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FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS Celebrates Our School Board

We would like to take a moment and thank the seven members of our Board of Education for the countless hours they dedicate to ensure the success of students and staff in Fraser Public Schools.

Our Board members — Laura Edghill, Ron DelVillano, Jim Birko, Linda Corbat, Todd Koch, Dan Stawinski and Scott Wallace — have served for more than 30 years combined.

Their demanding job requires so much more than just two meetings each month. They serve on committees, represent Fraser at events and in outside organizations, and spend hours doing

homework to ensure every decision is made with the goal of "what's best for kids."

Students from every school in our district took time out to show their appreciation for our Board — through handwritten cards, posters, banners and videos. The items were presented to the Board at the January 8 Board Meeting.

These items are a small way we show our Board how much they are appreciated. On behalf of Fraser Public Schools, we thank each Board member for their commitment to Fraser's students and staff.

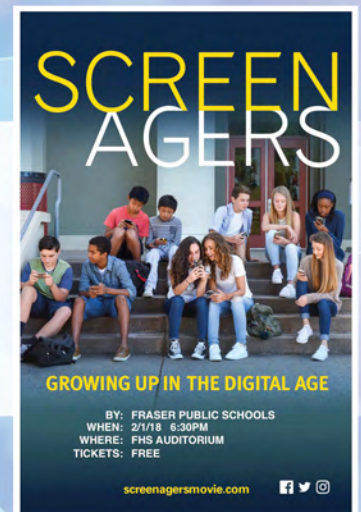


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PLEASE JOIN US FOR Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age

Fraser Public Schools is excited to host a free screening of the award-winning documentary *Screenagers* for our community. This documentary reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how parents can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

The documentary is suitable for children age 10 and older. Seating will be first-come, first-served and limited to the first 700 people.



WHEN: February 1, 2018

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 p.m., movie begins at 6:30 p.m. (run time is 68 minutes)

LOCATION: The newly renovated Fraser Performing Arts Center

COST: FREE!

You can view the trailer for the movie here:
www.screenagersmovie.com/trailer

CURRICULUM CORNER

STUDENT SUPPORT INCLUDES ACADEMIC AND AFFECTIVE FOCUS

The transition to 9th grade can be challenging, both academically and socially. In the 2016-17 school year, a team of teachers and administrators introduced Rambler Academics, an intervention course with a mission to help students build a strong foundation for success at Fraser High School.

“What makes this program different from most every program you see in other schools is that we focus on the academic need on one day, then we focus on affective or goal setting, problem solving, and growth mindset the other day. What skills do you need when you’re an adult that we can teach you right now?” said FHS Principal Dr. Mike Lonze.

Students rotate between independent work and small groups based on the skills they need to remediate from either English 9 or Algebra I.

“Schools often have programs designed to support those students who really struggle, as well as programs to support their highest achievers. Our Rambler Academics class provides FHS with a unique opportunity to support our ‘bubble’ students who might otherwise be overlooked,” said Helena Fisher, Multi Tiered Systems of Support Coordinator at FHS. “These are students who might blend into the background in a class of 30, but they can shine in this smaller setting.”

Students are placed into the course based on a variety of factors during their 8th-grade year, including assessments, discipline referrals and teacher recommendations.

Since the introduction of Rambler Academics, which meets daily instead of every-other day, the academic achievement and behavior of the

students in the class has improved. Additionally, by having executive functioning skills embedded into the course, the students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills are helping them grow into leaders in other classes, student activities and the community.

During the 2016-17 school year, 83 students were enrolled in the course. Thirty-eight of those students failed fewer classes than their 8th-grade year and seven students received fewer discipline referrals. One of the biggest gains noted was that 30 students did not fail one content-area course in their 9th-grade year.

Ms. Fisher attributes the course’s success to the variety of support integrated into it.

“We don’t just offer suggestions and say ‘Here, these are good things to do.’ We are able to provide the time for students to actually do it,” she said.

DISTRICT OPEN HOUSES

Did you know our parents are the #1 source of referrals for new students? If your child will be starting in a new building this fall, or you would like to recommend Fraser Public Schools to a friend, we have compiled all of our open houses in one spot for your convenience.

