, but to become educated adults. As our school motto reminds us, Enter to Learn, Go forth to Serve is about more who students become than just learning to read and write.

As we all work together for the good of Fillmore Central School, we can see this list of wants become reality and know that our students have all they want and need in a school to help them have success life.

Blessings,
Marcus Dean, *BOE President*



Message from the Superintendent

Don't look now, but the last week in January is also the end of the first semester! We were able to get through the first half of the year without closing school because of poor weather conditions. When school does close or delay you will receive a call from our **School Messenger** system. If you miss the call, no worries, it will leave you a voicemail. We also report cancellations to Channels 2, 4 and 7 as well as "The Pig" 95.7. If you do not receive a call the morning of a delay or closing, please call the school to make sure your contact information is correct.

The second semester is full of extracurricular opportunities for students. The research is clear: when students have a connection with their school, they are more likely to thrive academically and socially. This year we are starting a Fillmore Trap Shooting team. If your child is 12 years old or older and has taken the hunter safety course, they qualify to be on the team. We have already had approximately 15 students participate in some open practice shoots at the Freedom-Sandusky Gun Club. The men and women of the FSGC are excited to help us with our program and welcome any shooters that want to be a part of the sport.

The trap team will be considered a club activity, which means your child can still be a part of the team even if they are also involved in a sport, musical, or any other after school activity. If you would like more information about this exciting new opportunity, simply give my office a call and I will fill you in (567-2251). We will be having more open practice shoots soon, and the competition season starts in late January.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to mention that Ms. Newman has taken over the archery program I started a couple of years ago.

We are now ready to take that program to the next level. Students who are involved in archery will now also be competing against other schools! All students in grades 4 and up are eligible to be a part of the archery program. Please contact Ms. Newman if you would like more information about your child becoming a Fillmore archer.



REMINDER NO SCHOOL:
December 23-January 3
January 20, 2020
in Honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.
February 17-21, 2020



Students Attend Houghton College Division Day

Fourth graders enjoyed our annual trip to Houghton College for Division Day. Thank you Houghton Education students for the introduction to long division!

National Honor Society Welcomes 2019 Inductees

On November 13th the Fillmore Central National Honor Society induction ceremony was held in the auditorium. Current members Andrew Hotchkiss, Madison Engler, Levi Webb, and Hannah Roeske gave excellent speeches on character, service, leadership, and scholarship. Julia Colombo spoke on the significance of the unlit candle. Emily Hatch was the master of ceremonies for the program.

Our guest speaker this year was retired Lieutenant General David Kelley. General Kelley spoke on the attributes necessary to succeed in the world. The importance of perseverance, work ethic and personal responsibility were some of his main points.

The following students were inducted into the Fillmore chapter of the National Honor Society: Trevor Clark, Patrick DiRienzo, Riley Voss, Jacob Austin, Ryan Ballard, Shelby Beardsley, Aaron Buck, Mason Cool, Zach Herring, Kieran Kelley, Harley Miller, Lydia Schilke, Isiah Voss, Colby Wolfer, and Emilee Wright

After the ceremony members, inductees, and their guests were treated to a reception in the cafeteria. The excellent food for the reception was prepared by Mrs. Beardsley and the cafeteria staff. Thank you to Mr. Reed, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Rose, and the National Honor Society Committee for their help in making this a successful day.



Dear family, friends, and the Fillmore community,

The FCS Class of 2020 would like to thank you for all of your support in helping us raise money for our senior trip through our various fundraising efforts this past year. At the end of April, our senior class will be going to Baltimore and Ocean City, Maryland!

Thanks especially to those that came and supported us in November at the annual senior auction. It was a huge success, and most of the funds raised will be used to help pay for our senior trip. We extend a special thanks the Mason family and R.G. Mason Auctions for continuing to selflessly give of their time to benefit the students of FCS by putting on the senior auction each year. We are fortunate to live in a community like Fillmore which cares so deeply about its school.

