

## CF Tiered System for Schools

Language Arts, Mathematics and behavior that might be delivered in small-group instruction.

Interventions on this tier include evidence-based instructional practices and interventions that increase in intensity, frequency and duration based on progress monitoring and can take place outside of the classroom with an Achieve or Special Certified Teacher.

About 15 percent of the student population gets help on tier two, and at that point, "we recognize that we have to be more intensive and you apply different types of methods," according to Ms. Austin.

Tier three offers much of what tier two offers, but with more intensive and frequent support than tier two. Interventions may be offered individually and provided in or out of the classroom.

There may be adaptations of supports and interventions based on student performance and progress monitoring.

Ms. Austin told the board that about 5 percent of the student population gets help at tier three.

She described the tier systems as "flexible," and further commented that, "we'd like to see over time that [students] sort of descend through the tiers, coming back to tier one."

The district team will be made up of approximately five members: an administrator, a school counselor, a CST member, a special-education teacher and a district interventionist. Other members can be added as needed.

In other board news, Superintendent of Schools Scott Rubin, Ed.D., told board members that Cranford High School has improved its biennial *New Jersey Monthly* magazine ranking from 54th in 2016 to 31st in 2018.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 8.

*Probitas Verus Honos*



Fred T. Rossi for *The Westfield Leader*

**BAND COMPETITION...**The Cranford High School Marching Band was among 15 high school marching bands taking part in Saturday's 20th Annual Marching Band Festival at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.



Photo: Nancy Noonan, Cranford

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS...**Pets and their people are invited to attend the annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, September 30, during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford.

## Blessing of Animals to Be Sunday at Trinity Church

**CRANFORD** — A Blessing of Animals ceremony will be held this Sunday, September 30, during the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services at the Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford.

Inspired by St. Francis of Assisi's legendary love for animals, Blessing of the Animals has become an annual celebration of the love and companionship between people and their pets.

Everyone is invited to bring their pets to receive a blessing. Cats and birds should be kept in carriers and cages and dogs on leashes. People also can bring in photographs of pets that are too ill to attend or are deceased to receive a blessing. Small children who do not have pets may bring in stuffed animals to re-

ceive a blessing. Information about low-cost spay and neutering also will be available.

Trinity Episcopal Church, founded in 1872, is a faith-based family church that welcomes all people and strives to "know Christ and to make him known through faith, fellowship and service." Sunday services, celebrated by Reverend Andy Kruger, Trinity's Priest-in-Charge, are at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. For more information about Trinity, call (908) 276-4047 or visit [trinitycranford.org/](http://trinitycranford.org/). Trinity also provides Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS), a state-licensed facility serving children from 2½ through Kindergarten. For more information about TEDS, call (908) 276-2881 or visit [tedscanford.org](http://tedscanford.org).

## POLICE BLOTTER

### CRANFORD

Tuesday, September 18, Gabriel Martinez, 31, of Linden was arrested and charged with possession of less than 50 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia following a motor vehicle stop on North Avenue East near Forest Avenue for a cracked windshield. Martinez, a passenger in the vehicle, was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. In addition, the driver was issued motor vehicle summonses for a cracked windshield and not having a valid insurance card in his possession.

Wednesday, September 19, Meghan Lapolla, 29, of Hoboken was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated (DWI) after she was involved in a motor vehicle crash on the 700 block of Willow Street. Lapolla was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for an open container of alcohol and careless driving.

Thursday, September 20, Alexis Solis, 31, of Jersey City was arrested and charged with criminal trespass. Police units were dispatched to the 200 block of North Avenue East for an individual who had entered a business sometime overnight and was found sleeping at the premise. Solis was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date.

Sunday, September 23, Monica Renkert, 29, of East Brunswick was arrested and charged with DWI following a motor vehicle stop on Raritan Road at Walnut Avenue for careless driving. Renkert was processed and provided with a Municipal Court appearance date. In addition, she was issued motor vehicle summonses for careless driving and failure to keep right.