

# **BVHS** **VIKINGS**

## **Newsletter**



**MISSION STATEMENT:**  
**BUILD A COMMUNITY OF STAKEHOLDERS WHO**  
**VALUE EDUCATION AND GRADUATE**  
**STUDENTS WHO ARE COLLEGE/CAREER READY AND ARE**  
**DEDICATED TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING.**

**Empowering all students to**  
**make meaningful**  
**contributions to the world!**

**Each month, we will highlight outstanding Viking**  
**accomplishments, important news, and opportunities**  
**for students and families.**

## From the Principal's Office



As we move into April, there is a renewed sense of energy and momentum throughout Blacklick Valley Junior-Senior High School. Our spring sports teams are off and running, and we look forward to a season filled with growth, competition, and Viking pride.

We are also preparing for upcoming state assessments, and I encourage all students to remain focused, put forth their best effort, and take pride in their academic progress. This is an important time to demonstrate all that has been learned throughout the year.

Planning for the future is well underway, as student scheduling for the 2026–2027 school year continues. We are excited about expanding opportunities and helping students map out meaningful and personalized academic pathways.

April and early spring also bring many opportunities to celebrate the talents of our students. We look forward to our upcoming art show, prom, and spring music and choral concerts—events that highlight the creativity, dedication, and spirit of our Viking community.

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, our staff is actively engaged in end-of-year planning to ensure a strong and successful finish for all students.

Thank you for your continued support of Blacklick Valley. Let's keep the momentum going and make this spring a great one for our entire school community.

Go Vikings!

# Upcoming Events

| March                                                                                    |                             |                              |                                                 |                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
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| 22                                                                                       | 23<br>Opening Ceremony      | 24<br>Last Day Quarter 3     | 25<br>Quarter 4 Begins                          | 26<br>Grades due Q3                                    | 27<br>Spring Sports Pep Rally<br><br>GJCTC Field Trip (McGhee)                                                                   | 28                                                                                                                               |
| America 250 Torch Week                                                                   |                             |                              |                                                 |                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
| 29                                                                                       | 30                          | 31                           |                                                 |                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
| April                                                                                    |                             |                              |                                                 |                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                                                          |                             |                              | 1                                               | 2                                                      | 3<br>No School Easter Break                                                                                                      | 4                                                                                                                                |
| 5<br> | 6<br>No School Easter Break | 7                            | 8<br>IUP Scholar Forum Field Trip (McGhee/Lieb) | 9                                                      | 10<br>BV Blood Drive<br> American Red Cross | 11                                                                                                                               |
| 12                                                                                       | 13                          | 14                           | 15<br>Tax Day<br><br>School Board Meeting       | 16<br>NHS Induction                                    | 17<br>Senior Signing Day                                                                                                         | 18                                                                                                                               |
| 19                                                                                       | 20                          | 21<br>PSSA ELA (grades 7-8)  | 22<br>PSSA ELA (grades 7-8)                     | 23<br>PSSA ELA (grades 7-8)<br><br>Q4 Deficiencies Due | 24<br>Prom Decorating<br><br>SWPBIS Field Trip Grades 7-8                                                                        | 25<br>Grand March 5:30-6:60<br><br>Prom<br> |
| 26                                                                                       | 27                          | 28<br>PSSA Math (grades 7-8) | 29<br>PSSA Math (grades 7-8)                    | 30<br>PSSA Science (grade 8)                           |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |

# Bottleworks Volunteer Opportunities



Arts on 3rd Avenue

411 3rd Avenue, Johnstown

**Dear students,**

Are you passionate about the arts, education, or working with children in our community? If so, we have exciting community service opportunities available year-round for middle and high school students like you. Earn service credits while making a difference in the lives of others!

You can contribute your time and talent to our youth arts education programs and gain valuable experience in a supportive and creative environment. Whether you enjoy teaching, mentoring, or simply lending a helping hand, there is a place for you here. We have short-term volunteer opportunities throughout the year at special events, weekly opportunities for a regular commitment with preschool classes, or week-long summer camps in need of student assistants.

For more information and to get involved, please contact our Youth Arts Education Coordinator, Nelle Kearney, at [nkearney@bottleworks.org](mailto:nkearney@bottleworks.org). We look forward to welcoming you to our team of dedicated volunteers and making a positive impact together!

