

# STEELER Nation News



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## Students explore languages and cultures at SRU



**Student language competitors (left to right): Jailen Roye (Grade 11), Amya Oliver (Grade 11), Faith Zagotti (Grade 11), Brice Butler (Grade 11), Tacari Evans (Grade 11), Ronald LaCamera (Grade 12), Marionna Deitz (Grade 11) and Sanaa Brodie (Grade 10).**

French and Spanish students traveled to Slippery Rock University on Tuesday, October 8, to compete in Levels I-III grammar and culture exams. Students had the opportunity to take online exams competing against schools as far as Pittsburgh and New York.

In addition to taking the tests, students explored cultures and languages throughout several scavenger hunt activities lead by SRU students and professors. In the Spanish room, students created their own *papel picado*, a decoration used in Mexican celebrations and holidays. The art of eating with chopsticks was highlighted by a "chopstick challenge," where students raced to move watermelon seeds using this common Japanese utensil. Students had the opportunity to dress in traditional Iranian clothing and learned the spelling of their first names in Arabic script with SRU students minoring in Arabic Studies. Our FHS participants perused

French and African writers and gathered information about dozens of Study Abroad Programs offered at the university.

Students are selected to compete based on excellent grades in French and Spanish as well as overall positive attitude and consistent participation in classes.



**Students dress in traditional Iranian attire.**

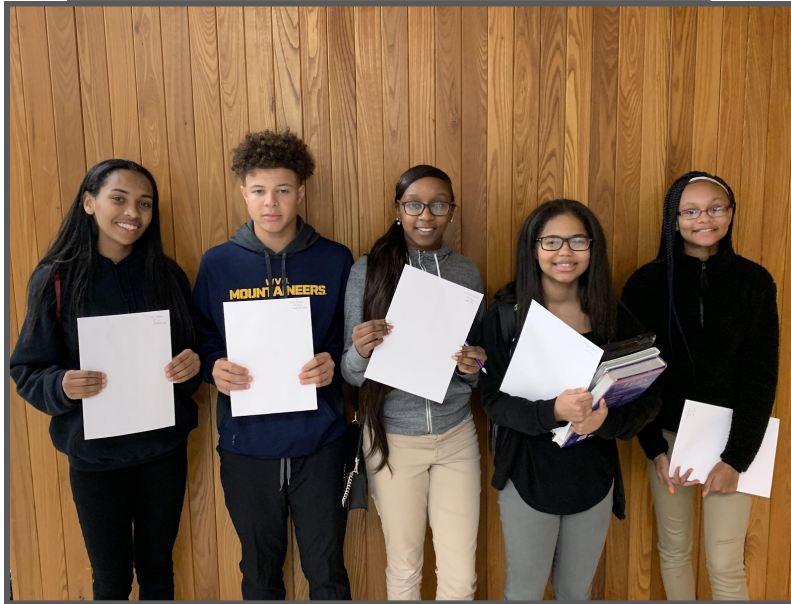
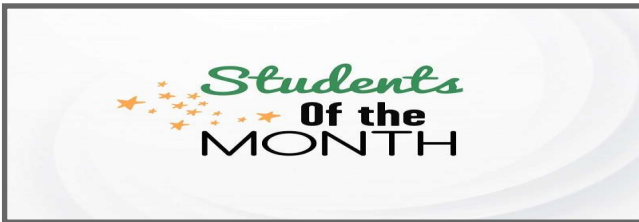
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### Mark your calendars:

**Nov. 13—PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK Meeting: 6-7pm**  
**Nov. 15 - Blood Drive**  
**Nov. 21,22 - Early Dismissal!**  
**Nov. 28, 29 & Dec. 2—Thanksgiving Break—No School**



**September Students of the Month are, from left to right, Kyra Crosby (Grade 12), Brice Butler (Grade 11), Demariah Burns (Grade 10), Nakasha Marcella (Grade 9), Cavaea Day (Grade 7), not pictured: Chazz Mercurio (Grade 8)**

By OMAR STEWART JR

Six students were named Student of the Month for the month of September. These winners received a cash reward of \$100 funded by Mr. Ted Pedas. Mr. Pedas has been generously funding this award to Farrell Students for the past 15 years. Mr. Pedas also recognizes students who have received the Student of the Month award during the year at a ceremony. There are guidelines set by Mr. Pedas in order to be nominated for this prestigious award. They are outlined below:

