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SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELDS UPDATE

The Springfield School District (SSD) has continued to advance the high school master plan over the last twelve months. The new high school has been open since early January 2021 and has been well received by the students, staff, and families. The focus has now shifted to the completion of the additional athletic fields located on the west side of the campus, at the location of the old high school and at Halderman Field.

Phase 3 of the project included the installation of the four multi-sport athletic fields and the tennis courts. The tennis courts were completed in February and open to the community in March. The new courts include lines for pickleball activities that are available to the public. The two new multi-sport synthetic turf fields were completed in April and are open for practices and games. The remaining two grass fields have been graded and seeded and should be available for use by next spring.

The final phase of the athletic fields update will be the completion of the Halderman Field renovation. For over 50 years, Halderman Field has served as the home to Cougar soccer, lacrosse, and, early on, freshmen baseball. With soccer and lacrosse relocated to the new high school campus, Halderman Field is in the middle of being converted into a baseball and softball complex. The new baseball field and team dugouts will be located in the south-west corner of the fields adjacent to Snyder Lane. The varsity softball field, team dugouts, and an additional practice field will be located just outside of the baseball outfield fence adjacent to Springfield Road and the front parking lot. In addition to the new fields, there will be a scoreboard and batting cages located between the playing fields with new bathrooms, a concession area, and storage space created along Springfield Road next to the front parking lot.

SSD is excited about these continued improvements to district facilities and is hopeful that these new grass fields and Halderman fields will be available for 2023 spring athletics.



MESSAGE FROM THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

BELOW: SABOLD STUDENTS "LIGHT IT UP BLUE" FOR AUTISM AWARENESS.



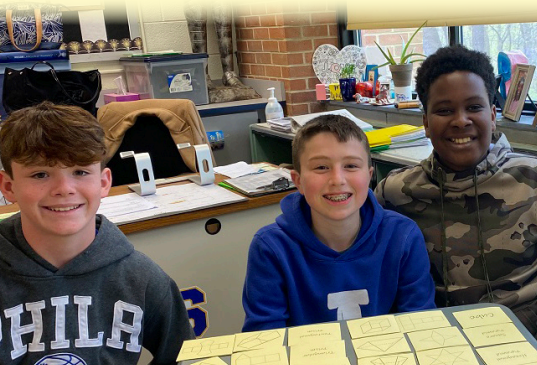
BELOW: SCENIC STUDENT LEADERS ALWAYS LEND A HELPING HAND.



BELOW: SCENIC STUDENTS ENJOY CLASS OUTSIDE IN THE ECOLOGY CENTER.



BELOW: ETR STUDENTS SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS IN MATH.



GREETINGS, SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES.

Well, what a year! I'm pleased to share that we are ending the year with student activities and athletics in full swing. The School Board recognizes that many opinions were expressed about how to manage the return to in-person instruction, and we stayed the course. Students returned for a full year of in-person classroom instruction. And, that's where the magic of learning happens – students in classrooms with our amazing teachers and staff!

I encourage you to take the time to read about some of the highlights from this school year. Our students have worked hard this year in the **Arts, Academics, Athletics, and Service**, showing pride in all things. Communication with our community is important, so please visit us on the web (www.ssdcougars.org) and on our social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) for the most up-to-date information. You are also welcome to reach out to your school board member.

Thank you for your continued support of Springfield School District, and have a restful and relaxing summer.

Mr. Bruce Lord

Springfield Board of School Directors President

Registering a student? Visit www.ssdcougars.org or call the Central Registration Office at 610-938-6018 to enroll your student.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS

SPRINGFIELD LITERACY CENTER (SLC)

■ The students at the SLC participated in the Storybook Character Ball this year. During Read Across America week, students dressed up like their favorite storybook character. Some characters who showed up to school were Harry Potter, Pete the Cat, Fly Guy, Elsa, and Arthur, just to name a few.

