# **POSITIVE HAPPENINGS – December 5, 2022, BOARD MEETING**

### Mr. Shannon Yeager - Beaty-Warren Middle School

At the end of October, we held a pumpkin carving contest in our advisories. The winner was a hamburger design from Mrs. Massa's classroom! The first week of November, we celebrated Red Ribbon Week, with daily spirit themes, including Soccer moms versus Barbeque dads, which the students really seemed to enjoy! Winter sports have started, and the boys' basketball and winter cheer teams have begun practicing for competitions this winter! On November 11th, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade took a field trip to the YMCA for the membership initiative and learned all about what is available at the Y! Our teachers awarded Golden Tickets to students in conjunction with our second step program. Students received a golden ticket for being an upstander and helping peers that were being bullied. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students dissected owl pellets in class, while our 8<sup>th</sup> grade medical detectives were busy identifying diseases at our clinic. 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA also enjoyed a guest speaker, Ms. Carmichael, speaking to them about her writing career! They learned even more about careers at the career day trip at Holy Redeemer on November 11th!

## Mr. Brian Reynolds - Eisenhower Elementary School

### Mrs. Ericka Alm – Virtual Academy

### Ms. Nikki Nichols - Sheffield Area Elementary School

SAES was busy working in WIN groups on the bursts available through CKLA. They have been working in small groups for math in each grade. The data from our district assessments has been driving our instruction in class and in small groups.

The kids were treated to an assembly about never giving up. The kids really enjoyed the assembly and the message followed with a character education lesson for the kids.

Our PBIS program PRIDE is in full swing, and the kids are meeting expectations and receiving PRIDE tickets. The tickets then get pulled for mid quarter prizes and end of the quarter prizes. The kids get so excited in hopes that their PRIDE ticket gets drawn.

The end of the month was full of excitement in the halls of SAES. We decked the halls and turned SAES into the Sheffield Polar Express. I cannot use words to express the amazing transformation that occurred. Each student participated in 6 crafts that would end up on the walls, the tree, or hanging from the ceiling of the halls. Please come and see The Sheffield Polar Express anytime.

Our Christmas Concert will be on December 7 at 6 PM grades K-5 will perform for family and friends. We would love to see you there as well.

The PTO is providing the Penguin Patch for grades K-5. This is an opportunity for kids to buy presents for their family members. At the end of the week the company that we purchase the items to sell from allows us to give items to any child that could not afford to buy anything for their family. This is exciting for SAES because between the monetary donations from families and the company's generous offer all kids take something home for a loved one for the holidays.

## Mr. Glenn Smith - Sheffield Area Middle High School

The students at Sheffield Area Middle High School have been learning about the new Glowforge engraver that was recently purchased. It has been installed and Ms. Turk will be integrating it into the curriculum soon. The equipment has endless possibilities and will help students learn a new medium of both technology and artwork.

The entire Sheffield Campus recently participated in a Veteran's Day assembly. Ms. Joblon worked very hard creating materials and organizing the event which had many of the communities veterans attend and allowed them to be recognized. Former Navy Seal, Thad Turner, spoke and shared information for the students. Overall, it was an excellent experience for all in attendance.

### Ms. Jennifer Hobbs- Warren Area Elementary Center

The month of November has been full of fun and excitement at WAEC! Many positive PBIS incentives have continued, including monthly live Bucket Filler assemblies and weekly Principal Lunches with Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Harris. This month, Mrs. Hobbs and Mrs. Harris enjoyed Principal Lunches with several of our Special Education classrooms. On that note, WAEC also welcomed our new Special Education Supervisor, Mrs. Julia Murphy, during the month of November; we are excited to have her join our leadership team and greatly appreciative of all the experience and insights that she brings to us! A strong focus on the importance of "Parent and Family Engagement" continues at WAEC with the previously celebrated Fall Festival and upcoming Family Night Winter Celebration as well. The month of November also brought tremendous academic gains for our students as teachers really began to embrace the newly implemented Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) curriculum. Many teachers have found ways to augment the already rich curriculum, planning fun and exciting "end of unit" culminating activities such as the cross-curriculum "Health and Physical Education" Skeleton activity by Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Decker; the cultural awareness "Henna Art" activity by Miss Gorgacz; and the historical immersion activity including a full Knight's costume by 4th grade teacher, Mr. Marty Durnell. WAEC looks forward to the return of many amazing Christmas traditions including caroling at WAHS, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Christmas concert, and the "Christmas Sing-along" as the month of December approaches.

