

# FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

November 30th, 2023

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## MAKING HEADLINES

FTC was extremely proud to celebrate student achievement at our first Achievement Pep Rally of the year, which just happened to be Sixers themed! We recognized students for academic success, honored excellence in athletics, competed in basketball, and celebrated with some special guests! State Senator Jimmy Dillon and House Representative Joe Hohenstein presented students with awards. Fox 29's own Bob Kelly covered the event live, which aired on Kelly's Classroom. We were also joined by Benjamin Franklin and the high-flying mascot of the 76ers, Franklin!



The students defeated the staff in the annual student-staff game with a final score of 39-26. We had wonderful performances from our Drumline, Step Team, Dance Team, and Cheerleaders! Special congratulations to Eric Dunphy, Xavier Smith, Neri Zhunio, Malya Redick, Sarah Su, Jordyn Davis, and Patricia Palanik for having the highest GPAs in their class.



# Around Towne

## **Upcoming Event: Tinsel Towne**

FTCHS will begin our newest tradition, "Tinsel Towne", on December 21st 2023. The fun-filled day will include: Winter Wish gift giveaways, school spirit competitions, holiday movie clips, minute to win it games, cafe karaoke, carnival games, craft projects, and of course hot chocolate. Students can purchase Tinsel Towne T-Shirts at the School Store and dress down every Wednesday for the remainder of 2023!



## **TOWNE CONNECTIONS/NHS** **FOOD DRIVE**

The Franklin Towne Community raised awareness assisted those in our community by hosting multiple food drives throughout November. The campaign was spearheaded by our own National Honor Society and was featured on 6abc. Thank you to everyone for their support!



## **FALL SPORTS AWARD CEREMONY**

On November 8th, Towne athletes were recognized and celebrated for their achievements throughout the Fall Sports season. Congratulations to all of our Towne Athletes!

## **TOWNE CONNECTIONS**

Towne students helped to provide meals for those most in need during the Thanksgiving season. They made a trip to our local ShopRite to get everything needed for a bountiful Thanksgiving celebration.



# Community Connections

## **TOWNE ON PARADE**

Members from the FTC Drumline, Step Team, and Dance Teams participated in the Mayfair-Holmesburg Thanksgiving Parade. Thank you for everyone who participated and helped coordinate and prepare for the event especially Ms. G, Mr. Dougherty, NHS Volunteers, Ms. Jones, Ms. Eife, Ms. Vesper, and Mr. Judge!



## **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

Mrs. Perfetti, Mrs. Kavangh, and the Community Service Club participated in a park clean up at Wissinoming Park as part of the "Love Your Park" fall service weekend. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our communities beautiful!



# School Spotlight

## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The Historical Society, led by Mr. Fleming, took an interactive, guided tour of Eastern State Penitentiary and explored new ways of how they can influence and shape the American Criminal Justice System in the future!



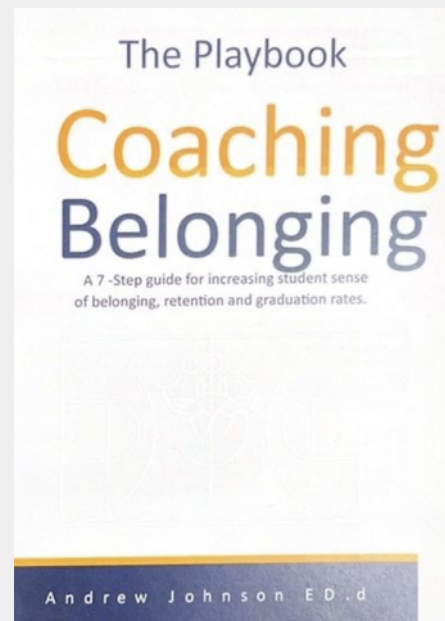
## **NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT DAY**

Towne Seniors signed their National Letters of Intent on November 8th, signifying their intention to play collegiate sports after graduation. Best of luck in your future athletic endeavors!



## **COACHING BELONGING**

FTC Staff and Student Leaders participated in a development session with Dr. Andrew Johnson to provide them the tools necessary to be leaders in the school and local community. Thank you to our student leaders who attended and a special thank you to Dr. Johnson for a wonderful presentation and interactive session!



