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Tiger Pride 2024

I am extremely honored to bring to you my first edition of **Tiger Pride** as your new Superintendent of Schools. I would first like to tell you a little bit about me and what brought me to this community. I am the father of six wonderful daughters and the proud husband of a second-grade teacher. It is with the full support of my family that I am able to be part of a prestigious school district such as Hollidaysburg. I was previously the superintendent of the Homer-Center School District and most recently the Bald Eagle Area School District. I feel strongly that the experience and knowledge I gained at my two previous districts, that we will continue to move the Hollidaysburg Area School District forward and to new heights.



One of my strongest beliefs in life is that you are only as good as the people you surround yourself with. I truly believe I have surrounded myself with some of the finest teachers and administrators found anywhere in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Throughout this edition of **Tiger Pride**, you will see what I am talking about. The dedication to our students and community is unwavering. The commitment to excellence and to see students shine is nothing short of remarkable. The achievements over this past year in academics, arts, athletics, and activities are all highlighted on the following pages. I invite you to take time and really immerse yourself in this publication; I assure you that you will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

It is my privilege on behalf of the School Board of Directors, administration, teachers, and staff to present you with the 2024 edition of **Tiger Pride**. I would like to thank this awesome community for your support and commitment to our students and staff as we continue doing great things at the Hollidaysburg Area School District.

Sincerely,

Curtis A. Whitesel
Superintendent of Schools

Budget

2023-2024 Budget	\$56,316.459
Millage Rate (1 mill generates \$2,467,947)	10.028

Funding Sources

Local	\$30,352,680
State	\$23,038,492
Federal/other	\$ 1,034,829
Fund Balance	\$ 5,954,776

Enrollment for 2023-2024

Building	Number of Students
Charles W. Longer	394
Foot of Ten	498
Frankstown	603
Junior High	787
Senior High	813
Total Enrollment	3,095

School District Personnel

Faculty	248
Support Staff	163
Administrative Staff	24

Faculty Experience

Five years or less	23%
Six to ten years	19%
Eleven to nineteen years	29%
Twenty years or more	29%

Mission Statement

The Hollidaysburg Area School District community is dedicated to educating all learners by maximizing the growth of each individual

Vision Statement

To maximize the growth of each individual, the Hollidaysburg Area School District will ...

- strive to meet the educational, social-emotional, and behavioral needs of all learners through rigorous academics, athletics, arts, and extra-curricular opportunities
- empower learners to discover and develop their strengths and interests to prepare for college, vocational/trade schools, military service, and/or the workforce.
- promote citizenship and leadership qualities which foster independent and productive members of an ever-changing society.
- maximize the use of technology resources with a focus on creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, and communication for all learners.
- cultivate healthy relationships in a safe and mutually respectful learning environment where accountability is fundamental.

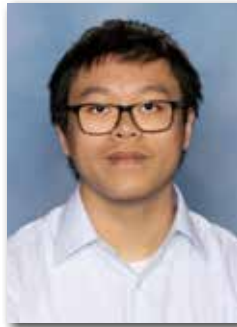
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The Hollidaysburg Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate in employment or the provision of programs and services to students based on race, gender, religion, age, national origin or handicap.

SENIOR HIGH



Jacob Ott
Valedictorian



Anthony Zheng
Salutarian



Evan Hollenbach
Top GACTC
Student



Conner Owen
Class
Representative

GACTC Student Award Recipients

Trevor Ellingwood — Automotive Technology Senior of the Year Award; Jonathon Dzikowski — Computer & Networking Technology Senior of the Year Award; Kaitlin Stiffler — Cosmetology Senior of the Year Award; Hailey Oakes — Dental Assistant Senior of the Year Award; Kadin McIntyre — Electrical Trades Senior of the Year Award, Scott Electric Tools of the Trade Award; Evan Hollenbach — Engineering Design Technologies Senior of the Year Award, Challenge Program STEM Award; Sheri Nixon — Graphic Design Senior of the Year Award; Trason Bloom — Logistics & Supply Chain Management Senior of the Year Award; Logan Rhine — Masonry Senior of the Year Award; Tanner Burk — Powersports & Equipment Technology Senior of the Year Award; Devin McCaulley — Lowes “Gold Hammer Award”; Madison Stringer — Joseph J. Schamris Memorial Scholarship, S. Rodger Walters Educational Scholarship; Emmitt Conner — Pennsylvania Concrete Masonry Association Award, Tiberio Attilio Scarfone Memorial Award; Rebekah Dick — SkillsUSA Scholarship, SkillsUSA Award. (Photos unavailable for Sheri Nixon and Trason Bloom).



Trevor
Ellingwood



Jonathon
Dzikowski



Kaitlin
Stiffler



Hailey
Oakes



Kadin
McIntyre



Evan
Hollenbach



Logan
Rhine



Tanner
Burk



Devin
McCaulley



Madison
Stringer



Emmitt
Conner



Rebekah
Dick

SENIOR HIGH

AP Biology Dual Enrollment

On April 25, AP Biology students were invited by Dr. Crystal Golden and Mount Aloysius, dual enrollment provider, for an onsite *C. elegans* thrashing laboratory. This opportunity provided the students with a college-level laboratory experience. AP Biology teachers are Mrs. Dawn Elchin and Mr. Kevin McCloskey



L to R: Students Madison Sollars and Meghan Nelson

EcoAction Club in Action!

On October 5th, the HAHS EcoAction Club and Environmental Science students conducted a litter clean-up along Old Route 22 above the Plane 9 Water Treatment Plant. Students collected 45 bags of trash, 1 tire, 1 rug and an office chair. This clean up helped the Altoona Water Authority keep the Hollidaysburg & Duncansville watershed clean.



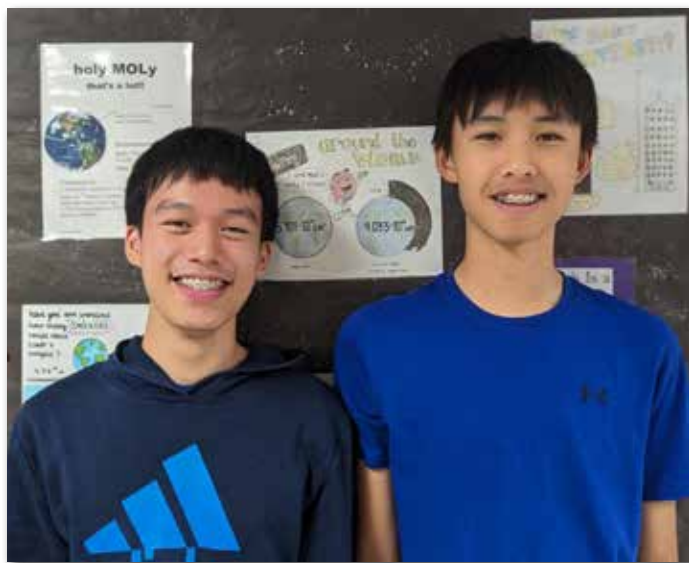
Chemistry Olympiad

In March, sixteen students from the AP Chemistry class competed in the local Chemistry Olympiad Exam. Seven of those students earned a qualifying score for nationals, including Samuel Blescia, Sebastian Diaz, Benjamin Schmouder, Garrett Wertz, Felix Xu, Anthony Zheng, and William Zhu.

William Zhu and Felix Xu had the top scores for both Hollidaysburg and also our local region, making them both eligible for the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam. This exam, administered in April, determined the most promising young chemists in the nation.

William Zhu was one of seven Pennsylvania students to be recognized on the "2024 US National Chemistry Olympiad Honors List" placing him in the top 150 students in the United States who took the exam. The exam included questions on organic chemistry, physical chemistry, and traditional high school chemistry. The United States has participated internationally in

this event since 1984. It is sponsored by the American Chemical Society, which was founded in 1876 and holds a Congressional Charter.



