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A Step Ahead

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Four Festus Schools Recognized For Being Model PLC Schools

Solution Tree, the leading organization behind Professional Learning Communities recognized all four Festus Schools for being Model PLC Schools. Festus Elementary, Intermediate, Middle and High Schools received the recognition in the past two months.

Ben Tilley and Jean Burnstine presented the school principals and staff from the Elementary, Intermediate and Middle Schools with certificates and a banner during the April and May school board meetings. The High School very recently learned of its selection and will be recognized at a future board meeting. PLC's, best know to Festus residents as our "late start Wednesdays," have been a part of the culture in the Festus School District for nearly 20 years.

Our schools are four of just 19 Model PLC's in the state of Missouri and just over 200 in the entire world. The schools received the honor after an extensive application process. Educators from around the country reviewed the applications that included data on state assessment tests.

Professional Learning Communities are collaborative environments where our teachers discuss the best ways to educate our students. It involves detailed lesson planning and discussing ways to provide enrichment activities for students who have mastered the material and remediation materials for those students who are struggling to grasp the concepts.



Ben Tilley presents the Elementary certificate to (from L to R): counselor Angie Eisenbeis, teacher Cara Pellerin, Assistant Principal Saundra Benack, teacher Molly Labitska, Principal Darin Seifert.



Ben Tilley (right) presents the Intermediate certificate to (from L to R): 4th grade teacher Jennifer Schuenemann, 6th grade teacher Jonathan Woolard & Intermediate Assistant Principal Deana Brown.



Jean Burnstine presents the Middle School certificate to (from L to R): Principal Joe Willis, Assistant Principal Jacob Munoz, teacher Helen Maschmeyer, teacher Jodi Bruns, teacher Cody Mothersbaugh,



Duncan Cook receives his diploma cover from School Board President Todd Oetting.

Graduation Ceremonies

Commencement ceremonies returned to the Festus School District campus last month. Festus Tiger Stadium hosted graduation for 199 students in the Class of 2019. This was the first time in several years graduation could be held on campus. Approximately 2800 people attended the ceremonies in the newly renovated Tiger Stadium. Caitlin Holt, Katie Basler and Kaitlynn Prater were the student speakers for graduation.



199 students graduated from Festus High School on Wednesday, May 22. For more on graduation and this year's senior awards see pages 8 & 9

LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Patrons,

First, I offer CONGRATULATIONS to members of the Class of 2019, which was comprised of 199 graduates. Our students received a total of 482 scholarship offers. 123 of our graduates got at least one offer. We wish the class of 2019 success in all of their future endeavors. Second, we are proud of our District accomplishments over the past year. The most noteworthy is the passage of 'Proposition F' by patrons, which will allow us to increase our 'Operating Levy' from \$3.74 to \$4.33 (while maintaining the lowest overall school district tax levy within Jefferson County). During the next few years, Proposition F will result in: two additional School Resource Officers which will allow for one at each student attendance center; re-configuration of the existing parent/bus drop-off/pick-up area at FES.; the reconfiguration will also result in a new K-1 playground; implementation of an early childhood education program for children ages 3 & 4; construction of a Performing Arts Center that would be made available for community use; continued strengthening of our technology infrastructure along with striving to have a 1:1 ratio of mobile learning devices at our lower grades; and construction of an Activities Center that would have a walking track which would be made available to members of our school community in the early morning hours and/or on weekends and assure that graduation would always be held on the R-VI campus. In addition, salaries of classified personnel (custodians, food service, transportation, classroom aides, etc.) would continue to be enhanced in the effort to meet the new state law passed by voters in November 2018 which will increase the minimum wage to \$12 per hour over the next few years.

None of the above items would have been possible without your support and we appreciate you being

there for us. I can assure you that we will continue to be good stewards of the financial allocations given to us so that we can provide a high-quality educational experience for all students.

This edition of 'A Step Ahead' is filled with noteworthy accomplishments of our students and hope you find each of them just as exciting as I have. Of the many accomplishments, I must take time to point out the fact that our FHS "Class of 2019" had a record number of 'Bright Flight Scholars' with 17, which shattered the previous mark of 13.

Finally, do take time and enjoy the summer months with your family while keeping in mind that the first student attendance day of our 2019-2020 school year will be Thursday, August 15, 2019. Our annual 'Community Newsletter' which provides specifics for student registration; open house dates, lunch pricing, etc. will be available in the July 11 edition of 'The Leader' and also on our website at www.festus.k12.mo.us.

Educationally,

Todd Oetting

Todd Oetting, President
Festus R-6 School District
Board of Education

Staff Recognition - Years of Service



Retirees: L to R:
Susan Wright,
Pam Woolard,
Connie Bremer



25 years: L to R:
Barbara Crites, Melissa
Coahuilas, Theresa
Harms (not pictured:
Wendy Mickley)
JoAnn Coplin (not
pictured) was also
honored for 30 years of
continuous service to
the district.



20 years: L to R: Eric Allen, Amanda Esparza, Christopher Auchly,
Kelly Henneman, Julie Ferrell, Rachel Duncan-Anderson, Michele
Kearns, Angie Eisenbeis (not pictured: Curties Cook)



15 years: L to R: William Noce, Laura Sellman, Cindy Schraer, Michelle
Niehaus, Diane Sollmann, Tina Neubrand, Shannon Helms, Kerri Dawson, Cara
Pellerin, Stefanie Craig, Lynn Stanley, Amy Oshia, Lisa Rutledge (not pictured:
Judith Cosma, Nichole Fisher, Anthony Kinder, Amy Naeger, Jennifer Naeger,
Idis Riney, Lisa Stafford)



10 Years: L to R: Tamara
Fletcher, Kelli Moll, Connie
Bremer (not pictured:
Travis Cearly, Nancy
Darnell, Melissa Westoff)



5 years: L to R – Rhonda Keen, Kimberly Polette, Jennifer Kline, Michelle
Donaldson, Jessica Doyel, Thomas McFarland, Sarah Floyd, Jason Nahlik, Chelby
Bridgewater, Austin Burgert, Karen Propst, Josh Bauman, Joel Roth, Cayla
Tolbert, Kala Linville (not pictured: Patsy Block, Thomas Bourisaw, Denise Brown,
Rhonda Cawvey, Tracy Connor, Ann Counts, Grace Dobson, Kari Fear, John
Griffith, Tonya Hoffman, Casey Parker, Ashley Pullins)

Thank You

We want to extend a huge “THANK YOU” to you, the patrons of the Festus R-6 School District. Your generosity led to the passage of Proposition F on April 2nd. In the next few weeks will be begin interviews for two new school resource officers, giving us four total, enough for one to be assigned to each of our school buildings. We will begin purchasing new Chromebooks to expand our 1:1 Chromebook Initiative to the Intermediate School during the fall semester.

