



S P T L I G H T

March, 2017

SHALER
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District Recognitions - Student/Staff Accomplishments

PMEA Region I Band

Congratulations to **Jacob Matthews**, a senior, for being accepted into the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Region I Band. The Region I Band festival will be held at Sharon High School on March 22-24. The guest conductor will be Dr. Bradley Genevro, Director of Bands at the University of Texas at El Paso. The PMEA Region I Band is made up of students from Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver, Butler, Allegheny, Washington, Westmoreland, Greene and Fayette Counties.

PMEA All-State Chorus

Congratulations to **Emily Yuretich**, a junior, for being recognized as one of the top 36 Soprano II high school singers, which earned her a place in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Chorus. Emily will rehearse and perform as a member of the PMEA All-State Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Mitos Anaya-Hart from Temple University, at the historic Warner Theatre, in Erie, on April 22, during the All-State Festival.

PMEA All-State Orchestra

Congratulations to **Marissa Fukas**, a sophomore who plays viola, and **Sage Wilson**, a senior who plays cello, for earning a seat in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) All-State Orchestra. The orchestra only accepts 18 violas and 16 cello musicians. The students will rehearse and perform as members of the PMEA All-State Orchestra, under the direction of Stephen Gage from Youngstown State University, at the Warner Theatre, in Erie, in April, during the All-State Festival.

Convergence: All-District Art Show

Shaler Area is partnering with Shaler North Hills Library to bring students' artistic talents to the community in an art show that will feature works from all levels. The Shaler Area Visual Arts Department is proud to present "convergence," a Kindergarten through 12th-grade Art Show during the month of March in the community room on the second floor of the Shaler North Hills Library. Close to 100 pieces of artwork, ranging from drawing and painting to ceramics, jewelry, and mixed media will be on display. The public is invited to an opening reception and celebration of art on Thursday, March 16, from 6-8 p.m. The evening will include light refreshments and a collaborative art station featuring "Zentangle," which will allow participants to be a part of an ever-changing art installation by creating a small black and white design.

Scholastic Art Awards

Congratulations to the 29 Shaler Area High School students who won awards for their submissions in the Pittsburgh Arts Region of the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards. A panel of distinguished judges, which included artists, art educators, and art professionals, selected the regional award winners from more than 2,000 applications. Students awarded a Gold Key will have their artwork move on to the New York City national adjudication. Congratulations to the following Shaler Area students:

Abigail Banze – Silver Key, Honorable Mention
Kara Bosilovich – Silver Key
Taylor Charity – Honorable Mention
Abigail Cole – Honorable Mention (2)
Jessica Early – Honorable Mention
Alexis Finney – Silver Key
Bri Girty – Honorable Mention
Jamie Handyside – Gold Key, Honorable Mention
Isabella Hartley – Honorable Mention
Angela Heim – Silver Key
Lindsay Kirin – Honorable Mention
Payton Klass – Honorable Mention
Julie Lignoski – Gold Key
Sara Magoun – Honorable Mention
Taya McCullough – Silver Key
Christopher McDermott – Honorable Mention
Alexis McKee – Silver Key
Michael Michalik – Honorable Mention (2)
Mackenzie Muller – Honorable Mention
Alexis O'Donnell – Silver Key
Matthew Ollio – Honorable Mention
Elexis Paul – Honorable Mention
Regan Pegher – Silver Key
Abigail Radziminski – Silver Key
Cassie Roche – Honorable Mention
Claire Schreiber – Honorable Mention
Alexa Stewart – Honorable Mention
Madelyn Weber – Honorable Mention
Jenn Wolosik – Honorable Mention

A.W. Beattie Career Center

Congratulations to the following Shaler Area A.W. Beattie students who were recognized for their accomplishments and named Students of the Month for January and February:

Hunter Boyle	HVAC
Hunter Eddy	HVAC
Sidni Schibler	Health & Nursing Sciences

National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to the six Shaler Area students who have achieved induction into the National Technical Honor Society for 2016-2017. Students are selected based on criteria regarding District and A.W. Beattie Career Center performance and achievement. Students will be recognized during a special ceremony and dinner on May 1.

Ashley Bozzo, ECE
Emilee Hames, HST
Steven Pastierik, CST
Ben Pavlik, Auto Tech
Haily Staudt, ERT
Joshua Wirkowski, HVAC

Japanese Speech Contest

Congratulations to the three Shaler Area High School students who took top awards in the annual High School Japanese Speech Contest held at the University of Pittsburgh. The Japan American Society of Pennsylvania hosts the Japanese Speech Contest at Pitt's Oakland Campus each year for Japanese learners of all levels. More than 100 students participate in the competition that includes four speech levels and a poster session.

Evan Lysko (senior) 1st place in the Advanced Plus category
Kylie Dougherty (sophomore) 1st place in the Intermediate category
Alexis Finney (senior) 2nd place in the Intermediate category

Swimmers and Divers set new records

Congratulations to the Shaler Area swimmers who broke five Shaler Area swimming records, three of which dated back to the 1980s, during the WPIAL Championships. The new Titan record holders include:

200 Medley Relay:

Jenna Stanton
Abby Banze
Emily Schaefer
Claire Blaha

200 Freestyle Relay:

Jenna Stanton
Claire Blaha
Sara Magoun
Olivia Dibon

Emily Schaefer also broke 3 records during the event: the 200 individual medley, 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle records.