Sincerely,
~ The FCS Class of 2020

**School will be closed from
December 23rd - January 3rd
for Winter Break!**

Fillmore Cub Scout Pack 747

****for Boys & Girls in grades K-5th****

Some of the fun activities we do during the year include:

- Hiking ➤ Bowling ➤ Spook-O-Ree ➤ Winter Fun Day
- Pine Wood Derby ➤ Fishing Derby ➤ Summer Camps

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Little League Registration



Fillmore Little League Inc. will be holding **one (1)** registration day on Sat., February 8, 2020 at the Fillmore Central School from 9:00am - 1:00pm. **This is not tryouts - Just Registration** for all tee-ball players, softball players, minor league players, major league players and any new players! Every player **MUST** re-register each year!

We ask that all boys or girls interested in playing this season please come and register on this date. Please bring with you three (3) proofs of residency (EXP- copy of Drivers License, copy of a utility bill and or copy of auto ins. cert.) and a birth certificate with a raised stamp on it.

We will be placing the players per age in one (1) of the following programs

- **Tee-Ball** (Ages 4, 5 & 6 depending on skill level)
- **Minor League Baseball** (Will be run just like the Majors but with hitting off a pitching machine instead of a live pitcher.) (Ages 6, 7 & 8)
- **Girls Softball** (Ages 9 -12)
- **Little (Major) League Baseball** (Ages 10-12)
- **Junior & Senior League** (Ages 13/14 and 15/16) ****See Mrs. Austin at school for your Chicken BBQ tickets**

If you were on a Majors baseball or a softball team last year (ages 9-12) you will be receiving a call to ask if you plan on playing this season! If you do not receive a call please contact Chris Austin by Jan. 28th to express your interest in playing or volunteering to help or coach in any of our programs! (All help is always welcome. The programs past and future success depends on good people!)

Please call with any questions to Chris or Jen Austin @ (585)567-8221

Try-outs will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9:00 am** in the Fillmore Central Gym. Try-outs are required for softball AND majors. (T-ball and Minors DO NOT ATTEND TRY-OUTS).


The Fundraiser “Kick-off” and Chicken BBQ will be held **Saturday, April 4th** at the Fillmore Fire hall at **11:30 am sharp**.

**** There will be a LATE Fee of \$20.00 charged for any player who registers after March 1st.** If you cannot make it on the day of sign-ups, please fill out the registration form and enclose the necessary paperwork and **send it to school to the attention of Jen Austin.**

FCS Alum Receives Special Recognition


The following article appeared on the Cheektowaga Facebook page to honor Sergeant Haag who is a graduate of Fillmore Central:

We are very proud of Sergeant Justin Haag for being honored in IACP (International Association of Chiefs of Police) in the September publication. Sergeant Haag is a strong asset to our department and the community of Cheektowaga!



Justin Haag

Sergeant
Town of Cheektowaga Police Department, New York
Age: 36



Sergeant Justin Haag, a proven leader who combines his military experience and passion for community service to assist the Cheektowaga Police Department, draws motivation from the 48 lives lost within his battalion while he served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. His drive to do the right thing exists in all facets of his life, including as a police officer, youth mentor, community organizer, father, and husband.

Sergeant Haag is a cofounder of the Blue Bridges Initiative, a volunteer organization created for police department members to volunteer in local schools and in the community to bridge the gap between police officers who patrol the streets and the youth who live in the various neighborhoods around the town. Nearly 40 different officers consistently volunteer with the program, accumulating hundreds of community service hours interacting with the children in the community.

In addition, Sergeant Haag uses his mental health certification to instruct courses on CIT and mental health issues for veterans at the academy and at in-service trainings throughout the county. Sergeant Haag was awarded a distinguished conduct medal for wrestling a gun from the grasp of a suicidal male. This incident shaped his views on police and mental health interactions, leading him to instruct with the Erie County Crisis Intervention program. His willingness to share his experiences and to assist in any way he can make him an inspirational leader throughout the department.



FROGS Club Helps Local Food Pantry

A group of Fillmore 7th and 8th students in a club called FROGS (Fillmore Representatives of Giving Selflessly) held a food drive for a local food pantry with the help of some teachers. We were able to raise money for the pantry and collected eleven boxes full of nonperishable food items for them the week before thanksgiving. Throughout the year FROGS does several things to give back to our community. The food drive was held at the Shop'n'Save in Fillmore. We would like to say thank you to everyone who donated and to the Shop'n'Save for making it possible.