In the coming years you will also see lots of construction on our campus with the addition of a new Performing Arts Center, Activities Center, new Elementary School pick-up & drop-off area and a new K-1 playground and the addition of an Early Childhood Education Center.

Current preliminary construction timelines for **Phase 1** are:

Elementary School Pick-up/Drop-off/Parking Lot & Playground:

- Design Phase: Now – August
- Bid/Construction: No later than Spring 2020

Performing Arts Center:

- Design Phase: June 2019 – March 2020
- Bid/Construction: Spring 2020

While not a part of Proposition F, the new band addition gives us the opportunity to repurpose the old band room. It will become a **Student Services Center** that will be home to our high school counselors, the School Resource Officer and our new Director of Special Programs & Student Services. The timeline for that work is:

- Design phase: Now – September 2019
- Bid/Construction: Fall 2019

Superintendent Dr Link Luttrell says, “Thank you again to our patrons for your generosity in providing us the funds to do this work for our students and our community. These improvements to our schools and our campus will help to keep the Festus R-6 School District among the best not only in Jefferson County, but among the entire State.”

2019-2020 New Student Registration & Open House Dates

Elementary School

NEW STUDENT Registration: Tuesday, July 30 – 10am-12pm; 2pm-6pm
Wednesday, July 31 – 8am-11am; 12pm-3pm
Thursday, Aug. 1 – 8am – 11am; 12pm-3pm
OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, August 13 – 5pm-7pm

Intermediate School

NEW STUDENT Registration: Tuesday, July 30 – 10am-12pm; 2pm-6pm
Wednesday, July 31 – 8am-11am; 12pm-3pm
Thursday, Aug. 1 – 8am – 11am; 12pm-3pm
OPEN HOUSE: Monday, August 12 – 5pm-7pm

Middle School

NEW STUDENTS ONLY: Tuesday, July 30 - 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
8th GRADE ONLY: Wednesday, July 31 – 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
7th GRADE ONLY: Thursday, Aug. 1 – 11am-2pm; 4pm-6pm
OPEN HOUSE: Monday, August 12
Last name A-M – 5pm-6:05pm
Last name N-Z - 6:30pm-7:35pm

High School

SENIORS: Tuesday, Aug. 6 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
JUNIORS; Wednesday, Aug. 7 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
SOPHOMORES: Thursday, Aug. 8 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
FRESHMEN: Friday, Aug. 9 – 9am-11:30am; 1pm-3pm
Evening Hours for Anyone: Thursday, Aug. 8 – 4-6pm
Freshmen Orientation: Tuesday, Aug. 13 – 7:15am-12:30
OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, Aug. 13 – 6pm-8pm

Beginning August 1, 2019, our online registration will be open! This will limit paper forms that parents fill out at the beginning of each school year. Access to online registration can be reached using Parent Portal. This requires that you must have a valid email address on record with the district to participate. Online registration is a resource that can be used for ALL students K-12.

Festus R-VI “Community Newsletter” will be inserted in the Leader Publication Newspaper on July 11. This issue will have important information concerning the 2019-2020 school year.



FESTUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten Students Move On To 1st Grade

More than 250 Kindergarten students “graduated” to 1st grade on the last day of school. Our annual Kindergarten promotion ceremonies featured a song by the students and the reading of each student’s name as they walked across the stage to receive their Kindergarten certificate.



Kindergarten students sing their graduation song “We Are First Graders” to the tune of “We Are The Champions.”



Christian Kleinhans receives his Kindergarten certificate from Superintendent Dr. Link Luttrell.

Incoming Kindergarten Students Get A Look At School

The Elementary School hosted a "Kindergarten Kickoff" at Festus Elementary School for children who are entering Kindergarten in the 2019-2020 school year. Children got to meet the kindergarten teachers along with the Reading Power, art, and music teachers. Information about summer school was available, and Parents as Teachers provided information about their organization and ran a fun activity. The Parent Teacher Organization had Festus Spirit Wear for sale, too. Other activities included making bracelets, playing a literacy game, face painting, making maracas, taking a tour of a school bus, and playing on the playground. Every incoming kindergarten student received a free popsicle for attending!



Incoming students enjoyed a popsicle while playing outside.



Incoming students got the chance to see what the school bus is all about.

2nd & 3rd Grade Students Watch New Life Begin

Second and third grade students learned about life cycles this spring. 2nd grade classes placed incubators in their rooms with some chicken eggs. While in the classroom, teachers and students discussed the development of the baby chick inside the eggs. Finally, after several days, those eggs began to hatch, revealing the baby chick inside.

Our third grade classrooms began their discussion by placing Painted Lady caterpillar larvae in small plastic cups with food until they formed their chrysalis. Then all of the chrysalises were moved inside a mesh netting until they emerged as adult butterflies. Along the way, teachers and students talked about what was happening. Once all of the butterflies emerged, they were released into the wild.