L to R- William Zhu and Felix Xu

SENIOR HIGH

APPLES World Language Competition

On March 23rd, French, German, and Spanish students traveled to the Indiana University of Pennsylvania to compete in the APPLES (Appalachian Professional Language Educators' Society) World Language Festival. Students competed in both academic and artistic categories, such as speaking proficiency, composition, listening/reading comprehension, poetry recitation, music instrumental/vocal and various art categories. It was a wonderful day celebrating World Language studies with students from 14 different school districts. Our students represented Hollidaysburg very well! Congratulations to all who participated, including the following students who placed:

FRENCH

Level I French: Julie Caldwell (3rd speaking, 1st, writing); Peyton Woomer (2nd listening)

Level III French: Madison Brown (1st reading, 3rd listening, 2nd writing); Jenna Zelem (2nd reading, 1st listening, 2nd speaking, 1st writing)

Level IV French: Makenna Hoover (3rd reading, 1st speaking, 1st writing); Mary McKeegan (2nd reading, 1st listening); Alyson Thompson (3rd listening, 3rd writing)

Art: Amelia Darnell (1st art original); Abraham Manfred (3rd 3D model); Alyson Thompson (1st art original)

GERMAN

Level I German: Avery Black (2nd listening comprehension, tied 2nd reading comprehension, 1st composition, 3rd music instrumental); Lindsey Warmath (tied 2nd reading comprehension, 2nd composition); Savannah Eardley (1st speaking proficiency, 1st poetry recitation)

Level II German: Rylan Miller (1st listening comprehension, 1st reading comprehension, 1st composition, 1st speaking proficiency); Lily Grosser (3rd reading comprehension, 3rd composition, 3rd speaking proficiency)

Level III German: Jack Peterson (2nd listening comprehension, 1st reading comprehension, 2nd composition, 1st speaking proficiency); Garrett Wertz (3rd listening com-

prehension, 2nd reading comprehension, 1st composition); Ben Schmouder (1st listening comprehension, 3rd reading comprehension, 2nd speaking proficiency)

Level IV German: William Zhu (tied 2nd listening comprehension, 1st reading comprehension, 2nd composition, 3rd speaking proficiency, 1st poetry recitation); Anthony Zheng (1st listening comprehension, 2nd reading comprehension, 1st composition, 1st speaking proficiency, overall festival winner-level 4); Stanley Zheng (tied 2nd listening comprehension, 3rd reading comprehension, 3rd composition, 2nd speaking proficiency)

Level V German: Madison Riva (tied 1st listening comprehension, 1st reading comprehension, 1st composition, 2nd speaking proficiency, overall festival winner-level 5); Julia Schmouder (tied 1st listening comprehension, 2nd reading comprehension, 2nd composition, 1st speaking proficiency)

SPANISH

Level I Spanish: Anna Bender (1st literary recitation, 1st writing, 1st listening, 1st speaking, 1st reading); Josephine Watt (2nd listening, 2nd speaking)

Level II Spanish: Michael Waibel Maharaj (1st writing, 1st listening, 1st reading, 3rd speaking); Christine Diaz (2nd art reproduction, 1st reading); Liya Saylor (2nd reading)

Level III Spanish: Kate Steiner (1st reading); Atticus Imler (3rd reading, 1st speaking)

Level IV Spanish: Alison Bennett (1st writing); Nina Meadows (1st writing, 1st listening, speaking 3rd, overall)



SENIOR HIGH

Senior High Quiz Team

This fall and winter, our quiz team competed in the Blair/Bedford IU8 Scholastic quiz league. Our team went 11-3 earning them the 3rd seed in the playoffs. Our team beat the Bedford team 2-1 in a 3-game series and then beat Altoona 3-2 in a 5-game series. The team went on to compete against Somerset in the Blair/Bedford and Somerset/Cambria championship game. Our team beat Somerset 3-2 earning them a spot in the state competition in Harrisburg.



Front row, L to R: co-captain Eric Pick, co-captain Will Auman, Joseph McNicholas, Amelia Vu, Anthony Zheng
Middle row, L to R: Cael Gerchak, Marissa Salisbury, Yvan Chen, Brayden Zonts, Evan Daum
Back row, L to R: Stanley Zheng, Felix Xu, Ben Johnson, Chase Connell, William Zhu, Levi Sensenig

Science in Motion Rocketry Presentation

In May, Juniata College Science in Motion instructor Mr. Rick Imler presented new topics on rocketry to combined Astronomy and Physics students. Liquid propellants, aerodynamic shaping, and the history of the space race/space flight highlighted the demonstrations. Astronomy students built and launched rockets of their own after the lesson.



L to R: Junior Nathan Melbinger and Mr. Rick Imler

2023 Hollidaysburg Farm Show

The senior high EcoAction Club had a successful showing at the Farm Show. The Club won 16 first place ribbons, three second place ribbons and one third place ribbon out of 23 entries at the Farm Show. This is the most winning entries for the EcoAction Club.



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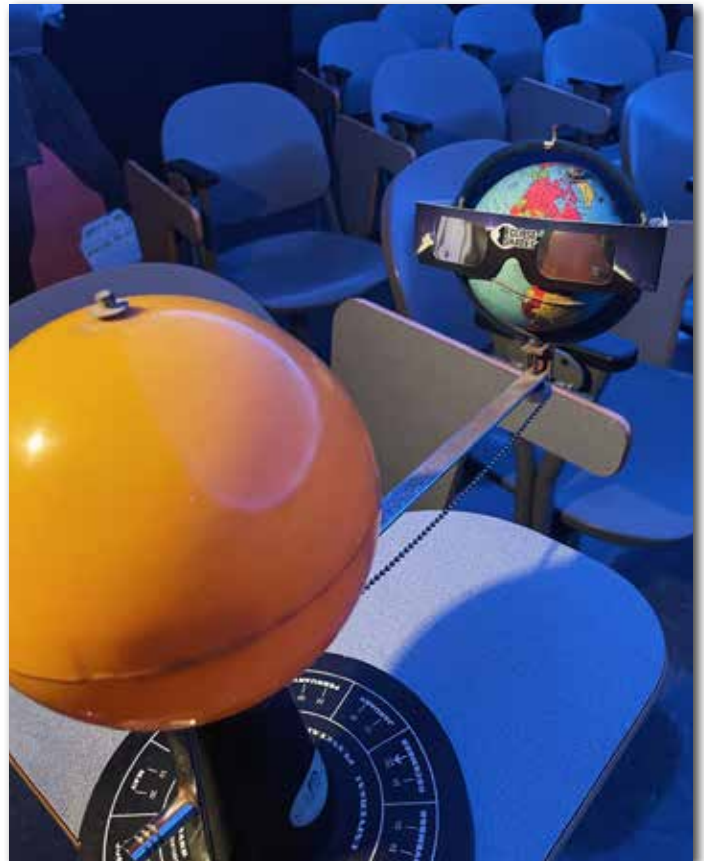
Hollidaysburg Planetarium

Throughout the 2023-2024 school year, updates to the Hollidaysburg Planetarium community outreach and events have been in full swing. New additions to the Hollidaysburg Planetarium include:

- Instagram: [Astrotigers1970](#), Hollidaysburg Planetarium
- Evolving Show Content Website: <https://astroprof.my.canva.site/>
- Regular updates to show catalogs and private rental requests: <https://astroprof.my.canva.site/>
- Meditation and Mindfulness Student activities in the New Sunset Meditation Dome and Reading Under the Stars
- Solar Viewing Glasses Sales & Recycling Event: Mid-March 2024-April 2024
- Golden Tiger Spotlight: <https://youtu.be/6tvdBvT-t34U>
- Sunset Meditation
- Hollidaysburg Public Library Collaboration — Month-long Display and Book Donation Events
- Donated Raffle Baskets: PennMont Academy, Hollidaysburg Baseball
- Facebook regular updates: Hollidaysburg Planetarium
- AND MORE!

Have an idea, want to partner with the Hollidaysburg Planetarium for an upcoming event, or request a private show? Contact: dawn.elchin@hasdtigers.com

Coming Soon Event: beat the heat with the Hollidaysburg Planetarium's Christmas in July event! Details will be posted to www.astroprof.com You can also follow us on Facebook to receive regular updates for public events and our newest show schedule!



High Tunnels for Hollidaysburg

The Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School EcoAction Club received a \$7,500 Agriculture and Youth grant from the Department of Agriculture and a \$2,000 grant from the Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation for the 2024-2025 school year.

These grants will allow students enrolled in technology and ecology to redesign the garden to better suit students' needs at the Senior High.

The new design plant will incorporate a "high tunnel" design that will allow for a longer growing period, essentially turning the vegetable garden beds into unheated greenhouses.

The new beds will allow the Tiger Victory Garden to provide produce for the Senior High Cafeteria throughout more of the school year.



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PSU German Day

On April 10th, 38 German students from the junior high and senior high traveled to Penn State University in State College to participate in PSU German Day. Twelve schools from across central Pennsylvania brought their students to this event with more than 300 German students competing. This was a day full of competitions and activities surrounding the German language and culture.

The competitions included levels 1, 2, & 3 of poetry recitation, spelling bees, fairy tale writing, poster/3D models and video creations.

There were also trivia teams competing from each school. In addition, students had the opportunity to sit in on college German classes, tour the campus, and learn about how the German language can benefit them in their future careers. It was a great day for all!

