FRANKFORT — The Frankfort-Schuyler Friends of Rachel will present a Senior Prom later this month.

This event, scheduled for 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, is not for high school seniors, though.

The student group is organizing the prom for the senior citizens of Herkimer County. Adults age 60 and older are invited to attend.

“We started planning this last year,” Sophia LoRe told the school board during a meeting Tuesday.

She added that free tickets will be available at the school starting next week.

Students will be available to serve as greeters or escorts, according to Bryce MacDonald, who, along with Zander Wilson and Cecelia Randazzo, took turns outlining plans for the event during Tuesday’s meeting of the Frankfort-Schuyler Board of Education.

They said there will be a social area and food and drink as well as a dance floor in the gymnasium with a volunteer DJ providing music and taking requests.

The group has been contacting businesses and others to request support for the event and has been reaching out to senior citizen facilities to invite residents to attend.

The students are hoping for a turnout of 200 or more.
The Senior Prom is part of the Senior Citizen Outreach Program at Frankfort-Schuyler, which encourages intergenerational relationships and activities between the school’s students and community senior citizens. Frankfort-Schuyler students have also performed holiday concerts at Foltsbrook Center and assisted with an introductory computer class for residents of Foltsbrook. Visits to area senior citizen facilities to interact with residents are planned.

Elementary school Principal Melanie Welch and middle school Principal Molly LiBritz both reported their students are or will be involved in pen pal programs with senior citizens. LiBritz also reported that students at the middle school decorated cookies to take to residents at Foltsbrook.