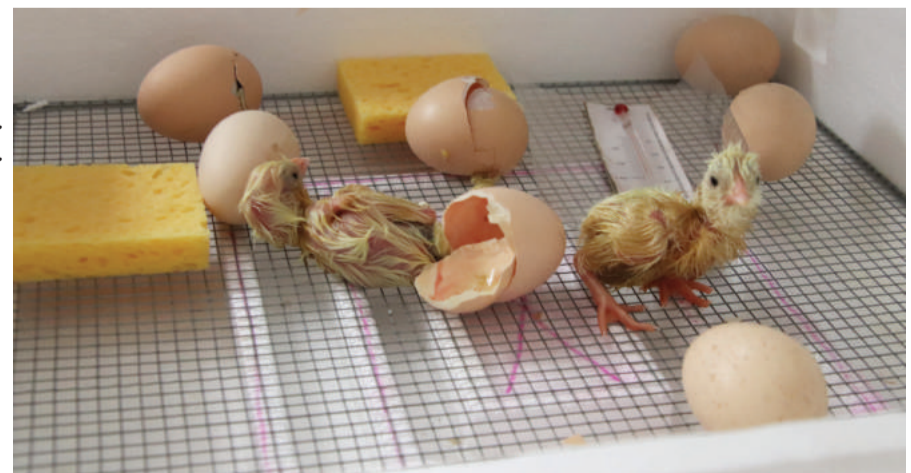
Incoming students got a chance to try out the playground equipment they will use next school year.



Students in Mrs. Norrick’s 2nd grade class gather around to see the baby chicks.



Baby chicks hatch in Mrs. Norrick’s classroom.



Trinity Horrell releases her butterfly after it emerged from its chrysalis.

FESTUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

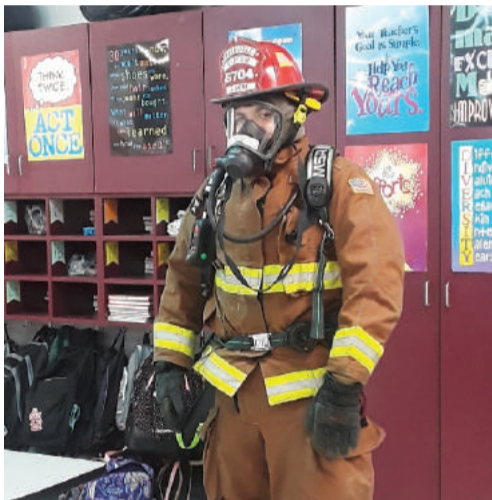
5th Graders Graduate From The DARE Program

On May 9, 2019 about 243 fifth grade students graduated from the DARE program at Festus Intermediate School. The students began the DARE program in mid January and the program is run through our local Festus Police Department. Officer Josh Rodriguez, who is our Student Resource Officer and DARE certified instructor taught a 10 week course which focused on the dangers of drugs and alcohol as well as how to use the DARE decision making model when faced with a difficult decision. The four steps of this model are:

1. Define the problem, 2. Assess the choices, 3. Respond to the choice, and 4. Evaluate or review your decision. Part of the DARE program requires students to complete an essay on what they have learned, how they plan on using the DARE decision making model if faced with a tough decision, and how they plan to use what they have learned to make safe and responsible decisions in the future. We want to send a special thanks to our guest speaker for the DARE program, Mayor Sam Richards of Festus. There were two essay winners who were chosen from about 243 essays by Officer Rodriguez. Festus Intermediate School thanks Officer Rodriguez and the Festus Police Department for taking time out of their busy schedules to incorporate the DARE curriculum into our fifth grade classrooms.



From L to R: Festus Mayor Sam Richards, essay winners Ava Green, Krissy Gastreich, Officer Josh Rodriguez.



Firefighter and paramedic Jordan Acre wearing all of his firefighting equipment.

Festus 5th Graders Learn About Different Careers

This year's fifth grade Career Day featured many great speakers, including some who introduced careers that use newer technology and social media. Marty Winkler, the husband of fifth grade teacher Paige Winkler, shared about his career as a digital marketing manager. Aimee Loyet, a podcast producer, explained the many fascinating parts of her job. Mrs. Amanda McVey, a nurse anesthetist and mom of Ethan McVey, demonstrated some of her work by putting crickets to sleep. The students loved the medical hats and masks she gave them. Chris Spindler, dad of Zach Spindler, who is a senior software engineer for Boeing, filled us in on how he designs video games for military pilots. Dr. Jason Wang, a pharmacist from the Medicine Shoppe; Jordan Acre, a firefighter and paramedic; Joshua Brown, a U.S. Army recruiter; and Officer Josh Rodriguez also gave the students a lot to think about, as they spoke with our fifth graders about their careers.



Emma Blecha dressed as a doctor for Career Day.

Intermediate Honor Choir Performances

The Festus Intermediate Choir stayed very busy this spring with a trip to the Cardinal Game, a huge Art & Music Festival, an amazing performance at Six Flags Music Festival and finally a Pony Bird performance.

The Honor Choir sold more than 750 tickets to perform at Busch Stadium on Friday, April 26 as the Cardinals took on the Cincinnati Reds. The Honor Choir was allowed on home plate this year to sing the National Anthem.

The Honor Choir and 6th grade band performed on May 2 at the annual Art & Music Festival. The Honor Choir created a music video of "This Is Me" from The Greatest Showman. You can view this video and others from our Honor Choir at MrRhine.com.

The choir also received a SUPERIOR RATING at this year's Six Flags Music In the Parks Festival. Mr. Rhine traveled with 100 members to perform at the palace theater on Friday, May 10. After the performance the students had a chilly but beautiful day to enjoy the park.

One of the most rewarding performances of the year took place on Wednesday, May 15 when the choir performed for Pony Bird. Pony Bird is an exceptional place for special needs individuals. They provide 24-hour care for developmentally disabled, non-ambulatory children and adults. The Honor Choir performed a quick 20-minute concert for 10 individuals who came to the Intermediate School.

The Intermediate Honor Choir is directed by Mr. Joshua Rhine, Mrs. Karen Graham, Mrs. Alicia Knickman and accompanied by Mrs. Darcy Baldonado.



Honor Choir members high-five Fredbird as they leave the field at Busch Stadium after performing the National Anthem on April 26.



The Honor Choir performs for residents of Pony Bird.