The following students participated in the event: Avery Black, Camden Black, Abigail Boston, Aaralyn Briscoe, Shane Conrad, Madison Conzo, Evan Daum, Addison Davis, Anna Dick, Ava Dolphin, Isabella Douglas, Savannah Eardley, Caleb Engle, Kaitlyn Etters, Rory Feathers, Riley Foster, Lily Grosser, Skyla Horton, Melena Knisely, Bailey Mackey, Sophia McClelland, Kylee McMullen, Rylan Miller, Jack Peterson, Madison Riva, Marisa Salisbury, Ben Schmouder, Julia Schmouder, Levi Sensenig, Addison Smith, Maynard Snowberger, Trenton Stern, Lindsey Warmath, Garrett Wertz, Julia

Woods, Anthony Zheng, Stanley Zheng, and William Zhu

Hollidaysburg was awarded 1st place overall for being the highest scoring school in attendance. They received the coveted golden Nittany Lion trophy!

HIGH SCORERS FOR HOLLIDAYSBURG INCLUDED: JUNIOR HIGH

Avery Black: 32 points — Spelling Bee
Camden Black: 36 points — poetry recitation
Savannah Eardley: 38 points — poetry recitation
Riley Foster: 50 points — 2D Design
Addison Smith and Kaitlyn Etters: 64 points — 3D Design
Abigail Boston: 88 points — 2D Design and Poetry recitation

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Jack Peterson: 33 points — poetry recitation
Ben Schmouder: 40 points — Spelling Bee
Garrett Wertz: 40 points — Spelling Bee
Melena Knisely: 44 points — Fairy Tale Writing
Anthony Zheng, Stanley Zheng, and William Zhu: 48 points — Fairy Tale Writing
Addison Davis: 50 points — 2D Design
Julia Woods, Aaralyn Briscoe, Anna Dick, Melena Knisely: 56 points — 3D Design
Izzy Douglas, Clara Cox, and Riley Jandora: 64 points — 2D Design



SENIOR HIGH

World Language Students Receive Biliteracy Awards

This spring, our level 3 and 4 world language students had the option to take a national exam to determine their proficiency in their language of study in the areas of speaking, writing, reading, and listening. The scores on this exam qualify them for various awards and honors.

The HAHS Biliteracy Award is being given in recognition of students who have attained at least a proficient Keystone Literature Exam score and have scored intermediate and no novice scores in all categories on the AAPPL exam. Receiving two or more scores in categories of intermediate mid, high, and advanced low qualify them for the various levels. The following students are being recognized for their outstanding achievement on this exam.

INTERMEDIATE LOW

Madison Brown, French; Maya Deur, Spanish; Rylan Miller, German; Sarah Neatrou, Spanish; Garrett Wertz, German; Adalyn Wilkins, Spanish (not attending)

INTERMEDIATE MID

Sam Blescia, Spanish; Joshua Miguel Bueno, Spanish; Evan Daum, German; Anna Dick, German; Cole Hartman, German; Dylaina Hopp, Spanish; Atticus Imler, Spanish; Jefferson McCoy, German; Jack Peterson, German; Kaelyn Neeley, Spanish; Ben Schmouder, German; Madison Sollars, Spanish; Kate Steiner, Spanish; Trenton Stern, German; Jenna Zelem, French

INTERMEDIATE HIGH

Clara Cox, German; Mary McKeegan, French; Nina Meadows, Spanish; Autumn Tapia, Spanish; Patricia Waldron, Spanish



Hollidaysburg Seal winners

The Global Seal of Biliteracy is an award given to students who have achieved a score of intermediate mid (I4) or higher in all four categories of their proficiency exams. These students are internationally recognized as being functionally fluent in their respective languages.

The Pennsylvania Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to students who score intermediate high (I5) or higher in all four categories on their proficiency exams.

These Seals of Biliteracy are an amazing accomplishment for students to achieve at the high school level.

GLOBAL SEAL OF BILITERACY

Ava Dolphin, Germany; Makenna Hoover, French; Melena Knisely, German; Madison Riva, German

GLOBAL SEAL OF BILITERACY AND PENNSYLVANIA SEAL OF BILITERACY

Julia Schmouder, German; Anthony Zheng, German; William Zhu, German

Special recognition goes to William Zhu for receiving the Global Seal with Working Fluency. The Working Fluency level is awarded to those students who score Advanced Low across the board in all four areas of proficiency: speaking, writing, reading, and listening. This is an exceptional achievement.



William Zhu



Global and PA Seal recipients, L to R: Ava Dolphin, Anthony Zheng, Makenna Hoover, Julia Schmouder, Madison Riva and Melena Knisely.

SENIOR HIGH

World Language Holds First Annual Awards Night

The World Language Department at the Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School conducted an awards night to recognize accomplishments in World Languages on May 2, 2024. Over 50 students and family members attended this event. Many students were inducted into the National French, German, and Spanish Honor societies and/or were honored for earning various awards. The following is a recap of the awards given at the event. Congratulations to all World Language students and teachers!

Outstanding Student Awards: This award is given to the students who show the highest level of academic achievement and enthusiasm in their level of language study or a high level of participation in their language club.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF FRENCH AWARDS:

French 1: Anh Chau; **French 2:** Andrew Chestney; **French 3:** Jenna Zelem, Madison Brown; **French 4:** Mary McKeegan, Makenna Hoover. **French Club Awards:** Abraham Manfred, Eric Pick

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF GERMAN AWARDS:

German 1: Maynard Snowberger, Savannah Eardley, Lindsey Warmath; **German 2:** Rylan Miller; **German 3:** Garrett Wertz; **German 4:** Anthony Zheng, Melena Knisely; **German 5:** Madison Riva, Julia Schmouder. **German Club Awards: Students having served at least 15 hours of service:** James Bailo, Addison Davis, Anna Dick, Ava Dolphin, Sean Furry, Rylan Miller, Noah Pierce, Madison Riva, Ben Schmouder, Trent Schmouder, James Sutton. **Students having served OVER 30 hours of service:** Aaralyn Briscoe, Melena Knisely, Julia Schmouder, Julia Woods

OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF SPANISH AWARDS:

Spanish 1: Joel Stock; **Spanish 2:** Catharina Stiffler, Anastasia Hawranick, Christine Diaz, Michael Waibel Maharaj; **Spanish 3:** Lucas Rivera, Sarah Neatrour, Madeline Hatch, Brady Steiner; **Spanish 4:** Alison Bennett. **Spanish Club Awards:** Elizabeth Anneski, Jude Irwin, Patrick Harker

MULTICULTURAL AWARD

This award is given to students who have shown interest and enthusiasm in the study of multiple languages and cultures during their time at Hollidaysburg.

The recipients are: Jude Irwin (Spanish club and French club member); Madison Riva (German, Russian, French class)

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Inductees to the National Language Honor Societies have shown a high level of academic achievement in their study of language throughout at least three years of language study.

French Honor Society Inductees: Aamir Azad, Madison Brown, Ava Dixon, Makenna Hoover, Abraham Manfred, Mary McKeegan, Ryann Pope, Lucy Stanek, Alyson Thompson, Jenna Zelem

German Honor Society Inductees:

Seniors: Aaralyn Briscoe, Clara Cox, Addison Davis, Kristianna Dick, Ava Dolphin, Isabella Douglas, Danika Harris, Riley Jandora, Melena Knisely, Madison Riva, Julia Schmouder, Julia Woods, Anthony Zheng.

Underclassmen: Emma Campbell, Emily Clapper, Shane Conrad, Evan Daum, Liam Everett, Cole Hartman, Ben Schmouder, Levi Sensenig, Garrett Wertz, Isaac Yarnell, Jeff McCoy, Jack Peterson, William Zhu

Spanish Honor Society Inductees:

Seniors: Victoria Batzel, Alison Bennett, Patrick Harker, Dylaina Hopp, Jude Irwin, Nina Meadows, Kaelyn Neeley, Paige Weimer, Sidra Zammam, Leah Zimmerman.

Underclassmen: Suni Avila-Chavez, Crosby Denis, Maya Deur, Cael Gerchak, Baylee Himes, Atticus Imler, Claire Muriceak, Sarah Neatrour, Madison Sollars, Kate Steiner, Sarah Urban



Language teachers, L to R: Alicia Schmouder, JH/SH German; Erin Isenberg, JH/SH Spanish; Raquel Lemelle, SH Spanish; Kimberly Pope, JH/SH French

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Sea, Air, Land Challenge

SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) team and members of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Club, accompanied by teacher Mr. Ben Fogle, participated in the central region qualifier held at PSU Altoona in May.

In the Sea, Air, and Land Challenge, teams of high school students learn the engineering process through the design of a system relevant to the Department of Defense. The systems are then used to compete in challenges that mimic missions encountered by the military, national security agencies, and first responders.

The Sea, Air, and Land Challenge provides the opportunity for high school students to tackle difficult engineering tasks while working with educators and industry mentors. Teams had sixteen weeks to design unmanned vehicles and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) payloads to compete in pre-defined sets of challenges.

