

Fabius-Pompey Central School District

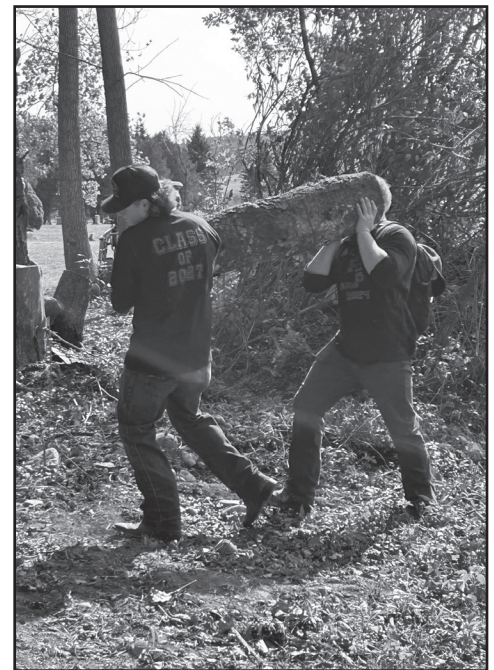
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October 11, 2024



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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

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Personnel Items:

- Approved the appointment of William Gabriel as School Resource Officer for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Alison Miles as Elementary Band Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Approved the appointment of Bryon Foster as Custodial Worker I, effective September 16, 2024.
- Approved the appointment of Lacy Perry as Bus Driver, effective September 9, 2024.
- Approved the appointment of Lisa Reiss as Bus Driver, effective December 1, 2024.
- Approved the appointment of William McCarthy as School Bus Monitor, effective September 3, 2024.
- Approved the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year: Miranda Putnam as Substitute Bus Monitor; Marion Maxwell as Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant; Autumn Edwards as Substitute Food Service Helper; Barry French as Substitute Food Service Helper.
- Approved volunteers for the 2024-2025 school year.

Business Items:

- Approved the adoption of a resolution to ratify the contract with the Fabius-Pompey Non-Instructional Association, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.
- Approved the articulation agreement with Tompkins Cortland Community College, effective September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2027.
- Approved the memorandum of agreement with SUNY Potsdam, effective September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.
- Approved an agreement for network printing services with OCM BOCES for a period of 36 months.
- Approved the lease agreement with Muddy Sneakers for the 2024-2025 school year.

Information Items:

- Approved a field trip exceeding 50 miles for student members of Teen Institute to attend a conference.



STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS USED IN PUBLICATIONS

Throughout the school year, photographs of students may be taken for use in District publications or by the local media. If you do not wish to have your child photographed, please send a note to your child's principal.

EMERGENCY CLOSING OF SCHOOL

When circumstances require the emergency closing of school, the following television stations will broadcast the information: WSTM-TV (Channel 3); WTVH-TV (Channel 5); WIXT-TV (Channel 9); YNN (Channel 10).

Please review with your children the details of the plan that you have established in the event there is an emergency early dismissal of school.

SCHOOL TAXES

Please drop off payment in the mailbox by the District Office entrance, or enter and pay tax collector if necessary.

Please call ahead with cash payments.

Monday through Friday

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed on school holidays

- September 3 through October 2, 2024 - No Penalty
- October 3 through October 31, 2024 - 2% Penalty
- November 1 and November 4, 2024 - 3% Penalty
- November 4 through November 15, 2024 - 5% Pay to County

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Meetings are held in the High School Library at 6:30 p.m.

November 5, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 3, 2024

December 17, 2024

January 7, 2025

January 21, 2025

February 4, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 11, 2025

March 25, 2025

April 1, 2025

April 21, 2025 (Monday)

May 6, 2025

May 20, 2025

June 10, 2025

June 24, 2025

Dates, time and location are subject to change.

Please visit the District website for updates.

www.fabiuspompey.org

SCHOOL CENSUS

If you are a new family in the Fabius-Pompey Central School District, please contact the District Office at (315) 683-5301 to be entered into the school district census.

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Upcoming Fiscal Challenges for the District: Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

As we enter the 2024-2025 school year and begin planning for the 2025-2026 budget, the district faces several fiscal challenges, driven by both the lingering effects of the pandemic and shifting economic conditions. In May of 2024, voters approved a \$20,916,700 budget. This reflects a modest increase over last year's budget of \$77,000. To get there, we did not backfill three elementary positions in addition to reducing MS-HS staff by two positions. In addition to this, we are using reserves (savings) in the amount of \$782,600. Continuing to use reserves at such high levels is not sustainable. Despite all these measures, the budget is still increasing due to inflationary pressures, negotiated salaries and wages, as well as escalating health insurance costs.

