



INDIAN PRIDE

SPRING 2016

Message from the Superintendent—Mr. Jonathan J. Cleaver

High School and Middle School Renovations Begin

The School Board has approved renovation projects for both the Middle School and High School. Construction has begun at several locations throughout the buildings. As you drive by the buildings you will notice certain areas are beginning to get the façade removed and prepped for the new energy efficient material to be constructed. Both buildings are scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Both the High School and Middle School will have new mechanical systems installed throughout the buildings. All mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems are being completed with the environment in mind and will be more energy efficient and the district will see a cost saving in all utility areas. The buildings will also get a more safe and secure entrance as part of the renovation project. Once the renovations are complete the visitors to the buildings will be entering the office area directly, before entering the student populated building. Included in the office relocations is a complete remodel of the Guidance and Nurse Suites at both buildings. Each building is also getting all new energy efficient windows as part of the project.

At the High School facility, the current fitness and weight room area will be expanded to include a second floor. The lower floor will be the new fitness room with all new equipment and the second floor will be the wrestling room and additional fitness area. At the Middle School the Cafeteria and Media Center will be relocated to a more centralized area on the first floor and the Auditorium is getting a complete upgrade that includes new seating and lighting.

The Lehigh Area School District is excited about the changes taking place at the High School and Middle School. The alterations and additions will improve the overall learning and education environment while giving our students additional opportunities to enhance their educational experience.

Curriculum & Instruction—Mr. Timothy M. Tkach, Coordinator of Curriculum

Keystones

Keystone Exams Testing Windows 2015-2016

Spring:

May 16 – 23 : Keystone Testing Dates

May 16 & 17 Algebra

May 18 & 19 Biology

May 20 & 23 Literature

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Lehighton Education and Athletic Foundation (LEAF)

LEAF is a 501(c) 3 non-profit, tax exempt, charitable organization that will be funded through:

- ♦ **Fundraising**—although we are separate from the school district, we will be engaging in fundraising activities to assist all the students in grades K-12 to achieve their maximum potential.
- ♦ **EITC Credits**—a tax credit (not a deduction) is available for businesses that make donations to local educational improvement organizations such as LEAF.
- ♦ **Donations**—tax deductible donations are gratefully accepted from any person or organization who contributes to LEAF.

How you can help:

Volunteers—the framework of LEAF has recently been completed. We have established the following committees in order that we may move forward toward achieving our goals. We now need caring individuals who share our views to step up and join us. The following is a brief description of the focus for each of our committees.

- ♦ **Endowment and Legacy Society**—provides for the establishment of specific “endowment funds” for academic purposes and long-term stability.
- ♦ **EITC, Major Gifts, and Grant Writing**—charged with attracting contributions through the PA Tax Credit Program, major gifts from individuals, and grants from private foundations and corporations.
- ♦ **Alumni**—provides for the long-term success of the Foundation through the creation of an Alumni Association for both short-term (annual giving) and long-term (endowment giving).
- ♦ **Information Technology**—supports the Foundation’s website and database management of donor relations.
- ♦ **Public Relations and Advocacy**—promotes, markets, communicates, and improves the image of the Foundation and student achievements within the school district and community.
- ♦ **Allocation**—establishes a priority list of needs for the school district, which the Foundation could support.
- ♦ **Governance**—recruits qualified individuals in all areas of the foundation and ensures that all financial reporting requirements are met and publishes an annual report.
- ♦ **Giving Campaign**—contacts donors for annual solicitation campaigns.
- ♦ **Special Events**—creates events to generate funds for the Foundation to include an annual “Signature Event”

Donations:

- ♦ **Monetary Donations**—the Foundation welcomes all monetary donations including matching funds, grants, and gifts by alumni, local businesses, and the Lehighton area community.
- ♦ **“In Kind” Donations**—the Foundation gratefully accepts donations of “goods and services” to carry on the daily business of the Foundation. Office equipment and supplies, printing, advertising and design services, or gifts and prizes that can be used at our fundraising events are very much appreciated.
- ♦ **Memorial Donations**—you may honor a loved one by making a gift in his or her name. You may also create a gift within your estate for the foundation or establish an endowment fund.

In the event that you are interested in joining the LEAF team or in receiving more information about LEAF, please visit our website at www.LEAF-foundation.org or e-mail at info@LEAF-foundation.org.