Dooley Center Preschool Open House

16170 Canberra Street, Roseville

February 27

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Learn about the different programs for your 3- and 4-year-old children.

REGISTRATION BEGINS THE WEEK OF MARCH 5

Elementary Open House

Considering Fraser Public Schools for your elementary-age child? Join us at our elementary open house to find out more about our enrollment process, offerings and tour of a school. Talk with teachers, building principals and district staff to get all of your questions answered.

We have two events to serve you best:

IN-DISTRICT FAMILIES:

Salk Elementary

17601 Fifteen Mile Road, Clinton Township

February 28

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE FAMILIES:

Eisenhower Elementary

31275 Eveningside, Fraser

February 28

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Middle School Open House

33500 Garfield, Fraser

March 1

6:00 p.m.

Do you have a 6th-grade student attending Richards Middle School in 2018-2019? If so, please join us for a 6th-grade Orientation for parents and students.

The purpose of this orientation is to introduce you and your child to their future school, the programs offered and the selective classes available. We will provide a tour of our building’s selective classes.

The program begins at 6:00 p.m. Parents, please report to the cafeteria to meet administrators, counselors and academic department heads.

Students, please gather in the gymnasium where the tour will begin.

Counselors will be visiting each elementary classroom to assist students in filling out their class schedules on March 5 through March 6. Students are to return their schedule requests to their 6th-grade teacher by March 9.

Fraser High School Open House

34270 Garfield, Fraser

8th Grade Parent Night

February 8

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Review graduation requirements and scheduling from Carol Trush, FHS Counselor
- Explore Career Technical Education with Department Chair Brent Brasure
- Learn about Link Crew from Anne Cook, Club Sponsor
- Get acquainted with the Athletic Program from Athletic Director Shane Redshaw
- Tour the various departments

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Phil Sciriha

Fraser High School Class of 2012 graduate, Phil Sciriha, hasn't graduated from Ferris State University yet, but the Welding Engineering Technology major already has job offers waiting for him. He brought his knowledge back to FHS to share with current students.

"I want to let them know what they're learning in the classroom, they are learning the ground floor of the structure in this big industry," he said. "The skills they have are the key to everything and they're getting a lot of valuable experience that's hard to see nowadays."

He spent several days mentoring FHS welding students while he was home on break from Ferris State University.

"Definitely do research into what you're passionate about and don't be afraid to look at things from different perspectives," he said.

For Mr. Sciriha, he was passionate about math, science and working with his hands.

"I took Intro to Welding in my sophomore year and I fell in love with it. Welding brought those things together."



Gift of English Literacy

The younger ELL (English-Language Learner) students in the district were recently surprised with literacy bags. ELL elementary students were treated to new literacy tools including age-appropriate books, dictionaries, journals and word games. Students received the bags in December, so they were able to put the items to use during winter break. Their smiles show their excitement to continue reading and learning.

OPT IN TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES

In the event of inclement weather or an emergency, Fraser Public Schools has the ability to send text messages along with an email or phone call through School Messenger. But in order for the texts to reach you, you have to opt-in to the service.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text 'Y' or 'Yes' to 67587.

If you decide in the future you no longer want to receive text messages, you can unsubscribe at any time.



WELCOME NEW ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Richard Repicky,
FHS Interim Principal

Fraser Public Schools is proud to welcome back Dr. Rick Repicky as the interim principal of Fraser High School. Dr. Repicky previously held that position from 1997 through 2002.



Dr. Repicky is returning to Fraser, where he spent 31½ of his 37 years in education. As a teacher, he worked at Kennedy and Richards junior high schools, as well as Fraser High School. He also was fortunate to coach the '83 Rambler state champion hockey team.

Dr. Repicky's administrative career in Fraser began in January of 1987 when he began a 9½ year stint as athletic director. He then spent a year as a high school assistant principal before serving five years as principal. His final move was to the superintendent's office from 2002 until his retirement in 2010.

"I am excited to return as principal at Fraser High. By far, this was my favorite job. The high school principal is uniquely positioned to see so many great things occurring under one roof. It's a challenge, but also fun to be part of a team that guides students through all the trials between the wide-eyed freshmen and semi-sophisticated senior years. It takes an 'All Hands on Deck' approach from talented teachers, able administrators, sympathetic support staff, and proud but oft-puzzled parents. I welcome the opportunity."

