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The strength of our community and the strength of our schools act together in a synergistic relationship. As the quality of education in our schools increases, the value of the homes in our community also increases. Your support of public education is critical in this relationship. For our schools and community to continue to improve and grow together, we must communicate well. Connect with us:

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# COUGAR COMMUNITY CORNER

## SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

### PROJECT UPDATE

The construction for the new Springfield High School has been underway since August 2018 and significant progress has been made on the construction of the building. Significant project site work has been completed prior to the start of the building construction, including site grading and the completion of the storm water management systems under the stadium site and the parking field along South Rolling Road. The frame of the building is rising out of the ground with the steel being set, stair towers erected and masonry walls being constructed for the gym and locker room areas along Speakman Drive. The focus for the work in the summer will be the construction of the roof and exterior walls and the completion of the concrete floor slabs.

The summer of 2019 will include some significant projects which will impact the high school campus and local roadways. For a project of this scope, changes in design and schedule are to be expected. Included below are some items of note regarding project timelines and financing:

■ South Rolling Road between Saxer Avenue and Leamy Avenue will be closed for construction starting June 17, 2019. The project will include the widening of Rolling Road and the addition of parallel parking, new sidewalks and a fence installed along the Septa rail line. This work is projected to be completed by the end of August. Road detour signs will be placed at various locations during the week of June 10, 2019 to notify drivers of the impacted areas.

■ Speakman Drive and the student parking lot on the North side of the construction site will be closed starting June 17, 2019 to allow for roadwork and utility connection work which is scheduled to be completed by mid-August.

■ The Cougar Gym (Blue Gym) will be demolished this summer to allow for the future construction of the new stadium, bleachers and track. This project will start at the end of the school year and will be completed by the end of the summer.

■ To date, the District has issued approximately \$75 million in bonds that are funding project construction costs. During the initial project planning, the District projected anticipated borrowing costs and created a borrowing schedule to smooth the construction financing over time. To date, the district has issued the current 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 two years to complete the project financing.





# MESSAGE FROM THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**BELOW:** SLC STUDENTS SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER AT THEIR HOLIDAY SING



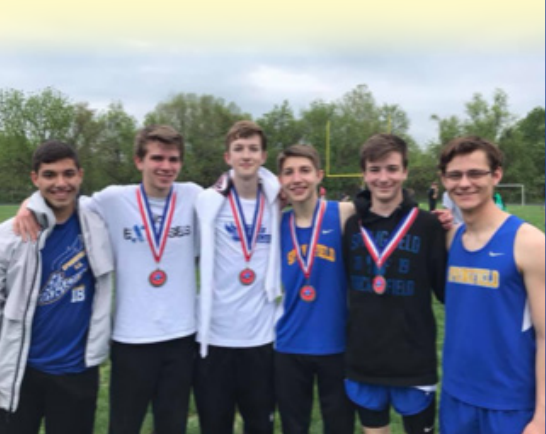
**BELOW:** SABOLD STUDENTS ROCKING THEIR SOCKS FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY



**BELOW:** SCENIC HILLS STUDENTS GETTING READY TO SHOW OFF THEIR AMAZING ARTWORK AT THE SCENIC SHOWCASE



**BELOW:** SHS COUGAR TRACK ACCEPTING THEIR MEDALS AFTER A STRONG SEASON



## GREETINGS, SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES.

It's hard to believe another school year is coming to an end. As an alumnus and parent of SHS alumni, I remember the countdown to the last day of school in June. I'm proud of the work that Springfield School District (SSD) has made in terms of parent/community engagement, school safety, achievement, accomplishments, and facilities.

The students in SSD have continued to make progress in the **Arts, Academics, Athletics, and Service**, with a committed team of board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and students whose common goal is helping students learn and realize their potential.

I encourage you to take the time to read through this newsletter to learn about some of the incredible things that have been happening here at SSD over the last several months. From the progress on the new high school to athletics to THON, you'll see that our students accomplish remarkable things, with the support of their parents and guardians who are committed to their children and to the school district.

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 information. You are also welcome to reach out to your school board member.

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

**Mr. Bruce Lord**

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 held their first Storybook Character Ball during Read Across America week. Students and staff dressed as their favorite storybook characters and had engaging discussions of why they chose a particular character.

■ In March, the SLC competed in their second March Madness tournament. Classrooms voted on the books over a course of two weeks until they reached the final two. Students selected *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems as the SLC book of the year! The SLC Home and School graciously purchased the championship book for every classroom and every first grade and kindergarten student. Let the reading begin!

■ SLC students enjoyed a live, cross-continental, cross cultural experience with children in a remote village in Western Mongolia. During the Skype session, SLC students showed all of the Legos that were collected, and we learned the Legos would be used for play and STEM educational projects. Both groups of students had the opportunity to connect with one another by asking questions about their favorite subjects, weather, culture and animals.

### SABOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ Sabold Elementary School has been nominated by the state of Pennsylvania to join the esteemed community of National Blue Ribbon Schools. National Blue Ribbon Schools are public and non-public elementary, middle, and high schools that are producing outstanding results for all students. They have demonstrated consistent excellence and made progress in closing gaps in student achievement. The National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition program is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about effective

school leadership and promising instructional practices. Only 13 outstanding public schools can be nominated from Pennsylvania for the National Blue Ribbon Schools award, and we are honored that Sabold has been selected as one of those schools.

■ Each year, the Division of Federal Programs honors the top performing Title 1 schools in Pennsylvania. The top 5% of schools based on achievement and progress criteria are selected. We are proud to announce that again this year, Sabold has been named a Distinguished School based on that criteria. The PA Department of Education, Division of Federal Programs, will be honoring Sabold Elementary at the 2019 Title 1 Improving Schools' Performance Conference as a 2018-2019 Distinguished Title 1 School.

