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SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL MASTER PLAN

PROJECT UPDATE

Exciting News! Phase 1 of the Springfield High School Master Plan was successfully completed in December 2020. The new high school was occupied by the District Office Staff and High School Principal in mid-December, and the students began classes in the building on January 4, 2021. All of the classrooms and interior spaces have been completed, and classroom, office, and cafeteria furniture installation was done in early December. The contractors are finishing punch list items, and all work for Phase 1 should be completed by the end of May.

The stadium located on the west side of the building has been in operation since the fall of 2020, and the high school was able to host limited winter activities inside the building while managing COVID restrictions. Temporary parking has been established on the east side of the building and in the new parking lot on the corner of South Rolling Road and Leamy Avenue.

The pictures, found by scanning the QR code below, show some of the finished spaces inside the building, as well as some of the exterior areas of the building. The district is hopefully planning community tours of the building, in addition to a building opening ceremony in the late spring or summer timeframe. More information will be provided as plans are finalized.

Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Master Plan project have commenced in mid-January. Demolition of the existing high school and related site work are in full swing, and you can see the demolition of the old building progressing each week. Phase 3 work will start after the demolition phase and will include the installation of the remaining athletic fields, visitor bleachers, and final parking lot completion on the corner of Rolling and Leamy Avenue.

In October 2020, the district issued an additional \$17 million in new bond proceeds to finance the balance of the construction project. To date, the district has generated approximately \$128 million in construction fund deposits that are funding current project costs. In addition, the district refunded the Series 2015 bonds and will realize future interest expense savings in excess of \$2 million over the remaining term of the bonds. The district is currently working on refunding the Series A of 2016 bonds at lower interest rates which will produce additional savings over the remaining term.

Students in Mr. Mann's Photography Class had the opportunity to photograph the new Springfield High School. Scan the QR code found below to view more photos. Photo below courtesy of Grace Poggi, grade 10.



MESSAGE FROM THE SPRINGFIELD BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

BELOW: SABOLD STUDENTS CELEBRATE BEING IN SCHOOL 4 DAYS A WEEK.



BELOW: THE COUGAR WELCOMES SCENIC STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL.



BELOW: SLC STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE STORYBOOK CHARACTER BALL.



BELOW: ETR STUDENT USES CODING SKILLS TO CONTROL DRONES.



GREETINGS, SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT FAMILIES.

To say that the last year and a half has been a challenging time for our community is an understatement. But, in true SSD form, the community has come together to finish the 20-21 school year Springfield Strong in the **Arts, Academics, Athletics, and Service**.

I'm so proud of the work that our Springfield students, staff, and families have done to make learning possible since the onset of the COVID pandemic. Our community has shown its flexibility and resilience. This newsletter highlights several of the amazing accomplishments and activities of the 2020-2021 school year – from the opening of the new high school to the success of the SHS Girls basketball team! Please take some time to learn about the remarkable things that our students have undertaken.

As always, 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) 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 or call the Central Registration Office at **610-938-6018** to enroll your student.

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

REVISITING THE EXCITING SEASON OF LEARNING

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 Pete the Cat, Fancy Nancy, Pinkalicious, and Arthur, just to name a few.

■ Ross Burach, author of *The Little Butterfly that Could*, shared his story over Zoom with our first graders. This interactive Zoom visit allowed students to ask questions, participate in a drawing demonstration, and learn the writing process from a published author.

■ We had our Third Annual 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, and the winner was *Ducks Don't Wear Socks* by John Nedwidek.

■ We had two winners in the Dr. Nicholas Spennato Young Authors' Project for the 2019-2020 school year. Jimmy Salmon, a current second grader, won for his story "The Magic Carpet Ride". Also, Emily Keating, a current first grader, won for her story "The Day My Dad Left". Congratulations, Jimmy and Emily!

SABOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ Nearly 400 students participated in Sabold's clubs and intramurals this year. Students had the opportunity to participate in new clubs like American Sign Language, Beginner Guitar,

Bucket Drumming, Fitness Factory, and many more. We were thrilled to be able to offer these exciting clubs this year.