Sea Challenge: In this challenge, teams developed a submersible to search for components of another unmanned submersible that has sunk. Teams must be able to discover and identify objects that are located on the seafloor and pick them up. They will then have to place them into a vessel that will transport them to the surface while continuing to search.

Air Challenge: A freight train has derailed in a very sparsely populated area of the Great Plains. Cars from the middle of the train are scattered widely. Some of these train cars were carrying irradiated materials and radioactive samples headed to a western laboratory for an experiment. An Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) with radiation detection capabilities is being sent to

the scene to survey the site. With cameras, sensors, and automated image processing, the UAV will fly over the wreckage and determine if any radiative matter is uncontained. A live relay of this information will be sent to the first responders, allowing them to remain protected at a safe distance until the best method of response is determined.

Land Challenge: In this challenge, we assume people are trapped in a city building after an earthquake. The path to the building is deemed unsafe because of fear the structure will collapse. However, multiple individuals require critical supplies to stay alive. The robot must deliver supplies to the trapped people and remove hazardous materials and obstacles that are preventing rescue personnel from safely entering the structure.

Hollidaysburg fielded teams in each category, where the Sea Team took top honors in Best Execution and the Air Team received the Most Innovative Award for their 3D printed drone!



PSU Competition Staff, Ella Amell, Senior Air Challenge Participant

JUNIOR HIGH

Farm Show Successful

Students from Mrs. Amy Clouser's class at HAJHS entered the pumpkin decorating contest in the Hollidaysburg Community Farm Show. This was an all-accessible project in which students activated a switch-adapted hair dryer to melt the crayons on the pumpkins. Each student received a ribbon and a monetary reward for their age group...1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place!



JUNIOR HIGH

Aavidum Visits C. W. Longer

On May 10th, The Aavidum Club from the junior high visited C. W. Longer. The members and teachers involved in the club reinforced the importance of kindness by building an interactive poster for the fourth-grade classes. They colored "Kindness Cups" and wrote inspiring and uplifting messages for others to read.



L to R: Sean Furry, Carilyn Borowski, and Jennifer McCready



Cups of Kindness Project

Hygiene Items Drive

In April, the Aavidum Club at the junior high held a community donation drive for the hygiene items the Tiger Treasures Store needs. The Tiger Treasures Store is open for students to come in and take any supplies or clothing that they need or want. The community outreach was a great success!



Helping with the donation drive: Nathan Kanish, Josie Watt, Noah Kanish, Anna Lanzendorfer.



Restocking the shelves in the Tiger Treasures Store

JUNIOR HIGH

MATHCOUNTS

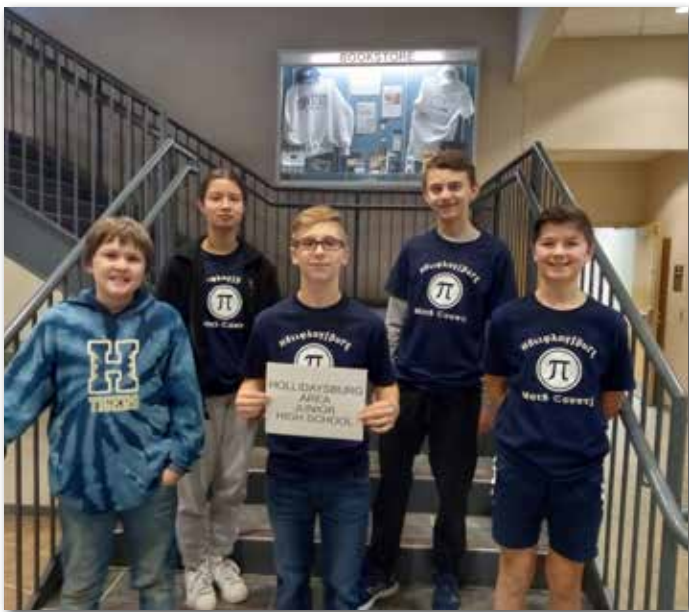
The MATHCOUNTS competition team excelled throughout the year. In February, team members Zachary Blescia, Maynard Snowberger, Ayden Hatfield, Catharina Stiffler, and Nolan Lloyd competed at the Blair Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition.

Zachary finished in 3rd place and Maynard finished in 5th place, with both advancing to the state competition. Ayden and Catharina also qualified for the top 10 countdown round, finishing in 7th and 10th place. The Junior High team finished in 2nd place.

Zachary and Maynard competed in the state competition in Harrisburg in March and both did well. In the engineering bridge-building competition, their bridge finished in 2nd place.

MATHCOUNTS is a national middle school mathematics competition that increases student interest in mathematics, builds problem solving skills, and fosters achievement through competition. Students compete individually in three rounds and collaboratively in the team round.

The last round of the competition is the countdown round where the top ten students compete in pairs individually against one another



L to R: Ayden Hatfield, Catharina Stiffler, Maynard Snowberger, Zachary Blescia and Nolan Lloyd

Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Students from the junior high continued to have great success in the annual Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest, which challenges students to identify an ethical issue and apply the internationally recognized Four-Way Test:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Nineteen freshmen competed in the school competition with four moving on to the local club level on Tuesday, March 19. In this round, Katie Etters, Reuben Manfred, Amalys Zahrouni, and Jenna Zelem delivered their speeches to Hollidaysburg Area Rotarians during their monthly meeting.

Katie spoke about the environmental harm caused by the use of plastic bottles while Jenna (runner-up) proposed a plan to encourage more citizens to recycle. Reuben chose to focus on a school issue, advocating for the replacing of suspensions with community service. With an impassioned plea for creating additional accommodations for people with disabilities, Amalys garnered the top award and advanced to the regional round.



L to R: Amalys Zahrouni, Reuben Manfred, Jenna Zelem and Katie Etters

ELEMENTARY

Students Enjoy Activity Day

The second-graders at C. W. Longer (CWL) enjoyed a field trip to the high school for a day of activities. The classes rotated to three activities throughout the day. First, the students planted vegetables and flowers with Ms. Walter's ECO club.

These plants were started by the second-graders as seeds in each classroom. This is integrated with our science curriculum. Mr. Trimmer offered mini-golf with instruction, practice, and fun along with a special treat. There were even a few holes-in-one!

The students also learned about 3-D and laser printing with Mr. Fogle. Each student received a 3-D printed CWL keychain in a variety of color combinations.



The classes enjoyed a picnic lunch on the patio and a dessert treat upon return to CWL. The kids had a great time!

Flashlight Night

In September, the C. W. Longer (CWL) PTO held Flashlight Night. This event is a night orienteering event. Orienteering is an outdoor adventure in which individuals, partners, families, and teams use a map to navigate a course: easy, intermediate, or advanced.

The event begins during the hours when the sun is setting and continues until it becomes dark, hence the need for a flashlight. More than 200 individuals participated in the event. This has become a popular and fun local activity.

The CWL tradition continues on September 20, 2024.

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Books are Fun!

The Lisa Myers Audet Foundation donated a book vending machine full of books to Charles W. Longer (CWL) Elementary School. The foundation was created to remember and honor Lisa Myers Audet. Lisa and all of her siblings attended CWL. The family and foundation wanted to share Lisa's love of reading and reward students with a gift of books.

Students can earn a token to purchase a book by demonstrating positive Golden Tiger traits of citizenship, integrity, perseverance, communication, adaptability, or analytical thinking. CWL was very excited to share this wonderful opportunity with our students.



Pictured: Mrs. Susan Zangrilli, Lisa Myers Audet Foundation; Eliana Breene, student; Brayden Tay, student; Mrs. Linda Meyers, Lisa Myers Audet Foundation



Participants check the course map.

ELEMENTARY

STEM Enrichment at C. W. Longer

Sixth-grade students that demonstrated exemplary work habits were invited to participate in two different day-long STEM enrichment and problem solving activities. Students that participated were: James Da-

vis, Fernanda Gonzalez, Ryan Grosser, Emma Hoover, Emmie Horell, Sophie Leahy, Maddie Lonsinger, Chloe Snyder and Kaylee Varner. The teacher was Mrs. Peterman.



Sophie Leahy, Emma Hoover and Ryan Grosser



Chloe Snyder



Emma Hoover and Ryan Grosser



Fernanda Gonzalez and Kaylee Varner

ELEMENTARY

Kids Heart Challenge Top Fundraisers

Since 1964, the nation has observed February as American Heart Month to spotlight cardiovascular health and wellness. From February 7th-14th, we recognized Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week and celebrated kids and adults living with a congenital heart defect. The Kids Heart Challenge helps support life-saving research advancements which help more people live longer, healthier lives.

Thank you all so much for your support this year in the annual Kids Heart Challenge. We were able to raise \$5,935.73 for the American Heart Association!!! Our top fundraisers were Stephen Yingling, Logan Tomlinson, Claire Roah, and Cory Winter. The Frankstown students are all "Heart Heroes!"



