




FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN #17 DECEMBER 22 – DECEMBER 26, 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12/22	12/23	12/23	12/25	12/26
Teacher/Para Time Early Session 7:45am-2:35pm Late Session 9:27am-4:17pm	Teacher/Para Time Early Session 7:45am-2:35pm Late Session 9:27am-4:17pm	Winter Recess Schools Closed 	Winter Recess Schools Closed 	Winter Recess Schools Closed 
Instructional Day 69	Instructional Day 70			
Winter Recess - Schools Closed from December 23, 2025 to January 2, 2026				

❖ Message from the Principal

- As we come to the end of the year, I want to take a moment to again thank each of you for the incredible work you do every single day. Your dedication, care, and commitment make a difference, not just for our students, but for one another. I'm especially grateful for the role you've played in creating the positive shift in our school culture. It's inspiring to see how, together, we're building an environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Our message to students is the importance of attendance. Your continuous presence for our students and our building mean more to me than you know. Thank you for being such an important part of this journey. I'm proud to work alongside you ~ Andrea

❖ Door Decorating Contest

- Our judges are getting ready to review doors that have been decorated and entered into the Door Decorating Contest.
- The doors will be judged during the coming week. The winner will be announced by **Tuesday, December 23, 2025.**
- Thank you to all the members of the FDR community who participated in this event and filled our halls with the spirit of the season.

❖ Student Perception Survey

- The Student Perception survey was administered to students this past week.
- In order for the survey to count, at least 10 surveys must be completed.
- If you did not meet the minimum criteria, you received an email indicating so.
- Please make every effort to administer additional surveys to your students.
- The surveys can be administered to ANY of your students in ANY of your classes.
- If you need additional survey access codes, please contact Amber Raza via email at araza4@schools.nyc.gov or dial extension 8874.
- All surveys MUST be completed by Tuesday, January 16, 2026.

❖ Custodial Reminders for Winter Break

- Please make sure all windows are closed in all rooms when leaving on Friday.
- All devices should be turned off and secured, locked in a cart or locker.**
- Custodians will be washing the floor, please be sure to pick up any materials you wish to safeguard.
- Custodians will be wiping down radiators and univents. **Please remove all material from this surface.**
- All personal belongings should be secured over the break.

❖ College Awareness/Alumni Day

- On **Thursday, January 8, 2026**, we will be holding our annual Alumni Day during periods 3,4,and 5 with an alumni panel discussion.
- FDR alumni return to FDR and share their experiences of college life and a chance for current students to ask questions of alumni that are important to them
- All staff members have the option to bring their classes to the panel discussion.
- If you are interested in having your class attend,please RSVP using this [LINK](#)
- Staff are encouraged to wear the t-shirt or sweatshirt of your college alma mater on that day.

❖ Teachers Choice

- Details for the 2025-26 Teacher's Choice program are available in the Teacher's Choice page of the DOE InfoHub.
- Eligibility requirements are listed [here](#). **Please note that some allocations have changed from last year.**
- Participants may use the [2025-26 Accountability Form](#) as needed.
- Please see Kelli Kilbride, in room 103A to submit Accountability Forms. **All forms are being accepted now through January 16th.**

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- The deadline to make a purchase eligible for Teacher's Choice is [January 9th, 2026](#).
- The deadline to submit original receipts and Accountability Form is [January 16th, 2026](#).
- If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Kilbride at x8879.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 5 - Friday, January 9, 2025

Thursday, January 8

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Saturday, January 10

Saturday, January 10

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MAP Growth

Alumni Day

Senior Murder Mystery

Bake Sale

Deadline to make a purchase eligible for Teacher's Choice

SAT Prep

Saturday Regents Tutoring

Saturday Scholars Academy

Saturday Night Lights

REMINDERS (ANNOUNCED IN PREVIOUS BULLETINS)

❖ Nurse's Office Bathroom

- Please be aware that the Nurse's Office bathroom is reserved for medical reasons only.
- This is essential to ensure the Nurse is readily available to attend to students with health concerns and emergencies, and to maintain a sanitary environment for medical purposes.
- Students should not be sent to the Nurse's Office to use the bathroom unless one of the following conditions is met:
 - There is documented medical need: The student has a documented medical condition from a medical professional that necessitates the use of a private or specific bathroom facility, and this has been communicated to the Nurse's Office.
 - The student is experiencing a medical emergency: The student is exhibiting symptoms or has sustained an injury that requires immediate medical attention
- General student bathrooms are open on each floor and available for use 10 minutes after the start of each class period and will close 10 minutes prior to the end of the class period.

❖ UPDATED: Fall Term 2025 Assessment Schedule

- We will administer "Assessments" (rather than final exams) as per the schedule below.
- Exams should be administered on the days indicated for your subject area below in order to prevent students from taking many exams on one day. Please adhere to the schedule.
- The schedule allows time for make-ups for absent students and for those who may need extended time.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to your Assistant Principal Supervision.

- *Wednesday, January 7* *Science (Biology)*
- *Thursday, January 8* *Social Studies*
World Language
- *Friday, January 9* *Social Studies*
Health/Phys Ed.
World Language
- *Monday, January 12* *English/ENL*
Science (Chemistry, ESS, Physics)
- *Tuesday, January 13* *Math/Comp Sci*
Music/Performing Arts
- *Wednesday, January 14* *Make-Up Exams*
- *Thursday, January 15* *Make-Up Exams*

REMINDERS (ANNOUNCED IN PREVIOUS BULLETINS)

❖ Pathways to Graduation (P2G)

- We are excited to welcome Pathways to Graduation (P2G) to FDR this Spring!
- P2G is a free District 79 program that provides an alternative pathway for students to earn a High School Equivalency diploma, also known as the GED.
- The program helps students:
 - Prepare for the GED exam
 - Transition to college, career training, and employment.
 - By offering flexible schedules
 - Providing academic instruction, counseling, college and career coaching, and workforce development opportunities, including professional training and paid internships.
- Classes will be held at FDR Monday through Thursday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.
- To support this program, Pathways is hiring [a teacher](#), [a school counselor](#), and [a supervisor](#) to work directly with students. If you are interested in applying, please see the postings linked above.

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❖ Holiday Displays

- Please be aware of and sensitive to the significance of seasonal observances and religious holidays as you work to foster mutual understanding and respect for your community's diverse religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural heritages. Public schools may not endorse or promote a particular religion or belief system.
- The primary purpose of any displays should be to promote understanding and respect for the rights of all individuals regarding their beliefs, values, and customs.
- The display of holiday symbol decorations with secular dimensions is permitted. Permitted symbols include, but are not limited to, Christmas trees, kinaras, dreidels, menorahs, and the Star and Crescent. Displays that depict images of deities, other religious figures, or religious texts are not allowed.
- Holiday displays must not appear to promote or celebrate any single religion or holiday. Therefore, any permitted symbol or decoration must be displayed simultaneously with other symbols or decorations reflecting different beliefs or customs.
- All holiday displays should be temporary in nature and easy to remove.

❖ 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!

❖ 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 Hoodies

- Senior hoodies are now on sale.
- If you are interested in purchasing a senior hoodie, you can stop by room 119. See [FLYER](#) for hoodie design.
 - Custom Hoodie: \$40
 - Uncustomized: \$30
- **CASH or CHECK, no electronic payments.**
- We will be placing 2 orders on:
 - Order 1: December 22nd
 - Order 2: February 27th

❖ 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.

CECILIA ACCETTURA – Assistant Principal

APPROVED: ANDREA REPOLE – Acting Principal