The district has been diligent in managing costs while investing in key projects. A positive development is that Fabius-Pompey qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2024-2025 school year, thanks to a reduction in the program's qualifying poverty threshold. This will help ease the financial burden of the lunch program. In addition, voters approved a capital project in December 2023, focusing on security upgrades, HVAC needs, pavement improvements, STEAM and agricultural program expansions, and athletic field repairs. Design work will continue throughout the 2024-2025 school year, with bidding slated for spring 2025 and project work set to begin in summer 2025.

Navigating a Changing Financial Landscape

In recent years, the district's financial landscape has evolved, prompting a reassessment of long-term strategies. A key focus of the board's five-year financial plan is reducing reliance on fund balance and reserves. However, the pandemic's lasting impact has increased the need for additional staffing and services to support students' social, emotional, and academic needs. While federal funding provided temporary relief during this challenging time, those resources have now been fully exhausted.

Managing the End of Federal Relief Funds

By summer 2024, the district had used the last of its federal COVID relief grants, which had been critical in managing increased costs related to students' well-being. While this funding provided short-term relief, the district must now address the long-term financial strain of sustaining these essential services without external assistance.

Further complicating the financial picture are potential reductions in state aid, which pose a looming fiscal challenge. To address this, the district made strategic adjustments at the close of the 2023-2024 school year, including opting not to refill certain vacated positions due to retirements and eliminating two additional positions to control costs.

Re-Evaluating Expenses for the Future

As the district prepares for the 2025-2026 budget, it is clear that spending must be carefully aligned with strategic priorities. Difficult decisions regarding staffing, programs, and other resources may be necessary to maintain financial responsibility while still addressing the needs of students and the community. Balancing these competing demands—managing ongoing student needs, preserving educational quality, and bracing for possible reductions in state aid—will be a central focus in upcoming budget discussions.

The Importance of Long-Term Financial Planning

The district's board remains committed to reducing reliance on one-time funding sources, such as reserves, to ensure long-term fiscal health. This strategic planning will be vital in navigating the complex financial challenges ahead. Despite economic uncertainties, this approach will help keep the district fiscally sound while ensuring essential services for students are maintained.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of our community as we work through these fiscal challenges together. We are committed to staying on a responsible financial path that protects the educational needs of our students while maintaining fiscal stability.

FROM LLOYD L. PECK, ED.D. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Welcome Back to the 2024-2025 School Year!

Welcome back to another exciting school year! As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to show and the leaves start to change, we are reminded of the beauty of our surroundings. Nestled in these gorgeous hills, we are truly fortunate to be part of such a special community that is full of energy, warmth, and support.

As we kick off the 2024-2025 school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on how proud we are of our incredible school district. Our students, staff, and community members make this a wonderful place to learn, grow, and succeed together. The start of the year may have had a few bumps in the road, but through collaboration and by listening to your valuable input, we've worked diligently to get everything back on track. Our goal has always been to enhance communication between the district and our community.

This year, we are thrilled to announce that we've expanded our efforts to stay connected with you through our new social media platforms. You can now follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and keep up with updates through our district's website. These platforms are designed to strengthen the communication between the district and the community and keep you informed about important events, updates, and achievements. We have also issued the first complete calendar of events for the community as well.

We'd also like to highlight the amazing accomplishments happening in our school this fall. Our sports teams have had a fantastic start to the year, and we're so proud of our student-athletes who are giving it their all on the field, the court, and beyond. Whether it's football, soccer, or cross-country, we've seen tremendous effort, teamwork, and school spirit from our students, coaches, and fans. Let's continue to show our support for these hardworking athletes throughout the season!

Behind the scenes, our district continues to focus on our strategic plan, a vital roadmap for the future of our schools. This plan is designed to guide our district's progress in key areas such as academic achievement, student well-being, and community engagement. We are actively working to finalize this plan and anticipate its completion by the end of the school year. It's an exciting time for our district as we ensure we're on the path to continued success.

In addition to our strategic planning efforts, we are also progressing on our capital project. Currently in the design and development stages, this project aims to enhance our school facilities and provide an even better learning environment for our students. We are optimistic that by this summer, we will be able to break ground and begin construction. We look forward to sharing more updates with you as the project moves forward.

As we move through the school year, we remain committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and high-achieving environment for all. We encourage you to stay engaged, whether through social media, attending school events, or simply reaching out with feedback. Together, we can continue to make our school community a place where everyone thrives.