L to R: Logan Tomlinson, Stephen Yingling, Claire Roah and Cory Winter

"The Spaniard" - Charlie Brenneman Assembly

Foot of Ten Elementary was fortunate to have a visit from "The Spaniard", Charlie Brenneman.

He spoke with all students in grades K-6. Mr. Brenneman shared how he grew up as an anxious child, but fought to become a pro fighter. Now he shares his story with young students to help inspire them to keep fighting. Mr. Brenneman's message to the younger students was "When you get knocked down, get back up."

His message to the older grades was to help them to confront difficult situations and shared ways to help them solve conflicts. A local contractor purchased enough of Mr. Brenneman's "Watch Me" book to provide to all students in grades 4-6.



L to R: "The Spaniard", Asher Cunningham, Roman Shubik and Logan Thrower.

ELEMENTARY

FOT Book Club Competition

The Foot of Ten Book Club “Bookie Monsters” recently competed in an interscholastic reading competition sponsored by the IU08. Each team was assigned a list of 40 books to read for the challenge. On the night of the competition, teams faced off in three rounds with 40 questions in each. At the end of the night, award categories were determined based on a ranking of the scores achieved. The “Bookie Monsters” earned 41 points, which was enough for a third-place award. The students that participated from FOT were: Harper Hite, Lilly Anne Hite, Abigail Montrella, Aiesha Alkayem, Avery Skutch, Alayah King, Josh Montrella, Attley Simonis, Noah Weyant, Juliana Van Kleunen, and Layla Budny. There were 24 schools from across the region involved in this fun event. Congratulations!



Bus Driver Appreciation Day at Foot of Ten Elementary

The Foot of Ten students, PTO, and staff helped to show their appreciation to the bus and van drivers on Monday, September 25th, with a “Grab and Go” breakfast. The students made thank you cards and signs for the drivers. The drivers were welcomed that morning with signs posted outside the school and a great breakfast!!



FOT New Playground Benches

Cub Scout Pack 30 would like to thank everyone who collected caps and lids for the bench project for the recess grounds. Five hundred pounds of lids were sorted and delivered to Green Tree Plastics in the state of Indiana. The scouts then assembled the benches with the help of their den leaders.

A big thank you to the sponsors who helped to support the project by offsetting the cost of processing the lids. They are Benton Hollow Builders, Duncansville Pharmacy, Brent Cogan Electric, Sheetz, Riley Plumbing, M & K Truck Company, Ace Hardware, The Hancock Group, Inc., and Scott Emeigh, Brumbaugh Body Co.



Another big thank you to Cub Master Mike Lytle, Fred Hainley, Shawn Eberhardt, and Rob Donlan for leading the Scouts, making the drive to Indiana, and for prepping the land. Also, to the Foot of Ten family for collecting the lids and the scouts’ families for the sorting and cleaning of all the lids. The benches would never have been possible without the effort of all involved.



ELEMENTARY

Foot of Ten Community Service Club has a Busy Year

The Foot of Ten Community Service Club (CSC) had a year filled with several different community initiatives. In the Fall, CSC collected travel-sized toiletries and then worked as a team to make up bags that were placed in the guests' bathrooms at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Wilmington, DE, and Pittsburgh, PA.

In November, the club performed patriotic songs at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. The students then handed out cards and chatted with the Veterans. This was greatly appreciated by both the Veterans and the staff.



March was a busy month as the club prepared Saint Patrick's Day-themed activities for young children. The club went to the Hollidaysburg Public Library and worked with children from the community to complete these activities. Also, in March, the club sponsored a cereal drive and collected approximately 500 boxes of cereal to donate to the St. Vincent DePaul Pantry.

The Foot of Ten Community Service Club is making a difference!



Daffodil Days

The Foot of Ten Student Council led our school in the annual daffodil sale for the American Cancer Society. Student representatives delivered "Gift of Hope" donations. Eleven hundred daffodils were shared between The Presbyterian Village, The Winds at Mattern Orchard, and the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center. Altogether, Foot of Ten raised \$11,303.80 to support the American Cancer Society (ACS)! Our contact at ACS tells us this is equal to "173 free night stays for cancer patients at the Hope Lodge facilities or 225 free rides for cancer patients to get to their treatment through our Road to Recovery Program." Thank you, Foot of Ten families, for helping us to continue this longstanding and proud tradition of philanthropy at Foot of Ten.



SAMA Artist of the 21st Century

Mrs. Watt's senior high art students were recognized at the Southern Allegheny Museum of Art (SAMA) art exhibition for the Artist of the 21st Century Show. Melena Knisley, Jada Droesch, Sarah Urban, Abe Manfred, and Madison Brown each had their work on display during the month of February at the gallery. Students were selected from each of the surrounding counties to participate in this prestigious show.



AP Art & Design Show

Nine incredible artists were featured at the AP Art and Design Art Show on April 26th at the Altoona Grand Hotel. These talented artists displayed their sustained investigation and selected works that they have been working on for the past year. The show was set up as a symposium for the students to engage with the public as they had the opportunity to showcase their work. Each student had 15 works of art that supported their sustained investigation for College Board in addition to their preparatory work.



AP Art students, L to R: River Beauchamp, Ella Bickers, Cecelia Williams, Abraham Manfred, Emma Yohn, Chloe Stoehr, Mackenzie Link, Leah Zimmerman, and Izzy Douglas.

Holiday of the Arts

Students from the high school art club worked diligently to prepare an incredible experience for the elementary students at C. W. Longer. The art club students were paired up with elementary classes and taught them multiple lessons throughout the day. Each student had the opportunity to make two handmade crafts for their family, as well as cookie decorating and art activities. This day offers a unique opportunity for high school art students to give back to younger students so they can bring special gifts home to their families.



Artist-in-Residency Project

Mrs. Watt's high school Art 3 and 4 students had the opportunity to take part in two legacy projects this year. The Hollidaysburg Area School District Foundation and Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art partnered together to provide an artist-in-residence to complete two murals for the high school. Deb Bunnell,

our local mural artist, worked with 75 students to design, prepare, create and install timeless murals for our school. The literature mural, entitled "The Limits of my Universe" is installed outside of the library and the military mural entitled "The Stars and Stripes of Gratitude" is proudly installed inside the library.



Students work on "The Limits of my Universe" mural



Students work on "The Stars and Stripes of Gratitude" mural



Completed "The Limits of my Universe" mural



Completed "The Stars and Stripes of Gratitude" mural

SAMA Biennial 2024

Rising Art 4 student, Abraham Manfred's piece "Transparent I," was accepted to Biennial 2024 at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art (SAMA). This was a local prestigious and competitive art show held in Bedford, PA.

Art work was submitted and judged by a panel of artists for the statewide art show.

Abe's piece will be on display from August to October at Southern Allegheny Museum of Art in Bedford.



ART

District Art Show

On May 2nd, the entire Art Department hosted a districtwide art exhibition at the US Hotel.

This one-night only event showcased art from Kindergarten through twelfth-grade.

Each grade and school highlighted hundreds of pieces of art at this amazing show. Art displays included graphite drawings, paintings, sculptures, charcoal projects, printmaking, ceramics, stained glass, colored pencil pieces, pastel work, and mixed media.



L to R: Alysia Watt, Elaine Baney, Jessica Miller, Allie Torsell, Jackie Settimo, and Danielle Mock.



Student Hall Art

The ninth-grade Art 1 elective students worked on a collaborative project to help bring some school spirit to the walls of the junior high. The students designed and painted tiger paw prints on the walls above the lockers in the seventh-grade hallway. There are future plans to continue painting paw prints on the second and third floor.



Artist-in Residence

Students in Ms. Settimio's art classes had a professional artist, Bob Zabrowsky, as an artist-in-residence in February. The professional ceramist was able to visit and teach classes through the help of SAMA's AIR program and the support of the HASD Foundation. Through the ten-day residency, these students created many works of art out of clay such as spoon rests, trivets, and pottery such as bowls, cups, and pots.



Students listen to Artist-in-Residence, Bob Zabrowsky



Student artwork.

Zack Hinish Foundation Mural

Student, River Beauchamp, designed and created a mural for Mrs. Troxell's classroom to brighten up the room for her students. The students had the chance to help paint several parts of the mural so they were included in the exciting process. The mural is also a learning experience and tool for the students to use as well. Thank you to the Zack Hinish Foundation for providing the materials needed and the support for the mural.



River Beauchamp with Mrs. Troxell.

Art After Dark

Congratulations to Abraham Manfred for showcasing his art at Southern Allegheny Museum of Art's "Art After Dark." Three local artists were chosen to be a part of this exclusive evening at the museum in downtown Altoona.



During the evening events, his art was showcased along with local art vendors and special music.

His latest piece, "Un-egg-spected," was unveiled at this one-night exhibition.