**Academic-** class participation, self-motivated, and going beyond expectations.

**Character-** displays initiative, honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, optimism

**Behavior-** no referrals

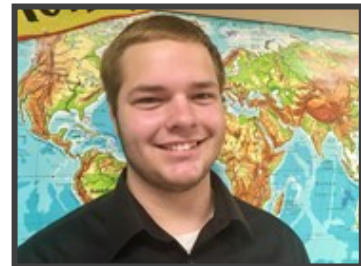
**Attendance-** Good attendance, being punctual

As students are nominated and voted on monthly, there is still plenty of time to achieve this honor. Keep working hard, remember, stay consistent and stay focused!



*"Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit."*

**Conrad Hilton**



**Nathaniel Wild's** first book has just been accepted for publishing by Dorrance Publishing. This is planned to be the first of at least eight books in a series. Currently they are waiting for editing, marketing plans, and graphic design for the cover

This is quite an achievement when others have been passed over for publishing repeatedly and Nate is being published on his first book submission.



Congratulations to our MCCC Strive Student of the Week - **Dennis Coleman**. Dennis is a Senior and was selected by his Collision Repair and Refinishing Instructor, Mr. Sherman, to be the head shop foreman for his class.

Dennis is a second year student this year and he excels in this program. He has a very strong passion for painting and is extremely detail oriented in his work. He enjoys assisting and teaching other students with every project.



# New faces at FHS this fall

## Full STEAM ahead with

### Mr. Justin Lewis

By OMAR STEWART JR.



Mr. Justin Lewis is a new member of our teaching staff. He is the STEAM Teacher. Mr. Lewis received his undergraduate degree in Biology at Penn State University. He earned his master's degree at Slippery Rock University for Education and Applied Research and Statistics. Mr. Lewis was the Athletic Director and is still currently the Track and Field coach at Greenville High School. His areas of interest outside of school are hunting and fishing.

Mr. Lewis decided to apply to teach at Farrell because he sees potential in our students here at Farrell. He is also excited to be able to work in Farrell because our new STEAM Laboratory is one of the best in Western Pennsylvania. Mr. Lewis' goal is to get as many students involved in the STEAM program as possible. One thing that he loves about teaching is seeing students learn new things that they otherwise did not even realize that they had an interest.

Mr. Lewis gave us a brief rundown on some of the impressive equipment to which the students and

faculty have access in the new laboratory:

**1 Stratasys F120 3D Printer:**

capable of printing with 2 different types of extrusion materials

**2 Ultimaker 3s:** capable of printing simplistic two material 3D designs

**1 Epilog Laser Mini:** capable of laser engraving Wood, Plastic and soft metals

**1 Epilog FusionPro:** capable of advanced engraving and laser cutting

**1 Roland Poster cutter/printer:** can print vinyl posters and stickers

**1 Roland MDX-50** - capable of cutting material on both the X, Y and Z axis (as used in Dentistry!)

**1 Clothing Heat Press:** can press vinyl material onto clothing

**1 Clothing Embroidery Machine:** can apply stitch embroidery designs to clothing

**1 Techno CNC Machine:** capable of cutting large designs such as furniture or 3D signs

## Ms. Munnal: Art abounds

By MELONN WELLS



Ms. Munnal grew up nearby in West Middlesex and in high school, she was involved in Art Classes and Art Club. She is now a K-12 Art Teacher here at Farrell. Her area of specialty is

printmaking and painting. In the past, she has enjoyed putting on "interactive art" and getting students involved with the pieces that they are creating. She attended Slippery Rock University and Carlow University in Pittsburgh. She even plans to enter FHS student artwork in the *Slippery Rock University Art Department 2019 Juried High School Exhibition*, being put on at SRU from November 11th - 21st.

One of her first impressions about Farrell Area School District that we have a good support system within the school and the community. In particular, she notes the impressive studios available through Hope Cat and is encouraging students to get involved. She recognizes some challenges that she will have to overcome, as she is new to the position, but is eager to meet students and create relationships in our school community. This is her second teaching position here at Farrell High School, as she has also taught at Union Elementary. Outside of school, her hobbies are reading and painting.

