



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
WEEKLY BULLETIN #4 SEPTEMBER 22 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26
Teacher/Para Time Early Session 7:45am-2:35pm	Rosh Hashanah Schools Closed	Rosh Hashanah Schools Closed	Teacher/Para Time Early Session 7:45am-2:35pm	Teacher/Para Time Early Session 7:45am-2:35pm
Late Session 9:27am-4:17pm			Late Session 9:27am-4:17pm	Late Session 9:27am-4:17pm
Abatement begins at 6:00 pm. No school activities.	Abatement continues - no school activities	Abatement continues - no school activities		Senior Sunrise 6:15 am
				Dominoes Tournament - Student's Cafe
				<u>Saturday 9/27</u> PSAL Badminton Event 8:00am
				<u>Saturday Night Lights</u> 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
MAP Growth				

❖ **MAP Growth Assessment**

- MAP Growth will be administered in Math in the Auditorium on Monday only.
- Students will be receiving late passes and lunch passes according to their schedule.
- MAP Growth will be administered in ELA in classrooms beginning on Thursday.
- A schedule will be shared with all teachers facilitating this process.
- This administration will not impact any other class attendance.

❖ **Bulletin Boards**

- Bulletin Boards enrich our hallways with celebrations of student work and information about news and events.
- This year we have all but a few new bulletin boards to showcase our celebrations and happenings.
- Each teacher will be assigned a bulletin board to decorate as per the linked [Bulletin Board Assignment](#).
- Each bulletin board has been identified with a number and room location.
- Bulletin boards will be updated two times a year, once in the Fall (October 27th) and once in the Spring (February 26th).
- Each teacher will be assigned to decorate a board once during the school year.

❖ **Staff Photos**

- The *Class of 2026* is looking forward to having you be a part of the next edition of Sojourn.
- Staff photos will be taken on **Monday, September 29th through Friday, October 3rd, Periods 1-8, in Room 145.**
- Please report during your “Admin” period or any non teaching period on one of the aforementioned dates.
- Smile for the camera to show your support for the *Class of 2026*.
- If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Pipitone at x1450.

❖ **TEQ/OTIS**

- Once again, FDRHS has purchased online PD from TEQ/OTIS.
- Staff members can take courses online at their own convenience and obtain CTLE credit.
- If you had an account from last year, sign on by using your DOE email and previously used password. If you forgot your password, you can reset it from the login screen.
- If you are new to TEQ/OTIS, you can create an account by visiting www.otispd.com/signup
School name: 505K FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
The Group code is: ed3575
Password: Teqonline123

❖ **Saturday Night Lights**

- Saturday Night Lights (SNL) is a citywide initiative that aims to activate safe spaces for youth in our community.
- FDR High School is hosting this program in our Gyms on Saturday evenings from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- The SNL program is used as a crime preventive platform to keep our young people off the streets during times where crime is at its highest.
- The program targets youth between the ages 11 – 18 years old.
- Young people will have the opportunity to build positive relationships with law enforcement and gain access to opportunities such as going to professional sporting outings, tournaments, and college tours.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 2	Yom Kippur - Schools Closed
Saturday, October 4	SAT Exam at FDR H.S.
Monday, October 6	Before/After School Conferences
Tuesday, October 7	Touring Tuesdays
Wednesday, October 8	Club Fair
Monday, October 13	Italian American Heritage/Indigenous Peoples' Day - Schools Closed
Tuesday, October 14	Touring Tuesdays
Wednesday, October 15	College Fair
Wednesday, October 15	Hispanic Heritage Month Event
Thursday, October 16	End of Marking Period 1
Saturday, October 18	Badminton Event

REMINDERS (ANNOUNCED IN PREVIOUS BULLETINS)

- ❖ Safer Access Doorbell System
 - Our Safer Access Security System is now up and running.
 - Main entry doors will be locked daily at 9:30am.
 - Staff at the security desk will speak with visitors through the installed camera system to check their identification and find out the reason for the visit. If cleared, visitors will be buzzed in and directed to the security desk.
 - Staff stepping out for lunch, must ring the bell on the silver box located on the far left of the main entrance and identify themselves by speaking with school safety and showing your ID. Only then will they be buzzed in.
 - Use the middle door with the white sign.
- ❖ Cougar Pointed in the Right Direction!
 - A Cougar Pointed in the Right Direction is one that exemplifies an element of the Moral Compass of Kindness:
 - Compassion
 - Forgiveness
 - Integrity
 - Responsibility
 - Emails are being sent to highlight the work of our Cougars Pointed in the Right Direction. Thank you for your positive contribution to our school community.
 - This is a wonderful way to acknowledge staff in our school.
- ❖ Test Accommodations - Test Center Begins the Week of September 15th
 - Students with disabilities are entitled to receive accommodations on specific assessments, as described within their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
 - To serve our students, a Test Center will be available where eligible students may be provided their accommodations.
 - The Test Center will be open periods 2 and 9, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in room 337.
 - Should you assign an assessment for which eligible students elect to receive their accommodations and need additional time please deliver the assessment to Ms. Laura Rosimini in Room 218.
 - Encourage the student to go to the Test Center to receive their support.
 - Assessments will be returned to teachers by the Test Center staff.
- ❖ Celebrating Diversity
 - We will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month on Wednesday October 15, 2025 (4:30pm-6:30pm).
 - There will be FUN, FOOD AND MUSIC but WE NEED YOU!!
 - If you would like to highlight your culture, donate a dish, and or perform a talent (sing, dance, play an instrument etc.) please sign up. Link here: <https://forms.gle/1poo2tdFUb136MVG6>
- ❖ Lights, Camera, Cougars!📸
 - FDR mainly uses Instagram to connect with our school community, follow us at @fdrcougars!
 - If you'd like to be featured in one of our short videos, reach out to Amber at ARaza4@schools.nyc.gov.
 - It's a great way to show our students that we know how to have fun too!
- ❖ Cougar Café
 - Staff members may continue to purchase meals from the Cougar Cafe’ during periods 1-8.
 - Currently, Breakfast costs \$3.00 and Lunch costs \$5.00.
 - **However, please note the price for staff meals will increase effective October 1st:**
 - **New Prices: Breakfast will cost \$4.00, Lunch will cost \$6.00.**
 - In order to purchase a meal, you will need to pay for a voucher from within the SO store on a daily basis. Please see Kristina or Joanne. Only cash will be accepted.
- ❖ Cougar Cafeteria Games
 - Cougar Cafeteria Games is an initiative where students can borrow board games, card decks, and puzzles during lunch to enjoy some screen-free fun with their peers.

