

TO: Board of School Directors  
FR: Lisa A. Brown, Superintendent  
RE: April Board Report  
DT: April 25, 2019

Forge Student Support – The Lebanon Daily News recently published an article about Addy Calnon, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student at Forge Road Elementary School. Addy was diagnosed with a serious heart condition in the fall, and the Forge staff continues to work together to provide Addy with the support that she requires. The article gave special recognition to Judy Robinson (nurse), Carrie Twaddell (teacher), and Jim Hale (principal) for their on-going efforts to support this student. This is a fine example of a wonderful working relationship between home and school for the benefit of a student.

Robotics – The Krypton Cougars Team 2539 earned a spot at the FIRST Robotics World Championship held in Detroit from April 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. They are competing in the Archimedes Division against teams from all over the US and the world. You can watch their matches live at this link:

[https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires\\_archimedes](https://www.twitch.tv/firstinspires_archimedes)

PSSA Testing – Students in grades 3-8 have completed the Language Arts portion of the PSSAs, and they are currently completing the Math portion. Science testing for grades 4 and 8 will occur next week. Our teachers are doing a great job of balancing the importance of this testing with the human elements of our students. Our elementary staff have summed up their approach with staff shirts that read, “Try your hardest. Do your best. But always remember you’re more than a test.”

Art Exhibit – A collection of our HS students’ artwork is being displayed at the Penn State College of Medicine’s Simulation Center. Students and their families were invited to a reception on April 24<sup>th</sup>, in which they were able to tour the Simulation Center, learn about the technology, and view the student work. Students who have work exhibited are as follows:

Rebecca Baker, Alyia Barnes, Kaitlin Buffenmeyer, Alaijah Carpenter, Gayatra Dangal, Priscilla Fake, Casey Funck, Alaina Heberling, Caitlin Longenecker, Kelsey Loucks, Autumn Marinelli, Eric Marx, Nicholas Miller, Mystie Moore, Michelle Patrick, Lilly Perry, Sebastian Ramirez, Noah Reitz, Victoria Ritchie, Jordyn Shank, Olivia Shoemaker, Lisa Toniolo, Evan Wasilefski, Alexia Welch, and Erin Williams.

Spring Sports - Spring sports are off to a great start, as evidenced by the current records:

Tennis - 10-3/Mid Penn individual tournament starts today (Ben Clary # 1 seed)

Softball - 10-1 currently 6<sup>th</sup> in District 3

Baseball - 9-3 currently 10<sup>th</sup> in District 3

Volleyball - 9-1 currently 8<sup>th</sup> in District 3

Boys Lax - 10-2 currently 5<sup>th</sup> in District 3

B. Track - 6-0 going for division crown next week vs Milton Hershey

G. Track - 5-1

Our current participation numbers are as follows:

Track – HS	133 (71 Boys/62 Girls)
Track – MS	65 (28 Boys/27 Girls)
B Lacrosse	37
G Lacrosse	41
Baseball	36 (17 Varsity/19 JV)
Softball	33 (13 Varsity/20 JV)
B Tennis	24
B Volleyball	25 (11 Varsity/14 JV)
B Soccer – MS	42
G Soccer – MS	28

Scholar Athlete Commitments - A College Signing Day Ceremony was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> in the HS Atrium. The following students were celebrated for their decisions to extend their educational and athletic careers as noted:

Austin Baal – Baseball/University of South Carolina Union  
Amelia Baldo – Basketball/Catholic University  
Brendan Byler – Tennis/Lebanon Valley College  
Sean Carter – Football/ McDaniel College  
TJ Caton – Lacrosse/Robert Morris University  
Austin Durand – Swimming/Shippensburg University  
Luke Higgins – Soccer/Penn State University Berks  
TJ Murphy – Ice Hockey/University of Scranton  
Connor Soderstedt – Cross Country & Track/Muhlenberg College  
Jacob Wagner – Baseball/Penn College of Technology

Travers Award Finalist – For the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the district has one of the 10 finalists for the prestigious Travers Award. Five male and five female athletics are selected from across central PA as scholar athletes, exhibiting leadership and community connections. This year, Grant Haus, a lacrosse and football player, is being recognized as one of the 10 finalists at a luncheon at the Harrisburg Hilton on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Rotary Student – Ryan Turner has been named the Palmyra Rotary Student-of-the-Month for April.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Concerts -**

- \*MS Choir – April 30<sup>th</sup>
- \*MS Orchestra – May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Elem Orchestra – May 6<sup>th</sup>
- \*MS Band – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- \*HS Choral – May 8<sup>th</sup>
- \*HS Orchestra – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*Elem Band – May 15<sup>th</sup>
- \*HS Band – May 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Others –**

- \*CTC Art Show – Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Lebanon County Education Honor Society Banquet – Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Cougar Foundation Mother Son Dance – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
- \*HS Prom Mock Crash Assembly – Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>
- \*HS Prom – Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- \*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education – Weeks of May 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- \*Baccalaureate – Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- \*Senior Class Trip to DC – Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- \*Graduation – Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>