**Fillmore 2020****Little League®**

Player Registration Form

Player name**Address****Address 2****City/State/Zip****Home phone****Email****Birthdate****Gender****League Age/
Fee**

Age Amount

**My child will
tryout for:** ☐ **Baseball**
☐ **Softball****Parent #1****Parent #2**

Name			Name		
Phone	()		Phone	()	
Email			Email		
Occupation			Occupation		
Volunteer?	<input type="checkbox"/> If checked, fill out "Volunteer Application"		Volunteer?	<input type="checkbox"/> If checked, fill out "Volunteer Application"	

Medical Information**League Use Only**

Emergency contact		Phone	
Relationship to player		Policy	
Insurance carrier			

Birth Certificate Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Residency Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Medical Release Form Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Waiver needed? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Level Assigned	Team Name

1. I/We, the parents/guardians of the above-named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.

2. I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.

3. I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good conditions as when received except for normal wear and tear.

4. I/We agree that our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50 percent of the tryouts, local Board-of -Directors' approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.

5. I/We understand that our child (candidate) may be chosen at anytime to play on a Major Division team, if he or she is of the correct age for such division as determined by the local league and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by the local league.

6. I/We agree to provide proof of legal residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and age. I/We understand that our child (candidate) must be eligible under the residence and age regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, to participate in this Local League, and that if any controversy arises regarding residence and/or age, the decision of the Charter Committee in Williamsport shall be final and binding. I/We further understand that if any participant on a Little League team does not qualify for participation in the league based on residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and/or age, such participant and/or team on which he/she participates be found ineligible, and forfeit(s) and/or suspension of Tournament privileges may be decreed by action of the Charter Committee or Tournament Committee.

7. I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above-named candidate to League Officials.

Signature _____**Date** _____



Winter Happenings at the Library:

• **Friday, December 20th** we'll be hosting a **Christmas Escape Room**: "Oh No! Santa's List Has Gone Missing". Time slots run from 4:00-8:30pm, reservations are required. Fun for ALL AGES, not just kids!

• **Friday December 27th** we're running a **HOLIDAY MOVIE MARATHON**! Come and watch one or all of the movies! Snacks and drinks provided. Bring a bag lunch if you're staying for several of the movies if you like.

- 1:00 pm Abominable
- 3:00 pm The Nutcracker
- 5:00 pm The Grinch
- 7:00 pm A Christmas Carol

• **Monday, December 30th** at 6:30 our evening Book Club meets to discuss *MENNONITE IN A LITTLE BLACK DRESS* by Rhoda Janzen. We have several copies available at the circulation desk, please join in on our lively discussion!

• **The entire month of January** we will be holding our **24th Annual Allegany County SPCA Collection Drive**. Items needed are: pet treats, dry and canned PURINA (ONLY!) pet foods, rabbit food, pet toys, garbage bags, paper towels, liquid laundry soap, bleach, peanut butter, blan-

kets, towels, washcloths, collars/leashes, hay, wood pellets (used for cat litter), gift cards for Tractor Supply, Dollar General and Amazon and FOSTER FAMILIES! Please note that they do not need any cat litter or cat or dog foods that are NOT the Purina brand. Friday, January 3rd and 27th we're hosting a Winter Escape Room: "Let Me Outta Here! The Snowman is Melting!" time slots for both dates are from 1:00-7:00pm, you must reserve your spot at the library. These are for kids 8+ as well as adults!

• **Thursday, January 9th** is our Adult Craft Night- this month we'll be making **JEWELRY**! We have all the supplies (or bring some of your own if you prefer). This class is FREE but space is limited so please sign up at the library.

• **Saturday, January 11th** from 9:30-noon will be our last sewing workshop until springtime. We will be making a Valentine decoration. Bring half yard of red and/or pink fabric and a small bag of stuffing. Children with an adult are welcome to attend.