■ The Sabold Science Fair boasted impressive projects again this year. More than 100 students participated in grades 3-5. We learned about germs, the weather, and which fruit creates the strongest electrical current!

■ Sabold continues to celebrate diversity and teach acceptance. We "rocked our socks" for World Down Syndrome Day, selling 850 pairs of our boldest and brightest pairs of socks in March. In April, we were determined to "Light it Up Blue" for Autism Awareness. All students and staff participated by proudly wearing our blue and learning more about Autism.

■ Second grade students participated in their first Biography Day this year. Students researched and presented information about some of our famous inspirational leaders in history. Students learned more about Thomas Edison, Jackie Robinson, Sal Khan, Kristi Yamaguchi, Ruby Bridges, and many more people who have shaped our past to help us have a bright future!

SCENIC HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

■ This was a year to show our grit, as we moved from virtual to hybrid to in-person learning models. Kudos to the students, staff, and families for their perseverance and determination! Although we had no large events this year, we celebrated Halloween with an in-house parade through the building. We observed Black History Month with a third grade video honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, and, of course, we

celebrated reading for Read Across America Week with a fun spirit day each day!

■ We honored student achievements by recognizing Students of the Month, awarding Scenic Stars for Academic Excellence, and by presenting Scenic Spotters to those students spotted doing something great!

■ The spirit of giving is strong at Scenic Hills! This year, while on the hybrid model, Scenic collected more than 200 items for our annual Canned Food Drive in just two days to support the Souper Bowl of Caring. Scenic also raised \$209 for the Turkey Fund, \$150 for our Cup of Joe for a Joe campaign, and \$11,474.35 for Kids Healthy Heart Challenge.

E.T. RICHARDSON MIDDLE SCHOOL (ETR)

■ This year, the eighth grade E.T. Richardson students will be creating a memorial in honor of Memorial Day. The purpose of the Social Studies project is to commemorate veterans from the Springfield/Morton community. The goal is to create a deeper understanding of civic responsibility and appreciation for those who have served and sacrificed their lives for their country.

■ ETR students have successfully competed in the Scripps Spelling Bee and the ETR Geography Bee. Makenna L. (grade 8) and Shane M. (grade 7) were the ETR Scripps Spelling Bee Champs. For the Geography Bee, 1st place was Siyuan Z. (grade 7), 2nd place was Stephen K. (grade 8), and 3rd place was Robert C. (grade 6).

■ Students in grade 7 were offered a new class in Unified Arts. In the Coding and Droning class, students get introduced to basic programming as they create interactive stories, design animations, and make minigames. As their skills build, they are introduced to writing basic code to control drones. The coding activities build and reinforce STEM skills in geometry, art, math, and science.

SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (SHS)

■ The most exciting highlight of the 2020-2021 school year was the opportunity to enter the new high school for the first time. There was, and continues to be, a tremendous amount of joy, pride, excitement, and gratitude on the part of our faculty, staff, and students each day we are in the building. We are very grateful to the Springfield and Morton communities for the support of this fantastic school.

■ Despite the limitations and restrictions of the pandemic, several of our student clubs and athletic teams maintained their competitive spirit

with many proud accomplishments. The most notable was the Cougar Girls Basketball team winning the Central League Title, defending the District 1 Title and making it to the State semi-final game.

■ Our PJAS and FBLA teams continue to be a competitive force in Delaware County. The Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) 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. Fifteen students from SHS earned first place awards and will move on to compete at the state level competition in May.

■ Our Hi-Q team, a scholastic competition team, finished in second place in the semi-finals. They ended the season in fourth place overall, out of 21 Hi-Q teams.

■ Members of the senior class have been recognized at our annual award and scholarship ceremony. Nearly 100 seniors received awards and scholarships from public and private donors totaling over \$165,000. Our seniors, and all of our students, are to be recognized for their efforts and resilience to sustain their dedication to their academic endeavors.

■ Two members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) placed in the top 10 at the FBLA State Leadership Conference.

