

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- The counseling department is on track to complete the 339 for review in the January board meeting.
- High School Counselors are starting the scheduling process. Scheduling information was sent on 1/21. Schedule sheets are due 1/28. Students will enter selections under the direction of the school counselors afterward. Parents are invited and encouraged to meet with school counselors about scheduling and career/college info in the month of February. All students will receive a meeting, regardless of whether a parent elects to attend or not.
- The Counselors hosted a PHEAA workshop about the FAFSA virtually on 12/17. A Junior Jumpstart session is planned for spring 2025 on April 24, 2025.
- Dr. Lauver hosted an alumni focus group on December 20, 2024. Six graduates came back to share their experiences with their first year in colleges. The feedback was valuable and will be used to help shape upcoming discussions on academics and expectations for students.
- Computer Diagnostic Tools (CDT) testing is ongoing now through January 31. The team is looking for growth from all students in Math, ELA, and Science. The data will be used to identify students who will require additional assistance via RISE, AIRE, or before school tutoring. Teachers will reach out to students' families who are required to attend additional sessions. The teachers will meet with administrators to analyze the data, including looking for growth in individual students and groups of students. Data will be reported in the February board report.
- The District participated in the Firefly benchmark pilot from PDE. The testing is a benchmark, so it generates data only relevant to the current grade level. Only individual student reports are available at this time.
 - JHS Semi-Formal Snowball was held on December 7, 2024.
 - Western Area CTC Field Trip for 9th grade students was held on December 9, 2024.
 - The Chorus Concert was held on December 11, 2024.
 - The Band Concert was held on December 18, 2024.
 - A virtual Financial Aid Night was held on December 17 2024.
 - Shane Cornali joined the 1,000 point club in January (boy's basketball)
 - Braedon Welsh set the all-time wrestling wins record at FC.
 - Sofia Loizzo and Ricky Growden were Students of the Month for December.
 - Thomas Boris and Emerson Holmes were Students of the Month for January.
 - Emily Frankovich and Billy Guevara were recognized as the winners of the VFW "Voices of Democracy" essay competition.

Elementary Center:

- The CDT Diagnostic window has been extended to January 31st due to weather closures.
- DIBELS testing is ongoing for grades K-2. Data has been analyzed and discussed at Grade Level Meetings. In addition, Tier I, II, III groups have been established and are monitored on a monthly basis.
- The elementary production of *A Kid's Life* was held on January 15, 2025, and January 17, 2025.

- Congratulatory Attendance postcards were issued to students with perfect or great attendance. Please note that attendance awards will be issued at the end of the 2nd quarter.
- Flight School dates for Level 2 (Previous attendees) of February 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM and Level 1 (New attendees) of February 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27 and March 3 from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.
- After School Acceleration Program will be held March 3rd through April 10th on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Athletics:

Football – Won back to back WPIAL titles. The team finished the year 14-1 overall. Matt Sieg continues to receive regional honors. He was named 1st team all state. 2nd team all state PA football news. Post gazette Feb 22. In addition, he was named the Observer Reporter and Trib Live Single A player of the year. Also, he was named Cover 3 Athletics player of the year. KDKA radio super 7. Black Hills conference player of the year. Furthermore, Matt will represent the Steelers at Nike's The Next Ones All Star Event in New Orleans an elite showcase featuring 33 of the top high school football junior athletes in the country. Matt Sieg and Shane Cornali were both named to the OR terrific 22 all-star team. Tanner Garry was named Black Hills and TRIB HSSN single A coach of the year.

Girls Varsity Basketball - Currently on an 11-game winning streak at 13 – 2 overall record and are undefeated in section play and ranked #3 in the WPIAL. The team won the Fort Cherry tip off tourney with a victory over 4A Beaver. In addition, they won the McGuffey holiday tourney with a victory over 3A McGuffey. The Girls JV basketball team is doing well and they are currently undefeated on the year.

Boys Varsity Basketball - Shane Cornali reached the 1000 point milestone in his career. The boys team is currently in second place in the section and have an overall record of 7 – 7. The JV team has one loss on the year and won the Avella Holiday tourney. The 7th and 8th grade teams are highly competitive (8th grade- 5-1 overall and 7th grade 3 – 2 overall).

