

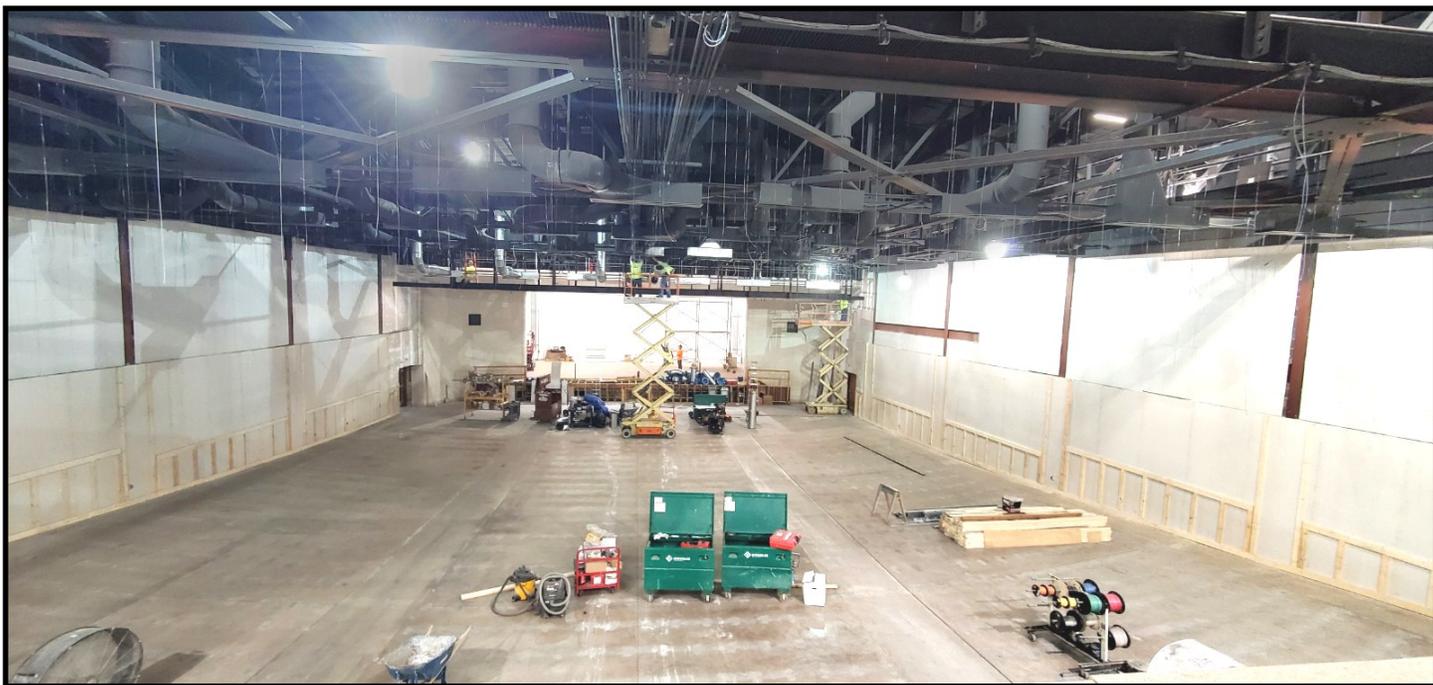
TYNOTES

A PUBLICATION OF THE TYRONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME OF THE GOLDEN EAGLES



TYRONE AREA MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RECEIVES LONG-OVERDUE RENOVATION



Above: What would be best described as a “blank slate,” is the current state of the Tyrone Area Middle & High School Auditorium following the demolition phase of a 4.1 million dollar renovation project. The appearance of the auditorium has remained virtually unchanged since its original construction sixty years ago in the early 1960s.

Left: An architectural rendering of the renovated auditorium, with anticipated completion by the Fall of 2023.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The month of November lends the opportunity to spend some extra time showing gratitude. We are grateful for a smooth start to the 2022-23 school year and the number of activities that have returned for the fall season. Our high school students and staff held a “Club Fair” in September to recruit new membership into the various clubs and activities that are available to our oldest students and we are happy to report that students are excited to engage within the school community.

This issue of TyNotes contains the photos of all the new staff members who have joined us over the past few months. We are grateful to them for choosing the Tyrone Area School District in which to work. As staff members retire or move on to other positions, we will continue to welcome new staff into our ranks throughout the year.