COUGAR SPORTS

■ The Cougar Girls Basketball team had an outstanding year. They won the Central League Title, won the District Championship for the second consecutive year, and made it to the semi-final round of the State Tournament. They finished their season with a 23 – 1 record, our best winning percentage in school history! Senior Captain Alexa Abbonizio became the all-time leading scorer and fellow Senior Captain Rachel Conran earned First Team All Central, along with Alexa, who both led the team in this historic season.

■ Spring sports are off to a great start! The SHS Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams are both 5 – 2. Our SHS Girls Softball team is 5 – 1. The SHS Cougar Baseball team is currently 5 – 3, and the SHS Girls Track team is also off to a fast start with a 7 – 1 record to date. All of our spring teams are in the hunt for a Central League Title, and all should make the District playoffs.



ABOVE: MR. TROUT'S CLASS LEARN HOW TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.



ABOVE: COUGAR GIRLS BASKETBALL CELEBRATE THEIR WINNING SEASON.



ABOVE: ETR GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS.



ABOVE: STUDENTS WEAR MASKS WHILE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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. More information regarding Gold Pass Academy classes will be forthcoming.

For more information, please contact Beth Brady at 610.938.6004 or beth.brady@ssdcougars.org



SSD'S RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM

Faculty and staff worked hard to ensure a safe return to the classroom. In October 2020, under the guidance of the Chester County Health Department, students returned to the Springfield School District for in-person instruction in a hybrid model. The hybrid model allowed for physical distancing of students during instruction, transition, and transportation, while providing in-person learning for our students. To ensure everyone's safety, families are asked to continue to monitor student's symptoms every morning using the "Student Daily Symptom Checker" found on the district website. Our staff do this as well before they come to school every day. To make this work and keep our students, families, and staff safe, we want to continue to emphasize a few key elements of our Health & Safety Plan:

- Students and staff are required to wear a mask at all times while on school property.
- Continue to emphasize proper hygiene and handwashing/sanitizing at home.
- Contact your building nurse before sending your child into school if your child is experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.

We are grateful for the cooperation and support of our students, staff, and families to be able to continue in-person instruction.

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM



ABOVE: CHARTWELLS STAFF DISTRIBUTE MEALS TO THE COMMUNITY.

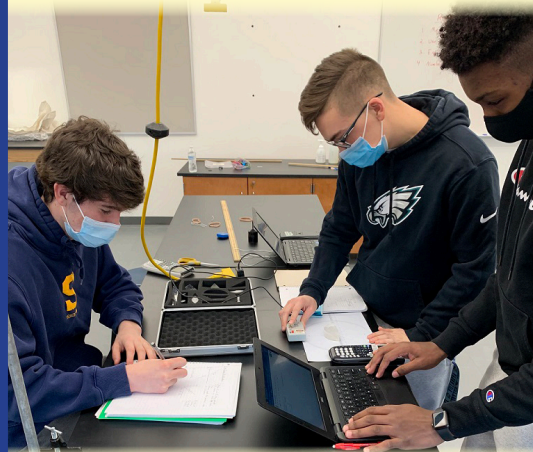
The Springfield School District Food Service Department is happy to announce the return to the Seamless Summer Option through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. This program means that we are able to provide FREE meals to all enrolled Springfield School District students. Completion of a meal reservation survey is required to participate. Contact Brandon Lang at Brandon.Lang@ssdcougars.org for more information.

ARTS & ACHIEVERS

Each year, several Springfield School District graduates and contributors are inducted into the Arts & Achievers Hall of Fame (run by Springfield Area Educational Foundation - SAEF). These inductees have had a meaningful impact in their respective fields, such as medicine, business, public service, military, education, and the arts. The Arts & Achievers Committee is currently accepting nominations for those who have had a significant influence in their field. If you know of someone you would like to nominate, please email Steve Todaro at cuonthetee@aol.com.



ABOVE: SABOLD STUDENT EXPRESSES HER CREATIVITY WHILE HAVING ART CLASS OUTSIDE.