■ Emily Jenkins, author of *Harry versus The First 100 Days of School*, shared her story over Zoom with our kindergarten and first graders. This interactive Zoom visit allowed students to ask questions and learn about the writing process from a published author and illustrator.

■ We had our 4th Book Madness Tournament. Books "competed" against each other in true March Madness style. Classrooms voted on the books over the course of two weeks until they reached the final two. Students selected the winner - *Peanut Butter and Cupcake* by Terry Border.

■ We had over 500 students participate in SLC clubs this year. Some of the fun favorites include LEGOs, STEM, Glamour & Glitz, and Arts and Crafts. We were excited to see our Dancing Cougars perform on May 3rd on the new SHS football field.

SABOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ Sabold Elementary had eight winners in the Delaware County Young Author's Contest, more than any other elementary school in DE county. All of the students who participated should be proud of their efforts and submissions.

■ Over 500 students participated in our spring clubs this year. There were some exciting options for students. Clubs like Escape the Room, Guitar Club, Running Club, and Spectacular Science were just a few of the choices for students this year.

■ Our third and fourth grade students participated in the Caring & Sharing project again this year. Sabold students earned money for chores

done at home and donated that money to provide Thanksgiving meals for local families in need. Our students were able to provide more than 50 Thanksgiving meals this year.

■ Nearly 300 elementary students participated in Springfield's Band and Orchestra this year. Students have displayed tremendous determination as they worked towards their concert performances. Our Springfield music department has a bright future!

■ We are elated to be able to host some community events again this year. Events like Harvest Fun Night, the Race for Education, and the Sabold Showcase, which feature our Arts and Music programs, are exciting opportunities to highlight our hard-working students.

■ Nearly 100 students participated in the Sabold Science Fair again this year. Our students taught us the effect soil quality has on decomposition, the best cleaning products, how cats are affected by music, and much more through some creative and exciting projects.

SCENIC HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ The spirit of service is strong at Scenic Hills! This year, we supported the Souper Bowl of Caring with our annual Canned Food Drive. Our students also supported the district Turkey Fund, our schools collection for Coatesville Veterans Hospital, Kids Healthy Heart Challenge, and more. Our spirit days included Rocking Our Socks for World Autism Day and Lighting it Up Blue for Autism Acceptance.

■ Scenic celebrated Halloween with our traditional parade around the block, led by the fabulous SHS Marching Band. Students also enjoyed Read Across America Week, Red Ribbon Week and Apple Crunch Day, Scenic Showcase, Field Day, and Band, Orchestra, and Scenic Singers concerts.

■ More than 100 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students participated Scenic Science Fair this year, and their projects were amazing!

■ Scenic Hills had two winners in the Dr. Nicholas Spennato Young Authors Project for the 2021- 2022 school year: Addison Scott in Grade 4 and Jemma DeLone in Grade 3.

■ Scenic honors student achievement by recognizing Students of the Month, awarding Scenic Stars for Academic Excellence, and by presenting Scenic Spotters to those students spotted doing something great every day.

■ Nearly 400 students participated in clubs and intramurals this year. Some new clubs, like Gardening Club, Readers Theater, American Sign Language, Stop Action, and Art Club joined some perennial favorites Passport Club, Lego Club, Board Games, and more.

■ Home and School organized our first Spring Fling this year! About 900 people enjoyed food trucks, music, face painting, spin art, inflatables, carnival games, and a super-popular student entrepreneur sales event.

ET. RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (ETR)

■ At ETR, participation in clubs throughout the year included over 250 students exploring interests including: Chess Club, Reading Olympics, LEGO Robotics, Podcast Club, Yearbook, Sketchbook, PJAS, and Student Alliance. New club opportunities included the ETR STEM Club that designed a windmill prototype, Yoga Club that practiced balance and focus, Literary Magazine and Writing Contests, focused on writing and reflection, and the ETR Buddies Club that built obstacle courses and raced dash robots.

■ A team of over 40 ETR Student Council Leaders sponsored building-wide community service projects that included collecting over 2,000 pairs of socks for the homeless and creating thank you bags for first responders.