Here's to a successful and rewarding school year ahead!

BOARD OF EDUCATION	
	Term Expires
John Repak, President (315-480-8248)	6-30-25
Eric Exelby, Vice President (315-683-9434/315-243-2589)	6-30-26
Alison Brainard (607-624-2220)	6-30-27
Denise Fresina DiRienzo (315-374-0496)	6-30-26
Holly Frazee (315-247-9522)	6-30-25
Gina Myers (315-450-4462)	6-30-27
Carlena Wallace (315-683-5638)	6-30-27

BREAKFAST MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2024
(subject to change)

Monday - French toast or bagel with cream cheese.

Tuesday - Bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or bagel with cream cheese.

Thursday - Pancakes and sausage (ES) or bagel with cream cheese and sausage.

Friday - English muffin with egg and ham or sausage and cheese or bagel with cream cheese.

Cereal, toast, fresh fruit and yogurt are available daily at ES and MS-HS.

All breakfasts include milk and juice. Students must take a fruit or vegetable.

LUNCH

Sandwiches available daily:







Peanut butter and jelly, tuna, ham, turkey, cheese and egg salad (subject to change)

Salad bar available daily at MS-HS
Hummus or legumes

Fresh fruit, vegetables and milk are available with lunch daily at the ES and MS-HS.

Gluten-free options are available daily.

LUNCH MENU FOR NOVEMBER 2024
(subject to change)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1 Deluxe cheeseburger on a bun Sweet potato fries Steamed broccoli Fruit and milk
4 Crispy breaded baked chicken drum sticks BBQ baked beans Tater tots Fruit and milk	5 Staff Development Day No School	6 Pizza crunchers Marinara sauce Green beans Fruit and milk	7 Stuffed crust pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	8 Macaroni and cheese Baby carrots Fruit and milk
11 Veterans Day No School 	12 Brunch for Lunch Mini pancakes Chicken sausage Hash brown potatoes Fruit and milk	13 Hot meatball sub Tossed salad Fruit and milk	14 Pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	15 Turkey and cheese pretzel melt (ES) Burgers (MS-HS) Sweet potato wedges Fruit and milk
18 Popcorn chicken Corn Fruit and milk	19 Pork burrito rice bowl (ES) Walking taco (MS-HS) Refried beans Fruit and milk	20 Hot turkey Gravy and stuffing Mashed potatoes Carrots Dessert  Fruit and milk	21 Personal pan pizza Tossed salad Fruit and milk	22 Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup Steamed broccoli Fruit and milk
25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 1/2 Day	27 Happy Thanksgiving! No School	28	29

For a complete meal, you must take a minimum of three items. One item must be a fruit or vegetable.

Mrs. Marion Carr, Cafeteria Manager, can be reached at (315) 683-5327 or mcarr@fabiuspompey.org.

Ala Carte Prices 2024-2025

Item:	Cost:
 Breakfast Entrée	\$ 1.85
Lunch Entrée 	\$ 2.25
Fruit roll-up	\$ 0.80
Fruit/Veg Side 4oz.	\$ 0.60
Graham Cracker/Scooby	\$ 0.75
Granola Bar	\$ 1.00
 Ice Cream Cone	\$ 1.25
Ice Cream Stick	\$ 1.00
Juice Cup 4 oz.	\$ 0.60
Milk Carton, any flavor 8 Oz.	\$ 0.75
 Mott's Fruit Snack	\$ 1.00
Rice Krispy Treat	\$ 1.00
Snack Chips	\$ 0.80
Water	\$ 1.25

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION

Implemented in the 2024-2025 School Year

All students in grades Pre-K through 12 will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

Additional entrees and ala carte items are subject to the prices on the ala carte price list.

Please complete the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) / Provision 2 Non-Base Year Household Income Eligibility Form if you qualify for free and reduced school meals. Please return your completed application for the 2024-2025 school year to Mrs. Carr. The application is available on the Cafeteria page of the District website.

ONLINE PAYMENT FOR LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Payments for lunch accounts can be made online at myschoolbucks.com. A student ID number is necessary to make a payment and can be obtained from the cafeteria.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES FOR THE 2024-2025 WINTER SEASON

Schedules are subject to change.

Please visit the Athletics page at www.fabiuspompey.org for complete schedule information.