Some advice she offers to her students to be successful in her Art Classes is to never give up and use your creativity. Reworking your project(s) helps with becoming better at what you are trying to overcome or improve. A very cool tidbit about our new Art Teacher is that she has had her own personal artwork on display overseas in Poland via one of her professors in college! One of her greatest accomplishments is graduating college and now being able to give back to students aspiring to mold their own futures. Check out Ms. Munnal's favorite piece of artwork in the insert in this newspaper. She says,

**"Be the first to unscramble Mrs. Munnal's favorite artwork and identify the artist to earn 5 bonus points and a special surprise! Get cutting and unscrambling!"**



## Mr. Hixon encourages students to join Chorus



The new Chorus Teacher, Mr. Donald Hixon is the K-6th Grade General Music Teacher and Junior High/Senior Chorus Teacher. He

By **MELONN WELLS**

started teaching at Farrell in August of 2019, after having heard about the opening from our former Chorus Teacher, Mrs. Coxson. This is not Mr. Hixon's first teaching position as he taught the last 14 years at Western Beaver High School, in Western PA. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee.

In addition to teaching Music, Mr. Hixon has also taught Math, PE, Science and Band. His love for music and his father, who was also a teacher, both inspired him to enter into the field of education. Outside of school, he

enjoys listening to his favorite artist, Billy Joel, and spending time on his farm with his six children.

His first month here at Farrell has been fun and he said he really likes it and he appreciates the kindness that the staff and students have shown him. There are some challenges that he will have to overcome, including getting more students involved in class and motivated to refine their talent and skills. He encourages anybody with an interest in Chorus to talk to Mrs. Titus, the new Guidance Counselor. We also look forward to an upcoming Christmas Concert in December.

## Earning college credits in high school: That's getting down to BUSINESS!

Contributed by: **FAITH ZAGOTTI**

This semester Butler Community College or BC3 is currently offering Macroeconomics 101 to all Juniors and Seniors eligible for Dual Enrollment. This course offers three college credits in business and some extra background knowledge in the world of business. The course is taught by BC3 Adjunct Professor, Mrs. Kladitis.

The class began on Tuesday, September 3rd. Class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:50 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. Yes, you read that right, fourteen students get up to be to school by 6:50 a.m. Granted you lose being able to sleep a little longer, but you gain knowledge and college credits. Keep up those scholarly habits FHS students, we are proud of you!



## Students study simple machines

Contributed by: Mrs. ROGERS

Students in Mrs. Rodgers' class are studying simple machines. This particular example is that of a nail. A nail is a pole with a wedge at the tip. When you hit a nail with a hammer, the force travels through the

pole to the wedge, and some of the force changes direction.

After learning about nails, students explored and were able to describe motion and objects by hammering nails into a board,

then creating string art around the nails. They were also able to explain how an object's change in motion can be observed and measured.



Students (from left to right): Ryan Stewart (Grade 8), Dale Durnell (Grade 8), Seth Koren (Grade 12), and Charles Anderson (Grade 8), hammer, weave and demonstrate finished Nail and String Art.



# Homecoming Hype 2019

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory"  
- Dr. Scuss

By MELONN WELLS

The Homecoming Dance took place October 5, 2019, at the Farrell VFW. Student Council provided the food, which was catered by Farone Brothers. The menu consisted of pasta and meatballs, salad, baked chicken, bread rolls, and drinks. The music brought the students to the dance floor. Some of the crowd favorites were the "Cha-Cha Slide" by DJ Casper, "Wobble" by V.I.C. and "Act Up" by the City Girls. One of the best moments was when the students started a dance chain.

Everybody looked very nice in formal attire. One of our Juniors, Mariyana Amos even popped out

with a briefcase that matched her outfit!

We cannot forget to give another congrats to the Homecoming King and Queen, Ray Raver and Kyra Crosby. Kyra Crosby had this to say about being crowned our 2019 Queen,

***"Winning Homecoming Queen is such an honor. I know that as I grow, I have more to worry about than just myself. I have younger kids looking up to me and copying me. Therefore, throughout my years of school, I try to carry myself with pride and stay out of trouble. For those reasons, I feel that I am a great representative and would like to thank the student body who trusted me with this honor, GO FARRELL."***



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(From top)Kyra Crosby, Jaden Harrison, Kalia Knight, Tyree Hammonds, Jasmine May, Christian Hartley , Jacara Green, Mariyana Amos, Tacari Evans, Marionna Deitz, Ramon Oatis, Jaden Harrison and Khia Carthorn enjoying the homecoming festivities.