The Honor Choir poses with residents of Pony Bird.

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FESTUS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Team Wins Battle of the Books For A 2nd Straight Year

On March 13, Festus Intermediate Students in grades 5 and 6 participated in a local competition of America's Battle of the Books. Students formed teams in October and each team worked collectively to read a total of 10 selected books. Students then competed during the school day with other Festus Intermediate teams in the library. Students answered trivia questions about the books and worked together to answer the questions

to earn points. At the end of the competition, the "Speed Readers" and the "Five Ferocious Felines" advanced to the Final Battle Round, which took place in the gym in front of the student body. For the second year in a row, the Five Ferocious Felines were the overall winners of the Annual Festus Intermediate School's competition of America's Battle of the Books. Twelve community volunteers helped run the event.



Speed Readers (L to R): Calvin Ellis, Owen Zinn, Logan Bohn, Chase Karr.



Five Ferocious Felines (L to R): Ella Mothersbaugh, Annabelle Whitener, Evie Ewing, Cecilia Meppiel, Jillian Jarvis.

FESTUS MIDDLE SCHOOL

59 Middle School Students Inducted Into NJHS

On April 1st, Festus Middle School Honor Society welcomed 59 new seventh and eighth grade members at the annual Induction Ceremony held in the FMS multi-purpose room. The 2018-2019 officers: Josie Allen, Liliana Walker, Cullen Krieg, Jersey Moonier, and Zachary Beers conducted the ceremony. After the inductees continued the traditions of signing their names in the membership book and reciting the Honor Society Pledge, everyone enjoyed a reception with refreshments in the FMS cafe.



The 59 new members welcomed into the Festus Middle School National Junior Honor Society.

Five Festus Teams In Mizzou Bridge Building Competition

On Saturday, April 16th, five teams from both the intermediate and middle schools traveled to Columbia, Missouri to compete in the first ever "Mizzou Bridge Building Competition". The University of Missouri School of Engineering provided the materials, the students provided the brain power and workmanship. Groups used the West Point Bridge Design software to test their ideas under a digitized load-bearing vehicle. Once they passed inspection by engineering students, the teams completed a typed proposal including architectural drawings of their work. The bridge build began after Christmas and students learned what kinds of trusses and joints would work best through trial and error. Finally, after lots of hard work, the day arrived for the contest in Columbia. Though Festus was not declared the winner for overall practicality, one team's design did hold the heaviest vehicle. Everyone had a great time and many already started planning for next years design. A special thank you to the supportive parents who helped make this project possible!



The Quest Queens on stage at the Bridge Building Competition at the University of Missouri. Team members are: Makayla DeClue, Haley Heibeck, Katelyn Reece, Kyah Spencer, Annabelle Whitener.

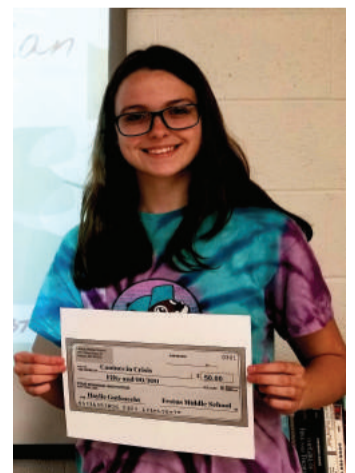
8th Grade Student Wins ELA Award



This year a portion of the 8th grade ELA curriculum was "gamified." Students had to complete activities in order to earn badges. The game ended at the end of 3rd quarter and **Elizabeth Crook** was the overall winner for Mrs. Beffa's class. For her efforts, Elizabeth received a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Students Build Argument For A Good Cause

Third quarter, students in Mrs. Beffa's 8th Grade ELA class participated in an argument contest. The students followed the research process in order to gather evidence for their argument. Students were expected to construct an argument using and citing reliable sources. Their evidence needed to be based on sound reasoning. In addition, the evidence needed to be relevant and sufficient. The students were expected to put their argument into an anonymous video presentation. Mrs. Beffa's classes spent time evaluating the anonymous argument videos based on the criteria for an effective argument. Mrs. Beffa's overall argument winner was Haylie Gutknecht who argued that it is better to adopt an animal from a shelter rather than buy them at pet stores or from breeders. For winning the competition, Haylie was able to choose a charity to donate \$50 to in order to support her cause. She chose to donate to Canines in Crisis.



Haylie Gutknecht with her certificate for winning the contest.

FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS National Honor Society Induction



On March 12... Festus High School welcomed 16 new members into the National Honor Society. Pictured: Front Row (L to R): Claire Nelson, Isabelle Spicer, Natalie Mazur, Olivia McIntyre, Ashley Spindler, Ava McKinney, Hannah Warfel, Maison King. Back row: Broxtyn Johnson, Caleb Jewell, William Holland, Cayden Glaze, Grant Flotron, Aiden Dollar, Jeanna Brantley, Sophia Basler.

April Student of the Month

Jenna Oetting is the Festus High School Student of the Month for April. Jenna is the daughter of Todd and Karen Oetting. "I think it's a great honor to be recognized," Oetting said.

Oetting says her favorite class is Spanish because it's a small class and Mrs. Fernandez, her teacher, is engaged with everyone. Oetting is a standout basketball player. She was a unanimous selection to the Jefferson County Conference Large School 1st team. She was also named to the All-District 1st team. Besides basketball, Oetting is active in Track and Field, National Honor Society, Renaissance and the Food Service Committee. After graduation, Oetting will attend Mississippi State University where she plans to pursue an engineering degree.



May Student of the Month

Madelyn Welsh was the Festus High School May Student of the Month. Her parents are Tasha & Brad Welsh "It means a lot to know that the teachers and administrators think highly of me," Welsh said.

Madelyn's favorite class is AP Biology with Coach Wright. She was active in track and field, cross-country, National Honor Society, Student Council and band. She was also a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist.

In the fall, Welsh plans to attend the Mizzou Honors College where she will study biology with a specialization in medical science and human health.. She wants to go on to become a Pediatric Hematologist.