There are a number of physical plant projects underway with the biggest, and most costly, being the MS/HS Auditorium renovation. While some upgrades have occurred over the last sixty years, this is the first, large-scale renovation that has taken place in this space since the school opened in 1961-62. The cover of this issue features a photo of the existing space and an architect’s rendering of the finished product. While equipment delays have postponed the original completion date, we look forward to seeing this space come together later next summer. We are grateful to the school board members and administrators who have preceded us for the vision and forethought of creating a performance venue that has withstood the test of time. We are also grateful to our community for supporting this much-needed renovation.

Finally, we are grateful for our students, staff, families and caregivers, and community. We have included a special “shout out” to our community first responders, most of which volunteer their service to the community and keep it safe. While some of what they do is “in front of the camera,” these individuals and companies do even more behind the scenes about which nobody ever knows.

I hope that you find the contents of this publication interesting and informative. If you have comments or questions regarding any of this material or suggestions for future articles, please contact the Superintendent’s Office at 814-684-0710, extension 4137 or email sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us.



Leslie Estep
Superintendent of Schools

IN MEMORY

Richard A. “Dick” Barrett

1944-2022

TASD Administrator 1971-1996

E. Gordon Cox

1931-2022

TASD School Board Member 1967-1983

Roberta “Bobby” Ramsay

1933-2022

TASD School Board Member 1979-1991

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS



TAES

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start at Tyrone Elementary. Within the classrooms, the teachers and students welcomed the Savvas myView reading program and the SpringMath whole-group intervention program. Both of these programs were vetted and selected by teachers and administrators as resources that will allow our students to continue growing academically in the areas of reading and math. After a marking period, the teachers are becoming more familiar with the processes of these programs and the students are experiencing great success! We are looking forward to the long-term achievement these programs can bring to Tyrone!

In addition to academics, the students and staff members recently participated in a school-wide pep-rally where the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) expectations were reviewed and practiced during fun events with high school football players and cheerleaders! In October, the students celebrated their success in following these expectations during a SOARing to Success Glow Party. During this celebration, all students danced and played games. Students were also able to use their SOAR tickets to purchase additional glow in the dark prizes! Our students are looking forward to the PBIS SOAR events that will continue to take place throughout the year!



TAMS

It has been a great start to the 2022-23 school year at Tyrone Area Middle School. In September, students typically participate in a battery of assessments to provide teachers with baseline data for their instruction. This year, we added a new assessment in science and math, known as Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT). This assessment matches the skills tested on the PSSAs later in the school year. We also added several new resources to our fifth and sixth grade classrooms. Most notably, we adopted a new curriculum series for English/ Language Arts, published by Savvas. This has provided our students with cutting edge learning through diverse reading selections and engaging activities. Secondly, we added a math skills

development period using a program known as SpringMath. Using this program, students drill basic math skills daily to build fluency.

Outside of the classroom, students are participating in a wide variety of enrichment activities. Grades five through seven all went on field trips this fall. Seventh grade added a new field trip this year to the Flight 93 Memorial, while eighth grade welcomed the Penn State Engineering Ambassadors to learn about careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mechanics). Students participated in several pep rallies and a tailgate event to kickoff our fall sports season and positive behavior program. Finally, State Representative Jim Gregory visited the school to speak with students about how state government functions. We look forward to what is in store for the upcoming holiday season and second semester.



TAHS

TAHS started the new school year with a Club Fair to introduce all of the clubs and activities to students in grades 9-12. Our focus was to increase participation and build community with everyone involved here at TAHS. The Fair was a success. Many students signed up to participate in the many clubs and activities offered. This year we were able to display our clubs, activities, and sports teams with 28 young ladies nominated to represent their respective group for Homecoming. All candidates then participated in four events: a Popular Vote, Sash Decorating, Personal Interviews, and a Virtual Fundraiser. The top five young ladies in each category received points. The nominee with the highest score was crowned Queen with the second highest being crowned Princess. Overall, it's a great

experience for the Homecoming nominees. Our clubs have also organized a Blood Drive (HOSA), a Dance (Eagle Eye), and our annual Halloween event (YAN) to encourage participation and build community.

