

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- Principal reported that the PBIS had a successful roll out and the students have responded positively.
- Principal indicated that Mr. Mayer conducted bus evacuation drill without incident.
- Principal has addressed several student discipline issues
- Principal held a Ranger Rally on 8/30/24.

Elementary Center:

Mr. Mayer reported that the opening of school went smoothly at the Elementary Center.

He reported that the staff will complete the IXL Diagnostic and CDT testing by September 29th.

Mr. Mayer and his staff had a wonderful turnout at the K-3 Open House on September 18, 2024.

Mr. Mayer conducted several interviews to fill the school nurse and Reading Specialist vacancies.

Athletics:

Varsity Football – Currently 4-0 overall. Play at Monessen on 9/20/24. Play at

Burgettstown on 9/27. Homecoming is scheduled for Friday October 4th vs. Cornel. JV football

is currently 1-1 overall. JVs will play Burgettstown at home on Monday, September 30th.

7/8 Football- Currently 3-0 overall. Played California last week at home. Will play at Beth Center this Wed at 6pm.

Varsity Volleyball - currently 2-5 overall. Played Eden on Thursday. Finished second at the South Side Varsity tourney. JVs are currently undefeated. JV's won the Jefferson Morgan tourney. Varsity will play Mapletown at home on Monday 9/23 at 7pm.

Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country - Girls are having an outstanding season. Varsity girls and Jr high has strong numbers. The teams are hosting a charity 5k on Saturday September 28th at 10am with all proceeds benefitting the Washington City Missions women with children shelter. The team will host a meet on Tuesday, September 24th at 3:30 pm.

Boys' Golf – currently 2-13 overall. Jack Kitzmiller shot an 82 at sectionals and qualified for the WPIAL Individual Semifinals at Youghiogheny Country Club on Monday, September 23rd.

7/8 Softball – Great start to season 4-1 overall. Traveled to California, played a home game vs. Monessen. Playing Burgettstown at home on Monday 9/23 at 4:15pm.

Boys Soccer co-op with South Side Beaver – We have 2 boys participating at South Side. The team is currently 2-8 overall which is an improvement from last year where SS did not win a game. Will play the Beaver County Christian School on September 26th at 6pm at SS.

Girls Soccer co-op with Wash High – We have 5 girls participating at Washington. The girls are highly competitive and are currently 2-4-1 overall. The girls play Monday September 23rd vs. Laurel Highlands at Wash High.

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 October in-service to collaborate on the plan.

The Counselors at the High School are now using Naviance for Common App (for college), along with RepVisits, an integrated scheduling tool for college visits. This has increased our visibility to college representatives, allowing for a more diverse set of college visits. All visits will be during either AIRE time or 11/12 lunch this year, allowing for minimalized interruptions. The visits will also occur in the Learning Commons to provide a comfortable environment for the visit.

The Counselors met with interested stakeholders on September 18 to found the FC Counseling Advisory Committee. This group will engage in dialogue to review our current processes and provide feedback for continuous improvement.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

IXL Grade Level Diagnostic

Students in grades 7–8 math and 7–10 English participated in the baseline for the IXL Grade Level Diagnostic during the first week of the school year. This test will be administered 5 times this year, and the goal is to achieve a growth of at least 10% per month (for a total of 100% for the year).

Teachers will be using the data generated to personalize learning and accelerate academic growth in both Mathematics and ELA. Teachers will make use of available time with student schedules (including study halls, AIRE, and Intervention periods) to use computer-adaptive methods and hands-on tutoring (where necessary) to build skills, close achievement gaps, and improve student achievement.

Technology

Summer technology upgrade projects have been completed, including new CAT 6A cabling, new fiber connections, new switches and wireless access points, and a new IP-based phone system.

- Zachary Fiori completed his summer work program through Southwest Training. He did an outstanding job and hopefully will be able to continue working with the district in this capacity next summer.
- All new Chromebooks for rising 3rd grade and 8th grade students were deployed on the first day of school.

- Chromebook tablets were collected from 3rd grade and refreshed for Kindergarten the first week of school and delivered to classrooms on 8/30.
- Re-started Tech Rangers this month with some returning students who have been assisting with Chromebook repairs.
- Working with Officer Ziemianski and Siemens to go over camera issues and come up with a replacement upgrade schedule.

Building and Grounds

August and September are busy months within the facilities department. August marks the end of summer vacation and with that comes the finishing of the deep cleaning taking place inside of both schools. The staff scrubbed carpets, waxed floors, polished floors, updated lights and deep cleaned classrooms.

Inside the buildings we also retrofitted Mr. Novak's classroom this summer changing out the old science lab tables for new desks. The maintenance staff tackled this task. Our summer custodians and cleaners handled the adjustments of many desks, tables and chairs.

Outside of the buildings and on campus was a busy time as we continued to groom the fields for the start of the fall season, pressure washing bleachers, fixing aging fences, grooming access roads. We also completed the install of grant funded safety Bollards at both buildings. Also spent time edging around all the sidewalks installing multiple loads of topsoil and seeding these areas to help both safety and the aesthetics of the campus. Several parts were installed to enhance the Freight Farm to improve student experience with the Vo-ag classes.

We continue to work to retrofit and slowly make a change to the more efficient LED lighting. Custodial staff was able to get some painting done inside the buildings this summer including rails and stairways.

Last week work was completed on new bleachers in the HS gymnasium. This was completed in under two weeks and had minimal disruption to the PE classes. We also had to bring in an outside contractor to help with the Chair lift which was out of service for about a week. Work was completed and is now up and running again.

This is a busy time throughout the entire department. In addition, I interviewed several candidates to fill vacancies. In closing, I have also implemented new staff meetings and will begin to increase staff training in an attempt to build cohesion and increase teamwork.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

The 24-25 PCCD Funding is due 9/26/24. The District will address Tier 1 safety needs as outlined in the police assessment of our campus.

The District's counselors and administration met with parents and Board members to discuss the District's 339 Counseling plan on 9/18/24. The feedback from the team was excellent.

Met with of McKinnely Engineering regarding project design.

Met with Administration to discuss academic intervention.

Met with Mt. Pleasant Police Chief regarding SRO performance. Please note all feedback has been excellent.

Held Construction meeting on September 9th

Attended PSBA Rural Collaborative meeting

Attending PA Western Forum on “teacher and staff shortage”

Addressed parent concern regarding student discipline at the high school

Addressed parent concern with incident at football game

Recruited several potential out of state teacher candidates

Attended home football games and 9th grade softball. The attendance was excellent.

Addressed concerns with condition of athletic fields

Addressed concerns regarding policy issues

Addressed administrative questions athletic policies involving a student

Attended Counseling 339 advisory meeting