

Career & Technical Education Newsletter

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My name is Diane Mondoro, and I am Franklin Township's Career & Technical Education (CTE) coordinator. One of the best parts of my job is that I visit classrooms and share what CTE means while watching the amazing things our talented students are learning in their classrooms. Each month I will highlight classes or activities to make you aware of what is available in our CTE programs throughout the district. Happy Holidays to you all! 🎉



I had the privilege of visiting Megan Midgley's Advanced Dance classes. Ms. Midgley's classes were preparing for the HSC Pep Rally that occurred in November. What stood out to me the most about the students were how eager they were to dance and to try out new techniques. Ms. Midgley was encouraging each of them to step beyond their comfort zones and express themselves creatively

CTE classes empower your child with the tools and concepts they need in their lives right now, but also in the future.

The learners at HSC shared with me that the choreography in the Winter Dance Showcase will be a representation of the students' voices and choices. Ms. Midgley asks groups of dancers to collaborate to develop their own combinations in each of the dances they are practicing. I am looking forward to seeing their innovations in January!





About the Teacher



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Advanced Dance Grades 6, 7,8

Megan Midgley graduated with her Ed.M in Dance Education at Rutgers University 's Graduate School of Education. Professionally, she performed as a company member of the Cardell Dance Company in Philadelphia. Ms. Midgley is a certified yoga instructor and , and teaches vinyasa classes in NJ. Currently, Ms. Midgley is the Co-Director of Evolution Dance and Performing Arts Academy in Brick.

CTE Company Gala!

FHS Dance Company hosted their first gala on Fri Dec 15th celebrating 7 years of our CTE dance program. The evening started with a performance by the CTE dancers. Our seniors performed a ballet piece to "Carol of the Bells" which showcased their technical skills. The finale dance was choreographed by Marcel Joshua, FHS Dance Company Alum '21. The performance also included a video montage of CTE dance alumni and where they are now.



After the performance all dancers, friends and family walked over to the cafeteria for dinner and raffles! Senior company member Afia Asamoah gave a speech about the importance of dance education. It was a celebratory evening where CTE dancers past and present were able to come together! Everyone at the event had a wonderful time, and the alumni were able to share their memories with our current FHS students. The gala could not have been made possible without the help and support of our wonderful dance moms: Monique Severino, Anabela Elliott, Carol Stewart and Lenise Owens. Be sure to follow @fhscethecompany on Instagram to see more pictures and videos from the event.





About the Teacher

Mrs. Lindsey Della Serra



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Tech I / Tech II / Tech III
Company Honors

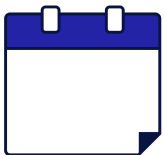
Lindsey Della Serra graduated cum laude from Mason Gross School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance and a Masters in Dance Education from Rutgers Graduate School of Education. During her time at Mason Gross, she performed in works by Robert Battle, Paulette Sears, Randy James, Doug Elkins, and Shen Wei Dance Arts. Mrs. Della Serra is a certified Polestar Pilates trainer, and teaches both dance and Pilates at multiple studios and camps in NJ. Currently, Mrs. Della Serra is the Company Manager for Moving Youth Dance Company and has been a dance educator at Franklin High School since 2015.

December CTE Student of the Month



Kobe Williams is a sophomore CTE Aspects of Video Production I student who has been named CTE Student of the Month. He has worked on several video exercises that have demonstrated his ability to shoot and edit. His natural ability to edit a sequence and recreate a scene using the techniques taught in the class shows his ability to become a future filmmaker in the program.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR ITEMS



- **MLK celebration** - Jan. 15, 2024
 - **SGS Winter Dance Showcase**- Jan. 19, 2024
 - **HSC Winter Dance Showcase**- Jan. 26, 2024
 - **CTE Parent Engagement Night**-- Jan. 2024
 - **FHS Dance Concert**-- Jan. 31, 2024
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I have been an educator for 12 years. I am a dual certified Biology and Business Education teacher. I am passionate about collaborating with the students, staff, families and businesses in the community to grow our CTE program.

Thanks to the following community partners who are currently sponsoring our students: Athletic Dance Institute, Center Stage Dance, Comprehensive Orthopedic Physical Therapy of NJ, First Baptist Church, Rhythmic Arts and Dance Center.

If you own a business and would like to partner with the CTE program, please contact me.

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