

**Board President's Report  
Focus on Franklin  
January 26, 2017**

**Franklin High School**

In Kaelyn Baucum's quest to become a member of the New Jersey Association of Student Council's Executive Board, we are so pleased to report that she was selected as the Executive Board Member for the State Charity. She is the first NJASC Executive Board Member ever from Franklin High School.

I am also proud to announce that the Franklin High School Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform in a joint concert with the Rutgers University Symphonic Band. In addition to performing, the students will be working in clinics with the Director of Bands, Professor Darryl Bott, as well as other music faculty. The concert will take place on Friday, February 17th at 7:30 PM at the Nicholas Music Center.

The annual hoops for troops basketball tournament is this coming Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at Franklin High School. The first game is at noon and the Franklin vs Piscataway game is at 7:30 PM.

I am proud to announce that Franklin High School's Thespian Troupe #2479, consisting of FHS advanced drama students, successfully competed at the NJ Thespian Festival this weekend winning seven awards total! The following students received the highest rating of Superior and will have the opportunity to compete at the International Thespian Festival this June in Nebraska:

Joshua Hendricks  
Laura Kiesche  
Zowie Salvato  
Kalimah White (two awards)  
Madison Whiting.

Additionally, Joshua Hendricks won 2nd place in the category of Best Lead Actor for the state!

Franklin High School teacher, Maggie Muir Shylock, was recently chosen as a Teacher Who Makes Magic! Maggie was nominated by her school and chosen for this award by radio station Magic 98.3. She will attend a special dinner later this year.

**Sampson G. Smith School**

The SGS Production of Peter Pan Jr. is coming up on Friday, February 3rd, Saturday, February 4th, and Sunday, February 5th and then the following week on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th. The Friday and Saturday performances have a 7:00 PM curtain and the Sunday performances begin at 2:00 PM. There will be a special pre-show for members of our adult communities and senior citizens in town on Tuesday, February 7th at 3:15 PM.

Highlighting how our schools work together, I am so pleased to note that the Franklin High School robotics students worked with our SGS students in creating Captain Hook's robotic crocodile for the performance.