• **During the month of January** we'll be working on **Angel Gowns** every **Tuesday from 5:00-7:00pm** and every **Wednesday from 10:00-2:00pm**. Angel gowns are made from wedding dresses and

are repurposed into angel gowns for babies who never make it home from the hospital. We're looking for volunteers to help sew the gowns, and to take apart wedding dresses. You do not need to be a sewer to help out!

• **Every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30** we offer **after school programming**: fun with food, STEM activities and MORE! Late bus pick up is available at the library for grades 5+ Monday through Thursday. Cookbook Club continues the 3rd Thursday of every month. We choose a different cookbook every month and everyone picks a recipe to make and then brings it to our monthly gathering. This is a fun and welcoming group- please join us!

• **The Allegany Creative Writers Group** meets weekly, check at the library for **January dates**. Writers supporting other writers!

• **Story Time with Miss Bonnie** is every **Tuesday at 10:30**. Join us for stories, snacks and an easy craft!

We would like to acknowledge a memorial donation for Jim and Billy Talbott from Warren and Connie Emerson; and donations from Richard & Kate Hollis and Anne Voss.

HELP US, HELP THEM!



Grades 3PreK-6th grade collected over 800 items for the local food pantry.

2019-20, 1st Quarter Honor Roll



Principal's Honor Roll

12th Grade

Bedow, Tayler
Clark, Trevor
Cole, Luke
Colombo, Julia
Engler, Madison
Hatch, Emily
Hatch, Abigail
Hotchkiss, Andrew
Lewandowski, Megan
Miller, Carlee
Roeske, Hannah
Sylvester, Ada
Voss, Riley
Webb, Tobias
Webb, Levi
Willgens, Emily
Wolcott, Danielle

11th Grade

Ballard, Ryan
Beardsley, Shelby
Buck, Aaron
Frazier, Kirstin
Herring, Zachariah
Howden, Gwyneth
Kelley, Kieran
Miller, Harley
Potter, Connor
Schilke, Lydia

10th Grade

Beardsley, Zoe
Cockle, Clancey
Incognito, Dominic
Mucher, Jadyn
Roeske, William
Sisson, Carter
Stann, Mellody

9th Grade

Wolcott, Mercedes

8th Grade

Austin, Jenna
Buck, Brandon
Cool, Jackson
Dunmire, Matthew
Dunmire, John
Ellsworth, Kylee
Frazier, Oakley
Hatch, Rachel
Mills, Allison

Pomeroy, Sawyer
Rose, Amelia
Sanasith, Layton
Sharpe, Dashiell
Sharpe, Morley
Sisson, Zachary

7th Grade

Beardsley, Julia
Cox, Evelyn
Reitnour, Abigail
Troupe, Kaitlin

High Honor Roll

12th Grade

Bernard, Chase
Bower, Emma
Boynton, Tyler
Colter, Daniel
DiRienzo, Patrick
Holmes, Jessica
Johnson, Paige
Klatt, Brandon
Lewis, Josh
Mawn, Erin
Merrill, Sebastian
Prince, Blake
Rose, Mason
Roth, Corrin
Smith, Kaley
Stann, Gregory
Wolfer, Jaydin

11th Grade

Armison, Dawson
Austin, Jacob
Bliss, Anna
Cool, Mason
Ellwood, Shiloh
Halbach, Phynix
Kraft, Aurora
McGeorge, Connor
Potter, Owen
Ryan, Raylynn
Valentine, Dylan
Voss, Isaiah
Willmart, Alberta
Wolfer, Colby
Wright, Emilee

10th Grade

Ashton, Zora
Bliss, Duane
Cole, Emma
Cristino, Yanelly

Dunmire, Hannah
Freeman, Matthew
Hall, Haley
Hatch, Matthew
Hopkins, Raena
Nugent, Elizabeth
Templeton, Sophia

9th Grade

Chiu, Olivia
Decker, Henry
Derck, Joseph
Evans, Cadence
Frazier, Kada
Geertman, Madison
Hersee, Lucas
Pastorius, Katelyn
Pastorius, Sophia
Reed, Emily
Ruiz, Ryan
Schmidt, Ceira
Wagner, Aiden
Ward, Mitchell