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Athletics—Kyle Spotts, Director of Student Services and Facility Planning

Athletic Department

Kyle Spotts, Director of Student Services and Facilities Planning

Winter Season

The winter season has come to an end with many exciting memories and a number of individual and team accolades. In Wrestling Connor Frey repeated as Schuylkill League Champion by winning the 195 lb. championship and Tegan Durishin won the 145 lb title. Connor Frey, Tegan Durishin, Zach Kemmerer, and Wyatt Clements advanced from Districts to Regions with Connor Frey following up his league title with a District and Regional Title at 195 lbs. Connor Frey, Tegan Durishin and Wyatt Clements advanced from Regionals to the State Championships with Connor Frey placing 3rd at Hershey. Zach Kemmerer and Tegan Durishin also made school history by joining the 100 career win club. The Wrestling program had the most wins in school history (19) and a 3rd place finish in the District XI Championships. Boys Basketball and Girls Basketball also qualified for Post-Season play.

Our Winter Scholar-Athletes were: Boys Basketball – Tanner Zwetolitz; Girls Basketball – Christina Drofich; Wrestling-Tegan Durishin and Cheerleading – Kirsten Shupp.

Lehighton Athletics

I want to thank everyone for supporting the winter teams. Many exciting games are ahead for our spring sports! Please join us and share in the INDIAN school spirit and support our teams. Our student-athletes and coaches work very hard to achieve success. Let's cheer them on! Remember always cheer for the Indians and never against the opposing team or officials! Go Indians!

Mark your Calendar

May 18th – 6:30pm Top 10% Banquet – Franklin Fire Co.

Athletic Information

Lehighton Athletics Website: <http://www.lehighton.org/athletics.cfm>

The Lehighton athletics website is your hub for all Lehighton athletics information. Team schedules are accessible on the district athletic website.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or inquiries. My door is always open.

I hope to see each one of you at a contest supporting our wonderful student-athletes and coaches. Good luck to the spring sports teams and have a great year!

Mahoning & Shull David Elementary—Mr. Aaron Sebelin, Principal

We celebrated Dr. Seuss Day at Shull-David!

Students and teachers at Shull-David Elementary spent a day in March celebrating Reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday. The whole school gathered together to read Dr. Seuss' Foot Book, to talk about the author's accomplishments and to sing Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss. Students spent the rest of the day celebrating in their own classrooms with activities and guest readers and some even ate Green Eggs and Ham! As a school, we completed our annual Accelerated Reader challenge. Students logged the amount of words they read on this day by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes on each book. As a school, we read 1,592,199 words for this event!



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World Down Syndrome Day is observed on March 21 every year. On this day, people with Down Syndrome and those who live and work with them throughout the world organize and participate in activities and events to raise public awareness and create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion, and well being of people with Down Syndrome. Monday, March 21, 2016 marked the 11th anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day. Each year the voice of people with Down syndrome, and those who live and work with them, grows louder.

Down Syndrome International encourages our friends all over the world to choose your own activities and events to help raise awareness of what Down syndrome is, what it means to have Down syndrome, and how people with Down syndrome play a vital role in our lives and communities.

- See more at: <https://worlddownsyndromeday.org/wdsd-2016#sthash.G0X76i2x.dpuf>

All students and staff at Mahoning Elementary School celebrated WDSO this year. The entire school was provided with special red t-shirts provided by The Waksmunski family and the Shane and Wyatt Down Syndrome Foundation. We are very happy to have Shane and Wyatt as part of our student body. They are currently Kindergarten students.



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East Penn & Franklin Elementary— Mrs. Suzanne Howland, Principal

I would like to commend all our students and staff for their hard work preparing third and fourth grade for PSSA time. All of our students continue to put forth a valiant effort. Third and fourth graders will be taking the ELA and Math exams during the weeks of April 11-15 and April 19-21. Fourth graders will be taking the PSSA Science exam during the week of April 25th at East Penn and Franklin. Both schools have built in incentives to honor their students for working hard.

Franklin Run Club has been working hard all winter preparing for the upcoming Officers Down 5k run/walk on April 9, 2016. Feel free to follow them on the Franklin PTO Facebook page for updates and twitter at #franklin speed.

In the upcoming weeks our elementary students will be attending some fun, engaging sights for their annual field trips. Some of the locations are: the Blue Mountain Health Fair, DaVinci Center, Philadelphia Zoo, and Quiet Valley.