ABOVE: SHS STUDENTS COLLABORATE DURING PHYSICS CLASS.



ABOVE: SHS STUDENTS CELEBRATED A WIN AT THE BOCCIE TOURNAMENT.



ABOVE: SCENIC STUDENTS ARE LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM AGAIN.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021

Alexa Abbonizio	Ryan Cozzone	Michael Grapin	Amanda Mastroddi	Victoria Ryan
Grace Adams	Kira Criscuolo	Seth Guignard	Shannon McAndrews	Connor Rysak
Eric Agan	Grace Cucchi	Jerusalem Hailemicael	Aislinn McAnulla	Zouhra Sadati
Dagemawi Alemayehu	Edward Cullen	Hunter Hammock	Kevin McCann	Nico Santini
Leilana Allen	Grace Cullen	Danielle Hathaway	Matthew McGarrigle	Emma Schneider
William Anderson	Thomas Curtin	James Hay	Bridget McGinn	Paul Schneider
Etienne Arnoult	Kayla Danzi	Deja Hayden	Carlyne McGurk	Alexander Sciarrino
Monsif Atify	Kaitlin Dasovich	Kayla Hayes	Brendan McKnight	Colin Seavey
Alexis Atkins	Robert Day	Gina Marie Hazzard	Grace McKnight	Owen Seifried
Jayden Baiden	Matthew Debany	Matthew Henry	Aidan McLane	Julianne Serra
Arianna Baratelle	Samuel Debany	Robert Hneleski	Liam McLaughlin	Samuel Sherbinko
Christopher Barrett	Brandon Decker	Ella Hoath	James McManus	Alexis Shirley
Emerson Bass	Logan DeConti	Grace Hoath	Kayley McMenamin	Sara Siegel
Julia Battista	Rylie Deegan	Emma Hoban	Mary McMonagle	Hannah Smith
Danielle Baun	Danielle DeLuca	Kayla Holstein	Brendan McShane	Benjamin Sokol
Marisa Beard	Mallory Devinney	Gregory Hopkins	Sean Meenan	Dylan Sollenberger
Seamus Beck	Christopher DeWees	Brooke Hunter	Samuel Melchior	Aidan Sommer
Marissa Belfie	Nicholas Dezzi	Kate Hurley	Jake Methlie	Payton Spaccarelli
Farida Benali	Angelina DiLorenzo	Anthony Iatesta	Najah Milner-Duggan	John Spadaro
Samantha Benham	Aidan Dobinson	Bizmarck Von Icalina	Colton Moleski	Samantha Stewart
Mackenzie Benjamin	Grace Doerr	Jonathan Illing	Brenna Montgomery	Carson Stienstra
Mia Berman	Eliza Donaldson	Joshua Illing	Amina Morris	Jake Stockmal
Sabrina Betts	Anna Dooner	Gianna Isetts	Jessica Murtha	Benjamin Storz
Nicholas Biondy	Natalie Dougherty	Michael Johnson	Abigail Nash	Jasmine Strout
Luke Bordarrampe	Patrick Dougherty	Lauren Johnston	Lerissa Ndini	Jamie Strain
Maxwell Bottone-Zanders	Ruth Anne Dougherty	Alexandra Jones	Jane-Frances Ndukwu	TaNia Sudler
Brian Bradley	Brendan Downey	Elizabeth Jones	Emma Newcomb	Salvatore Swafford
Samuel Brattini	Aidan Doyle	Laura Jones	Rachel Newnam	Steven Talley
Hannah Breslin	Michael Duffy	Matthew Karian	Andrew Nguyen	Matthew Tassone
Naceem Bright	Justin Eaton	Braden Kearney	Robert O'Brien	Amen Taye
