



FONTBONNE HALL ACADEMY

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Recently, I have received emails from parents telling me that they found our monthly newsletters useful, a great way to keep our lines of communication open and effective, and disappointed that we did not continue sending these communications during this school year. Readership of our newsletters was much higher than we perceived it to be, and more effective than the brief Constant Contact information than we have been sending.



Beginning this month we will again send a monthly communication to you through e-mail. As in the past, newsletters will also be posted to our website so that you may easily review the important information that we are sending about news and developments at Fontbonne. In this month's newsletter, we highlight some important student assemblies as well as some important new academic offerings.

I hope this month's edition is useful and enjoyable! Always feel free to contact me with any comments or questions about our newsletters. We would appreciate any feedback that you care to give or any ideas or suggestions that you have to help us communicate more effectively to solidify our partnership in educating our young women. I can be reached at spicijaric@fontbonne.org or at

Best,

*Mary Ann Spicijaric
Principal*

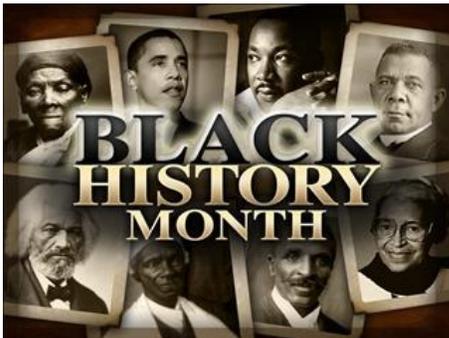


2016-2017 Course Registration

Current 9th-11th graders will be meeting with their guidance counselor through the week of March 14th to make their choices for the 2016-2017 school year. The Course Catalog with information about which courses are available to all students can be found on the Fontbonne website under the "Academics" tab or click [here](#). These choices will be entered directly into PowerSchool, our student information system.

Students will bring home a hard copy of those selections for a parent to sign.

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Wierzbowski at wierzbowski@fontbonne.org



Black History Month Project

Juniors in all U.S. and APUS courses worked on a group project researching African Americans who have made a contributions to American history. The group were responsible for gathering information about an individual and creating a google doc that was converted into a magazine article format. The final product is a digital flip magazine which you can read [here](#). Special commendation is given to Cassandra Burrell '17, who took the leadership in creating the digital format and editing the submissions, and her assistants, Keara Donahue and Armani Edgar.

A similar project is under way in the 9th and 10th Grade Global classes to celebrate Women's History Month. Watch for the link to be posted to the school website during the month of March!



Guest Speaker: Dr. Steven Dewey

On April 29th Dr. Steven Dewey will be at FHA to speak to our students. He will explain how alcohol and drug use affects the developing adolescent and adult brain. In particular, he displays brain scans to illustrate the changes due to a range of drug abuse including illicit drugs, prescription drugs, marijuana, synthetic marijuana, energy drinks and caffeine.

Renowned neuroscientist, Dr. Stephen L. Dewey has conducted research on the effects of addictive drugs on the human brain. Dr. Dewey started an outreach program in 1994 bringing his research findings to school districts throughout Long Island and the tri-state area. His informative message has reached tens of thousands of school-age children, parents, teachers, administrators, and counselors. Dr. Dewey's research has been featured on a variety of television programs, including 20/20, Dateline, and Good Morning America. We are pleased to welcome him!

****Parents are invited to attend this presentation:***

Friday, April 29th

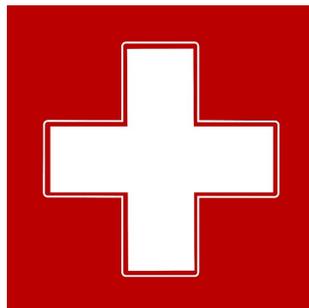
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Gymnasium



NEW Articulation Program with St. Joseph's College

As we continue to develop our exclusive college bridge programs, we are proud to announce that we have recently entered into an exciting new partnership with St. Joseph's College (a college sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brentwood). This new college acceleration hybrid program will offer two distinct college and career pathways: Nursing and Child Study. A student will be able to earn up to 18 college credits at a minimal cost. For example, a student who is considering a career in Nursing can opt to take the requisite *Nursing Seminar*. It will be taught by a member of the SJC nursing faculty here on our campus and will allow students to gain a better understanding of a nursing career, while still in high school. As per our articulation agreement with SJC, she will then follow the career path in Nursing by taking those courses that are required for the major. We are proud to offer this new opportunity to all of our students.



Health News

BLOOD DRIVE: Fontbonne Hall Academy is holding its second annual Blood Drive on Monday, March 21, 2016. Last year the students and faculty donated 31 pints of blood and we are hoping to reach that goal again! The students must be 16 years old to participate and parental permission is required. Registration will take place in the beginning of March.

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016:

- As of September 1, 2016, all public and private school students entering 7th and 12th

grades in New York State must be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease in order to attend school.

- One dose of meningococcal vaccine is required before 7th grade. If your child had the first dose as a sixth grader, then another dose is not required until 12th grade.
- A total of two doses will be required before 12th grade. Most students entering 12th grade got their first dose when they were younger and are now due for their second dose, or booster. This booster is needed because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.
- The only teens who will not need a second dose before 12th grade are those who got their first dose on or after their 16th birthday.

It's best to check with your doctor to see whether or not your child needs the vaccine. Students who are not up-to-date will not be allowed to attend school until they are vaccinated.

Meningococcal disease spreads easily in large groups and in dormitory-like settings. An infected person can spread the disease by coughing or sneezing directly into the face of others, by kissing a person on the mouth, or by sharing a glass or cup. That's why it is so important to make sure teens and young adults get vaccinated when they are most at risk.



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