

**Schools:**

The FC Family Festival was held on March 8th. It was well attended by parents and the student participation was high. Thank you to the high school teachers for making this event successful. The Ranger Cafe was open and offered coffees, hot chocolates, and snacks. Kona Ice was on campus. In addition, a number of individuals purchased items to support Sr. High Student Council, 2022 Prom, FC Home2School Committee and 7th Grade ELA Charity Fundraiser. Other resources include: National Child ID Program courtesy of the FBI (parent permission required), Parkway West CTC, Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Cornerstone Care, Washington Sheriff's Office, among others. See the website for the schedule and more information. The updated schedule of events will be posted by Sunday.

The Jr./Sr. High School is celebrating MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH with a variety of celebrations with includes door decorating contests and hallway research presentations. The Jr High & Sr High Choruses sang at our FC Family Festival and the Music Spirit Week is scheduled for March 21-25.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Jr./Sr. High School hosted a Community Conversations evening called - Social Media Safety Awareness at the Fort Cherry HS Auditorium. This was presented in conjunction with the Washington Sheriff's Office, Washington Drug & Alcohol Commission, Cornerstone Care, and local police departments.

Senior Celebration Breakfast was held on Wednesday, March 16th, during AIRE time. The following students were recognized:

Heirendt, Grace College	Slippery Rock University - Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy
Kenneweg, Sarah College	Robert Morris University- Early Childhood Education
Rowan, Charisma College	Penn State Main Campus - Architectural Engineering
Semerod, Erin College	Duquesne Honors College- Secondary Education Social Studies & History
Weyers, Ian College	CCAC Ford Asset Program - Diesel Mechanic

The 2022-23 Scheduling Process will begin next week. Information will be sent to parents by next Tuesday. We will hold Student Information Sessions in the Learning Commons during Period 1 (and Period 2 for grades 9-10) starting next Wednesday. Students in grades 9-10 will be divided into 2 groups that will be announced later. The schedule is:

- 11th grade student information sessions - March 30
- 10th grade student information sessions - March 31
- 9th grade student information sessions - April 1
- 8th grade student information sessions - April 4
- 7th grade student information sessions - April 5

There will be a meeting for all Juniors on Wednesday, March 30, during AIRE time to discuss the administration of the ASVAB prior to the scheduling meeting. Students will be called to the Learning Commons at 8:00 am. Juniors will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test during the morning on Thursday, April 14. This test is part of the ASVAB Career Exploration Program. The program provides tools to help students learn more about career exploration and planning, in both the civilian and military worlds of work. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is free of charge to participating schools. Information about the ASVAB program will be discussed at the scheduling meeting on Wednesday, March 30. More information will be emailed to parents and students about the ASVAB program and the test.

### **Elementary Center**

Mrs. Beth Kramer, Title I Math, acquired funding through the BJ's/DonorsChoose donations to create a math library in her room for teachers to sign out age and skill level appropriate games. These games are intended to be utilized during AIRE time or classroom centers to accelerate student progress in a different and fun manner.

We are ending our third week of the After School Acceleration Program. Students and teachers have been working hard. Data is being collected continuously and attendance rates have been over 95%.

The students at the elementary cheered on our WPIAL Finalist Boy's Basketball Team, Girl's Basketball Team, Varsity Cheerleaders, and PIAA SW Regional Wrestlers during a parade prior to the competition dates.

On Thursday, March 10th the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade class had their DARE Graduation and Celebration. The ceremony was both inspiring and enjoyable for all in attendance. Following the graduation, the students enjoyed an afternoon of bowling, sponsored by the PTO.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>, grades 3-6 participated in the bi-annual Science Olympiad. Students participated in both individual and team events. The students had a great time and competed intensely. A huge thank you goes out to the 8 teachers that put this event together in one month's notice versus the normal 4-month planning process. The teachers are Dave Narigon, Kiley Zibert, Brent Kramer, Jackie Newman, Keara Welsh, Jim Brucker, Kristen Spellman, and Michelle Presutti.