PAEA Art Contest

The District Art Department entered the PAEA (Pennsylvania Art Education Association) student art competition this year for the first time. Submitting and showcasing art from our district will allow our district the chance to be recognized as “Best Schools in Pennsylvania.”

Even though this was our first time entering this competition, we were thrilled to have a student place in the statewide competition. Abraham Manfred’s piece entitled, “Gift of the Giver,” was awarded the District 6 winner and was showcased in the virtual art show this past March.

His piece was given the honor of being displayed at the Capitol building in Harrisburg during Youth Art Month in March.



Student Art Show

The annual spring art show, now in its third year, showcased the creativity and talent of students from Miss Mock, Miss Cannon, Miss Sheehan, Mrs. Fink, and Ms. Briscoe’s classrooms.

Each student contributed at least one piece, resulting in a diverse and captivating display of artwork.

The event garnered enthusiastic participation from both parents and students alike, underscoring the importance of fostering artistic expression within the school community.

Spring Art Show

The annual HASD Spring Student Art Show, in memory of Laurie Smith, was held at the Blair Regional YMCA during the months of March and April. Laurie was an art lover and an employee at the YMCA. She was instrumental in creating the art show at the YMCA that has now become an annual tradition. The show consisted of over 500 works of art created by students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The works adorned the hallways of the YMCA so that they could be enjoyed by members of the community.



Paint, Print, and Pottery Sale

Art seniors designed and created unique and individualized pottery and planters to sell as a fundraiser. The students painted pottery which was sold at a variety of events to raise money for their New York City trip in the spring. Students also sold art prints and painted faces at multiple events to help with the funds as well. Art students hosted a paint party for all ages to enjoy a night out painting session with their friends and family. Thank you for supporting the art club through these events.



Women's Club Art Contest

The art program is grateful to the Hollidaysburg Women's Club for offering an art contest to our students. We are pleased to announce that Logan Pope, Shayn Moser, and Maxwell Baronner each took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, respectively. Logan Pope's piece, entitled "Sunset at Santorini," will move on to the regional portion of the contest this summer. His art is currently on display.



Shayn Moser, Logan Pope and Maxwell Baronner

DRAMA

Anastasia

Hollidaysburg Area Repertory Players (HARP) presented *Anastasia: The Musical* November 16th-18th.

Featuring music from the 1997 animated film by the same name, as well as many new songs composed for the musical adaptation, *Anastasia* follows the story of a young woman, Anya, played by Alice Haslam, who suffers from amnesia and doesn't remember anything about her past. When Anya meets two con artists, Dmitry (played by Jack Peterson) and Vlad (played by Ben Gervinski), they convince her to pretend to be the lost Romanov, Anastasia. To the surprise of all of them, it seems as if Anya may actually be Anastasia. In order to find out, she must go to see the Dowager Empress (played by Sidra Zammam) in Paris, but she must first prove herself to Countess Lily (played by Brenna Urban) while avoiding the villain of the musical, Gleb Vaganov (played by Gideon Karn).

Anastasia is a wonderful contemporary musical featuring fantastic singing, dancing, and acting from our cast, as well as excellent work by the live orchestral pit and our stage crew.

Broadway in the Burg

The students involved in HARP (Hollidaysburg Area Repertory Players) had fun this spring in the return of "Broadway in the Burg."

This year's theme was all Broadway show repertoire and we had an amazing group of students and teachers that performed.

Performers included: Jackson Connell, Ben Gervinski, Alice Haslam, Grace Kephart, Jack Peterson, Arwen Hartman, Emily Jones, Sophia Waibel, Sidra Zammam, Adam Frederick, Gideon Karn, Madison Brown, Riley Mackey, Mr. Geoff McKain, Miss Holly Mercer and Mrs. Stephanie Everett.



Newsies Jr.

Hollidaysburg Junior Theatre presented *Newsies Jr.* in February. *Newsies Jr.* is a Music Theatre International (MTI) Junior version of the musical, *Newsies*. The cast and crew featured a total of 81 students from the junior high, senior high, and elementary schools. The musical was under the direction of Holly Mercer and music director, Kelly Hartman. The picture includes our 81 cast and crew members.



The Count of Monte Cristo

Hollidaysburg Area Repertory Players (HARP) presented *The Count of Monte Cristo* in April. Dantes (played by Ben Gervinski) seemingly has everything that a person could want: a recent promotion and the love of his life, Mercedes (Rachel Daras). This is all compromised when he is betrayed by four colleagues: Caderousse (Nathan Melbinger), Eugene Danglars (Adam Frederick), Gerard de Villefort (Gideon Karn), and Fernand Mondego (Jack Peterson), leading to his imprisonment at the notorious Chateau d'If. With the help of his guide, fellow prisoner Abbe Faria (Jackson Connell), Dantes eventually succeeds in escaping the Chateau d'If. Now calling himself the Count of Monte Cristo and with the help of Haydee (Sophia Waibel), he is intent on exacting revenge on those who previously wronged him while bringing their loved ones into the vicious cycle of revenge, including Valentine de Villefort (Alice Haslam), Heloise de Villefort (Riley Mackey), Hermione Danglars (Madison Brown), Eugenie Danglars (Nina Meadows), Debray (Ben Johnson), Maximilian Morrel (Logan Pope), Julian Morrel (Alex Servello), Albert Mondego (Luca Waibel), and Benedetto (Ryan Priel). The cast also includes Ethan Donlan, Savannah Eardley, Bailey Henry, Grace Kephart, Sophia McClelland, Joseph McNicholas, and Bailey Ross. The play was directed by Stephanie Everett and Holly Mercer.



MUSIC

Altoona Symphony Orchestra Comes to Hollidaysburg

The senior high music and drama students were delighted with several educational programs that were offered as an outreach program from the Altoona Symphony Orchestra (ASO).

In the fall, they heard a fabulous trio of musicians called “Eastern Standard” that performed with the symphony premiering a piece by local PA composer, Todd Goodman. In the spring, they were joined by Kim Cook, principal cellist and soloist with the ASO. She worked with our cello students as a group and then spoke to all of the students about her career in music.



ASO and students.

Finally, in May 2024, Kelly Hartman, music director for the symphony’s “ASO Goes Broadway” concert, spoke to our students about auditioning procedures for voice and instruments.

At each program we were joined by a representative of the symphony and Maestro Nick Palmer as well as our sponsors. Students were offered free tickets to each of the ASOs concerts as a part of this amazing educational opportunity. This outreach program is sponsored by Stuckey Ford/Subaru. Thanks so much to the ASO!



ASO representatives, L to R: Heidi Lucas, Todd Goodman, Jacob Ertl, Janey Schwind, Maestro Nick Palmer.

Best Communities for Music Education 2024

The Hollidaysburg Area School District received the designation as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation for the 13th consecutive year.

This year, 975 school districts across the United States were granted this honor.

The Best Communities distinction recognizes and celebrates school districts and schools for their support and commitment to music education and efforts to assure access to music for all students as part of a well-rounded education.



Junior High County Chorus

Wednesday, February 7, nine Hollidaysburg Junior High students participated in the Blair County Junior High County Chorus festival at Tyrone Area High School.

The students had a wonderful time and the concert was enjoyed by all!



Front Row L to R: Aria Dempsie, Rebekah Bowser, Makinnley Brode, Joshua Sutton, Cara Huttenlocher
Back Row L to R: Ruth Stephens, Lily Davis, Layla Burket, Abigail Hovance

MUSIC

District Band

The PMEA District 6 Band Festival was hosted at Greater Johnstown High School in January. The festival brought over 130 students together from 33 different school districts from Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset counties. Eleven students from Hollidaysburg participated in the festival with seven qualifying to advance to the Region III Band Festival that was held at Bald Eagle Area High School in February.



PMEA District 6 Band Participants, Ben Freedman, Jeff McCoy, Samantha Dodson, Nathan Karn, Madison Riva, Carson Brenneman, Sebastian Diaz, Gideon Karn, Rayne Lingafelt, Rory Feathers, and MaKenna Hoover.

Music Trip to Penn State

This year, the eighth-grade band students were invited to work with the music education department at Penn State University. The band students worked with the junior preservice music education majors developing their musicianship skills and working with new conductors. At the end of the day, director of bands, Dr. Tonya Mitchell-Spradlin, conducted the students and worked with them on playing as a full ensemble. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such a prestigious music education program!



Senior High Jazz Band has Swingin' Success

In May, the senior high Jazz Band attended the Music in the Parks Adjudication Festival in Hershey, PA, where they received a Superior rating.

The senior high Jazz Band also presented their Spring Concert at the Casino. The annual "Gourmet Swing" dinner concert featured both the junior high and senior high Jazz Bands and Fantazia performing many classic standards and contemporary jazz tunes while the audience was treated to a delicious dinner and dessert.