Jenna Oetting Named A 2019 Missouri Scholars 100

Festus High School Senior **Jenna Oetting** has been selected for the 2019 Missouri Scholars 100. It's a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2019. Each school in the state nominated candidates for the recognition (1 or 2 depending on size, Festus could only nominate 1). Each nominated student had to meet rigorous requirements in 10 categories including: minimum 3.750 GPA, 29 ACT or 1,600 SAT, ranked in upper 10% of class, must have taken high level math, science, English and foreign language courses, excellent attendance, exemplary school citizen and active in school programs. "It's really an honor," Oetting said. "There are so many kids in the state of Missouri who try really hard for everything, but it's great that I could be recognized as one of the top 100." The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the program.



Festus Junior Takes 2nd Place in Art Contest

Junior **Logan Massey** won 2nd place in the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Logan got a check for \$50. His art teacher Mrs. Brandy Brooks-Fehlker told him during class. You can tell by his reaction he was quite surprised.



FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS Theater Department Nominated for 2 St. Louis High School Musical Awards



A scene from "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

The Festus High School Theater Department received two nominations for St. Louis High School Musical Awards for its spring production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The department received a nomination for Outstanding Ensemble and a nomination for Outstanding Musical – Budget Level 2. Awards were announced at the Fox Theatre on Sunday, June 2 (after the A Step Ahead deadline). The department also produced another play this spring, Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor."



(From L to R) Theater teacher William Borgmeyer, students Elizabeth Ganey & Will Hoppmann accepted the nominations at a special awards ceremony at the Fox Theatre last month.



The Good Doctor – The cast of Neil Simon's "The Good Doctor".

Festus Seniors Publicly Declare Their Post High School Plans

FHS celebrated the Class of 2019 by hosting our first ever Decision Day Program on May 2. Decision Day celebrates seniors' plans for college, career, or military service. The program encourages seniors to finalize and follow through on their plans for the future and helps build interest among younger students. Before a packed gymnasium of family, friends, and students, seniors did commemorative signings representing their future destinations. The Class of 2019's most popular destinations include Employment, Jefferson College, Mineral Area College, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science & Technology, Southeast Missouri State University, United States Military, and University of Missouri.



High School seniors sign a banner declaring their next step in life.

FHS Rocket Club Finishes 3rd in the Nation

The Festus High School Rocket Club travelled to Manassas VA, just outside of Washington, D.C. on the weekend of May 18th, to compete in the Team America Rocketry Challenge. Nine students made the trip. The competition consists of launching a rocket carrying a payload of three raw eggs to a specific altitude, separating into two sections in midair, and coming down in a specific amount of time. The teams are scored on a number of criteria including flight altitude, flight duration, and survival of the "astronauts"(eggs). This year, the Festus Rocket Club finished third out of 830 teams representing 47 states, Washington D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



Festus Rocket Club members (L to R): Van Parson, Katie Bohnert, Rachel Henson, Ashley Spindler, Aidan Dollar, Logan Kuykendall, Christian Dunbar, Ashton Croft, Zion Bernat (not pictured: Michael Esparza).

CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES



Photo by Wagner Photo

Ackerman, Kayce Marie
 Adair, Lauren R
 Alley, Alyssa Lynn
 Andrews, Ashton K
 Atkisson, Kaia Celeste
 Baisch, Zachary M
 Barbagallo, Rachel A
 Basler, Katie Rose
 Bell, Kylie M
 Belt, Brittany M
 Benack, Kelsey M
 Berrey, Bradley N
 Blair, Noah
 Blanchard, David P
 Bowman, Carter A
 Branscomb, Kobe M
 Bridges, Abigail H
 Brooks, Nevaeh M
 Brown, Gabriel William
 Brown, Maleak R
 Bruno, Dawson D
 Burch, Julia L
 Burkard, Gracie K
 Callahan, McKenzie Leigh
 Casey, Kaitlyn Hope

Casey, Taleah
 Cawvey, Dallas K
 Chambers, Tyler
 Childress, Trenton Paul
 Coffee, Mario Alexzavier
 Collins, Drew T
 Cook, Duncan A
 Cooper, Rachel Marie
 Cornman, Noah
 Cortez, Jacob Laurence
 Crim, Brayden Thomas
 Dace, Isaac A
 DeClue, Madeline G
 Dixon, Noah
 Donaldson, Anna R
 Downey, Philip Victor
 Dudgeon, Lucas
 Duff, Cameron James
 Dunbar, Christian S
 Ellis, Charles B
 Ellis, Julia T
 Esparza, Michael J
 Eubinger, Garrett M
 Faulkner, Gage
 Fitzgerald, Emma S

Fletcher, Erica L
 Freiner, John
 Gastreich, Tyler J
 Geisner, Emily M
 Gosling, Garrison M
 Govero, Julia Renee
 Graham, Lauren N
 Gulley, Kristen T
 Hahl, Madeline R
 Harris, Collin M
 Harris, Jessica F
 Haight, Justice Ann-Love
 Hedrick, Steven
 Henderson, Delaney Lynn
 Herbert, Emily M
 Herling, Julia Nichole
 Herring, Traci
 Hessling, Joshua R
 Hiller, Grace A
 Hirth, Nathan A
 Hoffman, Grace C
 Holt, Caitlin E
 Horner, Abbey Nicole
 House, Madisyn Joy
 Hyde, Caleb L

Hyde, RaShaun V
 Immekus, Skylar M
 James, Elijah J
 Jewell, Bradyn S
 Johner, Hayley M
 Johnson, Broxtyn M
 Johnson, Jason David
 Johnson, Kailey R
 Jones, Dylan J
 Jones, Hannah Marie
 Jordan, Aubrey N
 Kaltenbronn, Alyssa G
 Kamer, Gracey L
 Kelly, Jady
 Kelly, William J
 Kennedy, Sophie A
 Kinder, Jasmine
 Koch, Audrey C
 Koch, Drake Eugene Charles
 Kuykendall, Allison E
 Lalumandier, Hannah M
 Lammert, Christopher M
 Lassing, Grace Elizabeth
 Laupp, Paige E
 Lawson, Tyler J

