

# FHS BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM PLACES 4TH PLACE IN IHSA STATE TOURNAMENT

Fremd High School hosted a rally earlier this week to celebrate the Varsity Boys Basketball Team placing 4th in the IHSA State Tournament. During the rally, seniors on the team competed against staff members in a short basketball game. View photos of the rally below.



*The team poses with the state trophy after a school rally to celebrate the team's success.*



*Team captains present Principal Kurt Tenopir with the state trophy.*



*Seniors on the team take on staff members during a friendly basketball game during the rally.*



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*FHS celebrated the team's 4th place finish in the state tournament during a rally earlier this week.*



*Seniors on the team take on staff members during a friendly*

*basketball game during the rally.*



*Seniors played a quick basketball game against staff members during the rally.*



*Highlights from the season were shown during the rally.*

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## FHS VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM CELEBRATES 4TH PLACE IN STATE TOURNAMENT

Fremd High School hosted a rally earlier this week to celebrate the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the IHSA State Tournament. During the rally, students competed against each other and staff in various basketball games. View photos of the rally, as well as the state trophy, below.





*Principal Kurt Tenopir is presented the state trophy by the team's captains.*



*Coach Dave Yates introduces the team at the rally.*



*Students and staff participated in basketball games for prizes.*



*The Varsity Girls' Basketball team poses at a rally to celebrate their success at state.*



*The FHS varsity girls' basketball team placed 4th in the IHSA State Tournament.*



*A highlight reel was played during the rally.*

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## TWO DISTRICT 211 STUDENTS EARN PERFECT SCORE ON ACT



*Fremd High School student Kevin Chen and Palatine High School student Sarah Gonwa earned perfect scores on the ACT.*

At its Feb. 16, 2017 meeting, the Board of Education honored two High School District 211 students for achieving a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the ACT exam.

Fremd High School student Kevin Chen and Palatine High School student Sarah Gonwa earned perfect scores on the ACT. Both students said they were surprised to learn of earning a perfect score.

“I was really surprised when I learned I got a 36 on the test,” Kevin said. “I was really expecting to have to take it again.”

Sarah said that she took the ACT through school but needed to take the exam that included the writing portion. She said taking the first test along with preparation from some of her advanced classes helped her achieve a 36. Both students said keeping calm about the exam was a key to their success.

“The most important thing is to be calm going in to the test,” she said. “If you think too much about the repercussions of the test it can really overwhelm you. People need to remember there are more opportunities to take the test again so if

they don't do well they can take it again."

Both students said they are in the process of applying to college and choosing majors. Kevin said he is interested in possibly attending a school on either the east or west coast and pursuing something in math or science. Sarah said she might like to major in economics or statistics.

The ACT, which is taken by nearly 60 percent of America's college-bound students is comprised of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's score is the average of the four test scores. On average, less than one-tenth of one percent of all ACT test takers earn a top score.

Since 1998, 96 High School District 211 students have earned a top score of 36 on the ACT.

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## [WATCH: TOP DISTRICT 211 BAND, ORCHESTRA STUDENTS PERFORM AT HONORS ORCHESTRA CONCERT](#)



Some of the most advanced District 211 band and

orchestra students showcased their talents during a recent concert in front of the community. This year's District 211 Honors Orchestra Concert was held at Palatine High School on Feb. 11. Band and orchestra students District-wide were part of the performance. Watch the performance in the videos below:

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# FREMD HIGH SCHOOL BANDS PERFORM AT ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE, EARN TOP RATINGS AT NORTHSHORE JAZZ FESTIVAL



| *Jazz Ensemble*

Students in Fremd High School's band program were selected to perform at the Illinois Music Educators Association's (IMEA) Illinois Music Education Conference (IMEC), as well as recently achieved success at the Northshore Jazz Festival.

The Jazz Ensemble and Symphony Strings Orchestra performed at a conference in Peoria. There are four different performance categories including band, orchestra, jazz, and choir. Groups submit a blind audition, which means there is no identifying information about the group, and IMEA selects performers. Out of all the schools to audition, between four and six groups perform.

"Our performance at IMEC was definitely a watershed in our journey, but by no means marked the end of it," said FHS sophomore and saxophonist Kevin Li. "The privilege to perform and listen to others at such an amazing convention, in which thousands of passionate musicians across the state come together to share their love for the art, served as an opportunity for us to grow as individuals and as an ensemble, and I felt that we have done so."



| *Wind Symphony Orchestra*



Individual students across the district were selected as All-State musicians. Fremd had three students that were selected to perform as All-State musicians, as well as one student selected for the “Future Music Educators Seminar.”

At the Northshore Jazz Festival, the Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Combo bands all performed and earned Division 1 Superior ratings. Each band performed in a different division.

Watch the videos below of the Jazz Ensemble performing at the ILMEA All State Preview Concert at Fremd on Jan. 23:

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## FHS STUDENTS ‘GRANT WISHES’ TO LOCAL CHILDREN DURING THE HOLIDAYS



National Honor Society (NHS) students at Fremd High School helped grant wishes to local children to make the holiday season one to remember.



In December, 250 juniors and seniors in NHS participated in the annual Grant-A-Wish event that helps purchase, wrap, organize, transport, and deliver gifts for 370 kids in both the Palatine community and the city of Chicago.

“The event means a lot to our students,” said Jaclyn Han, English teacher and counselor at Fremd High School. “Seeing the faces of the kids receiving holiday cheer was really something our students loved.”



Juniors prepared wishes for the Angel Tree Program in Palatine. Seniors visited kids at It Takes a Village Day Care Center in Chicago, and the children shouted with excitement about FHS students visiting by calling them “Santas” The students also enjoyed some time reading and playing with the children.

All children eight years old and under received winter items, such as hats and gloves, in addition to their gift. Han said this was a collaborative effort within the FHS community, and a number of staff members sponsored gifts. Additionally, Zippy Shell Portable Storage and Moving donated a storage unit to help make this event possible.



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## REMINDER: ALL SCHOOLS HOSTING EXTENDED MEDIA CENTER HOURS FOR FINALS PREP



*Students utilize extended media center hours for a Study Jam Session at Schaumburg High School.*

Many District 211 students took advantage of last night's extended media center hours to study for finals. As a reminder, all District 211 schools will have extended media center hours to provide students with a quiet space to study for finals. Read below to find out what each school is doing for its extended hours this week.

PHS: Students at Palatine High School will be able to study in the library during normal hours from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students can then study in the library and café until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Staff will be available to direct students to the study areas.



*Students utilize extended hours to study at Fremd High School.*

FHS: The media center at Fremd High School will be open until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Pizza, cookies, and hot chocolate will be served while students are studying.

CHS: Conant High School is helping students to study like they are in college. CHS will host an "Exam Jam" on Tuesday, Dec. 20, until 9 p.m. in the media center.

SHS: Schaumburg High School is offering a quiet study space in the media center on Tuesday, Dec. 20, and Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tutors will be available and snacks will be provided.



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HEHS: On Tuesday, Dec. 20, Hoffman Estates High School students can study in the media center until 9 p.m. Tutors will be available to students.

For additional information or questions please contact your student's school.