MUSIC

Junior High County Band

Twenty-two eighth and ninth-grade band students were selected to represent Hollidaysburg Area Junior High at the 2024 County Band Festival, held at Spring Cove Middle School in January. These students worked with conductor Dr. Lauren Reynolds from the University of Delaware and performed with other junior high students across Blair County.



First Row L to R: Olivia Palguta, Zachary Blescia, Jada Merriman, Kendra Dodson, Anna Reilly, Sophia McClelland, Ethan Donlan, Sydney Hull
Second Row, L to R: Ms. Herb, band director, Olivia Bartley, Lindsey Warmath, Nicholas Caldwell, Maya Gearhart, Kaleb Swalga, Noah Kanish, Kaden Henderson, Payton Wakmonski, Noah Breton, Sage Capone, Jenna Zelem, Savannah Eardley, Addison Smith

Rockin' the Strings

In January, the Senior High School String Orchestra students presented their annual "Rockin' the Strings" performance.

The string students were excited to present music from The Beatles, Nirvana, The Beach Boys, Queen, The Verve, Nora Jones, and Led Zeppelin.

The students always have a fun time preparing these rock tunes for parents and the community!



Keystone String Fest

On January 25th, several junior high orchestra students attended the Keystone String Fest, a one-day orchestra festival involving eleven schools in a four-county area. The participating students had the opportunity to travel to Park Forest Middle School in State College to play in the combined orchestra under the direction of guest conductor, Marissa Guarriello. They presented an evening concert for their families and friends.

The following students represented Hollidaysburg at the festival: Anna Bender, Noah Breton, Julie Caldwell, Henry Dolphin, Sofia Douylliez, Alannah Laird, Olivia Palguta, Kayla Pappal, Kacy Smith, Tabitha Smith, Caliauna Venios, Lindsey Warmath, Sarah Willis, and Silas Wolfe. Special congratulations to Tabitha Smith, Lindsey Warmath, and Anna Bender, who participated in the competitive seating auditions and represented Hollidaysburg well.



First Row L to R: Julie Caldwell, Lindsey Warmath, Sarah Willis
Second Row L to R: Tabitha Smith, Kayla Pappal, Alannah Laird, Caliauna Venios, Sofia Douylliez, Kacy Smith
Third Row L to R: Silas Wolfe, Olivia Palguta, Anna Bender, Noah Breton, Henry Dolphin

MUSIC

PMEA All State Musicians.

The Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School was pleased to announce our PMEA All State Ensemble participants for 2024. Nora Stanek and Carson Brenneman represented the District at PMEA All State Chorus, and Benjamin Freedman and Nathan Karn represented Hollidaysburg for the PMEA All State Orchestra. This year, we had an extra special guest conductor for the PMEA All State Orchestra, Mr. Scott Laird, who happens to be Mrs. Stephanie Everett's brother. He is a nationally recognized conductor and teaches music at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Congratulations to all of our outstanding All State Musicians.



PMEA All State Musicians, L to R: Benjamin Feedman, Nathan Karn, Carson Brenneman, and Nora Stanek



Scott Laird, Nathan Karn and Stephanie Everett

PMEA Bandfest

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 6 Band Fest was held at Penn Cambria High School on April 5, 2024. The guest conductor was Mr. Lance Jones from West Branch Area High School.

More than 160 sixth-graders from Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset Counties were selected to participate. Participants from our district included Ruby Biesinger, Addison Dean, Amelia Deremer, Emma Hoover, Ian Landrin, Isaac Lanzendorfer, Nolan Peterman, Amelia Pavlock, and Landon Warner. The students were accompanied by music teachers Mr. Brandon Harris, Mrs. Maria McElhinney and Mrs. Lori Stephens.



Row 1, L to R: Addison Dean, Amelia Deremer, Landon Warner, Ian Landrin
Row 2, L to R: Ruby Biesinger, Emma Hoover, Amelia Pavlock, Isaac Lanzendorfer, Nolan Peterman

MUSIC

PMEA Western Region Orchestra

The senior high orchestra students had a busy PMEA festival season this spring. We had 14 students participate in the PMEA District 4/6 Orchestra Festival at Richland High School under the Direction of Dr. Steven Benham from Duquesne University. Six of those students moved on to the PMEA Western Region Orchestra in Butler, PA, under the Direction of Christopher Cicconi from Towson University. We had two students advance to the PMEA All State Orchestra, Ben Freedman and Nathan Karn.



District Orchestra, Front row, L to R: Derek Wright, Patrick Harker, Ava Dolphin, Samantha Dodson, Destiny Molinari, Sebastian Diaz.
Middle row, L to R: Michael Waibel, Caleb Engle
Back row, L to R: Nathan Karn, Gideon Karn, Jeff McCoy, Ben Freedman



Regional Orchestra, L to R: Ben Freedman, Rory Feathers, Nathan Karn, Gideon Karn, Samantha Dodson, Jeff McCoy and Mrs. Everett.

Region III Chorus Concert

On Friday, March 8, fourteen Hollidaysburg Senior High Chorus members participated in the Region III Chorus Concert held at Somerset Area High School. The concert was under the direction of Jeffrey Webb. Two students, Carson Brenneman and Nora Stanek, successfully auditioned and will be performed in the 2024 PMEA All-State Chorus Festival in Erie from April 17-20.



L to R: Carson Brenneman, Arwen Hartman, Jeff McCoy, Emily Jones, Ben Gervinski, Nathan Karn, Nora Stanek, James Sutton, Kara Pappal, Adam Frederick, Alice Haslam, Cece Williams, Jack Peterson, Gideon Karn.

PMEA Song Fest

The Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 6 Song Fest was held at North Star High School on May 10, 2024. Approximately 120 fifth-graders from Bedford, Blair, Cambria and Somerset Counties were selected to participate. Participants from our district included Riley Brode, Roman Gides, Max Piper, Baylee Dobrowolsky, Chloe Bender, Gretchen Corey, Leah Bergstein, Sami Atwell, Olivia Wholaver, Claire Ruffner, and Kaylee Salyards. The students were accompanied by music teachers Mr. Brandon Harris, Mrs. Maria McElhinney and Mrs. Lori Stephens.



1st Row, L to R: Roman Gides, Max Piper. 2nd Row, L to R: Baylee Dobrowolsky, Chloe Bender, Gretchen Corey, Leah Bergstein, 3rd Row, L to R: Sami Atwell, Olivia Wholaver, Claire Ruffner, Kaylee Salyards
Missing from photo: Riley Brode

MUSIC

Symphonic Wind Ensemble Highlights

The Senior High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble (SWE) traveled to Penn State University (PSU) in October to participate in a workshop at the PSU Blue Band Building with music education majors who are preparing to student teach in the area of high school band.

Each PSU student lead the band through the process of sight-reading a new piece of music and presented feedback for the students regarding the style and intent of the composition.

Later that day, the SWE had the opportunity to perform alongside the PSU Wind Ensemble in a side-by-side rehearsal under the direction of Dr. Tonya Mitchell-Spradlin.



Symphonic Wind Ensemble at Penn State University.

In December, the SWE went on their annual holiday tour to the elementary schools and to the Logan Valley Mall where Santa Claus made a surprise appearance and conducted the band.



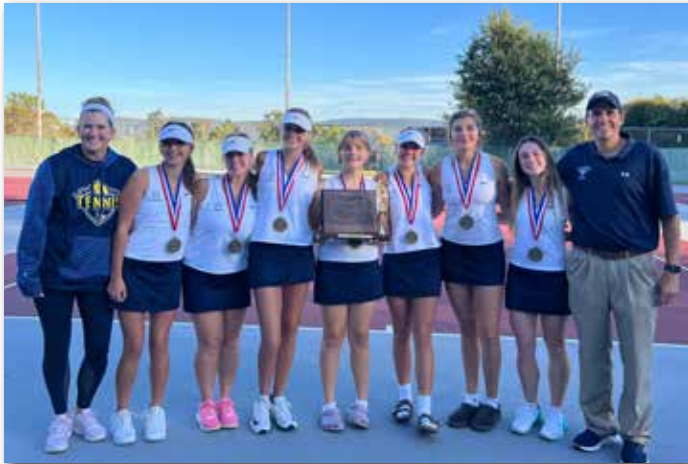
Santa Claus makes a guest appearance with the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.