Girls' Varsity Basketball			
@ Onondaga Central	12/5/2024	7:00 PM	HS Main Gym
@ Morrisville-Eaton	12/9/2024	7:00 PM	Middle/High School Gym
Hannibal	12/12/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (APW Rebels)	12/17/2024	6:30 PM	A-P-W High School
LaFayette	12/19/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
McGraw, Poland	12/28/2024	2:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Otselic Valley	12/28/2024	3:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Otselic Valley, McGraw, Poland	12/30/2024	3:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Weedsport	1/7/2025	7:00 PM	Weedsport Jr.-Sr. High School
Tully	1/9/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	1/14/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Madison	1/16/2025	7:00 PM	Madison Central Gymnasium
@ Pulaski	1/21/2025	7:00 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
Port Byron	1/24/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ LaFayette	1/28/2025	6:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
Onondaga Central	2/4/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	2/6/2025	7:00 PM	Tully HS Gym #1
Pulaski	2/11/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Morrisville-Eaton	2/13/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Utica Academy of Science		7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Utica Academy of Science		TBD	Utica Academy High School

Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball			
@ Onondaga Central	12/5/2024	5:30 PM	HS Main Gym
@ Citizenship Academy	12/10/2024	5:30 PM	Syracuse Academy of Science MS
Hannibal	12/12/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Altmar-Parish-Williamstown	12/17/2024	5:00 PM	A-P-W High School
LaFayette	12/19/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Weedsport	1/7/2025	5:30 PM	Weedsport Jr.-Sr. High School
Tully	1/9/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	1/14/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Madison	1/16/2025	5:30 PM	Madison Central Gymnasium
OnTech High School	1/17/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Pulaski	1/21/2025	5:30 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
Port Byron	1/24/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ LaFayette	1/28/2025	5:00 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
Onondaga Central	2/4/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	2/6/2025	5:30 PM	Tully HS Gym #1
Pulaski	2/11/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
TBD		5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S

Girls' Modified Basketball			
@ Bishop Grimes	1/16/2025	4:30 PM	Bishop Grimes Sheehan Gym
@ Bishop Ludden	1/21/2025	4:30 PM	Bishop Ludden H S
Lyncourt School	1/23/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Syracuse Academy of Science	1/27/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Tully	1/30/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Citizenship Academy	2/3/2025	4:30 PM	Citizenship Academy
@ Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (APW Rebels)	2/5/2025	4:30 PM	A-P-W Elementary School
@ Solvay	2/7/2025	4:30 PM	Solvay MS Gym
@ LaFayette (Green Team)	2/11/2025	4:30 PM	Grimshaw E S GYM
Southside Academy Charter School, Syracuse	2/13/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Bishop Ludden	2/27/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Tully	3/3/2025	4:30 PM	Tully HS Gym #1
LaFayette (Green Team)	3/5/2025	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym

Varsity Volleyball			
Vs. Multiple	11/30/2024	8:30 AM	Chittenango HS Large Gym and Small Gym
Tully	12/3/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	12/5/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Port Byron	12/9/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Faith Heritage	12/11/2024	6:00 PM	Faith Heritage
@ Pulaski	12/17/2024	7:00 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
@ Chittenango	12/19/2024	7:00 PM	Bolivar Rd Elem- Gym
@ McGraw	1/3/2025	7:00 PM	McGraw Central School
Christian Brothers Academy, Dewitt	1/7/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Pulaski	1/13/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	1/16/2025	7:00 PM	Whitey Anderson Court
@ Port Byron	1/21/2025	7:00 PM	Port Byron High School Gym
Faith Heritage	1/23/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
McGraw	1/27/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	1/28/2025	7:00 PM	Tully HS Gym #2
Cincinnatus	1/30/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ DeRuyter (ROCKETS)		7:00 PM	DeRuyter HS Gym
DeRuyter (ROCKETS)		7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S

Junior Varsity Volleyball			
Vs. Multiple	11/30/2024	8:30 AM	Chittenango MS Large Gym and Small Gym
Tully	12/3/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Manlius Pebble Hill	12/5/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Port Byron	12/9/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Pulaski	12/17/2024	5:30 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
@ Chittenango	12/19/2024	5:30 PM	Bolivar Rd Elem- Gym
@ McGraw	1/3/2025	5:30 PM	McGraw Central School
Christian Brothers Academy, I	1/7/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Pulaski	1/13/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Manlius Pebble Hill	1/16/2025	5:30 PM	Whitey Anderson Court
@ Port Byron	1/21/2025	5:30 PM	Port Byron High School Gym
Tully	1/23/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
McGraw	1/27/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	1/28/2025	5:30 PM	Tully HS Gym #2
Cincinnatus	1/30/2025	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
DeRuyter (ROCKETS)		5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ DeRuyter (ROCKETS)		5:30 PM	DeRuyter HS Gym