Lewis, Sean C
 Lexa, Chloe R
 Liles, Zachary S
 Lindsey, Hope R
 Majewski, Samuel A
 Maness, Jacob D
 Martin, Edward Leo
 Martise, Erin D
 McDaniel, Maxwell J
 McFadden, Cailey B
 McFarland, Autumn S
 McKinney, Audrey Elizabeth
 McKinney, Braeden
 Kelly, Jady
 Minor, Patrick
 Minx, Hannah R
 Montgomery, Reese Ford
 Montgomery, William J
 Montorsi, Hunter Edward
 Moore, Bailey M
 Moore, Santana
 Morgan, Trenton Alexander
 Murdock, Rayna Brooke
 Naeger, Gabrielle V
 Nelson, Claire

Niewoehner, Reanne C
 Noel-Moland, Skye
 O'Leary, Roslyn P
 Oaks, Billy
 Oetting, Jenna L
 Pachhofer, Brandon M
 Pauly, Jacob D
 Payne, Allison N
 Pearl, Alyssa Layne
 Perez, Anthony M
 Peters, Brandon
 Poplawski, Hanna M
 Powell, Ashlynn M
 Prater, Kaitlynn M
 Pratt, Charles S
 Pratt, Emma Grace
 Pulliam, Antonio
 Reando, Robert T
 Reando, Ryan Alexander
 Reddick, Isaiah A
 Reece, Austin R
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 Roadifer, Elizabeth M
 Rodgers, Jalin Markel
 Roth, Nicholas C

Rowden, Kaci Jeanne
 Rudolph, Corteney Marie
 Rudolph, Ryan
 Rystrom, Chase L
 Schipper, Isaiah Skye
 Schult, Timothy M
 Sharpe, Sage L
 Shepherd, Tori A
 Shores, Deleshia
 Smith, Gabriell M
 Smith, Heather Marie
 Smith, Lillian M
 Spurlock, Jonathan Anthony
 St. Clair, Trevor
 St. John, Nicholas A
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 Stockham, Ryan Kent
 Swallow, Kaylee A
 Thebeau, Alexis P
 Thomas, Savez Rotel Robin
 Thompson, Emily E
 Thompson, Caleb
 Tidwell, Abigail N
 Trask, Kiara
 Urfer, Alex A

Van Cleave, Mackenzie B
 Voelpel, Madison K
 Vroman, Elijah C
 Wagner, Morgan Ann
 Watson, Jaylan X
 Weber, Gavin
 Wehlermann, Brendan
 Weiss, Rheanne
 Welsh, Madelyn G
 Wenzelburger, Madalyn E
 Werner, Claire M
 Westhoff, Hayley M
 Westhoff, Ryan C
 Westmoreland, Madeline Kate
 Whitener, Alec C
 Wicker, Sebastian Ryan
 Williams, Lauren M.
 Williams, Nautica
 Wolk, Melissa N
 Wood, James N
 Wynn, Pierce J
 Yeaman, Trinity Mae
 Youmans, Audra Joann
 Zych, Madelyn E

FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL



Tommy Alexander Award

The Tommy Alexander Award is the most prestigious honor given to a Festus graduate. The Alexander family has provided the award since 1946. It is named in honor of Tommy Alexander, a 1942 Festus graduate who died in World War II. The award is based on scholarship, leadership, loyalty, character and friendliness. The FHS faculty selects the honoree. The 2019 award goes to *Michael Esparza*.

Mr. & Miss FHS

Chosen as Mr. & Miss FHS for the Class of 2019 are:

Max McDaniel & Hanna Minx.



Class of 2019 Honor Graduates



Festus High School graduated 29 students with Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 4.00 or above. *First row (left to right): Kristen Gulley, Tyler Gastreich, Audra Youmans, Kelsey Benack, Rachel Cooper. Second row: Audrey Koch, Grace Hoffman, Kaitlynn Prater, Kaitlyn Rhyneer, Bailey Moore, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Erin Martise. Third row: Allison Kuykendall, Claire Werner, Melissa Wolk, Madelyn Welsh, Hannah Minx, Gracey Kamer, Michael Esparza, Roslyn O'Leary. Fourth row: Tori Shepherd, Jenna Oetting, Katie Basler, Caitlin Holt, Grace Hiller. Fifth row: Trenton Childress, Alec Whitener, Madeline DeClue, Madisyn House.*

Festus High School graduated 29 students with Magna Cum Laude (with Great Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA between 3.667 and 3.999. *First row: Caleb Hyde, Kaia Atkisson, James Wood, Rachel Barbagallo, Claire Nelson, Madeline Westmoreland. Second row: Zachary Baisch, Hayley Westhoff, Anna Donaldson, Nevaeh Brooks, Alyssa Pearl. Third row: Lauren Graham, Madalyn Wenzelburger, Abbey Horner, Reanne Niewoehner, Kylie Bell, Drew Collins. Fourth row: Kaci Rowden, Anthony Perez, Broxtyn Johnson, Audrey McKinney, Pierce Wynn. Fifth row: Maxwell McDaniel, Emily Stegemann, Allison Payne, Garrett Eubinger, Gabriel Brown (not pictured: Julia Ellis, Gabrielle Naeger).*



FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2019 Honor Graduates



Festus High School graduated 14 students with Cum Laude (with Honor) distinction. Students must have a cumulative GPA between 3.500 and 3.666. **First row:** Corteney Rudolph, Kaylee Swallow, Madison Voelpel, Kaitlyn Casey, Madelyn Zych, Aubrey Jordan, Skylar Immekus. **Second row:** Trinity Yeaman, Taylor Meyers, Sage Sharpe, Alexis Thebeau, Ashton Andrews, Morgan Wagner.