This week, Mr. Narigon's Social Studies classes enjoyed a visit and discussion from former Mount Pleasant Police Chief and current District Magistrate, Mr. Lou McQuillan. Mr. McQuillan discussed many topics with the students regarding local government and also poor choices that can be made in order to end up in front of a magistrate.

### **Pupil Services**

**PASmart:** The District partnered with Avella and Burgettstown Area School Districts, along with the Heritage Public Library, Avella Public Library, Burgettstown Public Library, Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board, Southwest Training, the German-American Chamber of Commerce, and PA Connecting Communities to write a PASmart Advancing grant from the PA Department of Education, totaling \$495,297. If awarded, Fort Cherry will receive over \$200,000 to advance computer science and

STEAM programming within both buildings and expand career pathway opportunities both in Vocational Agriculture and Computer Science.

**Mental Health.** The District is writing a mental health grant through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency to help pay for the ongoing cost of mental health therapists within the district. If awarded, Fort Cherry would receive up to \$150,000 for such services. 339 Plan. The School Counselors have worked to revise the Comprehensive Guidance (339) plan to align to the new state template and district vision for expanded opportunities for career readiness and career counseling. They will present this work as part of the March 28 board meeting.

**Concussions and Return to Learn.** I will be working to present a recommendation for a policy update to our Concussion Management policy to include a return to learn protocols that will better manage student recovery and academic workloads after a brain injury. Once the protocol is ready, I will send it to the Board for review.

**Athletics:**

Report will be provided at the board meeting.

**State Funding Applications, Initiatives and Mandates:**

PASmart grant completed---met with stakeholders

Egrant Supplemental Equipment Grant awarded

OnHands Schools data upload completed—The team did an excellent job gathering data from a variety of sources as well as uploading data from the District’s old SMS as well as Sapphire. The District should be able to access student data via OnHands in mid-April.

A number training continues to be held with Sapphire to build staff capacity in using the software.

The administrative team conducted additional walk-through observations at both schools. The Science-olympiad was tremendous. I commend Mr. Mayer and his staff for organizing the event in less than 4 weeks.

Recognize Jess Drylie for PCCB (safe schools) grant

We continue to seek financial support the ICF Youth Apprenticeship initiative in order to fund paid apprenticeships at the high school (HS Tech Rangers)

The administration is preparing for the comprehensive plan work sessions in April. The District will utilize this data to develop the Strategic Plan goals. Thank you to the board for participating in the process. At this time, 18 community members expressed interest in participating at the work sessions as well. (Due August 2022)



## ATHLETICS

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TO: SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS; MR. SAMOSKY

FROM: TOM SCARPONE

DATE: 3/28/22

RE: Athletic Report

### **Boys Varsity Basketball:**

Finished the year 24 – 4. School record for victories. Lost to Olsh in the WPIAL championship game. Won a first round State playoff game and made the State sweet 16. Dylan Rogers and Maddox Truschel have been invited to play in the Round ball classic in May at Geneva College.

### **Varsity Wrestling:**

Braedon Welsh qualified for States and competed at Hershey. He did not medal but had a very strong freshmen season.

### **Community Girls Wrestling:**

Hannah and Melanie Matherson competed in the My House PA Girls State Championships.

### **Girls 7/8 volleyball:**

7<sup>th</sup> grade finished the year 12 -2

8<sup>th</sup> grade finished the year 8 -6 and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Carmichaels tournament.

### **Spring Sports:**

Started practicing on March 7<sup>th</sup>. All three programs (baseball, softball and B/G track) have participated in respective scrimmages. The regular season for all three sports is scheduled to start this week weather permitting.

**Roster sizes**

Girls' Track – 32

Boys' Track – 21

Baseball – 17

Softball – 12

**Weight Room update:**

Al Salvini weight training coach and strength and conditioning club sponsor raised approximately \$4,000 through a lift a thon. All the money raised will go to update equipment in the weight room.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Scarpone

Athletic Director