Evan Kelly also set a new Boys diving record at the Butler meet held January 11.

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voting Meeting
March 15, 2017 – Administration Building

ITEM

EDUCATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- ~~A.1 Approve a settlement agreement for Student #6. REMOVED~~
- A.2 Approve the purchase of 30 copies of the textbook, *Starting Out with Python*, 4th edition, ©2018, to be used in the high school courses: Computer Science-Python, and Honors Computer Science-Python. Cost per book is \$103, total cost to the district approximately \$3,321.75.
- A.3 Approve the first reading of the following new policy:
 - a. Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest
- A.4 Approve the first reading of the following revised policies:
 - a. Policy No. 005 – Organization
 - b. Policy No. 404 – Employment of Supplemental Contract Employees
 - c. Policy No. 701.1 – Naming/Renaming District Facilities

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PERSONNEL ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- B.1 Approve the following Leaves of Absence:
 - a. Angela Evans, Music teacher, Marzolf Primary, for a Leave of Absence, effective from on or about October 30, 2017 to on or about March 22, 2018 (the non-FMLA portion of her leave).
 - b. Maria Lopez, Elementary teacher, Elementary School, for an extension to her unpaid Parental Leave of Absence from March 8, 2017 to on or about April 3, 2017 (the non-FMLA portion of her leave).
 - c. Carol Kristoff, Paraprofessional, Elementary School, for an unpaid Leave of Absence beginning April 1, 2017 (pending approval of PSERS retirement).
- B.2 Rescind the following supplemental contract for Coaches for the 2016-17 school year (Spring Sports Season). Compensation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement
 - Softball (Spring)**
 - a. Assistant Varsity Bev Bauer (50%)
- B.3 Approve the following supplemental contracts for **Coaches** for the 2016-17 school year (Spring Sports Season). Compensation will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - Softball (Spring)**
 - a. Assistant Varsity Jim Popinski (50%)
 - b. Head 7th – 8th Bev Bauer
 - c. Assistant 7th – 8th Jenna Grogan
 - d. Volunteer 7th-8th-9th Gr. Asst. Jessica Vannucci
 - Baseball (Spring)**
 - e. Assistant 8th Roger Depew

B.4 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for **Fall Head Coaches** for the **2018-19** school year (they were previously approved through the 2017-18 school year; this adds a year, providing them with a 2-year contract):

- a. **Cross Country (Fall)**
Boys/Girls Head Varsity Coach Justin Eskra
- b. **Football (Fall)**
Head Varsity Coach Jon LeDonne
- c. **Golf (Fall)**
Girls Head Varsity Coach Samantha Smyers
- d. **Golf (Fall)**
Boys Head Varsity Coach John Brough
- e. **Soccer (Fall)**
Girls Head Varsity Coach Chris Catanese
- f. **Soccer (Fall)**
Boys Head Varsity Coach Adam Hunter
- g. **Tennis (Fall)**
Girls Head Varsity Coach Brian Duermeyer
- h. **Volleyball (Fall)**
Girls Head Varsity Coach Amanda O'Connor

B.5 Approve the following Supplemental Contracts for **Sponsors** for the 2016-17 school year

- a. **High School**
Intramurals-Basketball Eric Schott
- b. **Middle School**
Newspaper Club Brian Duermeyer

B.6 Approve the following day-to-day **Substitute Teachers** for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Olivia Bonavita, Grades PK-4 & Special Ed PK-8
- b. Nicole Berezo, Grades PK-4

B.7 Approve the following day-to-day **Substitute Clerical** employee for the 2016-17 school year:

- a. Shannon Wockley

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FINANCE AND OPERATION ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

- C.1 APPROVE FUND PROFILES:
 - A. General Fund – Schedule of Bills and Addendum
 - B. Cafeteria Fund – Schedule of Bills
 - C. Bond Proceeds – Schedule of Bills
 - D. Construction, Repair & Renovation – Schedule of Bills
 - E. Fund Profiles and Investments
 - F. Budget Transfers
 - G. Year-to-Date Financial Reports

- C.2 Cafeteria Operating Statement
- C.3 Approval of the proposed 2017/2018 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$2,034,004. The Shaler Area School District's expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is \$61,835.
- C.4 Approval to participate in the NSLP Summer Food Service Program.
- C.5 The administration recommends that the Board authorize continued participation of the Shaler Area School District in the Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium for the purchase of electricity from Direct Energy only if the price is at or below our current price. This extension to the original agreement will begin on the meter read date in January 2019 for a period of twenty-four (24) months and the price will include all costs except distribution, and other related delivery utility charges as contained in the original agreement.
- C.6 Approval of a student transportation services contract between the Shaler Area School District and ABC Transit, Inc. for the fiscal years 2017-18 through 2021-22. This approval will be finalized through contract negotiations with the District Solicitor.