Wrestling - Braedon Welsh won his 130th match and become Fort Cherry's all-time leader in wins for wrestling. He was the OR athlete of the week and won several individual tourneys at the 189lb weight class over the last month. He is ranked number 1 in the WPIAL. The Junior-High team has had strong showings at the Elwood City and Tricada tourneys as well as the Peters Township Duals. Archie Shattuck and Cameron Eiler have been leading the Junior-High team. The Girls team has 8 wrestlers from Junior-High to Varsity. And Junior wrestler, Ella Trahan, is ranked number one in the WPIAL and has several tourney championships to date. Azlynn Dean is also a very competitive wrestler for the varsity team. Brookelyn McClain and Abby Washinski are leading the Junior-High wrestling team.

Bocce - The team is currently 3 -1 overall. They went 1 -1 against Wash High and 2-0 against Ringold in their first two Bocce matches in the history of Fort Cherry.

Grants - Tom Scarpone applied for a grant and won \$595 towards the PSADA conference he will be attending in March. This grant will pay for his conference registration fee (\$325 and for two leadership classes totaling \$270.)

Technology

- Attended IU1 Cybersecurity Event and discussed various threat scenarios and responses. Due to recent upgrades in our firewall appliance and investment in SentinelOne, we are following best practices to have a secure environment.

- Assistance from Tech Rangers and IU1 with repairs has been very helpful to keep on top of the large number of Chromebook repairs.
- Demos for various interactive display panels are ongoing. Current frontrunners are ViewSonic and Newline. Both are priced competitively and offer similar features with extended warranties.
- In several conversations with our vendors, I was alerted that potential tariffs could greatly impact technology prices. If imposed, they are speculating it could raise prices anywhere from 10-25% on the majority of technology items. Thankfully we are not scheduled to make any substantial hardware purchases for network equipment in the near future, and we should be able to place Chromebook orders in time before any potential rate hikes would be implemented, but this could definitely impact the budget moving forward.

Pupil Services and District Safety Coordinator

Beginning to update and revise the FCSD Crisis Response Handbook with Officer Ziemianski. The estimated completion date is April, 2025. The Handbook will be submitted to the Safety and Security Team for review.

Lockdown training completed on January 8, 2025.

Elementary Life Skills classroom currently has 5 students enrolled. The classroom has been updated with multiple sensory item/tools along with (2) new mats.

Monitoring: Corrective action items will be complete next week. The Items will be submitted to PDE before the January deadline and will be reviewed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education in February.

High School Sensory Room was completed over the holiday break. The students and staff are very pleased with the area.

The first Ranger Bocce home game was well attended. Thank you to the high school students, elementary and high school faculty and Board members for supporting our students.

Paraprofessionals: Fully Staffed

GUIDANCE

The guidance advisor committee met on 12/10 to continue the discussion on how to more effectively address and serve students in the college search and application process. The committee also discussed the progress on the 339.

GIFTED

A new gifted procedures manual is continuing development, similar to the District's special education guidance manual. Training will be given in Fall 2025.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Attending the next Federal Programs meeting that is scheduled for February 06, 2025.

Building and Grounds

No report submitted. Please note interviews were held for the new Director of Building and Grounds during the first two weeks of January, 2025.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

Met with Munetrix officials to discuss new budget and student data software to assist with measuring cost effectiveness of current programs.

Truancy Training held with Magistrate McQuillan to review appropriate court protocol on December 12, 2025.

Alumni Focus group was productive and the feedback was helpful in shaping future academic interventions.

Attended Bocce Official training on December 5, 2024.

IU1 Fort Cherry District Showcase meeting was held on December 10, 2024.

Stanford University Rural Collaborative training focused on improving academic performance was held on December 11, 2024, and January 22, 2025. The free training is aimed at building district administrator and teacher capacity to better serve our students academic and emotional needs.

Solar Project meeting held with Coral Reef.

Interviews held with the Director of Facilities position.

Met with McKinnely Engineering regarding pre bids on January 8, 2025.

Met with McKinnely Engineering to review permit concerns.

Staff Lauderhill Disciplinary Hearing held on January 7, 2025.

Student expulsion meeting held with parents.

Met with GG&C representatives regarding lack of driver clearances.

Met with Youth Wrestling program coordinator to address spring tournament questions.

Reviewed online learning program contract.

Addressed several union concerns regarding the Building and Grounds Department and Food Service Department.