Boys' Varsity Basketball			
@ Weedsport	12/4/2024	7:00 PM	Weedsport Jr.-Sr. High School
@ OnTech High School	12/6/2024	TBD	Tipp Hill Community Center
@ Jordan-Elbridge	12/9/2024	7:00 PM	JE HS Gym
Faith Heritage	12/11/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	12/13/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Tully	12/18/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Hamilton	12/20/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Morrisville-Eaton, Cincinnatus	12/28/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Otselic Valley	12/28/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Morrisville-Eaton, Otselic Valley, Cincinnatus	12/30/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Solvay	1/3/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ LaFayette	1/8/2025	6:30 PM	Lafayette HS Gym
@ Pulaski	1/10/2025	7:00 PM	Pulaski HS GYM
Onondaga Central	1/15/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Tully	1/17/2025	7:00 PM	Tully HS Gym #1
LaFayette	1/20/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Pulaski	1/29/2025	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Onondaga Central	1/31/2025	7:00 PM	HS Main Gym
@ Port Byron	2/7/2025	7:00 PM	Lehn Gym
@ Otselic Valley		7:00 PM	Otselic Valley HS Gymnasium

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Morrisville-Eaton, Cincinnatus	12/28/2024	5:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey ES
Otselic Valley	12/28/2024	7:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey ES
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Boys' Modified Basketball			
Manlius Pebble Hill (MPH/Faith Heritage)	11/8/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils)	11/13/2024	4:30 PM	Cato-Meridian Jr. Sr H S Gym
Weedsport	11/15/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
LaFayette	11/18/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Tully	11/20/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Port Byron	11/22/2024	5:00 PM	Lehn Gym
@ Onondaga Central	11/25/2024	4:30 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
@ Manlius Pebble Hill (MPH/Faith Heritage)	12/3/2024	4:30 PM	Faith Heritage
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Port Byron	12/17/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
Onondaga Central	12/18/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym

Varsity Wrestling			
@ Central Square	12/7/2024	8:00 AM	CS: Paul V. Moore Gymnasium
@ Cazenovia	12/10/2024	6:00 PM	Cazenovia HS Buckley Gym
@ Phoenix	12/18/2024	6:00 PM	JCB Gym
@ Canastota	1/4/2025	9:30 AM	High School Gym
Pulaski (APW/Pulaski)	1/16/2025	6:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ TBD	1/18/2025	TBD	VVS Main Gym (The Pit)
Hannibal	1/22/2025	6:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
@ Marcellus	1/28/2025	6:00 PM	Marcellus DMS New Gym

Modified Wrestling			
Hannibal @ Phoenix	1/23/2025	4:30 PM	JCB Gym
Chittenango, Onondaga Central	1/28/2025	5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Cazenovia, Syracuse City (Syracuse City)	2/5/2025	5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Oswego @ Chittenango	2/6/2025	4:30 PM	Chittenango MS- Large Gym
Cato-Meridian (Blue Devils), Auburn @ Homer	2/11/2025	4:30 PM	Homer High School
Syracuse City (Syracuse City) @ Cortland	3/4/2025	4:30 PM	Cortland Jr-Sr HS Aux Gym
Central Square, Onondaga Central	3/6/2025	5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
Oswego, Jamesville-Dewitt (JD/CBA)	3/10/2025	5:00 PM	Fabius-Pompey H S
West Genesee, Fulton @ Oswego	3/12/2025	4:30 PM	Oswego MS Gym

Modified Volleyball			
Christian Brothers Academy, Dewitt	11/7/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Cazenovia	11/12/2024	4:30 PM	Cazenovia Middle School Gym
Tully	11/13/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Chittenango	11/15/2024	4:30 PM	Bolivar Rd Elem Gym
@ Onondaga Central	11/20/2024	4:30 PM	Wheeler Main Gym
LaFayette	11/22/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Solvay	11/26/2024	4:30 PM	Solvay MS Gym
Cazenovia	12/3/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Tully	12/5/2024	4:30 PM	Tully Elementary Gym
Chittenango	12/9/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ Christian Brothers Academy, Dewitt	12/11/2024	5:00 PM	Callahan Gym
Onondaga Central	12/13/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym
@ LaFayette	12/17/2024	4:30 PM	Grimshaw ES GYM
Solvay	12/19/2024	4:30 PM	Fabius-Pompey MS Gym

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Sasha Rasmussen, Principal

Greetings, Fabius-Pompey Community!

