

TO: Board of School Directors
FR: Bernie Kepler, Superintendent
RE: October 2020 Board Report
DT: October 22, 2020

Student Activities:

The following PHS students were named to the Lebanon County Career & Technology Center's 2020-21 National Technical Honor Society. An Induction Ceremony is tentatively scheduled for February if it is safe to host indoor events with large numbers.

- Bryan Buffenmeyer, Auto Body
- Jackson Feaser, Law Enforcement
- Hunter Garrison, Welding
- Nicholas McNally, Plumbing
- Tristan Murawski, Electromechanical
- Harley Youtz, Law Enforcement

Congratulations to Shon Messick, Culinary Arts, for being selected as Rotary Student of Month for October at the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center.

Congratulations to Katarina Bauer for being selected as Palmyra Area High School's September 2020 Rotary Student of the Month.

Congratulations to Katelyn Becker for being selected as Palmyra Area High School's October 2020 Rotary Student of the Month.

Other:

- A PASD Dress Down Day on Friday, October 2nd raised money for the three families in our district who all experienced the loss of a parent in the last few weeks. Our district social workers presented each family with approx. \$1000 to help with funeral costs, lost wages, living expenses, etc.
- The October 12, 2020 in-service day was utilized for additional training related to teaching in a virtual/synchronous model. Teachers appreciated the day to help prepare for the upcoming weeks ahead.
- The district nursing staff, in partnership with CVS, held a flu shot clinic for staff and family members on October 13 and 14, 2020. More than 100 flu shots were provided free of charge to PASD and employees/families.
- Tomorrow, Friday, October 23, 2020 is the first of five (5) early dismissal days associated with our plan for teacher preparedness. We will be reviewing the effectiveness of these days and reporting back to the Board in November.
- The federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) reviews student outcomes as well as compliance data in evaluating state performance. Pennsylvania was recently notified that the Commonwealth "met requirements." In addition, states make annual determinations of the status of every district in the state and PASD was notified that we "meet expectations" for year 2018. This is the highest designation.
- Volleyball Coach, Clark Sheaffer, was recently named the 2019-2020 PIAA Girls Volleyball Coach of the Year. Coach Sheaffer has been submitted as Pennsylvania's representative for national coach of the year.
- PASD recently was approved for "Flexible Instructional Days" or (FIDs) for school-years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. This approval allows PASD to maintain virtual instructional days for up to five days of school each year due to weather related emergencies, natural disasters, etc.

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, October 17th: PSAT Testing (139 students registered)