

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- The Jr./Sr. High School held a Crisis Drill on 11/14.
- Chief Science Officer Site visit & planning – 11/5
- Ranger Rally – 11/1, 11/15, 11/22
- Mrs. Gasbarro's class held a Friendsgiving that was well attended.
- Mrs. Hoover, Dr. Willyerd and Dr. Lauver completed an excellent CTE monitoring for our CTC agriculture programs.

Elementary Center:

The Elementary Center held a Pep Assembly prior to the WPIAL Championship game. The students celebrated the football team and cheerleaders. In addition, the school's administration interviewed a number of PE candidates. Lastly, Mr. Mayer met with representatives from Siemens to determine bus camera costs.

Athletics:

Football: Currently 14 -0. Beat Clairton 21-20 in the WPIAL championship game at Acrisure stadium to bring home back to back WPIAL championships. Play Port Allegany in the semifinals of the State playoffs on Friday November 29 th at 7pm at Clarion University. The winner of FC/Port Allegany will play the winner of Bishop Guilfoyle / Muncy for the State Championship on Thursday December 5 th at 1pm at Cumberland Valley High School.

Matt Sieg committed to play college football at Penn State and recently broke Terrelle Pryor's Western PA record. Matt has rushed for over 6000 yards and has passed for over 4000 yards in his career and he is only a Jr. Black Hills all conference selections: 1 st Team: Matt Sieg Athlete and Safety. Shane Cornali Wide Receiver and Linebacker. Nate Heirendt Offensive Line. 2 nd Team: Joey Klose Offensive Line. Braydon Cook Wide Receiver. Ryan Huey Running Back. Blake Sweder Safety. Colton Bennett Linebacker. Nate Heirendt Defense Lineman. Nik Massey Kicker. Honorable mention: Tyler Wolfe Linebacker. Evan Rogers Wide Receiver. Coach of the Year: Tanner Garry.

Offensive MVP: Matt Sieg

Winter sports: are schedule to start contests in early December. The Lady Rangers girls basketball team will open with a home exhibition game on Tuesday December 3 rd against Seton LaSalle with JVs at 6pm and Varsity at 730pm. The Fort Cherry basketball tip off tourney will be held on Friday, December 6 th and Saturday Dec 7 th . Boys teams in the tourney include: Fort Cherry, Monessen, Union and Jefferson Morgan. Girls teams in the tourney include: Fort Cherry, The Ellis School, Bishop Canevin and Beaver.

GUIDANCE

All failures have been reported through the end of the first nine weeks. All students with IEP's will have an IEP meeting with their Case Manager and the Director of Pupil Services to discuss the failures and determine a remediation plan.

For the 11 regular education students, High School administration will meet with students to either require RISE/AIRE or pull from CTC for a day to make up missed work.

The counseling department held the following college visits:

- Wheeling University
- Carlow University
- University of Toledo
- Duquesne University
- Point Park University
- St. Francis University
- The US Marines visited on 11/7 during lunch.

7th Grade Math

The average score increased from 616 to 622, an increase of 6 points, only slightly behind the 10 points of expected growth. Approximately 38% of students are at or above grade level according to the diagnostic.

8th Grade Math

The average score increased from 560 to 568, an increase of 8 points, only 2 points behind the 10 points of expected growth. It is important to note that the 8th grade achievement is lagging behind the 7th grade achievement. As mentioned previously, this 8th grade class was most adversely affected by the pandemic. Approximately 3% of students are at or above grade level according to the diagnostic.

7th Grade ELA

The average score increased from 631 to 653, an increase of 22 points, doubling the 10 points of expected growth. Approximately 48% of students are at or above grade level according to the diagnostic.

8th Grade ELA

The average score increased from 645 to 674, an increase of 29 points, nearly tripling the 10 points of expected growth. Approximately 35% of students are at or above grade level according to the diagnostic.

9th Grade ELA

The average score increased from 753 to 764, an increase of 11 points, meeting the 10 points of expected growth. Approximately 32% of students are at or above grade level according to the diagnostic.

PSSA/Keystone Predictions

Teachers have provided me with copies of their predictions for the PSSA and/or Keystone testing. Added to the predictions are the PVAAS predictions for 2024–25 and diagnostic testing from this year via CDT and IXL.

Dr. Lauver has met with all math 7-8 and Keystone Algebra teachers to discuss predictions, current progress, and plans to ensure that goals and targets are met. Meetings with ELA and Science teachers will occur in the coming weeks

Technology

Pupil Services

Elementary Life Skills (currently 6 students): We anticipate one additional student joining the classroom for 2024–25, as a student is moving into the district.

Monitoring: Corrective action items have started and are nearly complete. Items will be submitted to PDE when complete.

Paraprofessionals: Due to 1 retirement, we are still hiring for 1 FT vacancy. We will be seeking a FT para, pending board approval.

GUIDANCE

PSAT discussion during Guidance advisory committee on 10/24 regarding the number of students and locations for testing.

The guidance advisor committee also met to continue the discussion on how to more effectively address and serve students in the college search and application process.

The committee also discussed how to better serve students that were not college bound and were not attending CTC.

GIFTED

A new gifted procedures manual is continuing development, similar to the District's special education guidance manual. Training will be given in Fall 2024.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Monitoring: Attending the next Federal Programs meeting that is scheduled for November 06, 2024.

Building and Grounds

Two new employees began work this month. Over the past several weeks, the maintenance department installed new basketball boards in the HS gym. This project took two days.

The building and grounds team has invested considerable time cleaning the leaves on campus. In addition, the District hosted a first round WPIAL playoff game, and worked to rectify plumbing issues inside the concession stand. We have prepared our equipment for winter weather. Replaced emergency batteries on a few pieces of equipment.

The cleaning / custodial staff have also implemented new cleaning protocols to increase the health and safety of our students and staff. We recognize the importance of the continual battle that is flu season.

We continue to work on multiple projects both inside that includes draining the chiller and completing other prep work as we ready for the winter.

Meetings are being held regularly with each building's cleaning, custodian and maintenance teams.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

A number of stadium visits were conducted by the Board to determine possible turf options.

Met with Mr. Campbell to address plumbing and fixture needs as well as discuss a possible concrete replacement plan. He highlighted financial benefits of completing demolition by District staff.

Met with of McKinnely Engineering regarding restroom design and variance request.

Met with GG&C representatives regarding purchase and District expectations for bussing.

Submitted PA Smart Grant

Submitted Department of Agriculture grant for kitchen equipment replacement.

Addressed administrative complaint

Met with Director of Building and Grounds to review expectations.

Addressed complaint and Canonsburg Police concern regarding adult fan behavior

Conducted Staff Disciplinary Hearing

Held meeting with Avella parent and administration regarding placement of student.

Attended Western Area superintendent advisory meeting.

Attended Blue Prints pre-school advisory meeting.

Attended parent and teacher meeting regarding district grading practices

Conducted Nurse, PE, Social Studies, Reading Specialist and Science teacher interviews.