We're excited to kick off the fall with some fantastic news to share! This year, we've begun with a strong focus on academics, launching two new curricula: **Eureka2** for math and **Wit & Wisdom** for ELA in Grades 3-5. These programs, fully aligned with New York State standards, are bringing rigor and consistency across all classrooms. A special shout-out goes to our dedicated teachers for their hard work and implementation of these curriculum resources, ensuring that every student receives a solid academic foundation.

We were delighted to see so many families at **Curriculum Night on September 19**. It was a wonderful opportunity to share insights into your child's learning experiences and introduce the dedicated team of educators who will be guiding them this year. Thank you for taking the time to connect with us and for your continued partnership in supporting your child's education!

Another exciting highlight this fall is celebrating **Year 2 of our UPK program**. We are so proud of how much this program has grown. Our youngest students are thriving with a rich blend of music, art, library, and physical education, along with social-emotional learning. We're eager to watch their growth and development continue!

Of course, **Falcon Fridays** are back, and we encourage everyone—students, staff, families, and community members—to show their Falcon spirit by wearing school colors every Friday. Don't forget, our online store is open for all your **F-P merchandise** needs, which can be accessed via the school website.

At Fabius-Pompey Elementary, we continue to reinforce our school-wide behavior expectations known as **CARES**:

- **Cooperation** – Working together and supporting others.
- **Assertiveness** – Standing up for yourself with confidence.
- **Responsibility** – Making thoughtful choices and being accountable for them.
- **Empathy** – Understanding and sharing the feelings of others.
- **Self-Control** – Regulating your behavior in different situations.

This fall, our focus is on **Cooperation**—what it looks like in the classroom, cafeteria, and on the playground. In October, we'll recognize students who go above and beyond in demonstrating cooperation during a special school-wide assembly.

Our classrooms are already buzzing with energy as teachers and students work together to build positive classroom environments. Through **Morning Meetings and Closing Circles**, students engage in activities that help them form friendships, share with one another, and develop key social skills like turn-taking, sharing, and resolving conflicts.

Finally, a quick reminder: We're continuing to use **ParentSquare** for all school communications and **PickUp Patrol** for transportation and attendance. If you need assistance with either, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (315) 683-5857.

We wish you all a beautiful fall and are excited for the year ahead!

Warmly,

Mrs. Rasmussen

**WHEN YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL,
please call or email the Health Office.**

Fabius-Pompey Middle School-High School

Grades 6 through 12

(315) 683-5214

pfeeney@fabiuspompey.org or rlangey@fabiuspompey.org

Fabius-Pompey Elementary School

Grades Pre-K through 5

(315) 683-5197

mmcdonough@fabiuspompey.org

Elementary School Parents: Please manage your child's absences, late arrivals and dismissal plans with PickUp Patrol

COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS

by Mrs. Barnum and Mr. Piorkowski, School Counselors

College Application Reminders

As your child continues in the college application process, please remember that early submission of applications, whenever possible, is important.

Suggested timeline:

- SUNY applications should be in by mid-November.
- All other applications should be completed by winter break.
- All transcript requests should be received in the Counseling Office one week before any due dates, in order to allow adequate processing time.
- Questions? Please call the Counseling Office at (315) 683-5460, or email jbarnum@fabiuspompey.org or dpiorkowski@fabiuspompey.org.

NCAA Changes

For any changes in requirements for The National Collegiate Athletic Association for high school athletes, please visit the NCAA Guide for the CollegeBoard Student-Athlete on the website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Website Links

A couple of links on our website:

- **Naviance**. Currently this is a program our seniors are using to apply to colleges. Later in the year, all other grades will be utilizing it for career and college exploration activities.
- **FAFSA**. The FAFSA 2024-2025 school year link is on our Counseling Department's Google Classroom as well. Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year will be available in December 2024. File your FAFSA as close to the open date as possible to improve your chances of qualifying for the most grant, scholarship and work-study aid. Fabius-Pompey will be hosting a Financial Aid Night prior to December.

Additional information can also be found on Google Classroom.

TECHNOLOGY CLASS NEWS

by Mr. Granieri, Technology Teacher

During the 2023-2024 school year, students in the technical drawing class were tasked to create a new sign for the Transportation building. The sign that was there before was dull and unreadable from the road! The class took the time to properly size it, engrave the words and falcon with wood burners, then paint it accordingly. At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, the sophomores and seniors of the woodworking class were asked to figure out how to hang the new sign. We took the time to assess what was already there and decided due to the nature of the wall it would be easiest to go with countersunk tapcon (masonry) screws. Using a level, masonry drill bit, impact driver, and the new screws, the woodworking class was able to easily attach the new sign to the Transportation building!



