Francis Howell North Publications

Best Use of Social Media: Social Media Reporting

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In the 2020-21 school year, Francis Howell North Publications used social media in order to cover events, sports, news, and people at FHN. This reporting was used to highlight and capture the happenings around school giving our student and community audience an inside look and a sense of engagement with the school.
We covered...
Events
Many senior year traditions have been canceled or modified this year, but a newer tradition has held its place amidst the times. Sponsored by FBLA & DECA and introduced just last year, seniors can pay $20 to reserve and paint their own parking spots. The parking spots are personal, creative and each bring their own flair to the parking lot scene.

“This opportunity made everything better.”

September 13, 2020
Deck the Halls, a StuCo event that decorating took place through Dec. 9-11, consists of groups of students decorating a hallway for the holidays. A few of the themes were Dino Christmas by StuCo, Holidays Around the World by HOSA, and Winter Wonderland by Publications. Judging took place during the week of Dec. 14 for the best festive hallway. The two winners were announced on Friday: Mrs. Bartell and Publications.

“My club is HOSA and our theme is “December holidays around the world” and we chose this theme because our school has a diverse community, and we wanted to try and integrate multiple holidays and religions because not everyone celebrates Christmas but others do.”

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On February 24, FHN held the annual Knights of the Round Table in the gym at 6:30. This is an event where teachers nominate students who have made a great impact on them throughout the year. Each student was given a medal and teachers wrote about why the student was chosen for the award.

“I’m glad Mrs. Wilkens chose me for the award because I feel

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Virtual Mr. FHN took place from Monday, Mar. 15-Thursday, Mar. 18. The boys competed in four different challenges each week, posted on the Student Council Instagram. They raised $370 for Every Child’s Hope. Students voted on the contestants for each day, and the winners were announced in second hour on Friday, Mar. 19. Junior Grogan Kraus (Mr. Volleyball) took First Place making him 2021’s Mr. FHN. Seniors Marcus Otto (Mr. Curling) and
On Wednesday, Mar. 31 from 9:00 to 1:30, FHN HOSA held their annual blood drive in the FHN gymnasium. Students 16 and above, staff, and teachers are able to come and donate blood that will go to the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. When donating blood, you can either choose to receive a pair of fuzzy socks or a $5 gift card to a place of your choosing. This year, FHN HOSA collected around 75 pints of blood from
The Spring Fling Pep Assembly was held on Wednesday, April 28. The event was live streamed in homeroom featuring performances, a game, and court. Student Council hosted the event to take the place of Snowcoming, a winter dance, cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

“We held the Pep Assembly to keep traditions the same and bring some light into our COVID affected year. I

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Clubs & Activities
fhntoday On Tuesday Oct. 21st, students met for the weekly Drama Club meeting. New members were shown around the rooms and others prepared for the upcoming audition. “I’m really curious as to how this year will play out because we have some online kids and some in-person, so I’m excited to see how both parties will play out” senior Rumesa Qalbani said. (📸: @emi.zha )
On Saturday, Dec. 5th, the FHN Drama Club put on their play called, “The Internet is Distracting...Oh Look a Kitten!” The play was held live on Dec. 3rd, 4th, and 5th, and is available for streaming as well for $5.

“One of my favorite parts of the play that I enjoy are the prank nights, because there’s always something unexpected. But even better, I love the
On the first day of second semester, Community Leaders took freshman transitioning from online back to in-person on a school tour.

“It’s very organized. The people that are helping know a lot and they are very confident” freshman Mack Akerman said.

Around 30 freshman came back to school this semester from online
Sports
Fall Sports
On October 16, 2020, the last Varsity football game was played against Fort Zumwalt South. With the building of the new FHN, this makes it the last football game held in the current FHN Stadium, ever. Though the Knights lost, it was still a sentimental moment for the players and coaches alike. “I spent four years on this field and I really just have a connection with...”
The tennis varsity gold, varsity silver, and junior varsity teams play practice games before their game against St Charles West High on Thursday, September 17th.

