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Dear PCS Parent:

At their April 2014 meeting, the Prattsburgh Central School District Board of Education formalized a long standing academic program promoting career and college readiness for students in grades nine through twelve and celebrating the rich tradition of excellence in education dating back to the early 1800's at the very site of our present school.

The new program, called THE FRANKLIN ACADEMY, provides our high school students the opportunity to earn over fifty college credits while working on their high school graduation requirements. Students who complete the full Franklin Academy program and pay for their credits will be eligible for a scholarship toward additional college work after high school graduation.

Since the late 1990's, students at Prattsburgh CSD have taken courses in English and Mathematics for dual high school and college credit. Over the past several years, the dual credit opportunities have grown to encompass other academic areas including foreign language, history, science, art, music, psychology, business, and agriculture. As of 2014, students who take all of the dual credit course offerings can earn more than FIFTY college credits while attending high school right here in Prattsburgh. These students can literally be less than one semester away from completing an Associate's degree by the time they graduate from Prattsburgh CSD and the Franklin Academy.

Because of the relationships that Prattsburgh CSD has been able to develop with several local colleges, we are able to offer these college credits to students for the extremely low rate of less than twenty dollars per credit hour including books and fees! This cost is about one tenth of what college credits would cost if taken directly from a college. Nine of our faculty members are approved adjunct college instructors for the SUNY system and currently we have 37 high school students completing an amazing 471 college credits!

We wanted to share this information with the parents of students who are entering or already in their high school years. The enclosed brochure describes how the Franklin Academy works, the requirements for completion, the many benefits of the program, and the rich history of the Franklin Academy dating back almost two hundred years.

We are proud of the hard work that our faculty and students have put into providing and completing college courses for many years. The Franklin Academy program is a great new way to highlight the outstanding academic accomplishments of our students.

If you have any questions about the Franklin Academy, please feel free to contact us by calling 607-522-6211.

Sincerely,

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