

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- The Junior High School Semi-Formal was held on April 19th and was well attended.
- PSSA exams started on April 23rd and continue through next Thursday, May 1st. The 5th and 8th grades are completing science testing online for the first time.
- Agriculture students completed the NOCTI exams.
- Students completed the state-required Civics Knowledge Exam.
- Mock AP exams are occurring during the PSSA window for students in AP courses.
- Mr. Fort Cherry Competition benefiting the Class of 2025 / Prom Committee on 3/21/25
- The IU1 Student Showcase was held at Penn West University on March 25th and the District shared the use of our new Anatomage Table with visitors.
- March Senior Recognition Breakfast on 3/26/25
- Thank you to the Board and faculty for meeting with Representative Ortity and Commissioner Larry Maggi and sharing how the LSA grant is positively impacting our instructional practice. The visit was held on 4/3/25 (Featuring Anatomage Table).
- Act 35 Civics Exam was administered to 10th grade students on April 25th.
- Heinz Hall PMEA performance for Jr/Sr High Band students was held on April 8, 2025.
- Fort Cherry students participated in Canon-McMillan's ESL Student day on April 11, 2025.
- All Agriculture seniors passed their NOCTI exams. Shane Cornali scored the highest score in school history on the Agriculture written exam. Avril Barlow is the first Horticulture completer in school history.
- Cole Nickel was awarded a \$25 gift card for missing 2 or fewer days in the 3rd nine weeks. Thank you to the FC Foundation for sponsoring this gift!
- Anthony Campoll and Morgan Everly were awarded the SHASDA student awards for Fort Cherry at the SHASDA breakfast held on April 12th at the Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe.
- FCHS qualified for the Governor's Civic Engagement Award from the PA Department of State.
- Emily Frankovich is named the Valedictorian of the Class of 2025 and Katie Blickenderfer is named the Salutatorian.
- Katie Blickenderfer and Shane Cornali are named as nominees for the WPIAL James Collins Scholar-Athlete Award - Shane Cornali won the \$1,000 scholarship
- Katie Blickenderfer won the \$1,000 TRICADA scholarship and the \$1,500 Washington/Greene PA Sports Hall of Fame scholarship

Elementary Center:

- The After School Acceleration Program has been completed.
- The Junior Olympics will be held at Heritage Park this school year due to the potential construction project at the stadium.
- The CDT Diagnostic and DIBELS administration has been completed. Data has been analyzed and discussed at GLM. Tier I, II, III groups have been established and are monitored on a monthly basis.
- The Elementary Center students began the ELA PSSAs on April 23rd.

- Adelei Kennedy won the Slopestyle National Championship at the USASA National Championship in Copper Mountain, Colorado.

Athletics:

Jim Collins WPIAL Scholarship - Shane Cornali won a \$1,000 dollar scholarship through the WPIAL.

Washington Greene County Sports HOF - Katie Blickenderfer won a \$1,500 dollar scholarship and Coach Eugene Briggs will inducted into the WGCHOF on Sunday, June 8th at 4pm at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Football - Matt Sieg won the Willie Thrower Award which recognizes the best overall high school quarterback in Western PA. Shane Cornali will play in the PSFCA small school East – West game on May 18th at noon at Cumberland Valley high school.

Girls Varsity Basketball - Olivia Kemp will represent Fort Cherry in the Roundball Classic on Sunday May 25th at 6pm at North Allegheny High School.

Boys Varsity Basketball - Shane Cornali will represent Fort Cherry in the Roundball Classic on Sunday May 25th at 7:30pm at North Allegheny High School.

Baseball – As of April 22nd, the baseball team is 8-4 overall and 6-1 (1st place) in the section. Colton Temple was named OR player of the week and currently leads the state in home runs with 7.

Softball – Is currently 0-9 overall.

Track and Field - Both boys and girls teams finished 7-1 overall and 2nd place in the section. Both teams qualified for the WPIAL track playoffs which is scheduled for Tuesday May 29th. Both boys and girls teams won the Chartiers Houston invitational.

Technology

- Worked with multiple vendors to resolve an issue with one of the classroom wireless access points. The access point was replaced and a new cobra lock termination was installed on 4/4/25. Since then, the access point has been working without issues.
- Completed an upgrade of our physical Barracuda appliance at the end of March. Tested the device to make sure all backups were imported and backing up properly, troubleshooting any errors that were found. This was a free upgrade of our old appliance included as part of our subscription.
- Worked with Securly to fix connectivity issues that were experienced on 4/7/25. This temporarily impacted access to the Classroom and Pass applications, but the issue was resolved and all systems have been working properly.
- Attended a virtual SIS vendor event hosted by the IU. It was very beneficial to see what other products are available on the market if the district decides to move away from Sapphire in the future.
- Worked with Ford to resolve scanning problems on all of the copiers. This ended up being due to a change Google made to service accounts, so settings had to be updated on each device. Everything has been working properly since the changes were implemented.
- Resolved connectivity issues with Amazon Fire sticks that were preventing digital signage from displaying properly.