Bright Flight Recipients



The Class of 2019 has a record-setting 17 Bright Flight Scholars. They are: **Back row:** Michael Esparza, Audrey McKinney, Katie Basler, Trenton Childress, Tyler Gastreich, Caitlin Holt, Samuel Majewski, Madelyn Welsh, Jenna Oetting, Bailey Moore. **Front row:** Roslyn O'Leary, Tori Shepherd, Alyssa Kaltenbronn, Grace Hoffman, Madisyn House, Audrey Koch, Audra Youmans.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES



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2019 Varsity Girls Soccer

Row 1 (Left to Right): Lexi Little, Kayla McCummiskey, Emily Holt, Lillie Williams.
 Row 2: Maddie DeClue, Lillian Brickhause, Hayley Hodges, Payton Kaikkonen,
 Claire Werner, Alayna Erxleben, Lily Knickman, Jaiden Sells.

Row 3: Gretchen Burkard, Emma Horsley, Coach Matt Uskiwich, MacKenzie Warfel, Coach Drew Clinton, Sam Helbrueck, Lindsey Mills.

2019 Varsity Baseball Team

Row 1 (Left to Right): Dominic Nolfo, Connor Wilkinson, Jacob Folk, Wyatt Daugherty, and Collin Reando
 Row 2: Nolan Stafford, Cole Wagner
 Row 3: Charlie Pratt, Ryan Reando, Kobe Branscomb, Zach Liles, Eddie Martin, Zach Baisch, Caleb Hyde
 Coaches - back row: Barry Stafford, Varsity Assistant; Tyler Almany, Volunteer Assistant; Jeff Montgomery, Head Coach

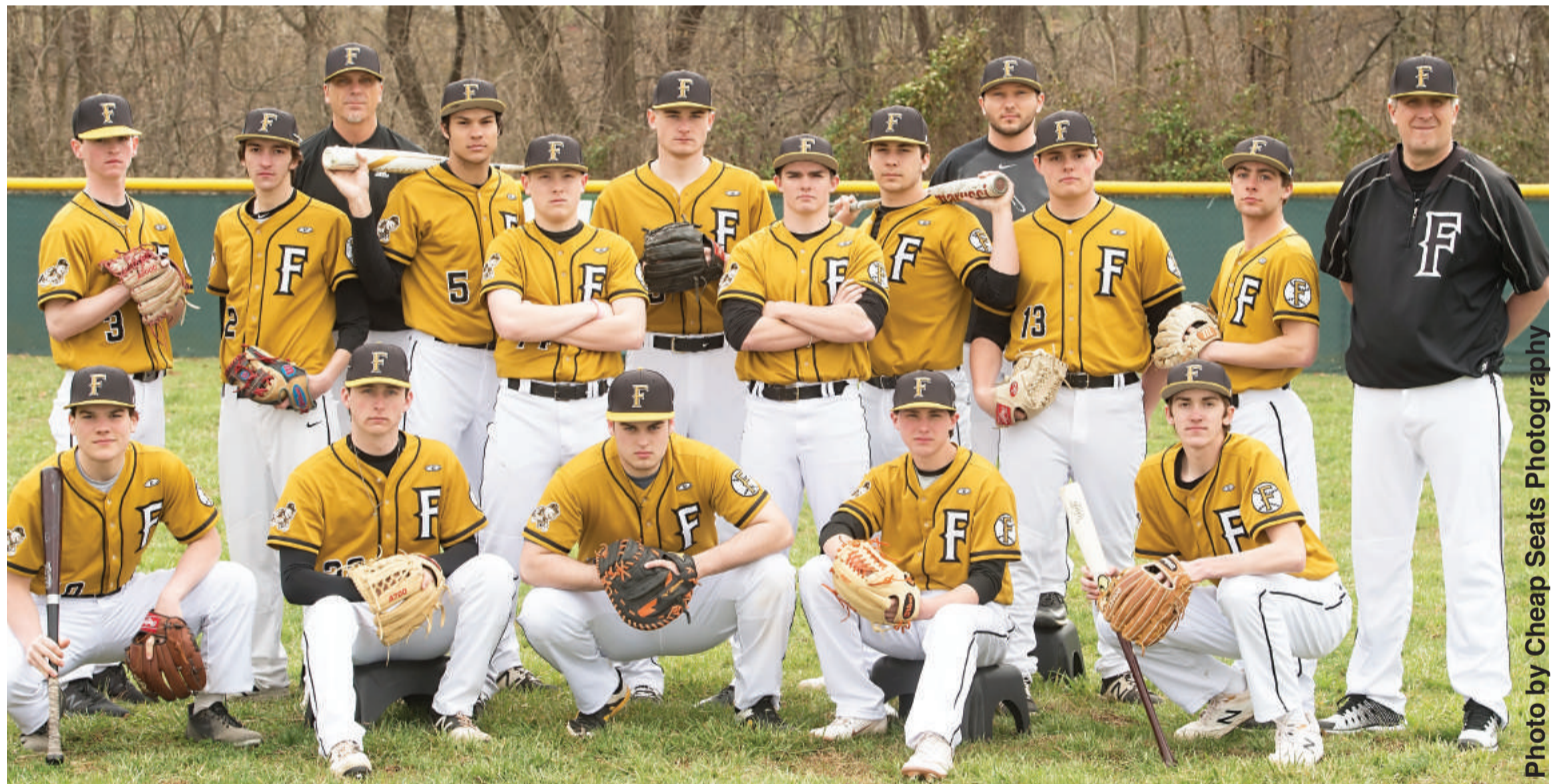


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2019 Golf Team

Row 1 (Left to Right): Ben Boyer, Evan House, Isaac Stucke, Cole Rickermann, Coleman Hudson, Ben Oppelz.
 Row 2: Jaxon McFarland, Nathan Bohn, Michael Rauls, Judson Holland, Grant Flotron, Andrew Henson.
 Row 3): Claire Nelson, Shawn Zych, Collin Weinhaus, Coach Koch, Morgan Green, Jackson Hutson, Austin Neff.