# Clubs

**With the first quarter of the year finished, many students are settled in and looking to explore extracurricular opportunities. Franklin Towne hosts a number of clubs that cover a variety of interests. Get involved and join today!**



## MUSIC AND BAND

**JOIN MUSIC AND BAND CLUB EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY TO 3:30 PM TO LEARN HOW TO PLAY YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUMENTS; FROM THE GUITAR AND DRUMS TO THE TRUMPET AND THE SAXOPHONE. LEARN HOW TO READ MUSIC, SING AND PLAY LIKE A PRO ALONGSIDE YOUR FRIENDS. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED - AND BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME!**

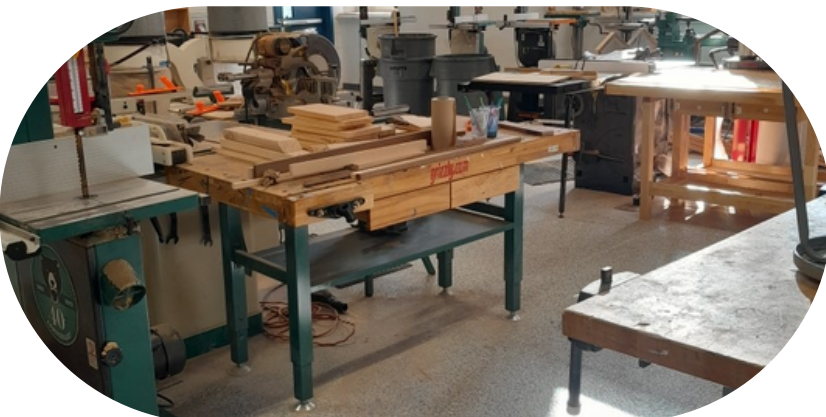
## COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

**JOIN COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB FOR MEETINGS IN ROOM 251 TO BE A PART OF CHANGE IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS WHILE DOING SO!**



## WOODSHOP CLUB

**WOODSHOP CLUB MEETS EVERY TUESDAY IN MR. SPINOZZI'S ROOM. COME LEARN TO WORK WITH BANDSAWS, JOINERS, AND MORE AS YOU PLAN AND CREATE EXCITING NEW PROJECTS! EXPLORE THE TECHNIQUES AND SUPPLIES USED IN WOODSHOP, WITH THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES AND FREEDOM TO BUILD CRAFTS SAFELY.**



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## DRAMA CLUB

THE INTENTION OF DRAMA CLUB IS TO CREATE A FUN AND OPEN ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS MAY PERFORM AND DIRECT IN VARIOUS SCENES IN THE HOPES OF DOING A BIG PRODUCTION AT THE END OF THE CLUBS DURATION. THEATER, MUSICAL OR NOT, HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT ARTFORM, AND DRAMA CLUB'S GOAL IS TO REVIVE THE THEATER SCENE HERE AT FRANKLIN TOWNE.

## DANCE TEAM

THE FRANKLIN TOWNE DANCE TEAM STRIVES TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AND CREATE FUN MEMORIES THROUGH DANCE. THE DANCE TEAM IS RUN BY MS. VESPER AND MS. EIFE. THEY MEET EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN THE DANCE STUDIO IN BUILDING 12 OR IN BUILDING 215 AT 2:45. PERFORM AT SCHOOL EVENTS LIKE PEP RALLYS AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS LIKE THE MAYFAIR THANKSGIVING PARADE.



## STEP CLUB

EVOLVING FROM AFRICAN AMERICAN SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES, STEP SHOWS RHYTHMIC TRADITIONS THAT CREATE A UNIFIED DANCE. MODERATED BY MS. JONES, STEPPERS DISPLAY TEAMWORK AND WORK TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL. IF INTERESTED, MS. JONES WILL TAKE NEW STEPPERS STARTING IN JANUARY.



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## **WEIGHTLIFTING CLUB**

**THE TOWNE WEIGHTLIFTING IS A CLUB THAT SURROUNDS OVERALL FITNESS AND EXERCISE TO KEEP STUDENTS IN GREAT SHAPE. THE CLUB HOLDS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMMING EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FOR SENIORS AND SOPHOMORES, AND EVERY MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY FOR FRESHMEN AND JUNIORS, WHICH ARE ALL MONITORED BY MR. PARCELLS.**

## **BEST BUDDIES**

**BEST BUDDIES IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO ENDING THE SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC ISOLATION OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. MAKE A LIFELONG FRIEND AND JOIN TODAY! SEE MS. GILBORGES OR MS. RUGGIERI FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.**

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## **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**IF YOU'RE A FAN OF LOCAL HISTORY, THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOU. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS TWICE A MONTH, EVERY MONTH. LEARN ABOUT HISTORICAL SITES AND VISIT THESE PLACES OF INTEREST! BE SURE TO TALK TO MR. FLEMING ABOUT JOINING!**