■ The ETR National Junior Honor Society inducted 24 new members who sponsored the ETR Earth Day Clean Up Service Project with over 50 of their peers joining them for the clean-up effort.

■ The ETR Geography Bee proved to be a scholarly and academically challenging event with Robert Carpenter, Andres Yohn, and Patrick Cooke capturing top 3 awards.

■ ETR had five writers place in the Delaware County Young Authors Writing Contest: sixth graders Victoria Rosini and Elpis Su, seventh graders Morgan Herrington and Moira Lougherty, and eighth grader Charlotte Lezano.

■ Celebrating vocal and instrumental music, students in band, orchestra, wind-ensemble, string, chorus, and Bella-Voce performed for our winter and spring concerts and at the Blue Rocks baseball game.

■ Returning to the stage, a very talented ETR cast and crew of *Annie, Jr.* shared a fantastic performance for family, friends, and community members.

■ With grit and promise, nearly 220 ETR athletes in grades 7 and 8 thrived in sports during a fall sports season of football, field hockey and volleyball, a winter season of basketball and wrestling, and a spring season of baseball, softball, lacrosse, and track.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (SHS)

■ This year, FBLA had 28 regional winners who qualified for the State Leadership Conference. At the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, SHS produced four top 10 finishes in the state: Liam Beresford for Computer Game and Simulation Programing, Ryan Chiarlone and Ben Skarbek

for Insurance and Risk Management, and Asha Talukder for UX design. In addition, Liam Beresford won the right to compete at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Chicago where he will represent Springfield, vying for a national title.

■ We were excited for the return of musicals to SHS. In the fall, STW performed *The Little Mermaid Jr.* The musical was well attended and included students from both Sabold and Scenic. In the spring performance, STW performed *Freaky Friday*.

■ PJAS members competed in the Regional Meet held virtually in late February. They each presented their scientific and mathematical research and were scored by a panel of experts. All of the following members received First Awards in their respective categories and will be competing at Penn State University in the state meet on May 16th. PA Junior Academy of Science Region 1A winners are: Abigail Barlam - 1st Award in Behavioral Science; Hannah Brady - 1st Award in Biology; Emily Dath - 1st Award in Mathematics; Cameron Decker - 1st Award in Behavioral Science; Luke Kennedy - 1st Award in Physics; Ella Parkinson - 1st Award in Behavioral Science; and Peyton Raffel - 1st Award in Behavioral Science.

■ The Steve Stefani Dance Marathon was a great success in the new building. A record breaking 630+ students participated in the fundraiser, which raised over \$135,000 for pediatric cancer. On April 24th, the Community Service Club of SHS sponsored a basketball tournament for the Springfield Police and Fire Departments. The money raised was donated to both organizations.

■ Members of the senior class were recognized at the annual Senior Award and Scholarship Recognition Ceremony. Approximately 120 awards and scholarships were given to senior students from public and private donors totaling over \$215,000.

COUGAR SPORTS

■ The Cougars Boys Basketball team and Wrestling team showed great improvement, and our Girls Basketball team qualified for the District and State tournaments, making it to the quarterfinal round where they lost to the eventual State Champion.

■ Our greatest success came in the pool with our Swim team. Our girls team finished third in the Central League, and our boys team finished second in the Central League. Multiple swimmers went to Districts and the State meet. Mary Kubiak finished 9th in the 100 backstroke and 14th in 50 free at the state meet. Jacob Johnson finished 8th in the 100 Fly, and Jake Kennedy finished 6th in the 50 Free style and 12th in the 100 free at the State meet. Jake Kennedy's season culminated by being named Delaware County Swimmer of the Year!

■ Our spring sports teams are having another good year. Our Boy's Lacrosse team finished second in the Central League and will qualify for the District tournament. Our Girl's Lacrosse team also qualified for the District tournament. Our Baseball and Softball teams qualified for the District tournament. The Boys and Girls Track teams also had success this season, and we have numerous runners, jumpers, and throwers who have qualified for our League championship and the District meet.