- Met with several vendors to research options for security/phishing awareness training programs. This is an ongoing concern and something that is definitely needed moving forward to help educate our staff and prevent cyberattacks.
- Several clocks in the high school are having issues. Matthew Bozic stopped by and was able to fix one of them and is inspecting the other to see if it needs to be repaired or replaced.
- Worked with Full Service to move the EC fire alarm line over from Windstream. The work was completed on 4/22/25 and everything is fully functional.
- Creating a plan for collecting/inspecting/repairing old Chromebooks this summer. The 2025-2026 school year will be year 3 out of 5 for the replacement cycle, so there will be four grades left with old devices.
- Working with the business office to come up with a replacement plan for the interactive display panels that will be sustainable into the future.

Pupil Services and District Safety Coordinator

- Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students): The elementary Life Skills classroom has implemented targeted instructional strategies to more closely align daily activities with each student's individualized IEP goals, ensuring focused progress and measurable outcomes.
- Monitoring: Child count justifications were verified and submitted.
- Paraprofessionals: We are currently fully staffed.

GUIDANCE

- With the assistance of Guidance, I will be taking students to West Liberty University for a tour, lunch, and presentation. I will also be meeting with Senior Education majors about the teaching profession and highlight Fort Cherry School District.

GIFTED

- Continuous monitoring and meeting with the teacher on gifted procedures, policies, and expectations will be on-going through October.
- Addressed several parent complaints about Gifted Program
- Met with Superintendent regarding program outcome concerns in special education
- Met with Superintendent to discuss Avella pulling students from Jr./Sr. Life Skills program
- Met with Superintendent to discuss programming costs and staffing concerns

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- Monitoring: Title I, IIa, and IV funding in eGrants have been posted. Revision for the nonpublic services we contract with IU1 with updated allocations are in the process of being completed.

Building and Grounds

- Meeting with substitute staff member regarding workplace negativity was held on March 7, 2025.
- Inspected all equipment in the Elementary & H.S. Building. At this time, recommendations have been made to remove outdated equipment that is not functioning and can not be repaired.
- Working on adding asset numbers for the equipment we have then it will be put in our FMX under district equipment.

- Met with Novum designs with Dave Barringer, for decals for lockers, walls, FC logo for outside of the Athletic entrance, classroom& office signage. (waiting for the quote)
- Huckinstein elementary Music room did a coil replacement.
- Met with Antonio Carosella from Pittsburgh Powder Coat, to give a quote for boys, girls and football lockers.
- Met with Nick Froats a Painting Company for Hallways and stairwells pricing for the H.S.
- Met with Western Fencing Co. for pricing for privacy fencing for dumpsters and outside of the H.S. cafeteria.
- Met with Mike Miler from Sherwin Williams to match our school colors to be consistent.
- Met with Julie-Butler Floor & Carpet Co. for our locker-rooms and football locker, getting to price for new carpet with our FC logo. (which will be shared to administration and board to pick)
- Pre-bid meeting -for district sidewalks.
- Met with staff to address issues regarding work performance and allegations of stealing time (e.g, adding longer break times, lunch breaks) and issued two employees verbal write-ups.
- Met with Siemens Door Upgrades at HS for failed ADA compliance.
- Masonry Restoration Project // Pre-Construction Meeting
- Meeting with A.Z. Janitorial Services on equipment for staff.
- Inspection done with our CM Regent Insurance Co.
- Elevator Inspection with Alpine.
- H.S. Basement flooded from clogged drains, we have a new pump that needs installed. Project completed on 4/21/2025.
- Huckinstein a new install of new compressor in H.S. room 018.
- Clean Harbors Environmental documented all the chemicals, waiting on the pricing. Meeting with other vendors as suggested by Board to identify the best price.
- Sub Interviews conducted throughout the month.
- Meet with maintenance frequently on work orders and projects, met with custodians on new equipment to try to see if they like the vacuums

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

Met with transportation director regarding bussing concerns with GG&C

Met with Jr./Sr. High School Principal about staffing issues and discipline concerns

Met with Jr./Sr. High School Principal regarding technology department concerns and increased expenses

Met with principals regarding the need to hold students accountable who break chromebooks

Met with Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Elementary Principal and Pupil Services Director regarding recent Cyber School Enrollment increase

Met with Siemens regarding high school door ADA issue

Met with Siemens regarding lack of communication and bus camera installation concerns

Met with the Educational Support Personnel Union representatives regarding new expectations and staff discipline

Held Lauderhill Hearing for teacher discipline issue

LSA visit was a success on April 3rd. Thank you to the Board for your support and attendance at the celebration

Met with HS principal regarding technology supervision concerns

Met with high school principal regarding recommended technology cost increases and technology department goals

Department Head Meeting and Grade Level Lead meeting held on April 8th

Elementary Center Principal Interviews held on April 14th. The next set of candidates will be held on May 1st (23 applicants)

Total Grant Services meeting held on April 15th

Several stadium construction meetings held over the past month to discuss design change, Permit application concerns, construction project manager updates, and need for new Track and Field Equipment upgrades.

Met with several parents regarding instructional concerns at the elementary center and JSBS

Met with one parent regarding gifted services concerns.

Met with Pupil Services Director regarding Avella School District pulling their students from our JSBS Life Skills Program