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- If you would like to donate board games and card sets to kickstart this program, please bring them to the S.O. Store or Mr. Fathalla during periods 3,5,6 - 8.
- Some popular examples include:
 - UNO, Chess, Checkers, and Connect 4
 - Monopoly, Trouble, and Sorry
 - Jenga, Scrabble, and any other fun group games
- All donated games will be stored and managed through the S.O. Store and made available for students to check out during lunch periods.
- Students will trade their ID card for a game to ensure all items are returned.

❖ Recording Infractions in Accordance with the Cell Phone Policy

- **Thank you for the work you have done to help enforce the state internet enabled device ban.**
- Each teacher should have received a link to record infractions when a student is found using their cell phone or other internet enabled devices.
- As a reminder for:
 - 1st infraction - verbal warning and re-locking the pouch
 - 2nd infraction - parent contact and re-locking the device
 - 3rd infraction - confiscation of device by dean or admin until the end of the scheduled day and detention
 - 4th infraction - confiscation of device until picked up by parent and further disciplinary action.
- To record an infraction, find the student's name using the class list tab and check the box under the date that the infraction occurred.
- If a student reaches 3 infractions in your class, please email Ms. Washington at cwashington18@schools.nyc.gov with a subject REPEATED CELL PHONE USE. Please include the student's name, ID, Period and No. of Infractions.
- If you did not receive a link, please reach out to Mr. Catalano at scatalano@schools.nyc.gov.

❖ Teacher Absences

- If a staff member needs to be unexpectedly absent due to last minute illness or an event, they must report their absence to the school by 6:00 A.M. so that a substitute can be called.
- In order to report an absence, please click on the following link: [Staff Absence Link](#)
- It is strongly recommended that you save this form to the home screen of your phone for easy access.
- Please be sure to see your Payroll Secretary upon your return to school.
- This form **should not** be used for future absences, but for unexpected, last minute or sudden events.
- Reporting a scheduled future absence should be discussed with the payroll secretary (Kelli Killbride or Linda Qualben) in order to review timekeeping options.
- Teachers are required to provide three emergency lesson plans with accompanying handouts and copies to your A.P. Supervision. When an emergency lesson plan is used it must be replaced with an additional emergency lesson plan. This policy is designed to minimize the loss of instructional time for our students.
- *Personnel Memo No. 1 for the 2024-2025 school year will expire at the end of August 2025 and may not be extended. Any updates received will be shared with staff upon receipt.*

❖ Teacher Leaders

- This year, the Teacher Leadership Team includes:
 - Geede Baba (Science) MBaba2@schools.nyc.gov
 - Gregory Bernardi (Social Studies) Gbernad@schools.nyc.gov
 - Allison Burlingame (ENL) aburlingame@schools.nyc.gov
 - Jurandir Chan (World Language) jchan22@schools.nyc.gov
 - Joshua Hans (Math) JHans@schools.nyc.gov
 - Alisha Marcano (ISS) amarcano@schools.nyc.gov
 - Yesenia Rojas (ELA) yrojas8@schools.nyc.gov
 - Kevin Zhou (Science) KZhou@schools.nyc.gov
 - Garth Wolkoff (ELA/Teacher Center) gwalkof@schools.nyc.gov
- If you would like to schedule time with any of the teacher leaders, please email them at the address listed above.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

❖ Senior Sunrise

- The Senior Sunrise will take place on **Friday, September 26th at 6:15 a.m.** It will be held on the football field.

❖ Clubs

- Want to advertise your club or team on the first floor TVs?
- Please email Ms. Rabassa a copy of your flyer at mrabassa@schools.nyc.gov.
- This year, we want to have our flyers in multiple languages. If you make your flyers in Canva, please use the translate tool to translate into Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.

❖ Announcements

- If you are interested in having an announcement made, please click on [this link](#).
- All requests should be made by 2:00 p.m, the day before you would like the announcement made.