Both East Penn and Franklin schools will be observing Earth Day during the week of April 22-29th. The day is filled with centers and rotations themed around taking care of our natural environment. East Penn will hold a science program entitled “Burbles, Fizz, KaBoom!” to engage all students.

Franklin will be holding their third Science Family night on Friday, April 29. The day will begin with an assembly entitled “Zap, Electricity” to engage all students. The evening will be filled with teachers leading hands-on science centers and experiments.

Both schools will be observing Memorial Day this year on Friday, May 20nd. The annual programs are open to the public. Franklin’s program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and East Penn will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The year will end with our annual spelling bee, spring concerts, the traditional “Big Kahuna” race and field day at both elementary buildings. East Penn chimes will travel to Pleasant Trees, while Franklin chimes will travel to the Mahoning Valley Nursing Rehabilitation to entertain their residents. These events are lead by our creative and dedicated staff and music and health & physical education teachers, Mrs. Susan Stuffle and Mr. Larry Koons. Please refer to our school website for specific dates.

Calendar of Events for Newsletter—2016

Franklin Elementary Calendar of Events

4/18/16 – PTO Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
 4/27/16 – Grades K,1, 2 Field Trip
 4/28/16 – Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip
 4/29/16 – Earth & Science Day Celebration
 4/29/16 – Science Night 6 – 8 pm
 5/3/16 – Grade 4 Chimes Trip to Mahoning Valley Nursing Center
 5/9/16 – Envirothon - Grade 3
 5/11/16 – Spring Concert (Grades K, 1, 2)
 5/12/16 – Dist.-Wide Spelling Bee/Orientation (HS & MS)
 5/12/16 – Grade 3 HydroMania Field Trip
 5/16/16 – Field Day/Big Kahuna
 5/20/16 – Memorial Day Program
 5/25/16 – Grade 4 Awards Program

East Penn Elementary Calendar of Events

4/6/16 – PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
 4/15/16 – Grade 2 Field Trip
 4/20/16 – Grades K & 1 Field Trip
 4/22/16 – School Wide Celebration - Science Day
 5/5/16 – PTO Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
 5/9/16 – Envirothon - Grade 3
 5/9/16 – Grade 4 Chimes Trip to Pleasant Trees
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 5/20/16 – Memorial Day Program
 5/24/16 – Grade 4 Awards Program

Middle School News—Dr. Mark McGalla

Lehighton Wellness Program

As we approach this long summer break maybe you are searching for a summer camp for that special Middle School Student. Have you heard the typical phrase “I’m bored...” muttered out of your teenager’s mouth? Tired of your child glued to a tablet, smart phone or television? Are you trying to find the perfect gift for the teen that has everything? The Lehighton Summer Wellness Camp might be the solution you are looking for!

The Lehighton Summer Wellness camp will once again bring joy to the students of our school district. It is a unique opportunity in our own back yard! Campers are able to participate in an assortment of activities aimed at promoting wellness and healthy living right here in the Lehighton area. They range from going to the Baer Memorial Pool (when closed to the public), Archery Addictions, Pyramid sports facilities, to blueberry picking, to nature hikes, and much much more! We are based out of Shull David (just a dash across the street) due to renovations and transportation is provided to all the outings. All you need to do is register your child and bring them to and from camp we will do the rest.

Camp runs from July 11th through August 12th Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm and will be available to students entering fifth grade through eighth grade. The cost is \$80 a week and you can sign up for one week or more. We have a special promotion if you attend all five weeks the fifth week is free. Most summer camps cost \$200 a week or more and are over 20 miles away. The \$80 cost per week includes transportation to and from destinations, admission fees, healthy snack recipes and memories that last a lifetime. These opportunities could spark an interest in your child and exposes them to all the great resources within our area. A week of camp gives them the tools to embark on these adventures when camp ends.