■ Again this year, Sabold students participated in the Holiday Giving Project. During the holiday season, students were asked to focus on giving rather than receiving. Sabold students donated new or gently used books, games, sporting equipment, and winter coats to children in need through the Big Brother, Big Sister organization.

■ The Sabold showcase was a big success! Mrs. Mroz's Art Show featured multiple pieces of art work from all 650 Sabold students. Paintings, sculptures, clay projects, digital designs and more were on display, as Sabold families toured the hallways filled with student work.

### SCENIC HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ Scenic Hills was honored to be the recipient of the Delaware County Veterans' Memorial Freedom Medal in recognition of our support of active duty military and veterans. Scenic Hills also raised \$13,311 for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. They also raised \$300 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society, \$1,000 for childhood cancer research, and supported many other charities.

■ The events sponsored by the Home and School were a huge success again this year! Our circus-themed Frostival had approximately 900 attendees, Bingo Night had two sold out sessions, and Holidays Around the World was a fun way to kick off the holiday season!

■ Approximately 150 students participated in after-school intramurals this year, enjoying flag football, basketball, indoor hockey, and kickball. Nearly 400 students signed up for our two sessions of after school clubs, which included indoor recess games, chess and checkers, coding, drawing, yoga and more!

■ Scenic Singers, the combined elementary band and combined elementary orchestra, performed throughout the year at our winter and spring concerts as well as at the Scenic Showcase.

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

■ 8th grader Joseph Bannon qualified to compete in the state level competition of the National Geographic Bee!

■ The Brunner Bash activities throughout the school year raised over \$10,000 to support several charitable organizations including CHOP, The Ronald McDonald House, the SSD Turkey Fund, and the Brunner Scholarship.

■ ETR is the SSD Writing Center. The following students have been recognized for their excellent writing in the 2nd trimester Writing Contest: (8th grade) Kylie Squadroni, Bianca Brown, Evelyn Hao; (7th grade) Jazlynn Ebby, Grace Rubery, Lydia Kirkpatrick; (6th Grade) Tiana Bassett, Hannah Brady, Makenna Linsky. Makenna Linsky earned first place and Alexa Von Berg earned third place in the Delaware County Poetry Contest.

■ Over 800 community members came to ETR to watch our first musical, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown. We look forward to continuing this each year at ETR.

### SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (SHS)

■ PJAS - The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science is a state-wide organization for junior and senior high school students designed to stimulate and promote interest in science among its members through the development of research projects and investigations. As a whole team, five students earned perfect scores, 19 students won first awards, eight students received second awards, and one student earned a third award. First award and perfect score winners will go on to compete at the state competition at Penn State in May.

■ More than 5,000 students visited Hershey, PA for the 2019 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference. Nineteen SHS students were in attendance to compete in business and technology areas such as graphic design, accounting, cyber security, and personal

finance. Three students were State Award winners and one of them, Ryan Hobbs, earned a spot at the national competition being held in Austin, TX this summer. Many thanks to Mr. Eric Massimi and Mrs. Cynthia Gill, and congratulations to all FBLA student members for their accomplishments this school year.

■ The Performing Arts students at SHS provided the community with a year of wonderful and entertaining performances. Several students took the stage in June B Jones in the fall musical performance with senior Michaela Henry playing Junie B. Michaela was joined by students Julia Dath, Matt Storti, and others to produce a great show. The Spring show saw the return of many performers as the STW players brought us Into the Woods. Seniors Marissa Perri and Jason Breslin delivered showstopping performances along with many other cast members. Seniors Stephanie Eng and Marissa Perri represented SHS Band, Orchestra and Choir at the District and Regional PMEA festivals.

### COUGAR SPORTS

■ Congratulations to the Cougar girls basketball team for qualifying for the State tournament for the third straight year. Belle Mastropietro and Jordan D'Ambrosia both scored their 1000th point this season, and Jordan leaves Springfield High School as the all-time leading scorer for Cougar girls basketball.

■ Congratulations to our cheerleading team on winning their third consecutive Central League Championship. They also qualified for the District and State competition.

■ The Cougar girls lacrosse team had another outstanding season, finishing the regular season 13-5, placing second in the District tournament and qualifying for the State tournament. Congratulations to Belle Mastropietro and Alyssa Long for earning All American Honors.

■ Cougar boys lacrosse finished the regular season with a record of 16-1, earning the top seed in the District tournament and qualifying for the State tournament. Congratulations to Jack Spence and Pat Clemons for earning All American Honors.

■ There were a number of personal records in Cougar Spring track, led by the likes of Matt Coyle and Owen Sherbinko. Coyle narrowly missed Districts by a second in the 800m, while Sherbinko emerged as one of the best javelin throwers around, also narrowly missing Districts.

■ In Cougar tennis, Captains James Barbier and Steve Rice represented Springfield at the Central League Singles tournament, while Rice and Matt Reynolds, as well as Kevin Houston and Eric Agan, placed in the Central League Doubles tournament.



**ABOVE:** SHS FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA COMPETE AT THE FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN HERSHEY, PA



**ABOVE:** ETR STUDENTS CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF THE ANNUAL BRUNNER BASH



**ABOVE:** SHS NATIONAL ART HONOR STUDENTS PAINTING STREET POLES IN GOLF VIEW ESTATES AS PART OF A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

## 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. SSD Senior College, called Gold Pass Academy, offers adult enrichment courses held on the SSD campus, featuring popular evening courses from Delaware County Community College. Gold Pass Academy courses are free to participants.

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