8th Grade

Frazier, Michael
Heaney, Jenna
Hillman, Delaney
Hopkins, Emma
Miller, Preslee
Russell, Hope
Russell, Grace
Schilke, Eben
Strickland, Noah
White, MaKayla

7th Grade

Boon, John
Bush, Gavin
Engler, Kiera
Hatch, Alexander
Lewis, Michaela
Majoros, Amy
Tanner, Nathan
Wiltsey, Anderson

Honor Roll

12th Grade

Beardsley, Kainan
Emmons, Jared
Freeman, Nicolas
Hamilton, Ford
Mills, Kameron
Olver, Zach
Peet, Ethan

Valentine, William
Wallace, Josh
Wilcox, Samantha

11th Grade

Granger, Sydney
Oliver, Devon
Simmons, Susan
Tucker, Madysen
Wilcox, Hannah

10th Grade

Ellsworth, Alex
James, Morgan
Jones, Arianna
Kinnicutt, Kaleigh
Landcastle, Connor
Leonard, Selena
Majoros, Matthew
Mills, Johnathon
Simmons, Samantha
Sylvester, Isaac
Tanner, Hannah
Walinski, Lawrence
Wolfer, Torann

9th Grade

Beardsley, Emma
Beardsley, Benjamin
DeRock, Malory
Engler, Abby
Frazier, Karmen
Paulsen, Kyle
Prince, Lillian
Valentine, Morgan
Washburn, Taylor
Willgens, Tyler
Willmart, MaryJo
Wiltsey, Annika

8th Grade

Beardsley, Jude
Cockle, Reid
Kegley, Zander
Morley, Kira
Stann, Destiny
Sylvester, Ava
Thur, Alexandria
Wolfer, Marcus

7th Grade

Beardsley, Kalen
Bennett, Jacob
Buckley, Makenzie

Clark, Grace
Cox, Destiny
Gayford, Montana
Goodliff, Ryleigh
Hartman, Gage
Mahoney, Molly
Musicaro, Kaitlyn
Oliver, Gavin
Potter, Damon
Wilcox, Mackenzie
Willmart, Regina
Wood, Derek



FCS Music Department News

NYSSMA Zone 15 Area All-State Festivals

The weekends of November 1-2 and November 15-16, approximately 30 Fillmore Central School students in grades 7-12 participated in NYSSMA Zone 15 Area All-State performing ensembles. Students selected to perform are the top music students from five counties and 38 school districts across the Southern Tier. Students from FCS were represented in the Choral and Instrumental Ensembles at both the Junior High and Senior High festivals. Congratulations FCS students, and THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication to FCS Music!



Junior High Area All-State Mixed & Treble Choir Members: Row 1: Kyle Paulsen, Alex Thur, McKayla White
Row 2: Reid Cockle, Emily Reed, Ava Sylvester, Emma Hopkins



Junior High Area All-State Band Members: Olivia Chiu, Jon Habecker (now attends Houghton Academy), Allison Mills, Sophia Pastorius



Senior High Area All-State Band Members: Emily Willgens, Anna Bliss, Julia Colombo



Senior High Area All-State Treble Choir Members: Hannah Dunmire, Selena Leonard, Jadyen Mucher, Kayleigh Kinnicutt



INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

If you have a band instrument gathering dust under a bed or in a closet, please consider donating it to the FCS Music Department. **There is always a need for band instruments** for children who want to learn to play, but cannot afford an instrument. We provide as many as we can, but there is still a need. **Your donation is tax deductible!** Contact Jessica Chapman at (585)567-2289 if you would like to donate. Thank you!





Senior High Area All-State Mixed Choir Members: *Row 1:* Morgan James, Lydia Schilke, Raylynn Ryan, Tyler Boynton *Row 2:* Greg Stann, Connor McGeorge, Josh Lewis, Duane Bliss, Ryan Ballard *Row 3:* Larry Walinski, Patrick DiReinzo, Hannah Roeske, Josh Wallace



Help is just around the corner!