Haley Brooks	Jake Eden	Jessica Kehner	Casey O'Connor	Jason Terzoglou
Micah Brown	Ashley Ellis	Ryan Kennedy	Alyssa Oruska	Anthony Teufel
Daniel Burke	Matthew Ellison	Victoria Keppel	Gianna Ottaviano	Viraj Thomas
Colin Burns	Claire Erich	Ryan Kertis	Megan Padilla	Mia Thompson
Elijah Busby	Kenneth Everetts	Joshua Kilgallen	John Palmatory	Joshua Thorpe
Logan Busch	Olivia Fabian	Brian King	William Palumbo	John Thurmanger
Jillian Bush	Lauren Fadgen	Kacie Kinney	Akshay Patel	Anh Tran
Alexander Butcher	Andrew Faustman	Joshua Kirkpatrick	Louis Pavlovitch	Rory Travers
Allison Butler	Alyssa Ferguson	Adam Kistler	Michael Peebles	Clara Trimble
Jake Callahan	Brian Finley	Jake Kuzmick	Jake Peichel	Michael Truax
Jenna Callahan	Joshua Fiorentino	Sean Larkin	Zachary Perkins	Cody Tunnell
Jessica Carloni	Andrew Fox	Ashlynn Leaf	Zane Pflieger	Christopher Varallo
Nicholas Casale	Emma Friel	Zachary LeDonne	Anh Phan	Christian Vickerman
Jensine Chikkala	Caroline Fuimano	Logan Lennon	Scott Phan	Megan Vince
Jordyn Chisholm	Thomas Gabel	Stephen Licciardello	Nina Phillips	Riley Volz
Joseph Choi	Matthew Gagliardi	Katarina Lilic	Lytic Porreca-Engstrom	Megan Walsh
John Ciano	Mia Gagliardi	Andrew Lim	Brian Pullia	Cathleen Walters
Samantha Ciasullo	Daniel Gallagher	Danny Lin	Daniel Puskas	Jordan Warren
Lauren Cipolla	Evan Gallagher	Winnie Lin	Tyler Raffel	Jacquelyn Weihermuller
Kieran Clair	Jamie Galloway	Olivia Litten	Nicholas Ramani	Joshua Welsh
John Clark	Jordan Galloway	George Lock	Ethan Ramos	Lily Westerling
Victoria Clark	Paige Gambardella	Nicholas Lombrana	Michael Reiter	Cara Wilkins
Alyssa Coccoli	Benjamin Gardner	Suky Lucas	Evan Ren	John Williams
Jillian Condi	Michael Garrett	Jaimie Madden	Colin Renning	Jaylin Wilson
Gerard Coney	Riley Garrison-Kline	Mackenzie Maffei	Matthew Reynolds	Ariana Winter-Highland
Brendan Cong	Jack Gerzabek	Sarah Maguire	Cole Rhodes	Kristen Wislowski
Patrick Conley	Samuel Richard Gibson	Victoria Manfredia	Grace Riehl	Daniel Woodruff
Rachel Conran	Andrew Gilbert	Sierra Manieri	Caroline Ries	Joshua Wright
Sophia Cooke	Kaitlyn Goblirsch	William Marryott	Anthony Rizzio	Ashley Wyatt
Nico Coppola	Brett Gougler	Kyle Marshall	Gabriella Robinson	Michael Wysocki
Makayla Cox	Francis Grady	Thomas Martinez-Agnew	Samirah Rodgers	Krysta Zapiec
Althea Coxe	Anthony Grande	Amanda Masino	Chad Ruppert	Sarah Zito

List of graduates is based on enrollment data created on 4/23/21.



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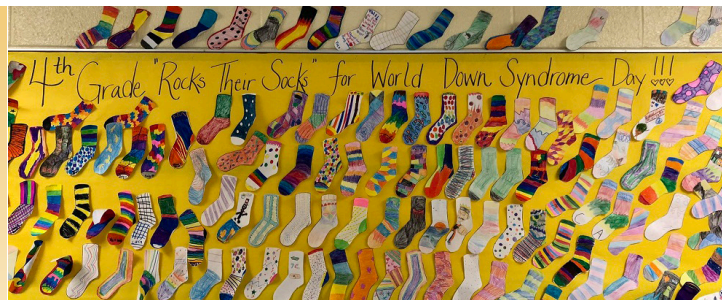
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