BELOW: SSD BUDDIES TOOK OVER SPROUL LANES.



BELOW: SABOLD STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS IN MATH.



BELOW: THESE SHS STUDENTS WERE AMONG THE 630+ PARTICIPANTS IN THIS YEAR'S THON.



BELOW: THE SHS BAND PRACTICES IN THEIR NEW REHEARSAL SPACE.



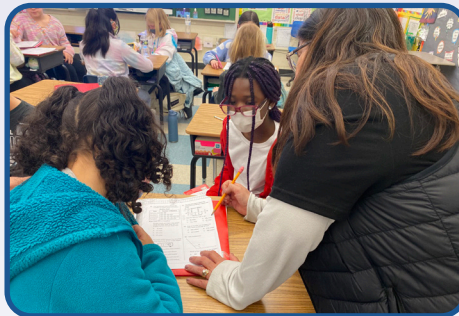
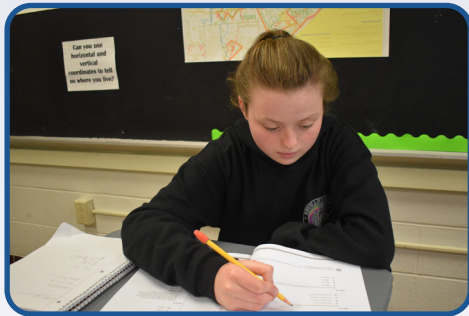
ADDING IT UP: MATH INSTRUCTION IN SSD

The SSD School Board Education Committee meets monthly to discuss educational topics and initiatives. A frequent topic of discussion throughout this year's Education Committee meetings has been addressing student learning gaps that may have emerged during the pandemic, particularly in mathematics. We've taken a multi-pronged approach to identify where students are in the development of their numeracy and math skills, focusing on targeted support to accelerate learning.

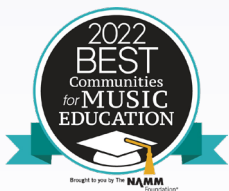
Identifying each student's strengths and needs was a top priority coming into this school year. Building administrators and teachers reviewed student data to evaluate where students were and then integrated emergent themes from the data into their classroom instruction. Throughout the year, teachers have used standards-aligned, formative math assessments to monitor student learning and provide feedback to improve teaching and learning in their classrooms.

On the heels of the pandemic, we knew that well-designed and responsive classroom instruction was an important part of our recovery strategy. We also know that each student learns at their own pace, and some students would need more individualized attention. With the help of ESSER funding, we were able to provide math coaches. Our math coaches meet with students in small groups and provide targeted math support. This approach includes activities tailored to the students' areas of need, intended to improve students' skills in the language and computation of mathematics.

All of these efforts allow students to have agency in their own learning by demonstrating a deep understanding of math concepts, as well as allow for teachers to know where to best direct their efforts for student learning. There is no precedent for where we find ourselves in the post-pandemic world of today. That holds true for schools as well. But, one thing hasn't changed – SSD's goal to help our students reach their fullest potential, and our *Pride in All Things*.



A DECADE OF DEDICATION TO MUSIC EDUCATION



For the tenth consecutive year, Springfield School District has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. This award program recognizes remarkable efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. The award is allocated to districts and schools that demonstrate a high commitment and dedication to music education.

Congratulations to the members of our SSD community who have made a decade of quality music education possible! This honor truly reflects *Pride in All Things*.

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit supported in part by the National Association of Music Merchants and its approximately 10,300 members around the world.



ABOVE: ETR STUDENTS COMPETED IN THE GEOGRAPHY BEE.



ABOVE: STUDENTS ARE HAPPY TO BE AT SLC.



ABOVE: SLC STUDENTS EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY IN ART CLASS.



ABOVE: LADY COUGARS ADVANCED TO THE DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENTS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

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