Check out all the fun and excitement and take a look at the past summer sessions at lehightonsummerwellness.weebly.com. For further information please contact Rachel Quinn or Jake Molchany at the Middle School 610.377.6535 or email at rquinn@lehighton.org ; jmolchany@lehighton.org

Attention Parents and Guardians of students in 5th and 6th grade:

Pennsylvania state law requires 2 immunizations before a child enters 7th grade. The 2 vaccinations are, Tdap/Td for tetanus and diphtheria and one for meningococcal. The vaccinations are normally given to a child at their 11 year old well visit with their pediatrician. If your child has already received these vaccines please provide a copy of the shot record to the school nurse. If your child has not received these vaccines please make an appointment with your health care provider. If your child does not have insurance please contact the Pennsylvania Department of Health Carbon office, at 570-325-6106, to schedule an appointment for the vaccinations. Any questions regarding immunizations please call Kali Andrew RN, School Nurse, at 610-377-3720.

Jazz Ensemble

The Lehighton Area Middle School jazz ensemble participated in jazz festivals on Friday, March 11 and 18 at two different schools in the Bethlehem Area School District. Middle schools from Easton, Saucon Valley, Parkland, and Bethlehem participated in these festivals along with Lehighton. Lehighton was the only district from Carbon County to be represented at the festival!

Although Lehighton was the smallest middle school participating in the festival by a large margin; the band received very positive reviews and judge’s comments. Aaron Bauer and Madeline Tonkin received positive feedback for their contributions while Aidan Malloy and Calvin Maholick were recognized as outstanding soloists for the band. However, at the festival on March 11, John DeMatte and Calvin Maholick were recognized as exemplary soloists for the entire festival. Furthermore, Calvin was awarded a partial scholarship to a prestigious jazz camp at Moravian College this summer.

The LAMS Jazz Ensemble will conclude its season with a performance at the LAMS Spring concert on May 10.

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Middle School FCCLA Cares About Our Community
By: Mrs. Marianne Slaby

The Middle School FCCLA Chapter (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) had a productive year. We held several fundraisers this year and the students have worked really hard preparing foods and items for various themed Club Days and events in the school. The chapter discussed donating part of the money raised in our fundraising to give back to our community. A variety of organizations were mentioned but I was very impressed with the suggestion by the students to donate the money to two very dear causes in our Lehighton community.

One of our chapter member's two year old nephew has been battling brain cancer and has been undergoing treatments in both Philadelphia Children's Hospital and also in NYC. The family has been traveling and staying in both locations as he undergoes treatments. My students have been very compassionate about this student and her family's tough journey and wanted to donate to Childhood Cancers- however, we decided as a club we would donate the money directly to the family to help defer the costs of traveling and their needs while he undergoes treatments. The students felt very strong about keeping the money right here in Lehighton and helping out a family in need right here, for one of our own. The donation will be going directly to Team Emmitt and they will be able to use it however it can help them during this time.

The chapter also wanted to donate to another cause helping families right here in Lehighton. Part of our fundraising money will be donated to Family Promise. The director of Family Promise will be coming to our chapter on Club Day to accept the check and speak to us about how the program works in our community, by providing shelter and meals to families in need by utilizing local churches on a rotating basis.

I've been very proud of the young ladies and gentlemen in my club this year and that they show such compassion and wanting to give back. They are able to identify what needs lie here locally and even more globally, which is one of the goals of FCCLA... keeping families healthy, safe and strong.

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High School News—Mr. Craig Reichl, Principal

Spring is finally here, so it's time to finalize plans for our choral, band concerts, senior outing, banquets, the prom and graduation. The next few weeks will go by quickly, so make sure you take time to see the baseball, softball, tennis, track and field teams as they compete for championships. Well wishes to all of our spring co-curricular participants and we thank them for their dedication. Please see the list of activities listed below and follow us on Twitter the most recent updates to our calendar.

April 27 : Academic Awards Assembly (8:00 am)

April 27: Spring Band Concert (7:30 pm)

AP Testing Dates :

May 4 – 7:30 am – English Lit & Comp

May 5 – 7:30 am – Calculus

May 9 – 11:30 am – Physics C: Mechanics

May 10 – 7:30 am – U.S. Government

May 12 – 11:30 am – Statistics

May 6 – Junior-Senior Prom (5:00-10:00 pm; Hotel Bethlehem; \$64.00/ticket

Additional information available under “News” section of website

May 7 – Spring Choral Concert (7:30 pm)

May 7 – SAT test date (at Lehighton High School)

May 12 – Jazz Band Concert (7:30 pm)

May 18- Top 10% Banquet – 6:30 pm – Franklin Fire Co.