## Steelers football: a record crushing season

By OMAR STEWART

The Farrell Steelers had a historic regular season with new head coach Anthony Peagues. The Steelers ended the season 7-2. The Steelers had a rough start losing to University Prep in week one and to Wilmington in week two. They got their first win in the 2019 season against Union City on August 6. Since the game against Union City, the Steelers have been on a winning streak.

The team and coaches marked their 600th win in school history against Greenville on October 18. Farrell Football has had nine consecutive shutouts this season. The Steelers continue their season in the playoffs. Their first playoff game was scheduled to play against Cambridge Springs but canceled due to a CS forfeit. The Steelers started the playoffs 1-0. We wish them luck and continued success into post season.



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**Anthony Stallworth cutting up the sideline as Ray Raver (#6) and Jaden Harrison (#9) look on.**

# Students Costa Rica bound AGAIN in 2021

## 2021 Itinerary Highlights:

Arenal Volcano and hot springs, Monteverde school visit and zip line tour, beaches of Puntarenas and Manuel Antonio and capital San Jose



Contributed by: SEÑORA TORRES

Would you like to go zip lining through clouds, hike in the rainforest, swim in warm tropical beaches, or see monkeys and sloths? If so, you are in luck! Señora Torres will be leading a student trip to Costa Rica from June 14 to June 21, 2021.

Last time we traveled to Costa Rica was in 2017. We had the opportunity to tour the country with students from Texas, Oregon, and Ohio. We visited waterfalls, volcanoes, butterfly sanctuaries, nature preserves, and a local school. It was a great experience for all travelers.

If you are interested in joining this trip, please visit [www.explorica.com/Torres-632](http://www.explorica.com/Torres-632) for more details and to sign up!



Former FHS Students, Destiny Spence, Sabrina McMurdy, and Kalik Butler in Monteverde in 2017



## Le Français est FANTASTIQUE:

### National French Week

By DAKOTA PETREY

National French Week is a weeklong celebration that takes place in schools and throughout communities. It is celebrated from November 4th-10th. The year 2019 brings around the 21st annual National French Week celebration. Throughout National French Week, schools and communities are encouraged to celebrate many of the themes, which include.

**Cuisine** - a focus on the similarities and differences of food in the France, and other French speaking cultures.

**Arts and crafts**- a way to reinforce principles that students "learn by doing" both French language and the French speaking cultures.

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**Community events**- a way in which to show a unique sense of images, motion, and sound. Events serves to create memories and make connections.

**Sports, Games, and Traditions**- A sensation of wanting to play or take part in something. This was chosen because it is an area in which young people can easily relate.

**Music and Dance**- An activity that was most chosen because it is a simple, yet an enjoyable way of celebrating.

Our own **Farrell High School French Club** will be exploring various monuments from the French-speaking world by creating 3D models in the STEAM lab this week!

### Halloween in France

By DAKOTA PETREY

French people celebrate Halloween similarly to the way we do in the US. They trick or treat and/or attend costume parties. Just as you would see here in the US, zombies, vampires, and other scary creatures are all common costumes.

*La Toussaint* or All Saint's Day is a national holiday in France. It is celebrated on November 1. *La Toussaint* is a traditional holiday and a way of honoring the dead. The French celebrate *la Toussaint* by visiting their family's graves, and placing the traditional flower, the chrysanthemum, on the grave.



Marie Antoinette and Frida Kahlo visit the FHS Language Dept. on Halloween to talk history and culture!



**Student SHOUT OUTS:** faculty and administrators recognize the following FHS students for exceptional behaviors, attitudes, gestures and academic accolades this past month:

To: **Chazz Mercurio** - You have made a wonderful turn around in your behavior and academics. Keep up the great work; we are all proud of you! – Principal, Mr. Fowler

**Chazz Mercurio** (again!) - You have stepped up and are showing true leadership skills, keep showing them! – Mrs. Fischer

To: **Charles Anderson** – Thanks for being so kind and helpful to a peer in class!