Sincerely,

**NELLE KEARNEY**

Youth Arts Education Coordinator

**MATTHEW LAMB**

Executive Director

# Opportunities to

## SOAR AGREEMENT

Students that successfully complete a health care program in high school (CIP codes 51.0899 and 51.9999) may be eligible to be exempt from nine credits (3 courses) for the GACTC Medical Assistant Diploma Program.

- MED 115 - Medical Terminology I
- MED 116 - Anatomy & Physiology I
- MED 118 - Medical Terminology II

[www.collegetransfer.net](http://www.collegetransfer.net)



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- ☒ Save money
- ☒ Save time

**CONTACT US TODAY  
TO DISCUSS HOW THE  
ARTICULATION  
AGREEMENT CAN BENEFIT  
YOU!**

CONTACT US:

 814-941-8324

 [adulted@gactc.edu](mailto:adulted@gactc.edu)

 [www.gactc.edu](http://www.gactc.edu)



**Get Ahead**

# Summer Work Opportunities



## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR CAMP!

### HIRING FOR:

- SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS
- SUMMER CAMP GROUP SUPERVISOR (18+)
- SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITY LEAD

SEE JOBS HERE!



CHECK OUT OUR CAREERS PAGE AT [ICYMCA.ORG/CAREERS](https://www.icymca.org/careers) FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON APPLYING!

Check Google Classroom for  
links to additional  
scholarship opportunities.

## Kaitlyn "Katie" Wentz 2026 Memorial Scholarship

Katie Wentz - a member of the Cambria Heights High School Class of 2021 and an avid softball player, both for her school and travel teams - passed away unexpectedly in October 2019. Katie's family, friends, and teammates host an annual softball tournament and basket auction in her memory. Katie's family is using the proceeds from these fundraisers to offer [scholarships](#) to members of the Class of 2025 who enjoy and embody the ideals of high school athletics.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- This scholarship is available to any high school students graduating in the Class of 2026 who have played softball for a high school team, a travel team, or both.
- Applicants must be attending a post-secondary institution in the Fall of 2026 (four- or two-year college or trade school).
- The scholarship can be used to offset any costs associated with schooling.

**PRIZE:** Winners will receive a \$500 scholarship.

**APPLY BY RESPONDING TO BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING PROMPTS  
IN A 1-2 PAGE ESSAY:**

**What things do you wish you could tell your past self  
or younger self and why?**

**(Do not include your own name in your essay.)**

- Responses must be typed, double-spaced, and 1-2 pages in length.
- Only put your name in the top right-hand corner of the essay. Essays will be judged anonymously.
- **Entries must be submitted via email by Monday, March 23, to [bwentz@marioncenterbank.com](mailto:bwentz@marioncenterbank.com).**

*\*Please call Mrs. Brenda Wentz with any questions at (814) 505-3516.*

# Vikings Supporting the Community



**BLACKLICK VALLEY BLOOD DRIVE**

**BE COOL. GIVE BLOOD.**

**JOIN US ON  
FRIDAY APRIL 10TH, 2026  
AS WE TEAM UP WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**TIME:  
8AM - 1:30PM  
LOCATION:  
BV HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

**SEE MRS. LIEB FOR DETAILS  
ASHLEY.LIEB@BVVIKINGS.ORG**



**REGISTER NOW!**

**LINK**

**DID YOU KNOW?!**

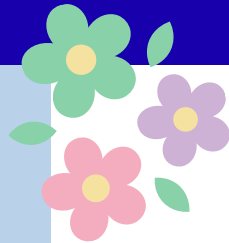
**Just 1 blood donation  
can save up to 3  
lives. Donors are like  
heroes to those in  
need. Take a few  
minutes to help save  
a life!**



# Tobacco Resistance Unit Spirit Week



**Monday**  
**March 30th**



**Lungs Love Clean Air!**  
**Wear light spring pastel colors!**



**Tuesday**  
**March 31st**



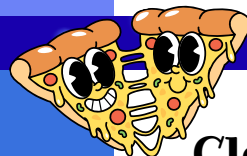
**Team Up Against Tobacco!**  
**Wear your favorite college gear or**  
**favorite sports team attire!**