Big Brother/Big Sister: This program pairs elementary-age students (“littles”) with a college student (“big”) to mentor them. They will be able to attend one party a month on a Saturday, usually from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. We plan on having many games and crafts, as well as snacks, at each party. If possible, “big” will be able to plan one-on-one meetings with their “littles” between parties. This program is through Allegany County Outreach at Houghton College. If interested, please contact Miss Bailey for an application.

Winter Family Bowling Fun: December 7th 11am-1pm at Good Times of Olean. Starbridge invites you and your kids to a family bowling event. Show rentals, pizza, and soda will be provided. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult family member. For registration or other family events, contact Gretchen by phone at (585)224-7340 or email gjackson@starbridgeinc.org

Kinship Support Group: Are you raising a grandchild or a family member’s child? Join Kinship Support Group on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month from 5:30-7pm. Location at the Wellsville YMCA. Support groups provide emotional support, resources, and training to support you in raising the kinship in your care.

GSA Group: support group that provides safety and confidentiality to students who are struggling with their identity as gay, lesbian, bisexual orientation or gender identity or expression. They provide a sense of community and space for youth to build a social network where their identities are respected. Contact Literacy West (585) 268-5213. Meetings are on Wednesday 5-7pm. Upcoming meetings: December 18th, January 8th, January 29th.

Holiday Food Distribution

- **Snack Pack Program:** in need of extra food or snacks over holiday breaks for your children? Contact Miss Bailey at 567-2270 for an application.
- **Fillmore Community Food Pantry,** 25 Minard St Fillmore, NY. (585)567-2293 – December 18th from 3pm-5pm.
- **Belmont Fire Hall,** 80 Schuyler Street Belmont, NY 14813 – December 12th call (585)2687605 ext. 1401 or 1001 for your reservation.

****For more resources within the Fillmore Community, please contact Miss Bailey at 567-2270.****

Community Resource Corner



FCS Fall Sports Report: Soccer Teams Finish With Much Success

Varsity Boys' Soccer

When in the presence of overwhelming grace, the only proper response is overwhelming gratitude. That is certainly the summary of FCS Boys' Soccer this past season.

It's fitting that both of these words *grace* and *gratitude* have their origins in the Latin word *gratus*—meaning free or favor. Even though the Varsity Eagles worked exceedingly hard for all their 19-2-1 record this year, and in that sense earned their accolades, it still seems that so much of the success of this season was a gift and a blessing that the players, parents, fans, and coaches could not possibly have expected. They were the Allegany County Division 1 Champs for the third year in a row and for 23 of the past 29 years. By defeating Avoca, 2-0, they earned a Section V, Class D1 Championship, and a 2-1 nail biter over Section V Class D2 Champions Scio in the Class D crossover game sent us on to the Regional Final and State Quarterfinal game against North Collins. Winning that game, 3-0, sent the Eagles back to the Class D State Final Four for the first time in 12 years and for the fifth time in Fillmore Soccer history.

As spectacular as all the on-field glory was, however, the even more satisfying cascade of grace was the serendipitous encouragement and support from the entire Fillmore School Community. Being escorted through the towns of Fillmore and Houghton by fire trucks from both villages to the waves and shouts of community members on their front porches after our Regional victory against North Collins, and walking to our bus for the State Finals through the tunnel formed by all the faculty, staff, and students in the halls of FCS are experiences that players and coaches alike will never forget. We, indeed, were blessed by grace beyond measure.

So you'll understand when I say that my heart is spilling over with gratitude, full and free, for all of the fun of this season and for the acts of kindness and generosity toward our team.

