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# COUGAR COMMUNITY CORNER

## SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

### PROJECT UPDATE

The Springfield School District has made significant progress on advancing the high school master plan since our last newsletter in the spring of 2017. The District submitted a revised plan for the new high school in July and September 2017 and reviewed these modifications with the Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. These modifications included shifting the building further west to create additional green space to the east and revising the Rolling Road entrance to address traffic concerns and emergency vehicle access to the campus, creating improved access points and circulation. In October 2017, the District received approval of the revised plan from the Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board, and the Board of Commissioners approved the plan in November 2017. For a project of this scope, changes in design and schedule are to be expected.

For a snapshot of benchmarks to date, please see the Master Plan Timeline on the back cover of this newsletter. Included below are some items of note regarding project timelines and financing:

- The architects and the District are working on completing the final design elements of the project and expect to have construction bid documentation completed by early May 2018. The District anticipates starting the construction bid process in May and would expect to review bids and award construction contracts in July 2018.

- Commencement of construction is projected to start in the fall, and once ground is broken, the District anticipates a three year project duration – that includes two years to construct the new building and a third year for demolition and development of the athletic fields and maintenance building. Of course, the project schedule could vary as the project specifications progress.

- To date, the District has issued approximately \$30 million in bonds that are funding initial project costs. During the initial project planning, the District projected anticipated borrowing costs and created a borrowing schedule to smooth the construction financing over time. So far, the District has issued the initial bonds at interest rates lower than projected rates, which in turn has yielded significant reduction in future interest expense to be paid on these bonds. The District expects to issue additional bonds over the next three years starting in 2018 to complete the construction financing.

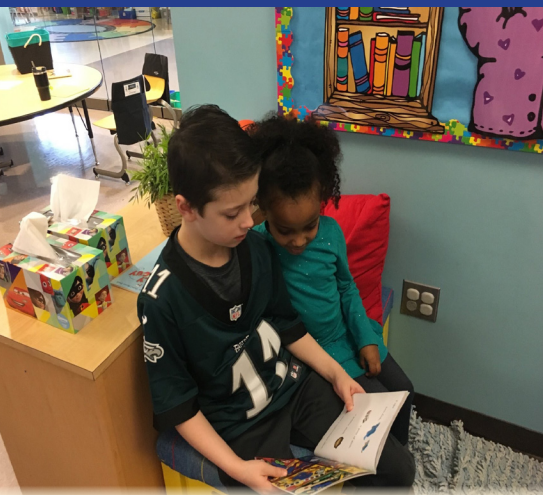
**"THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WANTS TO MAKE SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT THE BEST IT CAN BE. THIS PROJECT IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR STUDENTS' FUTURE AND AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE OF THE SPRINGFIELD AND MORTON COMMUNITIES."**

**KEVIN KEENAN**  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER





# MESSAGE FROM THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS



**ABOVE:** SLC STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR MARCH MADNESS BOOK TOURNAMENT



**ABOVE:** SABOLD STUDENTS WHIP UP TASTY TREATS IN THE COOKING CLUB



**ABOVE:** SCENIC HILLS STUDENTS HELP IN THE ANNUAL TURKEY FUND FUNDRAISER



**ABOVE:** ETR STUDENTS CELEBRATE RAISING OVER \$57,000 DURING THE 2018 BRUNNER BASH

## GREETINGS, SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES.

Happy Spring! As a school board member and school district parent, I want to thank you for sharing your amazing children with us. In Springfield School District, we are focused on providing not only a welcoming and safe school environment for our students, but also offering a stimulating educational experience. Our mission extends beyond the classroom walls to exposing students to the arts, athletics and service. Some activities in those areas you'll find highlighted on these pages. Our students accomplish remarkable things, with the help and support of their parents and guardians who are committed to their children and to the school district.

The Springfield Board of School Directors is dedicated to making Springfield School District the best it can be, and we recognize that good public schools strengthen our property values and the opportunities our students will enjoy in the future. Planning for tomorrow ensures that our schools remain the foundation of our community and continue to produce college and career ready students. Springfield School District continues to move in the right direction, with a team of board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and students committed to working towards a common goal of helping students reach their potential.