May 16 – 23 : Keystone Testing Dates-we will run a schedule without enrichment

May 16 & 17 Algebra

May 18 & 19 Biology

May 20 & 23 Literature

Senior Exams

May 18th Blocks 1 and 2

May 19th Blocks 3 and 4

May 23rd Senior Exam Make-up

Underclassmen Exams

May 24th Blocks 1 and 2

May 25th Blocks 3 and 4

May 26th Underclassmen Exam Make-up (only students making up exams are required to attend school)

May 27 : Graduation for the class of 2016 7 pm

Student course selection has been completed for all 8th through 11th graders for fall 2016. Here at Lehighton, we try to do our best to meet the educational needs of all our students through various educational offerings at the high school and dual enrollment classes offered by LCCC. We have added some new courses for the school year like: Early Riser Fitness before 7:30 a.m., Personal Finance, AP Chemistry, Music Theatre Appreciation, Literature Through Film and Poetry, Prose and Public Speaking. Student schedules will be released through PowerSchool for the 2016-17 school year in August. If you have questions regarding course offerings or the course selection process please see our guidance webpage or contact Mrs. Costenbader or Mrs. Martin.

SAT testing will take place at the High school on Saturday May 7th, 2016. Students looking to attend a college/ university requiring SAT scores will need to register for the SAT for this date or may register for an alternate test date as scheduled by CollegeBoard. Information about SAT registration is available on the Lehighton High School Guidance page or at www.collegeboard.org Students are encouraged to see their Guidance Counselor if they have any questions or to see if they qualify for a SAT fee waiver.

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As the end of the school year draws near, we know our students will continue to ***Strive for Success*** in all areas of their schooling. Continue to push yourself and have the expectation that you will be successful. If you need assistance in any of your classes please see your teacher or a guidance counselor and set-up tutoring during enrichment or after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hard work will define you in the tough times, so work hard, enjoy everyday and continue to build great memories for your future!

Keystone Testing Update

Recently, Governor Wolf placed a moratorium on the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement for graduating classes for the next two years. The new law suspends until 2018-19 the use of an end-of-course Keystone Exams – or state approved alternatives – as a graduation requirement. However, the keystones will continue to be administered since they are required to meet federal accountability rules. Lehigh Area School District's Policy 217 still requires students to pass the keystones or complete a remediation course when they are seniors. This requires students to complete remediation classes outside of school through web-based lessons based on the eligible content of the keystones. If you have any additional questions you may contact the high school administration.



CLASS of 1964 MAKES DONATION to LEHIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Lehigh Area High School Class of 1964 is donating a bell to its Alma Mater to represent and enhance school spirit. The "Spirit Bell" will be mounted on a pedestal and platform with wheels to allow for mobility to many types of student events. Ringing the bell will recognize achievement throughout all aspects of school life such as academics, athletics, band, clubs and other activities.

All funds for the project were raised entirely by way of contributions from Class of 1964 members. The cart on which the bell will be placed was designed and built by CCTI (Carbon Career Technical Institute) Members of the student body will be the caretakers of the bell and will help determine its use. When not in use, the bell will be on display in the lobby of the High School. Dedication of the bell will be at "Meet the Tribe" day on August 23rd.

The Class of 1964 appreciates the cooperation and assistance of Lehigh Area High School and CCTI in helping make this project a success.

Interact Club- Mrs. Marchetti

Each meeting of the Lehigh Area Rotary Club includes a recitation:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

These tenets are important to the **Lehigh Area High School** members of the **Interact Club**, the student organization affiliated with Rotary. The club gives students the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

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The students at Lehigh Area High School helped the **Lehigh Rotary Club** make the **Handmade Holiday Craft Show** the most successful and well-attended yet.



To promote international understanding, Interact members wrote letters to children in South America – and got letters back from the children! This fostered cross-cultural understanding and dialogue that will be maintained by several students.

This summer, two Lehigh Area High School students will be sponsored by the Lehigh Rotary Club to attend **RYLA**, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. These students will have a completely funded weekend-long experience with a global leadership development program.

To kick off the end of the school year, the Interact Club has partnered with **LEAF** (Lehigh Education & Athletic Foundation) to host a **Spring Community Carnival** on the Middle School lower practice field (you won't be able to miss it!).

Thursday, April 28th 4:00 – 8:00

Friday, April 29th 4:00 – 10:00

Saturday, April 30th 4:00 – 10:00

DJ Dan Edmunds entertains the crowd Friday night!

