

Schools:

Junior/Senior High:

- AP Testing May 6th through May 17th.
- The Class of 2024 Senior Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 22 from 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM on the Gateway Clipper Fleet in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Thank you to Mr. Simpson for coordinating the "Fort Cherry Road Clean Up" on May 14, 2024, during Aire time.
- The Mock Accident was held on May 9, 2024.
- The High School Prom was held on May 11, 2024.
- Teacher Appreciation Week was held on May 6, 2024.
- The High School Chorus Concern was held on May 2, 2024.
- The National Tech Honor Society was held at Western Area on May 3, 2024.
- Dr. Craig participated in interviews for the Special Education Teacher vacancy.

Elementary Center:

The Elementary Principal met with the Title I PAC team.

The administration welcomed 54 Flight School Families to the school on May 15, 2024. The student and parent turn out was excellent. The student feedback was very positive.

The Elementary Center Principal and staff reviewed CDT data and discussed instructional goals.

The Elementary Principal and Intervention Specialist met with staff to address AIRE/Title groups and made necessary changes when needed.

Principal met with staff who have not completed their SPM's and or Mandated Ethics Training.

The final IXL Diagnostic will be completed by 5/17/24 and data will be recorded and assessed, PSSA ELA, Math, and Science are completed and submitted to the state.

The Principal held ½ day meetings with 4th and 5th grade Science teachers to prepare for the STEELS Science Standards that will fully be implemented in 2025-26 school year.

Sixth Grade Graduation will be held at 10:00 AM on May 30, 2024.

Athletics:

Boys basketball - Eugene Briggs was named Tricada coach of the year.

Football - Tanner Garry was named Tricada coach of the year.

Softball - finished the year 1-12 overall.

Baseball - Currently 12-3 overall. Won the section championship for the 1st time since 2012. Ranked #3 in the WPIAL. Will play Avella at 2pm on Monday, May 20th at Peterswood in the quarterfinals of the WPIAL playoffs. If we win will play the next day in the WPIAL semifinals at a site and time to be determined.

Track and Field - The girls track team won a section championship and won in the first round of the WPIAL playoffs. They went to the WPIAL final four and finished as WPIAL runner up to Quaker Valley. Individually at the WPIAL championships at Slippery Rock - Jonah Pfender finished 2nd in the shot put and 5th in the discus. Corey Bouchelle finished 4th in the javelin. Tegan Henke finished 3rd in the 100 meter dash. Emily Frankovich finished 5th in the 1600 meters. The girls 4x800 relay team (Raney Staub, Emily Frankovich, Jazlyn Martino, Bella Bianchini finished 2nd and broke a school record. The boys 4x100m relay team of Dylan Wudkywich, Tegan Henke, Shane Cornali and Matt Sieg won the WPIAL championship. All of the athletes mentioned above qualified for states at Shippensburg University May 23rd through the 25th. 4 more events at WPIALs still need to be played due to a rain delay – those will be completed on Thursday May 16th at 4pm. We may have more qualifiers.

Facilities Report

From mid-April to mid-May, the Facilities department has been operating during one of the busiest times of the school year. Our focus on the exterior of the building has been on grass cutting, with efforts to also fit in mulching and trimming of bushes and other green spaces. The unusually wet weather has made these tasks more challenging. Additionally, home spring athletic events have been demanding, requiring daily field lining, mowing, and grooming.

Internally, we have faced attendance issues that have necessitated the use of available substitutes more frequently. At times, our floater staff has been reassigned from small maintenance tasks to provide coverage for cleaner and custodial areas. Despite ongoing strong storms, we have managed to avoid major flooding issues. However, we have had to address a few minor leaks caused by high winds pushing water into horizontal cracks and flashings.

As the weather has warmed and temperatures have fluctuated over the past month, a significant amount of time has been spent managing and maintaining our HVAC systems to ensure they function as expected. Our HVAC staff has been responsive to problems and requests, addressing them in a timely manner.

In the cleaning department, PSSA/Keystone/SAT (standardized testing) has required us to utilize new spaces, which need to be flipped for testing or study halls. End-of-year activities and concerts have also brought families and community members into the schools, necessitating increased or changed nightly work expectations for our cleaning staff.

Building meetings were conducted with staff over the past month, and another department-wide meeting is scheduled for the end of the month. Summer cleaner signups have taken place, and interviews to fill those positions are underway. Approval for these positions has been requested.

As the school year draws to a close, numerous events, both during and outside of school hours, continue to take place. The Facilities department remains dedicated to allocating our resources and time to best serve the needs of these activities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Elementary Life Skills (currently 5 students): Consultation with Watson Institute is concluded for this year. It has been extremely beneficial for both teachers and students. Monthly team meetings are being

held with the classroom staff, related service providers, and administration to provide a forum for discussion. There is continued progress with all students.

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 vacancies.

Teaching Position: The District is very pleased to welcome two new experienced special education teachers to join our team in 2024–25. Both educators are coming from out-of-state, but their experiences and values will fit well into the FC community!

GUIDANCE

The Guidance department is preparing for the upcoming 339 plan review, due in the 2024–25 school year.

PSSA testing has completed. The District will miss its 95% participation rate target as federally-mandated in 8th grade Special Education. This is due to a religious exemption, allowed by Chapter 4 guidance.

Keystone testing is underway. Counseling staff and High School administration is working to ensure participation targets are met per federal regulations.

AP testing is ongoing through the rest of the month.

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 met with the Federal Programs monitor. Our monitoring is described as "very clean," and Dr. Lauver is submitting the final pieces of evidence. There are minor policy revisions being proposed in the Board meeting to meet Federal procurement guidelines.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

The Fort Cherry School District did not receive funding for the PCCD Competitive Safety Grant.

The SHASDA Award Breakfast held at the Hilton Garden Inn was well attended. The students and parents enjoyed the ceremony.

The Chorus Concert held on May 2, 2024, was well attended.

The faculty and staff appreciated the planned activities for Teacher Appreciation Week and the School Boards Support.

PSEA representatives signed teacher association contract.

I assisted the high school administration in addressing several disciplinary issues the past two weeks.

Met with law enforcement to address concerns expressed about school safety and student behavior.

Addressed complaints regarding Fire Drill.

Tentative plan completed for restructuring of food services.

Completed Tentative academic improvement plan for restructuring of services

Attended High School Flight School. I was very impressed with how the teachers brought the grant to life. It was the most well attended after school program.

Met with Bradley Center to discuss further partnership for mental health services.

Met with local police to discuss potential partnership

Met with magistrate to address chronic truancy issues and potential diversionary programs

Met with parents to discuss concerns regarding discipline assigned by high school administration

I attended the Western Area Technology Honor Society ceremony on May 3, 2024, and I was able to celebrate 4 inductees.

Met with Bleacher vendor to discuss concerns with adjusted implementation plan.

Attended Senior Night Boys Baseball

Participated in PDE Focus Group regarding Chapter 354 changes on May 8, 2024.

Met with parent regarding Manifestation Determination Hearing

Addressed parent complaint about harassment behavior at the high school

Held loudermill meeting with staff member who violated policy