

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- Graduation was a success. Thank you to the Board, administration, and faculty for your support.
- The Jr./Sr. high school staff celebrated Chief Buchowski and Patty Fedinetz retirement
- The Baccalaureate held on June 6, 2024, was well attended.
- Student schedules for the 2024-2025 school year were provided on 6/7/24.

Elementary Center:

The Elementary had a number of grade level celebrations.

The sixth grade graduation ceremony was a success.

The Elementary Center Principal and staff reviewed career readiness artifacts.

Athletics:

Year in review: 2023-2024 – year of the Ranger!

Fall Sports:

Varsity Football – section champs. WPIAL champs. State runner –up. 2 all state selections. Post Gazette / Black Hills player of the year – Matt Sieg.

Girls Volleyball – WPIAL playoffs. Won a playoff game.

Boys Golf – WPIAL playoffs. 2 qualified for WPIALs. One qualified for states.

Girls Cross Country – 2 state qualifiers.

Winter Sports:

Boys Basketball – 3 x section champion. Finished 3 rd in the WPIAL. Finished 4 th in the State. Derek Errett – 1000 point scorer. Derek Errett – all WPIAL/ Observer reporter player of the year.

Girls Basketball – section championship. Won two playoff games. Qualified for states. Raney Staub – 1000 point scorer.

B/G Wrestling - Anthony Salvini – 100 win club wrestling. Braedon Welsh – 100 win club as junior. 3 state qualifiers. 2 state medalists.

Spring Sports:

Baseball - section championship. WPIAL quarterfinals

Boys and Girls track and field - Tegan Henke – WPIAL champion 200 meter

4x100 relay- Matt Sieg, Tegan Henke, Shane Cornali, Dylan Wudkwyh – WPIAL champions and PIAA state champions.

Girls Track and Field – WPIAL – runner up and 15 state medalists.

Special Recognition:

Tanner Garry – Post Gazette, Black Hills, Tricada coach of the year Football.

Eugene Briggs – Tricada coach of the year – Boys basketball

Clarence Edwards – Finalist Tricada Girls basketball coach of the year

Becca Maxin - Tricada Sportsmanship award – 1000\$

Raney Staub – Washington/Greene HOF scholarship – 500\$

Nate Harrison – Pittsburgh Positive Athlete most positive wrestler.

Golf Update: Our new home course is Quicksilver Golf Course.

Cost breakdown – FC golf club charged us 18 dollars a kid per match. A typical match has 8 kids from the home team and 8 from the away team. Each match cost us \$288. Quicksilver is giving

us the Jr. rate at their course which is \$20 a player which will be roughly \$320 a match. FC golf club charged us 5 dollars a token for driving range tokens. Quicksilver will be charging us the same.

The 2023 cost of playing at the FC golf club was \$2,592 for the matches and \$600 dollars for range tokens. The FC golf club did not charge us for summer practice times which saved us approximately \$1,500.

Quicksilver will charge us for summer practice sessions which will run around \$2,000. This is the same arrangement they have with West Allegheny. The overall estimated cost of Quicksilver for the season will be \$2,880 for the matches, \$600 for the range tokens and \$2,000 for summer practices for a total of \$5,480.

Sports Ticket order- we were out of sports tickets. The cost for 25,000 new tickets were going to cost \$1,550 dollars. Mascot Media found a sponsor for us that paid for those tickets – A1 Concrete leveling. A1 concrete leveling also gave \$450 dollars to get us senior passes. This total savings to the district is \$2000.

Soccer Update: the Wash high boys team has been terminated due to lack of numbers. We are seeking a co-op with South Side for our 2 displaced players. South Side is working on getting it approved by the WPIAL and PIAA, there are a few obstacles. They are trying diligently to make it work.

Girls Soccer co – op – Has been approved by the WPIAL and PIAA for Washington (Host school), Fort Cherry and Burgettstown. Needs board approval.

Boys Lacrosse Co-op – currently working on possible co-op with Canon Mac.

Wrestling update - Avella ended the co-op. We will not be in a section for the next two-year cycle due to low numbers at the varsity level. We will be doing a few dual meets and mostly individual tourneys for the next two years. Our junior high number and youth numbers are high. We expect to be back in a section within 2 years. The sudden departure of Avella hurt us number-wise for this two-year cycle.

Facilities Report

Cherry Blossom Festival-The annual fundraising festival activity at the high school was a wonderful event, this used two full days of attention from the maintenance department. The custodial department expressed concerns regarding the “mess” caused by the event.

Graduation: The graduation ceremony and celebration went well. The week of graduation draws most of the attention of the staff. The rehearsals must be cleaned up, reset and then on graduation day welcoming 600 hundred plus guests is the largest event at the district.

The end of the school year also puts an emphasis on the exterior of our facilities. With some help from the Vo-Ag students a quick refresh of the main sign on campus, mulching, and other attention our staff was able to give campus a refresh.

Summer cleaning-The month of June has been challenging with the number of vacations and staff absences. The end of the year always leads to an increase in garbage disposal. The cleaning staff has done a great job keeping the school functioning throughout this time.

After Graduation we were able to hit the ground running with summer cleaning in both schools. We were able to bring in less summer help this year and will use a more planned approach to ensure that the schools are ready to welcome students and staff back in August. The first week of summer break was challenging because over 30% of our staff were out. I am confident that we will be able to complete any and all tasks scheduled for this summer.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students): We anticipate one additional student joining the classroom for 2024–25, as a student is moving into the District.

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

Paraprofessionals: Due to 2 resignations, we are still hiring for 2 PT vacancies. Additionally, we will be seeking a FT para, pending board approval.

GUIDANCE

The Guidance department is preparing for the upcoming 339 plan review, due in the 2024–25 school year. Time will be given during the August in-service to collaborate on the plan.

The department had extensive training on Naviance in June. Both High School counselors attended. A follow-up meeting was held with Dr. Lauver to discuss implementation of the programming, increased usage, parent engagement, and better integration with Schoology.

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: Dr. Lauver submitted the final monitoring documents with NO FINDINGS!

ESSER: The District is in the process of submitting its most recent ESSER questionnaire for monitoring. We anticipate remaining in the low-risk category.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

The Fort Cherry School District is waiting for approval on the PCCD Mental Health Grant.

6th graduation was a success.

The class of 2024 Graduation was a success.

Met with construction representatives to discuss potential capital improvement projects.

Discussion regarding CEP (Community Eligibility Provision).

Met with administration regarding the development of an academic improvement plan

Met with police to discuss SRO contract

Attended Western Area Leadership meeting

Attended Washington County Superintendent meeting.

Met with representatives to discuss the potential benefits of a solar energy contract

Reviewed Public Schools Environmental Repair Grant expectations

Reviewed Quick Silver Golf proposal