The band **ADD** plays Saturday night!

RIDES, FOOD, AND FUN for all ages! Please join in the fun-filled weekend.

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LAVB Tomahawks VBC u15s team huddle at The Tribe Classic 2016

LEHIGHTON VOLLEYBALL SPIKING INTO SPRING- Mr. O'Connor

The Lehigh Area School District Volleyball Program has been keeping busy during this winter and spring! The LAVB coaching staff has been coaching during its annual Tomahawks Beginner Level Volleyball Program. The middle school/beginner level program has had enjoyed record breaking interest from the Lehigh Area Middle School this season with having the maximum of forty (40) middle school students registered and attending the weekly, Sunday evening practice sessions. Sessions began in January and will continue until the end of April.

The Lehigh Area High School volleyball team has also been very active this off-season. The interested returning student-athletes from the fall team have been practicing weekly on Sunday evenings, as well as participating in twice a week open gyms/weight room sessions with other interested athletes on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Additionally, the Tomahawks athletes have participated at the Dutch Classic Invitational u15s and u17s tournament at Kutztown University and in The Tribe Classic u17s tournament, as sponsored by the Lehigh Volleyball Boosters, held at Lehigh Area High School.

Open gyms/weight room sessions will continue on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 PM-4:00 PM in the high school gym/weight room for any student-athletes interested in trying out for the fall team this August. Also, summer workouts will be held from June-August for any interested students to train with the coaching staff in preparation for the LAVB tryouts on Monday, August 15th. Student attendance at tryouts is mandatory for consideration for joining the program and will have activities involving conditioning, athleticism, volleyball knowledge, volleyball skills, etc. which help the coaching staff assemble the fall team. All interested students must have physical forms submitted to the high school athletic office before trying out for the team in August.

All LAVB information regarding summer workouts/open gyms, tryouts, schedules, fall physicals, etc. can be located at the following social media outlets:

Twitter @lehightonvball

www.facebook.com/lehightonvball

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St. Luke's Miner's



Physician's Dinner 2016

On March 23rd, students residing in Lehigh, Tamaqua, Panther Valley, Jim Thorpe, and Palmerton met at the Mansion House restaurant in Summit Hill. Each student had one thing in common with the other; they each had a strong interest in a career in the medical field. Upon walking in the door physicians and staff from the St. Luke's Miners Hospital in Coaldale, joined at the location to meet with the selected students. The venue provided a wonderful meal, and the physicians chatted about their daily hospital routine. Moreover, they talked about their difficulties throughout medical school and also their goal setting capabilities. The medical profession is a booming industry, for there are always job openings and shortages of staff. Networking, or getting to know specific individuals in the desired field of study, truly differentiates someone from the multitudes. Dr. Matt Zuber, recent graduate from Temple Medical School and Micah Gursky both from Tamaqua, made this eighth annual dinner possible. Additionally, Class of 2012 Lehigh alumni, Graham Strauss, attended the dinner and spoke about his medical experience at the University of Scranton. Current senior, Dan Baka,, and junior, Elise Johnston, also attended the event.

Women's Symposium- SWPBIS TEAM

On Monday, March 30th, 2016 the School Wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Team hosted a Women's Symposium in honor of Women's History Month. The team invited a panel of local women to speak about their lives and experiences in the workforce and adversity that they have faced and overcome. Students were then afforded a question and answer period. The panel consisted of 7 women that have pursued careers, such as medicine, engineering, law, business and physical fitness. The goal of the event was to spotlight women from our community that have made strides in the fields they have dedicated their lives to. Our students have commented about how much they enjoyed this presentation and how that it has helped them to gain further insight into the struggles of women in the workforce and the important roles women throughout our community play.



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Students Against Destructive Decisions – Advisor Mrs. Volcskai

Spring is an exciting time of year for Students Against Destructive Decisions. Prom Promise is one of SADD's major initiatives each year. SADD members will have a table at all lunches during the week of Prom, and students will have an opportunity to pledge to be drug and alcohol free on the night of prom. Students who pledge to be drug and alcohol free will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. We will also be having the Lehigh Valley Health Network visit the high school with three DUI simulators which allow the students to understand the dangers of impaired driving. Every student going to Prom will have to participate in the simulation. Unfortunately, spring is the time of year where many teen driving accidents occur. As a school and community we want to make sure all of our young drivers arrive safely at their destinations.