“I think it’s a good place to improve and learn new techniques to handle the ball. I really like the part of practice when we either play queen of the court or when we do the drills. We need practices, they help us look back at previous matches mistakes and they help us improve our technique” sophomore Kirnpreet Dayal said.

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On Sept 21, 2020, the Girls FHN Volleyball team have their senior night to recognize the remaining three players on the team, Brandi Stover, Cate Hahn, and Sophia Gabel. This game was against St Charles West High and FHN won on the fourth serve 3-1. For the senior night, the underclassman had gotten the seniors many gifts to celebrate making it through the program the past four years.
On September 29, 2020, the varsity and JV girls golf team play a match against Fort Zumwalt West for their senior night. Seniors Emily Zhang and Minnie Adams both tied their matches and were rewarded with flowers and their senior portrait. "My favorite memories are my miraculous chips that happen when I'm in a pickle. Chips are small shots used to get onto the putting green. Recently, I have been..."
Winter Sports
On March 4th, the Varsity Girls basketball team played in the district championship tournament against Francis Howell Central. The Knights took second place in the district in a close game ending 59-43.

“Still after the game was over we were still proud of ourselves because we still got second place, so I’m happy where we ended but we could have gotten...
On Jan. 20th, the JV and Varsity FHN Knightline Dance Team presents a showcase of their upcoming dance routines for this year. Many members of both of these teams are at home quarantined, and were called in so they could see their other members dance. There was one routine from JV and two routines from Varsity.

“My favorite memory about knightline
On Jan. 5th, Varsity Boys Basketball played against St. Charles High for a home game with the ending score of 46-48. FHN also held senior night for the boys, which recognized all of their accomplishments with the basketball program.

“My favorite memory of playing for north the last 4 years was growing and developing with all of the different guys.
On Saturday, April 10, Winter Guard had their last performance showcased to family and friends. Each senior was recognized in this show and it was a memorable day for them as well as the underclassmen.

"I'll miss all of my friends that turned into a little family and watching everyone grow into better performers and better people," senior Grace.
Spring Sports
fhntoday On Tuesday, Mar. 30, the Varsity Boys Tennis team played against St. Charles High School. The boys won 9-0 at the match. Seniors Cole Sherman and Rayan Amir are playing their last season in high school, making it their fourth years on Varsity.

“We’re really happy with the win today, and I am hopeful to continue our undefeated streak,” senior Rayan Amir
On March 30th, Varsity Girls Soccer played Liberty High at FHN. The girls lost 0-7, but played an aggressive game.

“I’m excited to see what we can do in Districts, and see how far we get” senior Brynna Rutherford said.

(Photo story by Emily Zhang)

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On April 22nd, Varsity Boys Volleyball played Fort Zumwalt North for their senior night on the home court. Fortunately, the boys won 3-0 sets and played a really strong game.

“This was one of the best games we’ve played as a team and we are all finally starting to click, this was the most fun I’ve had on the court I couldn’t ask for a better night for senior night” senior
On Thursday, April 22, the girl’s lacrosse team played against Francis Howell High School. The Knights took a 12-25 loss. Girls lacrosse is a newer sports program at North, and many of the seniors on the team have been playing all four years of high school.

“I’m most excited to be playing with the girls I’ve been playing with for the past...
Classes
Fashion Construction is one of the many FAC's classes students can take. Students learn the basics of garment production through pattern, cutting and sewing fabrics, and using a sewing machine. The students are currently creating fleece jackets in class.

Some of the students' inspiration for their projects include recreating more expensive items to make rather than

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fhntoday On Mar. 19th, Mrs. Kiel’s third hour photojournalism class got to take out the cameras and practice before they go out and do their first photo shoot. They worked as a team and learned how to balance the camera with aperture, shutter speed, and ISO. This is all to prepare for the upcoming news photo shoots they will be having during Spring break and after.

“The hardest part about learning a

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On Friday, March 12, Mr. Just's Introduction to Art class continued working on their clay projects. The students used clay medium to create containers either round or rectangular. The boxes had to be "Monster" themed, sculpting clay into containers representing monsters.

