

F-S capital project complete

Reading program part of Frankfort-Schuyler Back-to-School

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FRANKFORT — A completed capital project will help kick off the school year at the Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District, along with the continuation of a reading program and the addition of some new electives.

District Superintendent Robert Reina said in an email that “the construction project is now complete.”

The \$7.5 million project was approved by voters in 2014 and encompassed new classroom space at the elementary school, new parking lots, two playgrounds, a main office location that allows for single point of entry, a music room, a nurse’s office, a technology lab, a remodeled library, the installation of new lights and a new roof.

When students returned to classes last September, work was still ongoing. Reina said in an email Thursday that the project is now “officially completed and reports have been filed with the State Education Department.”

The school district will also be offering MySchoolBucks this year, which is new to the school district. According to the school district website, at www.frankfort-schuyler.org, the service allows for parents and guardians to pay for school meals online using a credit/debit card or electronic check. It also allows for the monitoring of student cafeteria purchases and email notifications are sent out when there is a low account balance.

Reina also said the school district will offer advanced placement computer

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A completed capital project and the continuation of a reading program are among the highlights for students at Frankfort-Schuyler Central School District as they head back to school next week. Pictured is the facade of the Frankfort Junior/Senior High School building.

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science and honors English Language Arts in grades 7 and 8 when classes begin this year. He also said the middle school will continue with its "Sustained Silent Reading" program.

"Last year, we implemented Sustained Silent Reading, or SSR, for grades 6, 7, and 8," said middle school Principal Molly Libritz in an email Thursday. "Each day, students receive approximately 10 minutes to read silently a book, magazine, etc. of their choice. This was to promote reading skills and abilities as well as student interest and confidence in reading as a whole."

Libritz also said "some of the grade levels also

follow up with students on independent journal writing based on the texts they have been reading which promotes writing skills as well."

"We are seeking to motivate students to read more while having specific time to read at their own pace and work through various challenges they may have," she said. "Ultimately we are seeking to utilize SSR as a way to demonstrate the joy that reading can bring while developing lifelong learners and readers."

The first day of school for students in first through 12th grade is Thursday with the first day of school for kindergarten students on Sept. 7. Teachers will have superintendent's conference days Tuesday and Wednesday.

Reina said the enrollment for kindergarten

At a glance...

New at the school district: MySchoolBucks program available to pay for lunches; AP computer science and honors English Language Arts in grades 7 and 8
 First Day of Classes: Thursday, Sept. 6 for Grades 1 through 12; Friday, Sept. 7 for kindergarten;
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