Communication with our community is important, so please visit us on the web ([www.ssdcougars.org](http://www.ssdcougars.org)) and on our social media outlets (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) to see what's happening in our schools and for the most up-to-date schedules and information. You can also reach out to your school board member whose information is included in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and I hope to see you at a school event soon!

**Jennifer Lofland**

Springfield Board of School Directors President

Registering a student? Visit [www.ssdcougars.org](http://www.ssdcougars.org) or call the Central Registration Office at 610-938-6021 to enroll your student.

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS

#### SPRINGFIELD LITERACY CENTER (SLC)

■ The SLC and ETR joined forces to develop a buddy program between Kindergarten and 7th grade students. During the first get-together, student buddies worked together on a getting to know you activity sheet. The next meeting in February focused on President's Day activities. Partners wrote about what they would do if they were president.

■ SHS students are partnering up with first graders for homework help. The club is offered every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday right after school at the SLC for reading, math, and writing. This year, each volunteer is scheduled to work with one student to guide that student's understanding of skills as well as develop a positive and friendly relationship.

■ In March, books "competed" against each other in a March Madness tournament. Classrooms voted on the books over a course of two weeks until they reached the final two. Students selected No David by David Shannon as the SLC BOOK OF THE YEAR. The SLC Home and School graciously purchased the championship book for every first grade and kindergarten student. Let the reading begin!

#### SABOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ Sabold students and their families had their annual Harvest Fun Night. More than 1,000 community members attended the event, which was filled with hayrides, decorating pumpkins, and an outdoor movie.

■ Students in third and fourth grades participated in "Caring & Sharing" during the month of November. Students earned money for chores completed at home, which they donated to local families in need. Students earned enough money to purchase 50 Thanksgiving meals for our families. Sabold students shopped and packed the boxes themselves. Springfield and Morton Police Departments helped deliver the meals to the families.

■ The Sabold Holiday Giving Project was once again a success. In lieu of a Holiday Shop, students were instead asked to focus on giving rather than receiving this past holiday season. Students were encouraged to bring in new or gently used books, games, sporting equipment, and winter coats to donate to students in need through the Big Brother, Big Sister organization.

■ More than 400 students participated in our winter clubs this year. Students had the opportunity to join a variety of clubs like Cooking Club, Running Club, Coding Club, and Chess Club. Clubs were free to students, as our Home & School Association covered the cost for all students.

#### SCENIC HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ The spirit of giving is strong at Scenic Hills. This year, Scenic collected 736 items for our annual Canned Food Drive, which supports the district's Souper Bowl of Caring. Scenic also raised over \$2,500 for the Turkey Fund, \$300 for our Cup of Joe for a Joe campaign, and more than \$16,000 for Jump Rope for Heart.



■ This year's Frostival on February 24th celebrated the Olympics with carnival games, inflatables, mini golf, face painting, food, and more! Approximately 800 people attended over the course of the day.

■ Three Scenic students were winners in the annual Media Area NAACP Black History Month Poster Contest.

■ Slated for May 10th, the annual Scenic Showcase is an art show featuring work by every Scenic student as well as a performance by the Scenic Singers.

## E.T. RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (ETR)

■ 7th grader Danny Niklauski qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee! He went on to earn 8th place out of 103 students in the Pennsylvania State Geography Bee competition.

■ Over 650 students participated in the 9th Annual Brunner Bash held on Saturday, March 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The students raised over \$57,000 to support several charitable organizations.

■ E.T. Richardson Middle School is recognized as a No Place for Hate school and was awarded the Central League Sportsmanship Award for the second consecutive year.

## SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (SHS)

■ Several students were selected to represent SHS at the 2018 PMEA District Band/Choral Festivals this year. Congratulations to Mike McGarrigle and Stephanie Eng for District Band, and Tim Olson and Marissa Pena for District Chorus. Stephanie advanced to the Regional Band Festival.