We also have the Junior Achievement student-run businesses that are coordinated through our high school economics classes. The students complete job applications, elect a president, and select their vice presidents. The leadership team will assign each student to a department, all based on their job applications. The project begins with selling stock to gain their seed money to begin. They conduct market research, select a product and negotiate with a local vendor for production. The departments consist of finance, marketing, human resources, public relations, and production. The Presidents run their business meetings two days per week and the other days are used to learn basic economic principles that they can apply directly to their own businesses. The teacher serves as the guide or the "board of directors." Upon liquidation, their profits are used to pay their vendor, registration fees at local events, a return on the stocks sold, a tax for a donation toward the Student Assistance Program, and a tax for an "emergency relief fund" should they fail to meet their obligations. All remaining funds are paid to the employees based on their actual sales, attendance at meetings, and most importantly contribute towards the final determination of their grades for the class. Students typically earn between \$20 - \$100 per student at the end of the semester.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TASD RETIREES



Robyn Chamberlain
TAMS Teacher
24.25 Years of Service

On October 27, Tyrone Area School District staff and students bade a fond farewell to beloved Sixth Grade Teacher Mrs. Robyn Chamberlain, who retired following 24 years of service.

Fellow Sixth Grade Teacher Shelly Toto summed up Robyn's impact on staff and students, "Robyn has been an inspiration to both students and teachers alike. Her dedication to learning and the love for her students is what makes her among the best! I will truly miss teaching beside her. Her infectious smile and positive attitude radiates from her being. I wish her good health and lots of fun with her family in retirement! She has made a huge difference in our lives, and she will remain forever in our hearts!"

Robyn is a hometown girl, having been born in Tyrone and residing here most of her life. She graduated from TAHS in 1980, married her high school sweetheart, and raised two sons in Tyrone.

Before pursuing a teaching career, Robyn held various jobs, including working at a restaurant and a clothing store, cleaning houses, performing secretarial duties, processing bank loans, and registering hospital patients, all of which, she says, contributed in some way to her success as a teacher. But the job that sparked her desire to become a teacher was working with children as a paraprofessional at Lincoln Elementary School in the mid-1990s. She recalled, "The staff made me feel like a valued team member and encouraged me to return to Penn State to earn my teaching degree. Also, my grandmother, father, and brother were in the education field and I knew it would be a good fit for me."

Following her graduation from Penn State and substituting for a short time, Robyn was hired once again by TASD in 2001, but this time as a full-time middle school teacher. In addition to teaching sixth grade, during her tenure at TASD, she served as a Kiwanis Builder's Club Advisor, Jr. High Honor Society Advisor and taught English Language Learners and cyber school students. She was also a ticket taker/scorer for various sporting events and a cheerleading advisor.

Reminiscing about her favorite memories at Tyrone, Robyn said that she will miss the school community the most, including students, all the staff, as well as school routines, school spirit, and sports. "When you spend so much time being a part of the community of people who make this such a great place, it will be a big adjustment when I retire."

Middle School Principal Shane Cowher has only worked with Robyn for two years, but in that short time, she has made a lasting impression on him. When asked to comment on her retirement, Mr. Cowher said, "Robyn's passion for educating our students is second to none. She is beloved by her students and colleagues, and she is always willing to do whatever it takes to improve our school. We will miss her!"

Robyn plans to spend more time with family, going to warm, sunny locations, and enjoying hobbies, and, she quipped, "I might even get to drink a hot cup of coffee!"

Summer of 2022 retirees:



Joan Bilotto
TAES Teacher
21 Years of Service



Faith Everhart
TASD Secretary
18.5 Years of Service



Vevala "Veve" McCutcheon
TAES Paraprofessional
27 Years of Service

MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Jordan Bondi
TAMS/HS
Health & Physical
Education Teacher



Kelsey Broadfield
TAHS
Career & College Advisor



Kathleen Coltabaugh
TAMS
Paraprofessional



Madison Colyer
TAES
Kindergarten Teacher



Danielle Dempsie
TASD/The Nutrition Group
Director of Food & Nutrition



Nicole Emigh
Daycare
Paraprofessional



Kermit Floor, IV
TAMS/HS
Technology Education
Teacher



Matthew Germino
TAMS
Gr. 6 Teacher



Tania Germino
TAES
Reading Specialist



Sarah Hall
TAES
Gr. 1 Teacher



LeeAnn Haynal
TAMS
Special Education Teacher



Ashley Hawkins
TAES
Early Intervention Teacher

MEET OUR NEW STAFF (Continued on page 6)

HELP WANTED

Tyrone Area School District
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Providing a quality education to almost 2,000 students requires a lot of help and the Tyrone Area School District is looking for talented people who are up for the task! Be sure to check out our job postings to find the perfect opportunity for you: www.tyrone.k12.pa.us > Departments > Human Resources > Job Postings.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF (Continued from page 5)



