

Academic Highlights, Achievements, News & Notes

July 2021

Congratulations to the FRCS Class of 2021

On Friday, June 11, 2021 61 students received their high school diplomas at Foxborough Regional Charter School's 19th annual commencement.



Staff members transformed the Elementary School parking lot into the perfect stage to celebrate an outstanding senior class.

Ms. Annie Azarloza, Interim Executive Director of Foxborough Regional Charter School addressed the Class of 2021. Azarloza applauded the students for their strength, determination, and grit throughout what has been an unusual and challenging senior year. Like so many seniors in Massachusetts, the FRCS Class of 2021 spent the majority of their school year learning remotely due to COVID-19.

"You see because it's not what happens to us but rather how we choose to respond, and we chose to persevere, together." said Azarloza.

Katarina Souza, Valedictorian of the Class of 2021 has attended Foxborough Regional Charter School since Kindergarten. Souza spoke to her classmates and friends about traditions they've enjoyed together throughout the years. She reminded them to continue embracing progress and fighting for change. Souza said, members of her class have been adamantly vocal in topics of social justice in our school community.

"I think what defines our class even more prominently than tradition is change." said Souza. "I believe that through our work as change-makers, we have paved the way for more classes to continue that fight for progress at FRCS, and we graduates will continue to fight as we enter the world, demanding progress and fairness wherever we go because that is what we know. Keep fighting."

Daniel Currier, Salutatorian of the Class of 2021, has also attended Foxborough Regional Charter School Since Kindergarten. He spoke about the school's vision and mission and emphasized the importance of service to others and leadership in our communities.



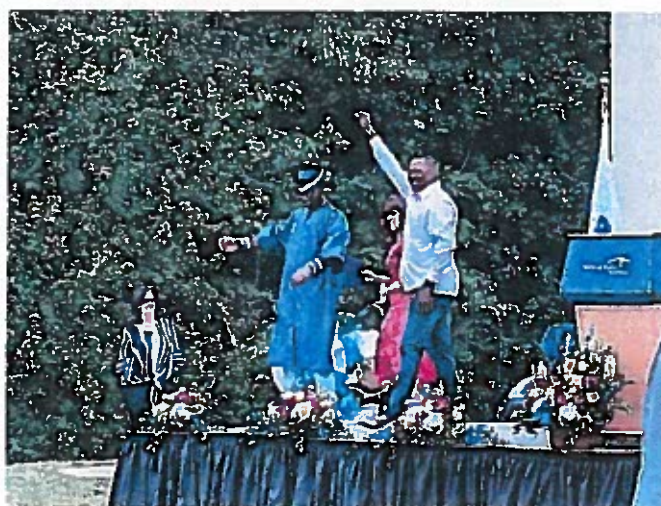
"The challenge for all of us, graduates, is to free ourselves from the lust for power and prestige and

instead direct our attention to service and pragmatic leadership.” said Currier. “Be like the scientists who helped to develop the COVID-19 vaccines by making a difference outside of the confines of a rigid leadership position or title.”

Ms. Brittany Engle, High School English teacher, was chosen by students to speak during commencement. Engle talked about what *she’s* learned from her students, and encouraged them to continue to grow.

“Class of 2021, you are resilient, your voice matters, and your actions speak volumes - so continue to be purposeful, be reflective, be willing to grow.” said Engle.

As all our graduates embark on their next steps, we wish them a very happy, safe, and successful journey. Foxborough Regional Charter School graduates were accepted to and will be attending many outstanding institutions of higher education. Many students received significant merit-based scholarships as well as were invited into numerous Honors programs



Remembering Lilly – FRCS Class of 2020 Dedicates Bench in Remembrance of Lilly Toxavidis

On Thursday, June 10th, our community gathered to celebrate and honor the life of Lilly Toxavidis with a touching remembrance ceremony and bench dedication.

Lilly was an 8th grader at FRCS when she passed away in October of 2019 following a brave battle with cancer. Lilly is missed everyday by her family, friends, teachers, and members of the FRCS community.

As a gift to the school, the FRCS class of 2020 donated a beautiful bench in remembrance of Lilly. The bench is located outside of the Middle School, facing a growing Japanese Maple tree. Class of 2020 president Abida Husain was in attendance, presented the bench to Lilly's family, who were in attendance.

Lilly's 9th grade classmates who were not able to attend the ceremony in person, watched via live stream.