■ The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) held its regional competition at ETR Middle School in January. Nearly 40 SHS students competed, and many had a strong showing with 4 perfect scores, 26 first place finishes, and 5 second place finishes. First place and perfect score recipients will advance to state level competition. Perfect score recipients were: Joe Madden (11), Kerry McCann (12), Liam McLaughlin (9), and Rachel Newnam (9).

■ Twelve SHS students' art work was selected to be displayed at the annual Delaware County Community College Regional High School Art Exhibition. Congratulations to Nahkyia Abrams, Miranda Caramanico, Karli Davis, Caitlyn Rich, Amelia Sanfilippo, Savannah Willis, An-Me Morris, Gabby Varacalli, Jenny Hua, Alyson Minchin, Makhshoda Mills, and Winnie Lin.

■ The Widener University High School Leadership Award is awarded to local high school juniors who consistently demonstrate character by standing up for what is right, addressing injustices, and making a

significant difference in their community. Recipients also receive a \$20,000 scholarship if they attend Widener. Congratulations to Sarah Dahleh, the 2018 recipient.

■ Congratulations to Sophomore Kaitlin Siddons for being selected to represent SHS at the 2018 Hugh O'Brien Leadership Youth State Seminar. Applicants must demonstrate high levels of leadership, service, and innovation. The seminar equips and enables students in developing their leadership talents and abilities.

■ SHS students recognized by the Lions Club of Springfield for their outstanding efforts in serving their community included Kelly Hom, Dorothy Looby, Amal Srou, Loyal Srou, Laura Grubb, and Dave Bingaman. Philadelphia broadcasting personality, Michael Barkann from Comcast Sports, was the keynote speaker.

## COUGAR SPORTS

■ The football team won its second consecutive Central League title and third league championship in the last four years. The Cougars finished the season with a 14-1 record, the most wins in a single season in school history. Thirteen Cougars were selected to All-Delco teams, including five to All-Delco First Team.

■ Our cheerleading team finished another outstanding year. The girls won the Central League title for the second year in a row, won the District One Championship for the fourth year in a row, finished second at the state competition, and came in second place at Nationals!

■ In Track and Field, Phil Shovlin won the 60 meter dash at the Penn State Invitational and placed fourth at the state championship meet.

■ After going 12-3 in conference play, the girls basketball team won the Central League title for the 2017-18 season. The team also qualified for the state tournament, where they faced off against Archbishop Wood in the opening round of the PIAA Class 5A bracket.

■ Members of both the boys and girls swim teams qualified for the District One Swim Championships, which were held at La Salle University. Matthew Seifried competed in the 200 and 500 Yard Freestyle, while Carly Swartz competed in the 200 Yard Freestyle.

■ David Bagirov of the wrestling team placed fifth at the District 1 Class 3A Central Championship, which earned him a spot to compete in the 2018 South East AAA Regional.



ABOVE: THE CHEERLEADING TEAM CELEBRATES AS DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



ABOVE: FOUR SHS STUDENTS EARNED SPOTS AT THE 2018 BAND AND CHORAL FESTIVALS



ABOVE: SHS STUDENTS REVEL IN THEIR TERRIFIC SHOWING AT THE PJAS COMPETITION



ABOVE: COACH BRITTON DRAWS UP A PLAY FOR THE 2018 CENTRAL LEAGUE CHAMPION FOOTBALL TEAM

# SENIOR CONNECTIONS Golden Age Pass and Senior College

The Springfield Board of School Directors believes that senior citizens of the district deserve special passes that allow free admission to all district activities, including musical events, school plays, and athletic contests (with the exception of PIAA contests). The special pass for residents 60 years of age and older, called the **"Golden Age Pass,"** also entitles the person to whom it is issued free registration in the SSD Senior College. Starting in the fall of 2018, the SSD Senior College will offer adult enrichment courses held on the SSD campus, featuring popular evening courses from Delaware County Community College, such as Italian and Floral Workshop. All courses are free to participants.

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# MASTER PLAN TIMELINE

## PROJECT BENCHMARKS TO DATE