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SPORTS ACTIVITIES



2019 Boys Track 2nd Place - State

Row 1 (Left to Right): Austin Anderson, Trenton Childress, Max McDaniel, Jaylan Waston, Jacob Pauly, Garrett Eubringer, Nick St. John.
Row 2: Johnny McDowell, Thomas Meszcowski, Aquille Mohammed, Reese Montgomery, Austin Coale, Simon Ogle.
Row 3: Anthony Pittman, Ethan James, Lucas Smith, Jordan Meszcowski, Kaleb Thompson, Jonah Krieg, Gaige Marmonti.
Row 4: Layne Teddleton, Cayse Martin, Aidan Grant, Alec Whitener.
Row 5: Terrain Casey, Russell Fadler, Luke Dudgeon, Daylen Wagoner, Caden Glaze.
Row 6: Peyton Willis, Nathan Wolk, Jacob Meyer, Ryan Harness. Donovan Parson, Joshua Thornborrow.
Row 7: Caden Wade, Connor Hartman, William Carter, Brock Lambert, Luke Greenstreet.
Row 8: Peyton Kirby, Dominick Kayser, Garrett Rhine, Collin Smith, Dalton Yates, Brynen Johnson.
Row 9: Jack Robinson.

State Champions - Max McDaniel - 1600M, 3200M
3200 Relay Team: Max McDaniel, Dominick Kayser, Simon Ogle, Jonah Krieg.

2019 Girls Track



Row 1 (Left to Right): Hannah Warfel, Allison Faerber, Yasmine Schaaf, Kaylee Hogan, Sophia Leftwich, Bailey Moore, Kristen Otte, Bria Garmon, Taylor McMillin, Evy Workman, Kaite Prater, Demi White, Emma Harris, Sophie Nolen, Courtney Fadler.
Row 2: Alexis Freant, Natalie Mazur, Kenzie Yates, Kinsey Benack, Maddie Welsh, Maddie Dearing, Jessica Hebenstreit, McKenna Rhine, Allison Payne,

Marisah Datillo.
Row 3: Tristan Foulk, Blair Baumer, Erika McIntyre, Molly McDaniel, Alexa Sumpter, Riley Gross, Olivia McIntyre, Izzy Spicer, Abby McMillin, Trinity Langdon, Abby Williams, Ava McKinney, Abby Rickermann, Jenna Oetting, Hannah Templeton, Lydia Henderson, My'Kaila Batee, Kirsten Klein



2019 Tennis Team

Row 1 (L to R): Erica Fletcher, Kaidyn Stanfill, Makenzie McJunkins, Kamaryn Stanfill.
Row 2: Daxton Burgett, McKenna Hendeson, Annie Albrecht, Gabe Brown, Michael Esparza, Julia Meyers, Paige Wilkinson, Carter Bowman.
Row 3: Coach Tom Thomas, Max Richardson, Kenzie Welsh, Cletus Pippin, Broxtyn Johnson, Sean Lewis, James Wright, Ryan Esparza, Bradley Berrey, Mackenzie Pettus, Julia Bowman, Coach Angie Tinnin.

Festus R-6 School District August 2019 - May 2029 Calendar of Events

July 30-Aug. 1	New Teacher Orientation
Aug. 12-14	Teacher Work Days
Aug. 15	First Day of School
Aug. 30	No School/Teacher PD
Sept. 2	Labor Day – No School
Oct. 16	End of 1st quarter (43 days)
Oct. 25	No School/Teacher PD
Nov. 1	No School
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Dec. 20	End of 2nd quarter (42 days) Early Dismissal
Dec. 23-Jan. 3	No School
Jan. 3	Teacher Flex Day
Jan. 6	Classes Resume
Jan. 20	No School - Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 14	No School - Teacher PD
Feb. 15	No School - Presidents Day State of the County @ FHS
March 11	End of 3rd quarter (45 days)
March 19	No School - Teacher PD
March 20-23	No School
April 10	No School
April 13	No School (Possible weather make up day)
May 15	End of 4th quarter (42 days) Last day of school (is no snow days) Early Dismissal

Quarter ending dates and parent/teacher conferences dates are subject to change. Dismissals for unexpected circumstances will be made up in the following order: May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, April 13, May 26, 27, 28, 29. If May 329th is the last student attendance day, teacher work days will be June 1st and 2nd. Final exams are slated the last two attendance days of each semester at the high school.

Note: Wednesdays – Professional Learning Communities- One hour delayed start of classes.

2019 Summer Camps

All camps are \$30.00

Wrestling Camp: Dates: June 10, 11, 12, 13
When: 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Location: Festus High School
Grades: 8th-12th

Boys Basketball Camp: Dates: July 1st-3rd
When: 9:00am – 10:30am 4th- 6th grade
6:00pm to 8:00pm 7th – 12th grade Location: High School Gym

Festus Football Camp Dates: July 15th-26th When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.—9th-12th When: 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.—7-8th Location: Field Turf/Practice Field Grades: 7th-12th Grades	7 on 7 Dates: TBD When: 6:00-8:00 p.m. Location: Field Turf Grades: 9th-12th Grades
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Girls/Boys Cross Country Camp: Dates: June 24th-27th
When: 7:15 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Location: West City Park
Grades: 7th to 12th Grades Only

Girls/Boys Cross Country Camp: Dates: July 8th-12th
When: 8:00 A.M. to TBA
Location: Joe Bill Dixon Wilderness Camp (West Plains)
Grades: 9th to 12th Grades Only

Girls Softball Camp: Dates: July 8th-11th
When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Location: Sunset Park
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade Only

Girls Softball Camp: Dates: July 15th-16th
When: 8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Location: Sunset Park
Grades: 3rd to 8th Grade Only

Girls Volleyball Camp: Dates: July 15th-17th
When: 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. (9-12)
When: 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. (7-8) Location: High School Gym
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade

Band/Color Guard Camp:
Dates: July 29th-July 31st (Drumline and Color Guard)
August 1 - 2nd and August 5th-8th (Full Band)
When: 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Location: High School Practice Field
Grades: 9th to 12th Grade Only

DEAD WEEK:
August 3rd – August 11th – Sports
June 29th -July 7 - Activities

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