**Wednesday**  
**April 1st**

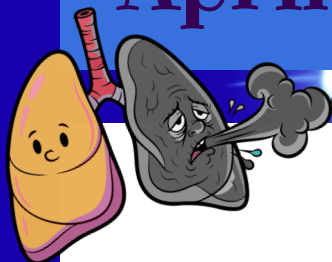
**Take Down Tobacco Day!**  
**TRU Gear/TRU Colors Day! Wear your**  
**TRU attire or Blue/White colors!**



**Thursday**  
**April 2nd**



**Clear Mind, Strong Choices!**  
**Match your outfit with a**  
**friend or group of friends!**



**Small games and prizes will**  
**be held throughout the week!**

**Teachers who donate \$4 dollars will get to dress down for the week**  
**Money collected will be donated to the American Lung Association**

**BLACKLICK VALLEY**

**ELEMENTARY**

**PRINCIPAL'S FUNDRAISER**

# Spaghetti DINNER

Hosted by the Principal!

**\$12**

**PER ADULT  
MEAL**

Dine In or  
Take Out  
Available!

**\$8**

**PER CHILD  
MEAL**

**Meal Includes:**

Spaghetti & Meatballs

Fresh Salad Roll

Dessert

**Basket  
Raffle**

**50/50  
Drawing**



**Small Games  
of Chance!**



**March 28th**  **12:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

 **Blacklick Valley Elementary Cafeteria**

**Come Hungry & Help Support**

**STUDENT FUN DAY!**





# Help Us to Raise Funds for Our Trip!

¡Ayúdanos a Recaudar Fondos  
Para Nuestro Viaje!

Blacklick Valley Junior/Senior High School's  
Spanish Club is Raising Funds for our 2027 Trip  
to Peru!!

through Goodwill's "Collect & Earn" Fundrai\$er Donation Drive\$

## Community Collection:

Saturday, April 11th from 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Blacklick Valley Jr./Sr. High School Parking Lot  
555 Birch Street, Nanty Glo

Goodwill will pay us *by the pound* on 'Eligible Items' in *sellable* condition.

*An average Goodwill truckload of donations weighs 3,700 lbs–7,500 lbs.*

**\$ Eligible Items \$**

clothing, linens, housewares, shoes, purses, toys, glassware, pictures, cooking accessories, sports equipment (no weights or exercise equip), tools, small musical instruments, electronics (no TVs), jewelry, knick-knacks, and *light* furniture items (kitchen chairs, small tables), all in *sellable* condition.



# from the Guidance Office

There will be an ACE Program presentation to all 8th grade students during activity period on April 14th.



The Army National Guard will be here during senior lunch on March 25th! Stop in and see a recruiter.

Representatives from Martin-Baker America will be here on April 28th to present awards to senior students!



ASVAB scores will be interpreted on Wednesday, March 25th from 9-10am!



On **April 16th** a representative from PHEAA will come to Blacklick Valley to chat with all 8th grade students!

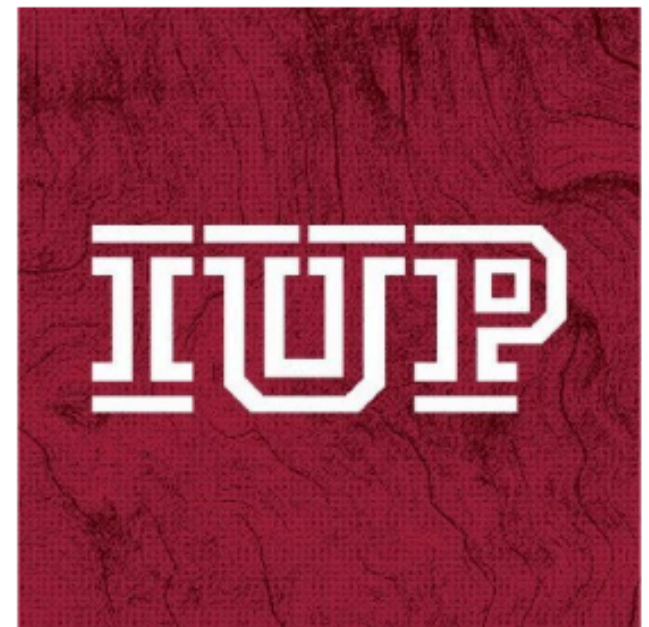


# Viking Scholars and All-Stars

Good Luck to all students attending  
PRESEF on March 24th!