"Working with clay is a breath of fresh air from painting or drawing; you're using your hands. It doesn't require any particular skill. It's fun." — Mr. Just

MARCH 17

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Around School Happenings
Art students from Mrs. Maples’ class started repainting the girl’s bathroom on the main floor. They have been working for the past couple of weeks and have spent over 60 hours planning, sketching and painting the walls and stalls. The paintings are inspired by various childhood T.V. shows.

“We’re getting a new school and it’s older paint so they asked the principal
fhntoday Every day, senior Megan Miller reads out the announcements to the school. Along with club and school announcements, she also states the National Day of the day and how to celebrate it. Megan has been reading the announcements since the beginning of the school year.

“It’s kind of fun to be able to bring a bright start to people’s days or whatever period I give

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MARCH 1
Throughout the ending months of school, College and Career Counselor Brooke Prestige is filling up a map in the front lobby of all of the colleges around America the senior class of 2021 are going to. Each student who fills out their college decision choice on SCOIR will be placed on the map with their name and their college of choice.

“We have been talking about a way to celebrate the decision day since it didn’t happen last year due to the shut down. We wanted to celebrate the students decisions and all three high schools are doing it this year,” College and Career Counselor Brooke Prestige said.
Humans of FHN
The Humans of FHN social media posts showcase the people at Francis Howell North and their unique experiences.
Aubrey Crespo is a sophomore. She enjoys playing soccer, and she recently learned how to make earrings, she moved a lot when she was younger because her family was in the military. The most place she liked was Korea, moving there made a huge impact in her life. “My family moved to Korea when I was seven years old, for about 2 years. Living there opened my eyes to different cultures and different ways of life, living there was fun, we used to always go sightseeing, this had a huge impact on my life because I was just a kid when we moved there, I was introduced to a completely new language and it was hard learning it, but I still remember a couple of words today, since again I was very young, I also still remember some folk tales I learned there. Studying and just being
This year, Josiah Couch decided to step forward and become a youth group leader. Couch has been going to church all of his life. He helps lead a group of 6th grade boys at Harvester Christian Church. Couch said, “I wanted to lead a group because I love the dynamic my [high school] group has and I wanted to recreate that dynamic and experience for other students.” His favorite thing about leading a group is being able to look at all of the kids’ different personalities and how they are all a vital part of the group. As one would assume, leading a group of middle school boys can be challenging. Couch said, “The most difficult part about leading a group is getting their respect, especially since they are in the middle school age range.”
We all have different relationships with our families, some closer than others. But Tayler Ross has a really close connection to her family more than most people have. Tayler is a freshman at Francis Howell North. She says that she is close with her family and relates this to a pack of wolves. "I'm very family oriented...", she tells me. And it seems accurate. They never have their phones out at meals, instead they just enjoy each other's company. "We actually talk to each other, and I think that's a really important thing. It's a really big part of my life", she says. Tayler's closeness to her family is something not many people have, and that's what makes it special.

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Junior Faith Todd’s dogs have been going to Harvester Animal Clinic for years to receive healthcare. During one of Todd’s more recent visits, she was talking with one of the doctors and found out that the Clinic was hiring high schoolers for a veterinary assistant position. Todd was immediately interested in the job, as she plans to go to veterinary school and work as a veterinarian one day. Todd has been working at the clinic for nearly 9 months, and has grown to love the job. Her responsibilities range from simply holding the animal while being examined, to running fecal and blood samples, and drawing up vaccines.

Todd said her favorite part of her job is “getting to see all sorts of animals,”
Senior Humberto Pintor-Ferreya has been wrestling since sophomore year. He had wanted to do it since middle school. “I was just bored and it was something I had thought of since middle school but never had the confidence to do,” Pintor-Ferreya said.

Senior Humberto Pintor-Ferreya takes a starting position. Pintor-Ferreya hopes to continue his wrestling career in college. “Even if I don’t continue, the experience made me feel good about being a part of something,” Pintor-Ferreya said.

FHN wrestler Humberto Pintor-Ferreya has medaled in two JV wrestling tournaments in his second season. He was hesitant to wrestle at first. “When I