

TO: Board of School Directors  
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent  
RE: February Board Report  
DT: February 27, 2020

### **Student Activities:**

\*PHS Visual Arts award winners for the 2020 Scholastic Arts and Writing Competition for the South-Central PA Region include: (Note: Gold Key recipients move on to the National Scholastics Competition)

- August Clements, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Honorable Mention**, Drawing & Illustration, Recursion
- August Clements, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Gold Key**, Design, A Very Minor Arcana
- Michael Giordano, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Gold Key**, Ceramics & Glass, Lost Cause
- Nora Harper, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Honorable Mention**, Future New, Invisible & Incurable
- Leila Latchford, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Gold Key**, Digital Art, Louie
- Kelsey Loucks, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Silver Key**, Mixed Media, Romaine Cluster
- Kelsey Loucks, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Gold Key**, Mixed Media, The Phaeton Theory
- Kelsey Loucks, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Silver Key**, Art Portfolio, The Argon Atlas Projects
- Cole Proper, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Silver Key**, Art Portfolio, Twisty Ink
- Cole Proper, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Silver Key**, Drawing & Illustration, Rebel
- Cole Proper, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Honorable Mention**, Drawing & Illustration, Darkhouse
- Cole Proper, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Honorable Mention**, Drawing & Illustration, Road
- Abigail Shipley, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Gold Key**, Design, Mushroom Study
- Abigail Shipley, Palmyra Area Senior HS, **Honorable Mention**, Drawing & Illustration, Watchful Eyes

\*The following PHS students were named to the Lebanon County CTC's 2019-2020 National Technical Honor Society. The induction ceremony was held on February 19, 2020.

- Trevor Yocum; Landscape Technology
- Anjelyna Heisy; Sports Therapy Sciences
- Shon Messick; Pastry Arts

\*Tristan Murawski won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the "Industrial Motor Control" 2020 PA Skills USA District 5 Contest.

\*Grace Duong was nominated for a Hershey Apollo Award for "Outstanding Student Playwright" for her play, "A Single Evening." Betty Davidson received an honorable mention for the same Apollo Award.

\*The MS Scholastic Book Fair was a success! With a total sales of \$5307.47, this year's fair was our second best sales year (#1 was 2014 with \$5667.73). Not only did we get books into the hands of students and promote literacy, we also earn Scholastic Dollars to use to purchase items for the library. Because we take our profits in Scholastic Dollars, we earn extra Scholastic Dollars in addition to 50% of our sales....This year we earned a total of \$2753.88 in Scholastic Dollars and these proceeds will be used to purchase books for the school library.

\*PASD is the host of the "Transition Event for Students with Intellectual Disabilities", which will be held on March 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS library. Students from around the county will attend with their families. Topics include: adult programming and services, financial resources, employment resources, recreational activities.

### **Other Activities:**

\*Efforts to obtain sponsorships for the turf field project are in full swing. The Cougar Foundation has unveiled a donation campaign whereby any individual who makes a set monetary donation will be honored with an engraved brick in the "Cougar Plaza." Additionally, the scope of work associated with signage for field and scoreboard sponsors is underway as we met with Bartush Signs. Contact is being made with all previously interested sponsors and a full sponsor packet has been printed. Sponsorship verbal commitments are currently at \$596,000.

\*The following teachers have been nominated by principals as a “Keystone Technology Educator” for implementing effective use of technology within their instruction.

- Shannon Maurer, Forge Road Elementary
- Jennifer Smith, Lingle Avenue Elementary
- Megan Frazier, Northside Elementary
- Noelle Conrad, Pine Street Elementary
- Brett Mitchley and Chris Kindred Palmyra Area Middle School
- Katie Heberling, Palmyra Area High School

\*In your Board packet this evening is a pdf version of Noelle’s first HR Newsletter. I commend Noelle and the work she is doing for our current employees, as well as recruitment efforts for new employees.

**Congratulations:**

\*PAHS Rotary Student-of-the-Month – February 2020: Jessica StClair

**Upcoming Events:**

- \*February 28 Middle School MiniTHON
- \*March 12-15 High School Musical (Guys & Dolls)
- \*April 30 Middle School Concert Choir
- \*April 30 High School Envirothon (Levitz Park)
- \*May 5 Middle School Band Concert
- \*May 6 High School Concert Choir
- \*May 7 Middle School Orchestra Concert
- \*May 8 Middle School Envirothon (Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge)
- \*May 12 High School Orchestra Concert
- \*May 14 High School Band Concert
- \*May 14 Elementary Envirothon (Coleman Park)
- \*June 4 Graduation