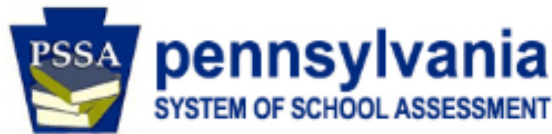


Good luck to  
students  
attending the  
IUP Scholars  
Forum on April  
8th!



# Assessments

**7th and 8th grade PSSAs will happen April 21st-23rd, 28th-30th, and May 1st.**



**Keystone testing will take place between May 12th and May 15th!**



**Students signed up to take the AP Language test will take on Wednesday, May 6th!**



**Students signed up to take the AP Literature test will take on Wednesday, May 6th!**



# BV Boutique: Prom Dress Giveaway



See Mrs. Dorn (Room 111) or email at  
[sara.dorn@bvvikings.org](mailto:sara.dorn@bvvikings.org)

Shoes, Accessories and Menswear  
are available!

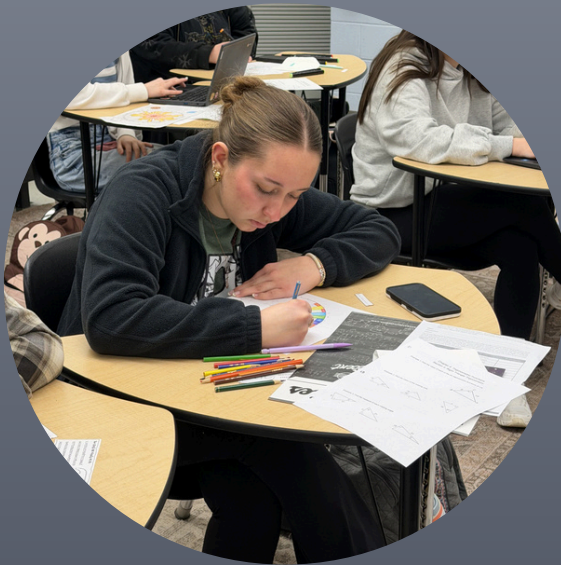
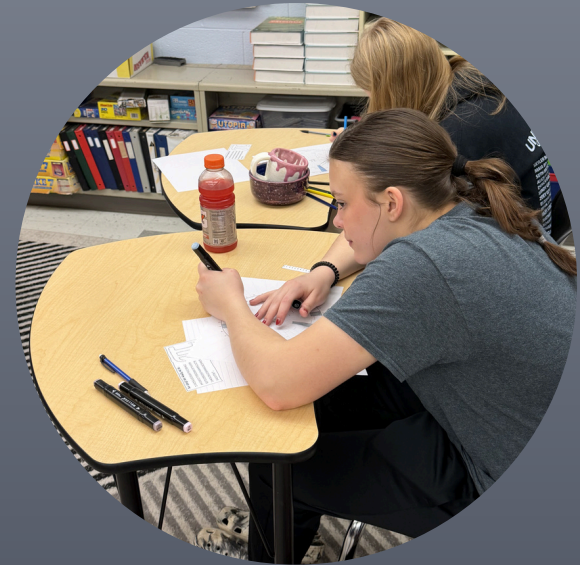
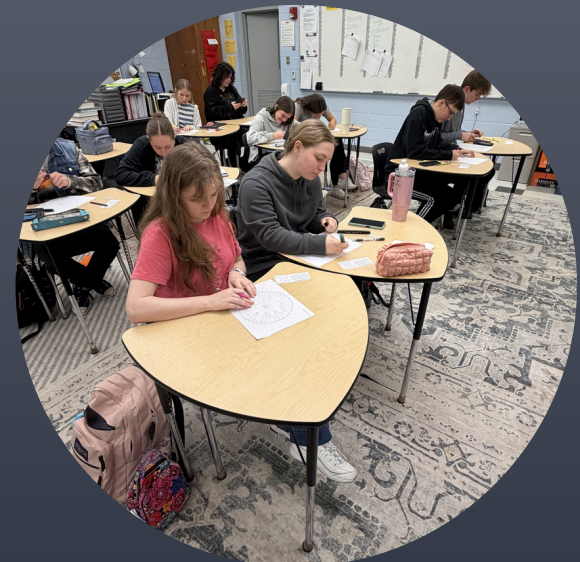
*From  
Saturday, April 25th*

# A Slice of "PI" – A Slice of Learning

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14 (3/14) to honor the mathematical constant  $\pi$ , the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Students in Mrs. Geiser's Pre-Calculus class celebrated Pi Day in a creative and engaging way by designing patterns based on the digits of  $\pi$  (pi). Using the infinite sequence of numbers, students transformed mathematical concepts into visual representations, creating unique and colorful designs that highlighted both precision and creativity.

