

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent
RE: December Board Report
DT: December 19, 2019

Student Activities:

*The maintenance department has completed the installation of the cabling and netting that provides a safety barrier between softball and the tennis courts. The net was temporarily installed in order to confirm installation requirements and has been taken down and stored for the winter.

*Parent/Teacher conferences at the elementary and middle school levels were held at the end of November.

*In our inaugural season, two PHS students on our eSports team qualified for the playoffs. David Taylor and Edward Valentine both lost in the opening round of playoffs, but have established PHS on the eSports circuit!

*Algebra and Literature Keystone Exams for Winter Wave 1 have been completed in early December. Biology Keystone Exams are being conducted during Winter Wave 2 during the week of January 6, 2020.

*Winter sports season is well under way. Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Boys and Girls Swim teams are all working hard, having some success.

*Preparations for both the middle school musical and high school musical are well underway. We look forward to the spring performances.

Other Activities:

*On January 9 and 10, 2020, I will be attending the third and fourth days of the "New Superintendent Academy", a rigorous professional development program conducted through the Pennsylvania Department of Education. It is my intent that I will return for the Board meeting on the evening of January 9th and return to State College on Friday, January 10th for the next day's session.

*The first semester will conclude on Friday, January 17, 2020. High School students will begin second semester courses on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

*Teachers are scheduled for an inservice day on Monday, January 20th. The day is reserved for transition between semesters, however, two hours will be spent having all teachers complete a two-hour "Stop the Bleed" training. Representatives from the Hershey Medical Center will be on site providing us with the training and free resources through grant funding.

*The Board previously approved capital expenditures for updating the security camera systems at both Forge Road Elementary School and Northside Elementary School. Quotes have been received and will be presented to you at the January 9th Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting.

Congratulations:

*PAHS Rotary Student-of-the-Month – December: Julia Ciesielka

Upcoming Events:

*Friday, December 20th: 10th Annual Winter Cabaret – PHS Musical

*Saturday, December 21st – Wednesday, January 1, 2020: Christmas Break

*Tuesday, January 7th: Cougar Foundation meeting 6:00 p.m.

*Thursday, January 9th: Board Meeting

*Thursday, January 23rd: Board Meeting