Lynda Hoover
TAHS
Guidance/Scheduling
Secretary



Annette (Kim) Iddings
TAES
Early Intervention
Paraprofessional



Lindsey Kanuch
TAMS/HS
Physical Education
Teacher



Jill Lewis
TAES
Title I Paraprofessional



Nicholas McElhinney
TAES
Gr. 1 Teacher



Robert McEwen
TAHS
Crew Custodian



Susan Miller
TAES
Paraprofessional



Angelina Myers
TAES
Special Education
Teacher



Amanda Raup
TAHS
Attendance Secretary



Rebecca Sellers
TAMS
Science Teacher



Nicole Taneyhill
TAHS
School Counselor



Alexandra Veit
TAES
Long-Term Substitute Gr. 3
Teacher

MEET OUR NEW STAFF (No Photo Available)

Mike Anthony—Jr. High Head Volleyball Coach
 Courtney Finney—Jr. High Assistant Soccer Coach
 Johnny Franco—Assistant Varsity Football Coach
 Shania Lowery—Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach
 Elizabeth Oliver—Daycare Assistant Group Supervisor
 Jill Richards—Daycare Assistant Group Supervisor
 Amanda Thomas—Jr. High Head Volleyball Coach
 Mike Whitling—Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach
 Morgan Wineland—Daycare After-School Group Supervisor
 William Wiser III—Elementary School Crew Custodian

DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

District Population	App. 12,243
Current District Enrollment	1,759
Current Kindergarten Class Enrollment	116
Current Senior Class Enrollment	155
Special Education Population	14.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch Participation	53.72%
Teachers Employed	143
Support Staff Employed	98
Administration Employed	11
Budget	\$30,315,584
Budgeted Per Pupil Expenditure (K-12)	\$16,440.12
Millage: Blair	7.2077 mills
Centre	26.1490 mills
Huntingdon	48.7861 mills

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Tyrone Area School District employees celebrating service milestones were recognized at the opening staff meeting of the 2022-2023 School Year. We are thankful for the dedication of our staff and their unwavering commitment to the students of the District.

5 Years

Dustin Elder
Noelle Lucas
Adam Miller
Derek Mathews
Christina Patton
Judith Woodcock

10 Years

Rudy Bilka
Tiffany Hoy
Katie Nadolsky
Dawn Stark

15 Years

Heather Becker
Linda Branstetter
Sarah Ciampoli
Carrie Grassi
Kourtney Klock
Cummins McNitt
Lillian Miller
Megan Myers

15 Years

(continued)

Shannon Neumann
Holly Sechler
Louise Seidel
Penny Weaver

20 Years

Jessica Anderson
Jessica Black
Robert Dick
Amy Fleck
Krista Getz
Renee Moore
Dawn Whited

25 Years

Candy Eckels
Bryan Gruber

30 Years

Lisa Golden

SHOUT OUT TO FIRST RESPONDERS

A big Tyrone Area School District “**THANK YOU**” to local first responders who support, celebrate, and protect our students, staff, and community.

AMED

Executive Director Gary Watters

Bald Eagle Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Bradley Oswalt

Blazing Arrow Hook and Ladder “Hookies” Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Joe Gault

Neptune Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Alan Walls

Pennsylvania State Police - Troop G

Captain Thomas Hertlein

Sinking Valley Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Ron Wise

Tyrone Borough Police Department

Chief Jessica Walk

Warriors Mark Volunteer Fire Company

Chief Jerry Seeger

CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

Former Fourth Grade Teacher Mrs. Ashton Shultz who was named Tyrone Area Elementary School Assistant Principal.



Former Second Grade Teacher Mrs. Amy Fleck who was named Tyrone Area Middle School Dean of Students.



Former Tyrone Area Elementary School Assistant Principal Mr. Chad Packer who was named Tyrone Area High School Principal.



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EAGLE PRIDE NEVER GRADUATES

We take great pride in and enjoy connecting with our alumni family. If you would like to share a TAHS class reunion or class birthday party photo, please email it to: sjwoomer@tyrone.k12.pa.us. We look forward to hearing from you!

TAHS Class of 1957 ~ 65th Reunion



TAHS Class of 1970 ~ 70th Birthday Party



TAHS Class of 1972 ~ 50th Reunion



TAHS ALMA MATER

Ours is a school to love, loyal by her we'll stand.
Mountains tower over her, solemn and grand.
Long may they reign above those Alleghenies fair,
May they ever shelter thee, dear old Tyrone High!

When we grow old and gray, memories will linger still.
Happy the hours we spent with thee, their mission to fulfill.
Life will be sweet and fair, joy will wake anew.
May we ever faithful be, dear Alma Mater true!
~ Josephine Derr, TAHS Class of 1926