This hands-on activity allowed students to explore the significance of  $\pi$  while reinforcing number patterns and mathematical thinking. By blending art and math, students gained a deeper appreciation for how mathematics can be both analytical and expressive.

Pi Day provided a fun and meaningful opportunity for students to bring numbers to life—proving that math is not only about solving problems, but also about discovering patterns and creativity in the world around us.



# from the Music Department

## Regional Band:

Emma Lepley and Averi Yewcic had a wonderful experience at this year's Regional Band Festival, held March 18–20, 2026, at Penns Valley Area High School under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Julia Baumanis from Rutgers University.

With 184 students representing 52 schools across 11 counties, the festival showcased an impressive level of talent. While neither of our students advanced to the state level—where only 24 musicians qualify—both girls demonstrated significant improvement from last year. We are incredibly proud of their growth, dedication, and commitment to their craft.

A special highlight of the experience was when Averi had the opportunity to receive a conducting lesson from Dr. Baumanis, making the event even more memorable.

In addition to the performances, students enjoyed a special treat during Thursday's dinner, where several band directors performed together as a jazz ensemble, providing an entertaining and unique experience.

We congratulate our students on their hard work and look forward to their continued success.



The poster features a dark background with green curtains on the sides. At the top, there are decorative green and red scalloped patterns. In the center, a man in a black jacket with 'GREASE' written on the back is shown from behind, standing on a white and gold stage. Above him is a small icon of two theater masks.

# THEATER AUDITIONS

Crichton McCormick Park's Backstage Door Club is proud to present its very first summer musical production of Grease!

## Important Dates

**Auditions:** Sunday, June 14 (time TBD) at Portage Area High School

**Camp/Rehearsals:** June 15th–19th and June 22nd–26th,  
8:00 AM–5:00 PM (also at PAHS)

**Performances:** June 26 & 27 at 7:00 PM, June 28 at 2:00 PM

**Primary venue:** Crichton McCormick Park

**Backup venue:** Portage Area High School

## Who Can Join

Open to all students in grades 6–12, or ages 11–18, from any school. Students may participate as performers or as part of the crew—acting, singing, dancing, stage crew, costumes, hair, and makeup.

**Tuition & Registration:** \$250 per student

Includes instruction in acting, vocals, choreography, and the opportunity to perform with a live pit orchestra or work backstage

Includes a Stage Door Club t-shirt

Students must bring their own lunch each day.

Website for Registration and more info!

<https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/crichton-mccormick-park/68b9da94eedd451b3ae83f71>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Addison Holyfield at [aholyfield@mustangmail.org](mailto:aholyfield@mustangmail.org) or 814-736-9636 x1342.

# from the Athletic Department



Shop closes in **44** days **16** hrs **27** mins 

BLACKLICK VALLEY HIGH SCH  
**TRACK & FIELD MTS+**  
⌚ SHOP CLOSING: MAY 1

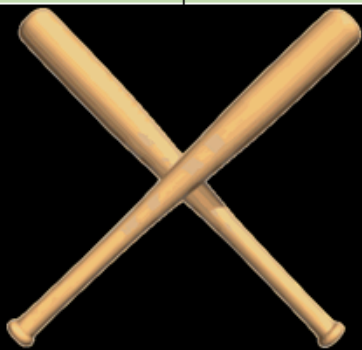
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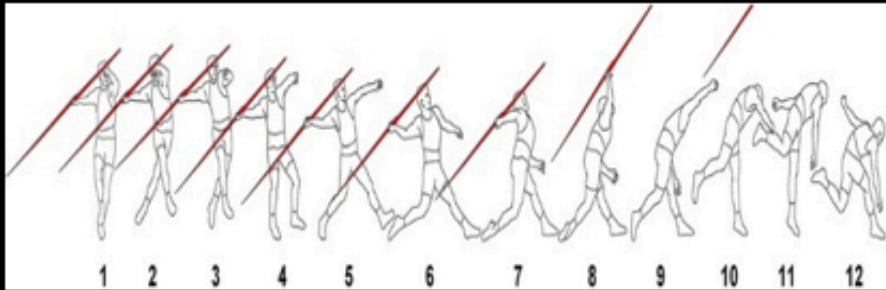
 **SPRINT** Customized in 1-2 business days and shipped to you