FCCLA NEWS- Mrs. McHugh

The Lehighton High School's FCCLA organization and the National Art Honor Society hosted a bingo and basket raffle fundraiser on Sunday, February 21st in the High School cafeteria. Food and refreshments were prepared by each club's members. The event was a success and everyone in attendance enjoyed a fun afternoon. In conjunction with this event a friendly competition was held between the homerooms in which the students prepared and donated baskets/prizes toward this fundraiser. The basket donation that collected the most winning entries won a breakfast buffet prepared by Mrs. McHugh and the FCCLA. Mrs. Steigerwalt's homeroom won this coveted prize. Coming up in the month of May, FCCLA will be hosting a breakfast buffet for all teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day. The members will be ending their year with a trip to Hershey on April 29th.



Technology Education-Mr. Bond and Mr. Shea

The Technology Education department is excited to announce the addition of several new pieces of equipment. Construction Technology classes in the wood lab upgraded with two new SawStop table saws. SawStop table saws offer superior safety characteristics when compared to traditional table saws.

The Manufacturing Technology classes in the metals lab have also been upgraded with the addition of two new Miller welders. A Millermatic 212 autoset MIG welder, and a Syncrowave 210 TIG welder additions will enable students to use current welding technology in the completion of projects. These new additions were instrumental in the completion of several production runs. The wood two and three students constructed picnic tables, candy machines, and spice racks with the new table saws. In the metals lab, second and third level students designed, planned, and constructed decorative flower carts that utilized the new equipment in both labs.

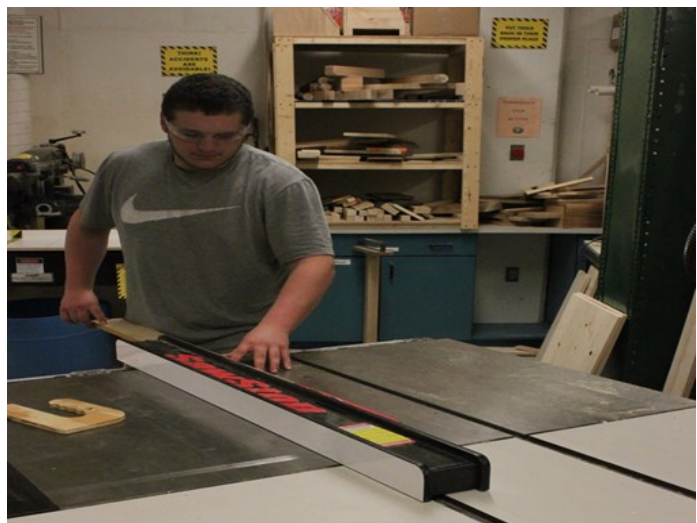
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Business Education- Mr. Kotch

Last month I was sent to Las Vegas to the annual NBEA conference (National Business Education Association). This conference was an excellent learning experience for me and for the department. After speaking to Mr. Reichl, I will be developing a plan for the technology aspect of the Business department and the direction we should be heading. The information I gained being sent to the conference is invaluable to both me, for professional development, and the students, for the expanded availability of classes that could be offered in the future.

In addition to the above, I had the opportunity to attend the General Sessions to listen to keynote speakers, keep current by attending legislative sessions, and network with other business professionals from around the country.

I was able to meet and talk with J.B. Bernstein who was the creator of “Million Dollar Arm” which is a reality show where contestants in India compete to see who has the best pitching arm. The winner receives one million dollars and an opportunity to play for an MLB team.



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Important Dates

5/2/16	-	PSSA Make Up Days
5/6/16	-	Early Dismissal (MS-12:10, HS- 12:15, Elem. 1:10)
5/16/16-5/23/16	-	Keystone Exams
5/24/16	-	Early Dismissal (MS-11:20, HS- 11:15, Elem.12:15)
5/25/16	-	Early Dismissal (MS-11:20, HS- 11:15, Elem. 12:15)
5/26/16	-	Early Dismissal (MS-11:20, HS- 11:15, Elem. 12:15)

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610-377-6180 (main office)
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School Hours:

Elem. 8:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
M.S. 7:25 a.m.-2:14 p.m.
H.S. 7:35 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
Adm. 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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