VISITING AUTHOR SERIES NEWS

by Mr. Neumire, English Teacher

The Fabius-Pompey Visiting Author Series 2024-2025 kicked off on Friday, October 11, with songwriter and guitarist Randy McStine, who talked to students about songwriting, music production, performance, and audience. McStine is a musician, songwriter and producer who has collaborated with members of Porcupine Tree, Panic! At The Disco, Tears For Fears, Spock's Beard, Joe Satriani, Miles Davis, King's X, and more. Fueled by a wide array of influences, McStine's work embraces Rock, Alternative, Progressive, Singer-Songwriter, Folk, Pop, and Ambient music. In 2020, he formed McStine & Minnemann with acclaimed drummer and composer, Marco Minnemann. The duo has recorded and released two albums and made their live debut in 2022. Randy is currently working on new solo music while serving as a touring member of Porcupine Tree, who returned in 2022 with a new album and world tour after a 12-year hiatus.

A.P.T.S. NEWS

by Mrs. Schroeter, Corresponding Secretary

www.f-p-aps.org

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Melissa Law-Penrose and Rachel Foster, Co-Vice Presidents - vp@f-p-aps.org

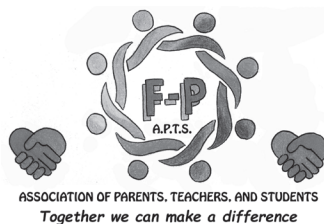
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A.P.T.S. is looking for volunteers!

Anyone can participate – parents, guardians, students and school employees. For more information, visit our website or Facebook page (Fabius Pompey APTS), contact a current officer or attend a meeting.



Meetings are the first or second Tuesday of each month and start at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in person this year, in the Middle School-High School library, with the option of joining virtually via Google Meet.

2024-2025 meeting dates:

November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 18, April 8, May 13, June 3

DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Bus Garage.....	(315) 683-5278
Committee on Special Education.....	(315) 683-5465
District/Business Office.....	(315) 683-5301
District Office Fax.....	(315) 683-5827
Elementary School Fax.....	(315) 683-5680
Elementary School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5197
Elementary School Office.....	(315) 683-5857
Middle School-High School Cafeteria.....	(315) 683-5327
Middle School-High School Fax.....	(315) 683-5569
Middle School-High School Guidance Office..	(315) 683-5460
Middle School-High School Nurse.....	(315) 683-5214
Middle School-High School Office.....	(315) 683-5811

F-P SPORTS BOOSTERS NEWS

by Mrs. Clarkson, Secretary

Website: www.fpsportsboosters.org

Email: FPSportsBoosters@outlook.com

On Facebook @ Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters

Ben Neadom, President - Erin Markey Clarkson, Secretary

OUR MISSION. To support Fabius-Pompey's sports programs by providing equipment, tools and opportunities that might not otherwise be available from the school district.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR FALL ATHLETES ON GREAT SEASONS!

2024 COMMUNITIES KICKIN' CANCER GAMES. Thanks to all who supported the annual Communities Kickin' Cancer soccer games on Saturday, September 28, as sponsors, donors, volunteers, and spectators! Check out www.communitieskickincancer.org for details of our total amount raised and additional photos of the event.



WAYS TO SUPPORT SPORTS BOOSTERS:

- Volunteer to work at the concession stand during our winter sports events (basketball & volleyball) or donate candy, chips, or drinks for the stand. Signup sheets will be posted on our website soon.
- Purchase an engraved paver to add to the patio in front of the concession stand. A terrific way to commemorate a special event or student athlete and support Sports Boosters! Visit www.fpsportsboosters.org for an order form.

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED. Fabius-Pompey Sports Boosters is looking for new members. Please consider giving your time for this worthy cause. We hold one short meeting each month during the school year, and you may help out as much or as little as you would like. Questions? Reach us at our email, website or Facebook addresses above.

NEXT MEETING. Our next meeting will be held in mid-November. Check our Facebook page for the date and time.

THE ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT DISTRICT NEWSLETTER IS NOVEMBER 1.

Please email articles to jgasparini@fabiuspompey.org.

READ THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ONLINE!