Ms. Amanda Haynes coordinated the ceremony and the FRCS facilities team prepared the area for the bench to be installed. We are grateful to Kirby and CDS Concrete, who donated labor – and laid the concrete where the bench sits at no cost.



Stained Glass Projects Now on Display

Our art students in Mr. Duska's class have been busy over the past year, creating beautiful pieces of stained glass as part of the Porthole Window Project! We're excited to share just a few more of the portholes that have recently been presented to teachers and staff members.



Mrs. Rotondi window made by Audrey Tran '21



Ms. Kraus window made by Lauren Porto '22



Mr. Hardie window made by Irene Fisher '22



Ms. Andreozzi window made by Thomas Silva '22



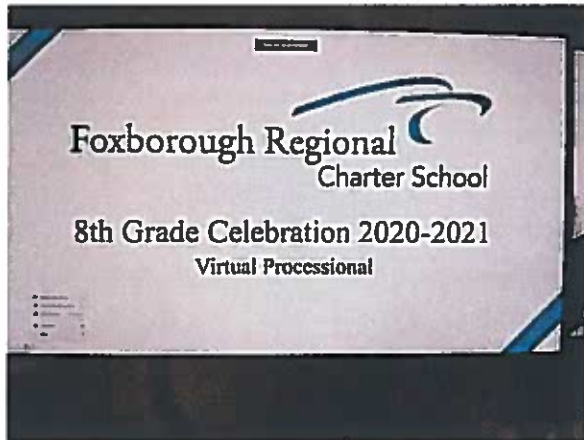
Ms. Coelho window made by Ash Drinan '22



Mrs. Corrado window made by Chris Russo '22

8th Grade Celebration

On Tuesday, June 15th, our community gathered virtually to celebrate our 8th grade class as they get ready to embark on their next chapter in High School!



These 8th graders have persevered through a challenging and unusual school year. During the celebration, teachers congratulated their students on a job well done. Two members of the 8th grade class also spoke. The students applauded their classmates for a job well done and offered words of wisdom and encouragement.

If you were unable to attend the celebration, [it is posted here on our website.](#)

We can't wait to see what the future holds for these outstanding students!





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**Equity and Inclusion Committee
July 13, 2021**

Annie Azarloza, Interim Executive Director is passing the torch to our new Executive Director, Dr. Luis Soria, who will be scheduling our next Equity and Inclusion Committee meeting. Dr. Soria comes to us with a wealth of experience in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and we are excited to continue this powerful work under his leadership.

Personnel Update: July 13, 2021

Welcome to Dr. Luis Soria and Mrs. Alisa Diakite!!!

Congratulations to Kerry O'Rourke, who transitioned from MS Admin Assistant to Communications Specialist for the Outreach team.

Congratulations to Ben Dyer, who transitioned from Interim MS Principal to MS Instructional Coach.

Kathleen Foley's title changed from Curriculum Specialist to Curriculum Director and this position is now year round.

Bill Baga's title changed from MS Math Instructional Coach to Administrator of Data/Assessment/Analytics and this position is now year round.

Mrs. Keonna Geer resigned effective June 25, 2021 and we are actively seeking her replacement.

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Facilities Update: July 13, 2021

ES flooring

- Design done
- Scope of work done (2nd floor hallways)
- Color pattern done
- Waiting on quantities for scope of work to complete bid package

ES school gym roof

- Manufacturer and installer scheduled meeting to visit site

School vans

- Sold 2nd van – school will receive approximately \$11,000 back from lease

Universal power supply

- Install occurring 7/1, 7/2. Can provide further update on the evening of the board

Staff laptops

- MS Surface Pro tested with HS teacher and MS teacher with positive feedback
- When teachers return, more testing and hopefully final decision/recommendation by October

Other Capital Projects

- MS Fabric wall removal – 6 classrooms (out of 17) in process
- ES bathroom conversion & ES Sewerage issue – drawings in process
- HVAC controls – site visit week of 6/21

FY22 Enrollment Tracking and Projections Snapshot June 30, 2021

Grade	Enrollment	Withdrawals	August 15, 2021 Goal
K	154	1	150
1	151	1	150
2	145	3	150
3	153	4	150
4	142	7	150
5	151	4	150
6	152	2	150
7	148	5	150
8	142	6	150
9	132	18	125
10	113	1	114
11	92	1	93
12	83	1	84
Total	1758	54	1766

Column 2

- Grade 9
 - Projected attrition 10-12%
 - Retention Goal 125

Column 3

Actual End of Year withdrawals to date

Column 4

Internal enrollment goal to maintain 1700 throughout the year