ATHLETICS

Fall Teams and Individuals

Girls tennis team



District 6 Class AAA Champions

Boys soccer



District 6 Class AAA Champions

Girls tennis



District 6 AAA —
Megan Ferris
and
Crosby Denis

Football



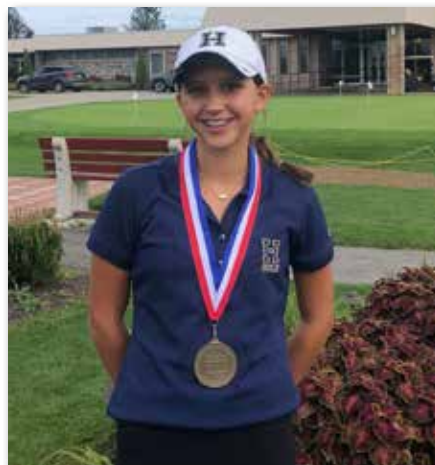
District 6 Class AAAAA Champions

Boys golf



PIAA Qualifier — Isaac Miller

Girls golf



District 6 Class AAA Champion —
Crosby Denis

Girls cross country



PIAA Qualifier — Addison Smith

ATHLETICS

Winter Teams and Individuals

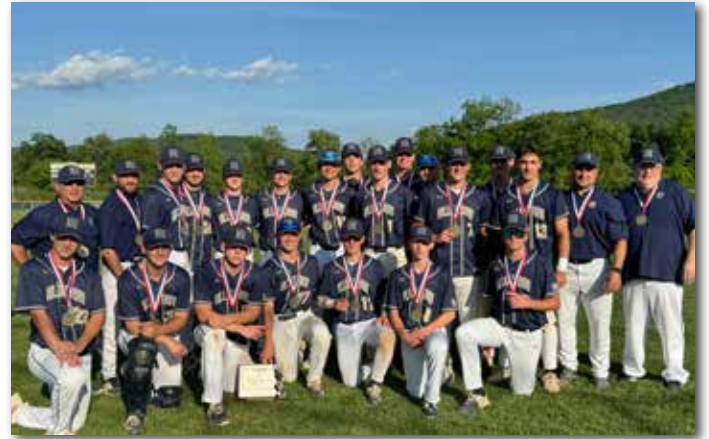
Spring Teams and Individuals

Girls basketball



District 4/6 Class 5-A Champions — PIAA Qualifier

Baseball



District 6 Class 5-A Champions

Hockey



Laurel Mountain League Champions

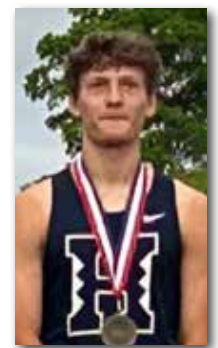
Track and field



Elizabeth Frazier
PIAA Class
AAA 100m and
200m Qualifier



Caden DeLattre
District 6 Class
AAA Boys
Triple Jump
Champion



Nathan Grabill
District 6 Class
AAA Boys
High Jump
Champion

Swimming

Wrestling



District 6 Class
AAA 50y Freestyle
Champion and
PIAA Swimming
Qualifiers —
Kaden Henderson



PIAA Wrestling
Qualifiers —
Mitchell
Baronner



PIAA Wrestling
Qualifiers —
Wyatt
Maines



Isaac Yarnell
PIAA Class
AAA 100m and
200m Qualifier



Blaise Wills
PIAA Class
AAA 400m
Qualifier

STAFF

HASD Foundation Educator of the Year and Impact Awards

Congratulations to the 2023-24 HASD Foundation Educators of the Year: Mrs. Lynette Luke, Chemistry Teacher at the Senior High, and Mrs. Kelli Singer, Fourth Grade Teacher at C. W. Longer Elementary.

The Foundation Impact Award recognizes those staff that have a positive impact on our students and co-workers.



Secondary EOY

Front row, L to R: Ms. Deborah Faith, HASD Foundation Director; Mrs. Autumn Fiscus, Business Manager; Mrs. Stacey Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations; Mrs. Peggy Hancuff, HASD Foundation Vice-President; Dr. Penne Edgell, HASD Foundation President; **Mrs. Lynette Luke**, Teacher; Mr. Curt Whitesel, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum. Back row, L to R: Mr. Ben Caldwell, Human Resources Director; Adam Walstrom, Senior High Assistant Principal.



Elementary EOY

Mr. Curt Whitesel, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Brian Keagy, C. W. Longer Principal; Ms. Deborah Faith, HASD Foundation Director; Dr. Penne Edgell, HASD Foundation President; **Mrs. Kelli Singer**, Teacher; Mrs. Peggy Hancuff, HASD Foundation Vice-President; Dr. Sarah Palazzi, Director of Curriculum; Mrs. Stacey Thomas, Director of Accounting Operations; Mrs. Autumn Fiscus, Business Manager; Mr. Ben Caldwell, Human Resources Director

The 2023-24 recipients are Elda Boose, Guidance Secretary at the Junior High, and Anita Baumgartner, a paraprofessional at C.W. Longer Elementary.

The Educator of the Year Award is sponsored by the HASD Foundation and Horace Mann Insurance. The Impact Award is sponsored by the HASD Foundation.



Secondary Impact Award winner

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Foundation Grants

The mission of the Hollidaysburg area School District Foundation is to put ideas for enhanced education into action by funding innovative programs, broadening teaching and learning opportunities, and encouraging community involvement.

In the 2023-24 school year, the Foundation funded over \$44,000 in grants districtwide. The senior high language students held a World Language Day for elementary students with food and activities themed around foreign languages. Frankstown Elementary teacher Misty Hewitt held Literature Circles, giving students a chance to have in depth discussion about books. The junior high's School Wide Positive Behavior Program requested grant funds to hold a field day as a reward for qualifying students. Senior high teacher Kevin McCloskey received mobile microscopes to be made available at all grade levels to engage more students in hands-on learning of the biological sciences. The junior high library is undergoing a long-term revitalization focused on bringing it into the tech-focused future. The HASD Foundation has supported many projects under this umbrella, and in the 23-24 school year, purchased a STEM program kit, "Spark-Fun," which students can use to learn about engineer-

ing any number of a variety of concepts from building a robot to creating a weather station.

Pictured grants include a Library Reading Nook at Foot of Ten Elementary, envisioned by librarian Cathy Breisacher to entice young readers to get comfy and read. Foot of Ten also created a legacy mural utilizing an Artist-in-Residence grant. Deb Bunnell led students in the creation of a mural to brighten the walls of the elementary school for years to come. The senior high Advanced PE course was upgraded with new equipment including the body bars being utilized in the photo. The weight room and cardio room are being given a complete upgrade thanks to state and federal grants and the HASD Foundation through its grant program and Restore the Roar campaign. The Doug Rhoades Athletic Training Center will be operational in the Fall of 2024 and brings many long-needed updates to outdated and unsafe equipment. Finally, Mrs. Alysia Watt's art students also worked with Artist-in-Residence Deb Bunnell to create a stunning literacy mural to don the walls opposite the library. The mural features literary greats such as Edgar Allen Poe and Maya Angelou surrounded by pages of books inscribed with quotes.



Foot of Ten Library Reading Nook



Foot of Ten Legacy Mural



Advanced PE Class at the Senior High



Senior Literacy Mural

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In the 2023-24 academic year, the HASD Foundation administered over \$56,000 in grants for the upcoming school year to benefit students! Each spring, the Foundation awards grants to provide additional opportunities within the district and its classrooms. Grant applications are open to all educators and administrative staff.

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- Mental Health Rooms — C. W. Longer, Foot of Ten and Frankstown — Brian Keagy, Alyson Miller, Kyle Brown
- Elementary Library Reading Nook — C. W. Longer — Joy Peterman
- Art Instillation — Foot of Ten — Jessica Miller
- Shelfie Bookshelf Accessibility — Junior High — Marcia Erickson & Eric Skutch
- Greenhouse Specimen Plants — Senior High — Kevin McCloskey & Andrea Walter
- Tiger Victory Garden Greenhouses — Senior High — Andrea Walter & Joe Krupka
- Student Advisory Group Book Study — Senior High — Dr. Maureen Letcher & Adam Walstrom
- Cyanotype — Art & Science — C.W. Longer, Foot of Ten and Frankstown — Allie Torsell, Jessica Miller, Danielle Mock
- Artist in Residence Mural — Foot of Ten — Jessica Miller
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The Hollidaysburg Area School District Alumni Association would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2024 and welcome them to the HASD Alumni. Best wishes as you move into the next phase of your future!

The Alumni Association held several meetings to create a plan for the future. Reorganization with elections of officers will happen in the fall of the 2024. If you would like to join the board for regular meetings and additional planning moving forward, please email deborah.faith@hasdtigers.com or call 814-695-5690.

The Alumni Association awarded two \$500 scholarships this year. Ryann Pope will attend Juniata College and major in Education. Ryann participated in AP Courses along with swimming, tennis, French Club, Key Club, and National Honor Society. Victoria Batzel will attend the University of Pennsylvania at Altoona to major in Education. Victoria was very active while attending school as well. She participated in honors classes, Student Council, Spanish Club, Fuel-up-to-Play 60, National Honor Society, athletic trainer assistant and basketball manager. Congratulations to both students on all of their many accomplishments and future endeavors!

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