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— DR. RICHARD REPICKY
FHS Interim Principal

TWO DOZEN FRASER HOSA STUDENTS COMPETE AT REGIONAL EVENT

Fraser High School proudly hosted the Michigan HOSA Region 4 Leadership Conference on January 20. In addition to hosting, the largest delegation to date from the FHS HOSA Chapter – 24 students – competed in the events.

About 900 students, advisors and judges from schools across Macomb, Oakland and St. Clair counties attended the event. This is the eighth year Fraser has hosted.

Nineteen of the 24 FHS students qualified for the State Leadership Conference to be held in Grand Rapids in March.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated

GOLD

Melanie Tanner – Knowledge Test: Behavioral Health

Carly Landry – Physical Therapy

SILVER

Emily Fetherolf – Medical Spelling

Taylor Drew and Sara Cheek – Forensic Medicine

Aailyah Holt – Prepared Speaking

Ella Baranski, Jack Baranski, Ryan Querro, Alison Stevenson, Marcella Miller and Mackenzie Lenk – MRC Partnership

BRONZE

Aron Geml – Health Career Photography

FINALISTS

Shelbie Schwall and Sarah Boguslaw – EMT

Isabella Grillo and Josie VanGampelaere – Health Career Display

Shelby Wichtner – Nursing Assisting

Savannah Peraino – Sports Medicine



FHS Students Compete and Give Back at BPA Regional Competition

Twenty-three Fraser High School Business Professional of America members joined 400 other BPA students for the 2018 Region 4 Leadership Conference. Baker College of Auburn Hills hosted the students who came from 15 schools in Macomb and Oakland counties. During a day of computerized tests, team events, individual presentations and networking, the students were able to give back in a variety of charitable breakout activities.

Specifically, students made 156 care packages and valentine treats for Blessings in Backpack, hand tied nine fleece blankets for Children’s Hospital, made dog toys for the Humane Society, wrote more than 70 letters to serving military, made more than 100 book marks for kindergarten students, made 132 valentine candy jars for seniors in assisted living, and to top it all off, more than 1,300 books were donated to Little Free Libraries around metro Detroit.

Special congratulations to State Qualifying students: Sara Froude, Jessica Yan, Bryants Wu and Bozidar Miletic. The students are now eligible to compete at the State Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids this March.

Vocal Solo and Ensemble Results

It was a clean sweep of First Division ratings for the six Fraser High School students who performed at the District 16 Vocal Solo and Ensemble event.

Each student prepared two classical songs with contrasting styles, one of which had to be in a different language. They performed the songs from memory in front of a panel of judges.

A student could earn a maximum of 30 points in different categories, including presentation, interpretation and the accuracy of their musicality.

Congratulations to the following students, who all earned First Division ratings:

- Brooke Arnold, Sophomore, Perfect Score of 30
- Jenna Cotey, Sophomore, Score of 24
- Nina Cottrell, Junior, Score of 25
- Marisa Hochberg, Junior, Score of 29
- Marissa Rogers, Sophomore, Perfect Score of 30
- Sarah Wallace, Sophomore, Score of 25





Emerson Teacher Earns Goals for Schools Recognition

This year the Team USA hockey organization partnered with Kroger for the Goals for Schools program. This program celebrates and rewards hardworking and dedicated teachers. Emerson Elementary 3rd-grade teacher, Ms. Lea Thompson, received the distinction after one of her students nominated her.

"Here's my favorite part: these teachers can be recognized by anyone, but I think I've only gotten one or two from a student and this was one of them," said Connor Small, a representative from Team USA who presented Ms. Thompson with her certificate. "On the nomination form you get to say something about the teacher, and this one says, 'My teacher is the best because she teaches us math and other things, and makes it fun!'"

Ms. Thompson received a \$50 Kroger gift card, tickets to an upcoming hockey game in Plymouth, and Team USA folders, pencils and t-shirts to share with her class. Ms. Thompson will also be recognized at a game. "As teachers we try our best to reach out to our students in hopes they feel even an ounce of our passion for their learning and growth. To have a student appreciate that is so heart-warming. This recognition is one I'll treasure!" said Ms. Thompson.