Visit the Fabius-Pompey website at www.fabiuspompey.org and find us at the bottom of the District flyout menu.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- November 4 MS-HS Fall Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- November 5 Staff Development Day - No School
- November 5 Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- November 6 MS-HS Fall Chorus Concert - 7:00 p.m.
- November 8 MS-HS Picture Retakes / Senior Class Picture
- November 11 Veterans Day - No School
- November 14 MS-HS Drama Production - 7:00 p.m.
- November 15 Elementary School Picture Retakes
- November 15 MS-HS Drama Production - 7:00 p.m.
- November 16 MS-HS Drama Production - 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
- November 18 JV/Varsity Winter Sports Begin
- November 19 Board of Education Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
- November 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 11:15 a.m. dismissal
- November 26 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 11:15 a.m. dismissal
- November 27 - 29 Thanksgiving Recess - No School

The **Fabius-Pompey Outreach Food Pantry** is located at the **Fabius Community Center, Main Street, Fabius**. The **Food Pantry** is open **3 to 5:30 p.m. on the following Thursdays: November 7 & 21**. In an emergency call (315) 677-3590.

The **Food Pantry** at the **Delphi Falls United Church** is open **10 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays: November 9 & 23**.

To donate unopened, unexpired food items, look for bins at local churches and Post Offices. Our mailing address is Fabius-Pompey Outreach, P.O. Box 251, Pompey, NY 13138.

Please visit our website at www.fpoutreach.org for information and updates. *Thank you!*

Rides for medical appointments are available to those residing in the Towns of Delphi Falls, Fabius, LaFayette, Pompey and Tully. If you are unable to drive or arrange transportation, call **FISH (Friends in Service Here)** at (315) 696-8659. Volunteers drive **9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday**. Call at least three days prior to your scheduled medical appointment.

Don't have time to make dinner before trick or treating? We have you covered! Come visit the **Fabius Fire Department on Main Street in the Village of Fabius on Halloween, Thursday, October 31**. We will have treats for the kids and coffee for the adults. **Starting at 5:30 p.m.**, we will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Cash only.

We would love to have you join us for **Trunk or Treat** at the **Fabius Christian Church on Thursday, October 31**, from **5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Trunk or Treaters can arrive anytime between **5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** Those wishing to have space to decorate the trunk of their vehicle need to RSVP (Call or Text) by Monday, October 28, to Pastor Kevin Turner (585) 615-9407.

All are welcome to **Election Night Dinner** at **Fabius Christian Church**, 7803 Main St., Fabius, on **Tuesday, November 5**. Spaghetti dinner is takeout only. **Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. until gone**. Dinner is free! Donations are welcome to support our building project.

Mark your calendars for the **Holiday Bazaar** at **Immaculate Conception Church**, to be held **Saturday, November 23**, from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** There will be baked goods (cookies, cakes and pies!), vendors, a white elephant table, Chinese auction, 50/50 raffle and much more. Be sure to come for coffee and donuts in the morning and soups and sandwiches for lunch!

The **Village of Fabius Board** would like to honor the **Village of Fabius Heroes with Banners to be displayed on the utility poles**. The banners for our **Hometown Heroes** will be placed before Memorial Day and stay up until after Veterans Day. For further information and application please contact Pamela Houck, Village Clerk, at (315) 683-9478 or fabiusvillage@gmail.com. The deadline is Friday, December 20.

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ANNUAL WATER TEST RESULTS

In accordance with NYS Regulations, the Fabius-Pompey Central School District recently completed its mandated annual water testing. Each year, under NYS Regulations (Public Water Systems, Subpart 5-1), Onondaga County defines the parameters for water sampling, which public water systems must follow, including school districts utilizing their own wells. This year, as in past years, our school district water was tested on a monthly basis for microbiological contaminants and is tested annually for chemical contaminants, including nitrates and sodium.

This year's results remain consistent with the results of past years. The microbiological result is once again satisfactory and complies with the Onondaga County standard for drinking water. The nitrates result, at 3.50 mg/L in the Elementary School and 4.50 mg/L in the Middle School-High School, falls below the standard maximum contaminant level of 10 mg/L. Sodium levels tested at 68.9 mg/L in the Elementary School and 44.3 mg/L in the Middle School-High School.

These levels are normal for the school ground water source. There is no maximum contaminant level for sodium under the New York State Water Statute. Sodium occurs naturally in drinking water and poses no health hazard in and of itself. However, the NYS Water Statute states, "People on **severely** restricted sodium diets should not consume drinking water containing more than 20 mg/L." The Statute further states, "Water containing more than 270 mg/L should not be used for drinking by people who are on moderately restricted sodium diets." Our levels are less than one-half that amount.

If you have any questions regarding this information, contact Richard Clancy, Buildings, Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor, Fabius-Pompey Central School District, 7800 Main Street, Fabius, NY 13063, or call (315) 683-5180.