Thank you to the Fillmore and Houghton Volunteer Fire Departments for the welcome home escort. Thank you to the Cahills, Jessica Romance, and Priscilla and Dar Beardsley for organizing the celebration dinner in the KPAC after our sectional



championship. Jessica also provided snacks for the boys at all their home games. Thank you to AD Matt Webb for providing the Houghton College Burke Field for the sectional finals and the crossover game against Scio and saving us all a trip to Cohocton. Thank you to the FCS School Board and Superintendent Mike Dodge for funding transportation and hotel accommodations on our trip to Middletown for States, and to AD Jon Beardsley for orchestrating a more fun mode of transportation for the boys than a charter bus and for saving the district over \$3000. Thank you to the FCS Booster Club, to Noah and Jen Voss, to Mr. Salada, and to Troy and Trish Ellsworth for significant financial contributions for meals for the boys during our sectional and State playoff run. Thank you to the FCS varsity coaches and to the Sissons for a profusion of donuts for the boys on the bus to States, and thank you to all the parents—the Cools, the Coles, the Cahills, the Webbs, the Ellsworths, the Sissons, Mrs. Ward, Sara Voss, and perhaps others that were not named to me that contributed to the goodie boxes that Jen Voss coordinated and compiled for each coach and player. Thank you to the faithful parents and fans that cheered for the boys all year long and to Wes Colter, the world's greatest ball boy.

Thank you, also, to Mike Witkowski, Jarrett Vosburg, and Jordan Mullen for investing so much of your time, expertise, and

energy into the lives of these players. You all understand that making a great soccer player is not half as important as forging young men of character and honor. For almost an entire month they worked every day for not a dime of compensation just to offer their help and support in making the Eagles the best they could be. I could not have asked for a more perfect coaching staff with whom to share this unforgettable memory.

Finally, and obviously most important, I cannot express enough gratitude to the FCS Boys' Varsity Soccer Team of 2019—Zach Herring, Mason Cool, Captain Tobias Webb, Luke Cole, Dylan Valentine, Captain Levi Webb, Mason Rose, Isaiah Voss, Graham Cahill, Ethan Peet, Captain Trevor Clark, Jack Cool, Eben Schilke, Carter Sisson, Mitchell Ward, and Alex Ellsworth-- that through your talent, effort, and character gave all of us so much pleasure and joy. You will be forever heroes of Fillmore Soccer history. Thank you, boys.

~ Coach Mullen

P.S. If out of ignorance or error I forgot to acknowledge someone for an act of grace, I beg your forgiveness and ask that you come to me and remind me what you did so that I can thank you properly. My only excuse is that in the profusion of generosity, I may have lost track or never become aware of who did what.

Varsity Girls' Soccer (Right)

The FCS Girls' Varsity soccer team finished the season as **Section V Class D1 Girls Soccer Champions**, Allegany County Champions for the 5th straight year, finished in the Top 10 in NYS and boasted a 2019 record of 18-1-1.

Over the last four years (many individuals on team were part of 3-4 years) the team now has a 67-5-3 record, with an amazing 60 Goals For / 6 Goals Against differential, including 14 shutouts.

2019 County All-Stars include: Hannah Roeske MVP. Carlee Miller, Emily Hatch, Abby Hatch, Riley Voss (1st Team) and Ada Sylvester (Honorable Mention)

"The girls would like to thank everyone for their support. It was a tremendous season and it was a joy to share our success with everyone."



JV Girls' Soccer (Below)

The JV Girls Soccer Team had a great season, finishing with a record of 14-1-0. The team won the Genesee Valley Tournament for the second year in a row, scored 72 goals, allowed 7 goals, and recorded 11 shut outs. All 17 girls played major roles in the team's success. Way to go JV Lady Eagles!



FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES

All four Varsity Teams earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Award.

This awards goes to teams that have an average of 90%+ for 75% of their roster.

Scholar Team Avg:

Girls Soccer	96.65%
Boys Soccer	95.84%
Girls Volleyball	95.65%
Girls Tennis	91.19%

All Varsity Athletes (50 total varsity athletes) had a combined average of **92.31!**

Thirty-eight varsity athletes had at least a 90% average for the fall marking period.

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO THE FLU

For more information about the flu, visit: health.ny.gov/flu

Is the flu more serious for kids?

- Infants and young children are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why the New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the flu vaccine.

What are signs of the flu?

- The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

Can my child go to school or day care with the flu?

- No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.

FLU

signs and symptoms



SORE THROAT



DRY COUGH



RHINITIS



FEVER



CHILLS



HEADACHE

- Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours. Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing.

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