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

Edison Elementary has been popping into action to not only learn what makes something matter, but how to measure its weight and volume.

A recent lesson had 5th-grade students creating their own question, coming up with a plan, and performing an experiment to find data to support a conclusion using popcorn kernels.

Students learn the states of matter, primarily solid, liquid or gas, and the key characteristics of each form. They also discover how temperature affects different states of matter.

"Students have been enjoying a more hands-on approach to science with the new matter unit...especially the first lesson in which they made and discussed whether slime is a solid or liquid!" commented their teacher, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmidt.



SALK BEATS THE WINTER BLUES

Salk beats the winter blues by inviting 5th- and 6th-grade students to participate in 3-on-3 basketball. Under the direction of Mr. Kerry Hitchings, students stay after school and play quick 12-minute games against their peers.



Some students get creative and design team shirts while others get together and practice outside of school. This four-week event is well attended by parents who come and cheer on the Seahawks. At the conclusion of the season, all basketball players will challenge the Salk staff to a game to be played in the Fraser High School auxiliary gym.

SAY YES TO FPS!

Have you ever heard of an event or fundraiser in our district and thought, "I wish I had known so I could have lent my support?"

In order to assist with this, we have created a continually updated list of fundraisers in the district that are open to the public. Just look for the Say Yes to FPS image on the District homepage.



The events listed are open to the public by either allowing the public to attend (craft shows, restaurant nights, etc.) or by participating online.

Do you have an event that is open to the public and would like it listed? Then please send it to us. Be sure to include the event details, sponsors, date and time, and any flyer that may be needed to receive proceeds.

The next time you are going out to dinner or looking for a night out, check the site! Maybe you can go out and support one of our schools!

Scholastics Art and Writing Award Winners

The visual art department continues their tradition of excellence with the Thumb Region Scholastics Art and Writing Award. This year, 40 individual pieces and four portfolios were accepted from FHS.

The Thumb Region includes Macomb, Lapeer, Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair counties. This year 2,200 individual pieces and 68 portfolios were submitted into the show. Only 562 of the 2,200 individual pieces and 38 of the 68 portfolios were selected to be part of the show. FHS had 40 individual pieces and four portfolios accepted. All Gold Key works, both individual and portfolios, will be sent to New York for National Judging – those awards will be announced in March with a National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in Early June.

INDIVIDUAL WORK:

Lauren Argiri – Two Gold Keys in Photography, Honorable Mention in Photography, Honorable Mention in Drawing

Briana Bacci – Honorable Mention in Photography

Ashlyn Baker – Honorable Mention in Drawing

Leah Cinder – Honorable Mention in Photography

Christina Clarke – Gold Key in Photography, Silver Key in Photography

Emersyn Grove – Gold Key in Photography

Sara Hustek – Silver Key in Photography and Two Honorable Mentions in Photography

Kasey Ley – Silver Key in Drawing, and Honorable Mention in Photography

Savannah Lorenze – Gold Key in Photography, Two Silver Keys in Photography, Honorable Mention in Photography

Camilla Madacki – Gold Key in Sculpture

Elize Marks – Gold Key in Sculpture

Rachel Media – Three Honorable Mentions in Photography

Averi Miller – Honorable Mention in Sculpture

Benjamin Ratterman – Silver Key Comic Art, Silver Key in Drawing, and Honorable Mention in Drawing

Xandria Sink – Gold Key in Drawing, Two Silver Keys in Painting, Honorable Mention in Painting

Andrea Smith – Gold Key in Photography, Silver Key in Photography

Maya Smith – Silver Key in Sculpture

Eboni Brown – Honorable Mention in Mixed Media

Azra Husejnagic – Honorable Mention in Drawing

Briana VanBrabant – Honorable Mention in Mixed Media

Jennifer Verstraete – Honorable Mention in Drawing

Mykaela Worthem – Honorable Mention in Drawing

PORTFOLIOS:

Savannah Lorenze – Two Gold Key Portfolios in Photography

Rachel Media – Gold Key Portfolio in Photography

Benjamin Ratterman – Gold Key Portfolio in Drawing



Andrea Smith - Promiscuous



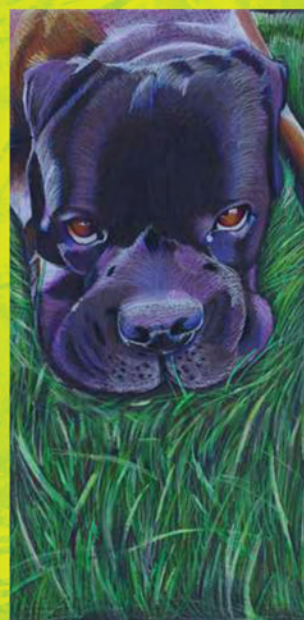
Ben Ratterman - Breaking Through



Camilla Madecki - Take Flight



Andrea Smith - Hanging On



Benjamin Ratterman - Ozzy



Christina Clarke - Female Topography



Christina Clark - I Could Sell Evil to the Devil



Lauren Argiri - Taken



Lauren Argiri - Identify



Savannah Lorenze - Viridescent



Emerson Grove - Anther



Savannah Lorenz - Chromatic Chameleon



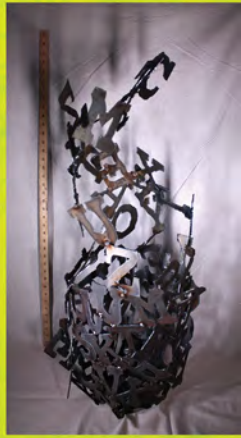
Xandria Sink - Let Them Eat Cake



Xandria Sink - Golden Earrings



Eliza Marks - Hand



Maya Smith - ABC



Savannah Lorenz - Feathers



Kasey Ley - Key



Xandria Sink - Barm of Frustration



Sara Hustek - Waiting

Benjamin Ratterman - Life in Prisma
GOLD KEY PORTFOLIO

Rachel Media - Ruminaton
GOLD KEY PORTFOLIO

Savannah Lorenz - Menagerie
GOLD KEY PORTFOLIO

Savannah Lorenz - Biodiversity
GOLD KEY PORTFOLIO



THIRD GRADE PRESENTS READERS' THEATER

Twain Elementary 3rd-grade teachers, Ms. Pamela Offer and Mrs. Megan Cracchiolo, alternate each week having their students practice reading a play script. The students then read the short play to other classes in the library. Parents are also invited to listen to their child read.

Students work in groups with selected scripts and assign each other roles. The readers hold the scripts and lines are not memorized. This helps students with reading fluency and tone.

The focus is on reading the text with expressive voices and gestures, which makes comprehending the text meaningful and fun for the students.

TRIBES OF THE THREE FIRES

Salk's 3rd-grade students were treated to Gary Ghareed's presentation about the Native Americans who lived in Michigan and their culture. Students learned how the Tribes of the Three Fires lived from season to season and how they used the environment around them to survive.



It was a hands-on presentation and the students were able to hold the tools, wear the clothing and play games just like the tribe members would have. The students took pictures of the items and will be creating Book Creator projects about the presentation.

MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Results

Congratulations to the Fraser High School band students who made up 46 events at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 Solo and Ensemble on January 20.

Of the 46 events to participate, 30 received First Division ratings and 15 received Second Division ratings. FHS also had 73 students participate in five chamber ensembles in Solo and Ensemble the week before. The Flute, Saxophone, Brass, Clarinet and Percussion Chamber Ensembles each received First Division ratings.

All events that received a First Division rating have earned the privilege of performing at the State Solo & Ensemble Festival on March 17.