Link: <https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/YfVjDqwmLc>

**Track & Field  
Spirit Sale**

March

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| 22 | 23<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Harmony<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Northern Cambria<br>HOME 4:15pm      | 24                                                                                              | 25<br>Track and Field<br>Northern Cambria<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                             | 26 | 27<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Purchase Line<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Purchase Line<br>HOME 4:15pm | 28 |
| 29 | 30<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Bishop Carroll<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Bishop Carroll<br>HOME 4:15pm | 31<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Windber<br>AWAY 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Windber<br>AWAY 4:30pm |   |    |                                                                                                             |    |



April

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| 1<br>Track and Field<br>Cambria Heights<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Turkeyfoot Valley<br>AWAY 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Turkeyfoot Valley<br>AWAY 4:30pm                                                                                                           | 3<br>No School Easter<br>Break                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5<br>                                                                                                                                                         | 6<br>No School Easter<br>Break                                                                                                                                                                                               | 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 8<br>Track and Field<br>United<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9<br>Track and Field<br>United<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 10<br>Boys' Junior High<br>Baseball Ferndale<br>AWAY 4:15pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>Ferndale<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Junior High<br>Softball Ferndale<br>AWAY 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Ferndale<br>HOME 4:15pm | 11<br>Boys' Junior High<br>Baseball North<br>Star HOME<br>4:15pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>North Star<br>AWAT 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Junior High<br>Softball North Star<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>North Star<br>AWAY 4:30pm | 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 13<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Harmony<br>AWAY 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Northern Cambria<br>AWAY 4:30pm                                                                                                                                         | 14<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Shanksville<br>AWAY 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Shade<br>AWAY 4:30pm                                                                                                                            | 15<br>Track and Field<br>Homer Center<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                    | 16<br>Boys' Junior High<br>Baseball Ferndale<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>Ferndale<br>AWAY 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Junior High<br>Softball Ferndale<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Ferndale<br>AWAY 4:15pm |
| 17<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Glendale<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Glendale<br>AWAY 4:30pm                                                                                                                                                | 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 20<br>Girls' Softball<br>United<br>HOME 4:15pm                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 21<br>Boys' Junior High<br>Baseball Purchase<br>Line HOME<br>4:15pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>Meyersdale<br>AWAY 4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Junior High<br>Softball Purchase<br>Line HOME<br>4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Meyersdale<br>AWAY 4:30pm | 22<br>Track and Field<br>Conemaugh<br>Township<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                                                | 23<br>Boys' Junior High<br>Baseball<br>Rockwood AWAY<br>4:30pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>Rockwood<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Junior High<br>Softball<br>Rockwood AWAY<br>4:30pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Rockwood<br>HOME 4:15pm      | 24<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Homer Canter<br>Tournament vs<br>Brookville<br>AWAY 4:00pm                                                                                                                                           |
| 25<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Homer Canter<br>Tournament vs<br>Brookville<br>AWAY TBD                                                                                                                                                                  | 26                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 27<br>Boys' Baseball<br>Penns Manor<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Conemaugh<br>Valley<br>HOME 4:15pm                                                                                                                         | 28<br>Track and Field<br>Meyersdale<br>AWAY 4:00pm<br><br>Boys' Baseball<br>Turkeyfoot<br>HOME 4:15pm<br><br>Girls' Softball<br>Turkeyfoot<br>HOME 4:15pm                                                                    |
| 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 30<br>                                                                                                                                  | 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 32                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

SOFT  
BALL

BASE  
BALL

TRACK  
AND  
FIELD

**The Freedom 250 Network is celebrating the Nation's 250th birthday with events that honor our history, showcase the beauty of the United States, ignite innovation, and strengthen the faith that will carry our Nation forward for the next 250 years.**



**In Cambria County, the America 250PA torch was lit at Conemaugh Valley High School, marking the beginning of the ceremonial torch passing across the county.**

**Blacklick Valley will host the torch and will hold a number of events for students the week of March 23-27. The Opening Ceremony will be Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the high school auditorium**