To: **Colton Weiser** - Way to start of this school year, keep it up! – Mrs. Fischer

To: **Denzel Driver** – Recognized for helping a student in the hallway when all of the student's belongings fell to the floor. Great example of kindness!

To: **Tacari Evans** – You got this, and it is working! - Anonymous  
Exceptional effort in academics and/or behavior in Ms. Nehlen's classes are the following students: **Colton Weiser** (again), **Jazmine Scott, Nathan Davey, Chazz Mercurio** (a 3<sup>rd</sup> time), **Khaliya Venable, Khyla Hopson, Syon Rain, Dontaye Bell, Brandon Chambers, Autumn Scarbrough, Cevea Day, and Chaurice Ousley**. Keep up the great work!



## October: breast cancer awareness and stories that bring hope

By **JORDYNE SCOTT**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Cancer is a disease characterized by abnormal cells. Breast Cancer starts in cell groups. The Cancer cells invade the surrounding tissue and may spread to more and different body parts of the body. Women's Breast Cancer is caused by damage to the cell's DNA.

Many risky lifestyle choices can lead up to Breast Cancer. Some such behaviors are lack of physical activity, poor diet, being overweight or obese, radiation to the chest, and drinking alcohol. Many women with breast cancer will have pain, although some do not. The pain can be discomfort, tenderness, and that pain can be experienced from around the breast area extending to the underarm region. The pain can be treated by medication such as: Digitalis Preparation, Methyldopa (Aldomet), Anadrol, and Chlorpromazine.

There are several emerging treatments for breast cancer. A Florida woman, who was given only five months to live, is now declared cancer

free due to one such experimental treatment. Judy Perkins is now a survivor of breast Cancer. After her diagnosis with advanced breast cancer, it spread very quickly through her body. During the treatment, they pumped 90 billion can-

## Bullying Prevention Month


By **JORDYNE SCOTT**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Schools and organizations across the world join STOMP-Out bullying. The aim of Bullying Prevention Month is to encourage schools and communities to join effort to stop bullying and cyber-bullying. Supporters band together to end racism and hatred. October 7, is World Day of Bullying Prevention (#BlueUp). October 11, is National Come Out Day. Come Out Day is admitting that you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or a transgender. October 14, is stand up for others. Stand Up for Others Week is standing up for anyone being bullied in or out of school. The week of October 21, is a week of inclusion. Remember, spreading kindness and acceptance is everyone's responsibility.

## Guidance Reminders

All **MCCC (ie: Vo-Tech)** permission slips must be signed and returned to the Guidance Office no later than **November 6**. This is open to all 10th graders. However, if you are interested in cosmetology and are a 9th grader, you are also eligible to attend.

The deadlines for **SAT registration** is November 7. For the **ACT**, the deadline is November 14 (DECEMBER TEST DATES). There are waiver forms available for the fee for these tests as well as for the fee for college applications. Forms for both of these can be picked up from the Guidance Office bulletin board.

**Farrell High School**  
**Blood Drive**  
Where: GYM  
When: Friday, November 15  
8am—1:30 p.m.  
Call: 1-800 RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Farrell HS to schedule an appointment

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# C.O.O.L stuff to do after school



Grade 7 students (above), Martese Beamon and Jizelle Wells take the challenge of a balance and ropes course at Bad Dog Adventure Park. Students (right) Jhazmere Richards, Ryonna Jefferson and Jelil Jackson feeding alpacas and goats.

Contributed by: MR. GAINES and MRS. HOOD

C.O.O.L. stands for more than just Children's Opportunity for Outside Learning. Here at Farrell, students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities to help them improve academically, socially, and physically. The program runs from 3:00 until 6:00 Monday through Thursday after school for students in grades 5-9. Stop by the office for an enrollment form to join the program!



## Student Martese Beamon, Grade 7, weighs in on benefits of the C.O.O.L. Program:

*"I like COOL because it helps me do my homework... I meet friends and it keeps me busy."*



## All the FALL feels at FHS



**Pictured above: Mrs. Fischer and Ms. Pollock's CBI field trip to Iron's Mill.**



**Pictured left: FCS Classes prepare pumpkin seeds and desserts.**