FIRST DIVISION RATINGS:

- Alex Jacobs** – Snare Drum Solo
- Angelina Baglio** – Flute Solo
- Sidney Zuccaro, Lauren Argiri, Jacob Rodgers and Chad Bischoff** – Saxophone Quartet
- Chad Bischoff** – Tenor Sax Solo
- Colin Rodgers** – Snare Drum Solo
- Ethan Moleski** – Alto Sax Solo
- Julia Wallace, Lauren Argiri, John Cotey, Samantha Hunt, Richard Johnson, Zach DuBay, Jacob Rodgers and Joseph Walega** – Sax Octet
- Jacob Rodgers** – Tenor Sax Solo
- Lauren Argiri** – Alto Sax Solo
- Lauren Wuerfel** – Flute Solo
- Madeline Pretto** – Clarinet Solo
- Marissa Hochberg** – Snare Drum Solo
- Rachel Gielegem** – Clarinet Solo
- Rachel Gielegem, Madeline Pretto and Katie Achatz** – Clarinet Trio
- Richard Johnson** – Tenor Sax Solo
- Samantha Hunt** – Clarinet Solo
- Sean Rooney** – Piano Solo
- Sidney Zuccaro** – Alto Sax Solo
- Sidney Zuccaro** – Oboe Solo
- Elaine Stumpf** – Bass Clarinet Solo
- Lorenzo Miller** – Snare Drum Solo
- Faith Ziegenfelder** – Flute Solo
- Gabriella Brown** – Flute Solo
- Zach DuBay** – Baritone Sax Solo

Waincey Chan, Lia Goodell, Adrianna Kelley and Leslie Fantin – Woodwind Quartet

- Natalie Stahl** – Alto Sax Solo
- Eddie and Bennie Knappenberger** – Snare Drum Duet
- Ben Moenssen** – Snare Drum Solo
- Camilla Madacki and Sarah Boguslaw** – Bass Clarinet Duet
- Christine Reyes, Sara Hustek and Kasey Ley** – Clarinet Trio

SECOND DIVISION RATINGS:

- Josephine Weston** – Trumpet Solo
- Savanna Peraino** – Tuba Solo
- Max Ahee** – Trumpet Solo
- Delaney Bulas and Sarah Ferguson** – Clarinet & Trumpet Duet
- Alaina Parker** – Clarinet Solo
- Allison Argiri** – Clarinet Solo
- Katie Achatz** – Clarinet Solo
- Christine Reyes** – Clarinet Solo
- Savanna Danis** – Alto Sax Solo
- Waincey Chan and Leslie Fantin** – Bass Clarinet & Clarinet Duet
- Ryan St. Onge** – Trumpet Solo
- Stella Authier** – Alto Sax Solo
- Trevor Meredith** – Timpani Solo
- Mykaela Worthem and Tierra Vaughn** – Alto Sax & Flute Duet
- Angelina Baglio** – Piccolo Solo

Meeting Mat Man

A new character recently joined Mrs. Diane Galba and Mrs. Vicki Goethal's three-year-old pre-school class at the Dooley Center – Mat Man. He is part of a multi-sensory learning activity that helps students develop strong drawing and cognitive skills. Music, books and wooden stick manipulatives help the children learn about body awareness, shapes and eventually letters.

Mat Man is a floor person. His head, arms and legs are made of wood, and his body is made of a mat.

Mrs. Galba made Mat Man first, bringing him to life on the floor. She then gave him away by giving each student a different part and the students took turns rebuilding him. As the students followed along with music, they learned about body parts, body functions, counting, taking turns, sequencing, placing pieces and participating in a group. Mrs. Galba shared, "It was a big hit with all the children!"



FRASER WINTER MOVIE FEST 2018 FRIDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL



Friday, February 9

Admission: Adults - \$3, age 6-12 - \$1, & under 5 – Free

All Movies, Doors Open @ 6:30 p.m., Concessions available in the High School Auditorium



Friday, March 9

Only \$1 for anyone with
Fraser Public School ID.

**Nothing to get, nothing to do!
Just show up and enjoy!!**
Admission is first come first served and limited
to the first 600 attendees.
Concessions will be available for
purchase!

Proceeds benefit the Journalism
Program at the high school

Watch for updates and news
FHSTheFlash.com

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Don't forget to check out the District's website for a calendar of events at:
www.Fraser.k12.mi.us



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Moonlight Madness AUCTION

Silent/Live Auction

Friday, February 23, 2018
7:00 p.m. – Midnight

Vintage House
31816 Utica Road, Fraser

\$30 per person

*Includes Hors d'oeuvres,
Dinner, Dessert,
ALL Beverages, Dancing
and FUN for ALL!*

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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Must be 21 or older

*Benefits FHS Student
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