



## *The PTSO Executive Board Appreciates its Membership and Celebrates our Collective Accomplishments*

We've arrived at the final month of the 2014/15 school year; hence, it's time to reflect on the alignment of our children's academic achievement with FHS' mission statement of dedication *"to academic success through a rigorous and relevant curriculum that empowers students to become productive, responsible, and self-directed learners and citizens. Through the collaborative efforts of staff, students, parents, and the community, activities will be designed to strengthen school pride and celebrate diversity."* The FHS PTSO leadership strongly supports the language of the FHS Mission statement, and at the onset of the school year we pledged to *"enthusiastically represent and advocate for FHS families by working collaboratively with school and district administrators to disseminate relevant and time sensitive information with the stated purpose of achieving academic success for all FHS students."*

To that end, we've established this publication, *The FHS PTSO Newsletter*, for the expressed purpose of keeping the PTSO membership/FHS Community informed and engaged about educational policies that directly impact students' academic success. We've also, in keeping with the school's collaborative objective, forged alliances with district and school administrators, as well as school counselors, teachers, deans, club advisors, administrative personnel and students to buttress and guide FHS families and teachers as they strive to make our school a place of strong educational and positive social growth.

The PTSO leadership is grateful for the encouragement and support of our entire membership; however, we are particularly thankful to those active members who regularly attend our monthly meetings and contributed significantly to our objectives. A special note of gratitude is reserved for interim principal Dr. Tom DiGanci and PTSO Teacher liaison, Mrs. Karen Trautmann, whose respective attendance at our meetings provide the membership with important and timely updates, and the opportunity for parents to have their concerns addressed. The Executive Board clearly understands the scheduling conflicts and other obligations and commitments that precludes some members from attending these meetings. Nevertheless, we are acutely aware of your steadfast involvement with the PTSO per your comments and feedback about our Newsletters and email communications. We are very appreciative!

Our appreciation to the FHS administration, teachers and staff was on display during 'Teacher Appreciation' week in May. Despite our meager budget, and lack of fundraising, we were able to provide a nutritious breakfast (on Teacher Appreciation Day) with a bountiful of fruits, pastries, juices, coffee and deserts throughout the morning and early PM hours. We are indebted to the six PTSO families whose combined contribution of \$155 went directly towards the 'Teacher Appreciation Day' breakfast; we are also thankful to the students who volunteered to assist in setting up the event venue.

Throughout the school year, the Executive Board invited school central office administrators, and teachers to address various important issues at our monthly meetings. The PTSO is very appreciative to the speakers for their time and dedication to FHS parents and students; these workshops/presentations were very informative and allowed for robust discussions between the PTSO members and presenters. The following is a summary of these events:

### **October – Role of Guidance Department**

*Ms. Dana Karas, FHS Director of Guidance*

### **November – Focus on seniors and Graduation Requirements**

*Mrs. Tracey, Domena 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Vice Principal*

*Ms. Lauren Phillips, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Advisor*

*Ms. Jacqueline Swan, Guidance Counselor*

### **December – School Safety**

*Orvyl Wilson, Director of School Management*

### **February – PARCC**

*Ms. Irene Rodriguez-Reyes, English Supervisor*

*Nubeja Allen, Mathematics Supervisor*

*Carolyn Armstrong, Director Language Arts*

*Ana Washington, Director Planning, Research, Assessment & Accountability*

### **March – The Student-Athletic**

*Mrs. Rebekah Solomon, Supervisor of Health and PE*

### **April – National Honor Society & its application processes**

*Mr. Ronald Richter, Business teacher*

In addition to sponsoring workshops throughout the school year, the Executive Board also supported teachers/club advisors by depositing their club's fundraising monies into the PTSO bank account for transient withdrawal. Our collaboration included:

### **Ms. Kailynn Barbour, English Department**

*Poetry Class*

### **Ms. Cheryl Inzano, Health and Physical Education Department**

*The Amy Foundation Breast Cancer Walk*

### **Ms. Shu Fen Cheng, World Languages Department**

*Chinese Club*

### **Ms. Alecia Sand**

*Warrior Delivery Services*

### **Ms. Vicki L. Zeno, English Department**

*Miss Representation*

On behalf of its membership, the PTSO Executive Board's support for teachers and students involved the purchase of Plaques for Governor's Teacher (*Mr. Ron Richter*) & Educational Services Professional (*Ms. Stacey Hale*) of the year; the purchase of an advert for the annual Somerset County Interscholastic Athletic Association awards dinner where FHS Scholar-Athletics were honored; and is currently discussing with the main office to purchase a gift for the graduating seniors.

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## *BOE Corner*

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### **Mark your Calendar – APRIL/MAY EVENTS**

Apr 01	College and Career Fair Night
Apr 03	School Closed – Spring Break
Apr 06 – 10	School Closed – Spring Break
Apr 15 – 16	Prom Dress Giveaway
Apr 20 – 24	Administrative Professionals Week
Apr 22	Administrative Professionals Day
Apr 23	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking period
Apr 23	BOE Meeting
May 03 – 09	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 05	National Teacher Day
May 06	National School Nurse Day
May 07	String/Guitar Concert
May 07	BOE Meeting
May 08	3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking period Report Card Distribution
May 12	FHS Choral Concert
May 13	Drama III/IV Concert
May 21	BOE Meeting
May 22	Drama II Docudrama
May 25	School Closed – Memorial Day
May 26	District Dance

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Dear PTSO supporter,

As we approach the end of the 2014/15 school year, we reflect on our stated objectives and highlights some of our collective achievements. The PTSO Executive Board appreciated your supports throughout the school year and congratulates the senior class on their June 26<sup>th</sup> graduation. We also hope that those students who attended the prom has a memorable time, but hasten to add the school year has NOT yet ended; therefore, they are obliged to remain diligent about their studies/graduation requirements.

The final PTSO meeting will be held next Tuesday (June 9), and elections for Executive Board officers will be held. Currently, the nominees are:

Linda Darby – Co-President

John P. Felix – Co-president

Vanessa Flewellen – Recording Secretary

Connie Williams – Treasurer

Kai Leung – Membership Coordinator

Please note that the Summer Reading Assignments have been posted on the district website at this link,

<http://www.franklinboe.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5580>.

Sincerely,

John P. Felix

Co-President, FHS PTSO