### Mrs. Amy Stimmell – Warren Area High School

WAHS students selected for PMEA District Band: Ruby Alburger, Camden Drayer, Kianna Jackson WAHS students selected for PMEA District Orchestra: Camden Drayer, Kianna Jackson WAHS student auditioned and made PMEA District Jazz Band 2: Camden Drayer

Eleven sophomore and junior girls attended Women in Engineering at Penn State Behrend on Friday, November 18th. They participated in workshops that had to do with manufacturing production, assembly lines, built a motor and attended a keynote speaker to hear about her "boring" journey into the world of engineering. They interacted with several female professional engineers and female engineering students. A good time was had by all.

Sara Tonks gave presentations to two of Mrs. Dailey's classes on Tuesday, November 29th. Her presentation on weather and careers in meteorology was interesting and informative. She discussed courses students in those careers are typically required to take. She discussed her job requirements and benefits of the job. Her camera man filmed, and it will be on the news Friday.

Volleyball Team D-10 runner up

Cross country sent 3 runners to states

Girls' Soccer team qualified for state tournament

# Mr. Jim Evers - Warren County Career Center

Protective Services conducted safety training with Warren County Home School students and parents. Students received "Stop, Drop and Roll," "Get Low and Go," "What does a fire fighter look and sound like," and "Safety Plan" training. Parents received fire extinguisher training.

BCO created Christmas cards to be sent to various locations such as the Rouse Estates, Warren Manor, etc.

Welding teamed with Ellwood National Forge to provide student incentives for perfect attendance and good work ethics. Ellwood donated welding gloves and hats.

9<sup>th</sup> grade tours are scheduled for December 6-7-8

OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for December 8 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Building Construction (BCO) built the Santa mailbox for WCCBI and a Grinch mailbox and "post office" for Mckissocks.



### Mrs. Elizabeth Kent – Youngsville Elementary School

Over 30 students are participating in instrumental lessons. This number is higher than I have ever seen at YES or YEMS!! All due to Mrs. Cecelia Peterson, our new music teacher!

A PJ Day was able to raise \$318 for the KIN Thanksgiving Meals from Bob Evans.

Student donations filled 13 boxes of Thanksgiving foods for our YES families in need. All families received much more than what will be needed for a Thanksgiving meal, and we hope that it will be helpful to our families during this busy and expensive time of year.

#### Mrs. Amy Beers - Eisenhower Middle High School

The Knights marching band was very successful this year. Competing in TOB Group 1 A they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Region 8 championship, 5<sup>th</sup> in the PA State Championship, and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Atlantic Coast Championship. This was their first time placing in the top 10 at ACC's.

With 22 students in grades 6-12, nine of which were first year members, the Knights marching band competed against other bands that were mostly comprised of 10-12 grade students and with the maximum students of up to 30 winds and percussion for group 1 A competition.

With the support of our building and district administration the marching band has been able to continue competing and performing for home football games. We would like to thank our parents, friends and family, and especially the Bandtastic Boosters who have continued to fundraise, help out, and support our students whenever possible.

The marching band looks forward to everyone's continued support as they begin preparing for next season!

The Knights football team earned a PIAA D-10 metal as runner up in the D-10 Championship game against Reynolds. The final record for the Knights was 11-1. It was a fantastic year with several records broken.

### Mr. Paul Crider – Youngsville Middle High School

Winter Sports have begun and are in full swing. Our numbers for JH wrestling were excellent and we are now running a middle school program in addition to our varsity program.

Eagle's Eye- the seniors have brought back the "Eagle's Eye" weekly broadcast, the group is working hard to raise money to purchase new equipment, a recent fundraiser was just complete, and the group raised a considerable amount of money that will be used towards purchasing new camera and editing equipment.

ASVAB- several students took the ASVAB on 11/22/2022, a total of 45 students took the exam, 36 (11<sup>th</sup> graders) and 9 (12 students). Of the 45 students that took the exam, 21 students achieved a passing score of above 31 and one student scored a 94 out of a possible 99!

Warren County Career Center - 11 YMHS students new certifications in the program they are enrolled in.