

POSITIVE HAPPENINGS – January 9, 2023, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Shannon Yeager – Beaty-Warren Middle School

Our boys' basketball team is in full swing, and we are having a great time with our junior flannel panel themes! So far, the students have worn camouflage, flannel shirts, and Christmas sweaters! Students are encouraged to wear the theme for the school day and stay after school for our games! We have also added a couch in the gymnasium so students can win the "best seat in the house" for any home game. They can use their positive behavior points to buy chances! Students in STEM completed some pretty amazing projects, learning about circuitry, mechanical structure, 3D designing and pneumatics! We are also excited to use PBIS points for our holiday carnival day! We will have activities ranging from caroling to cookie baking and from gym sports to canvas painting, not to mention lots of other activities and concessions!

Mr. Brian Reynolds – Eisenhower Elementary School

EES sent a team of 4 staff members to Hershey to the PaPBS Implementors Forum conference in Hershey Pa. 11/30/2022 - 12/2/2022. They brought back a plethora of ideas and strategies to discuss and implement into their SWPBIS program.

PTC put on a Santa Sale for the elementary students to purchase gifts for their loved ones, the students lovingly and excitedly purchased gifts to be given away at Christmas. Thank you, PTC, for all the work involved in this project.

The faculty and staff at EES and EMHS headed by Mrs. Livingston promoted school spirit among the staff by having a basket raffle for the staff. Proceeds from the raffle will be used at EES for a Holiday Project and EMHS for their Food Pantry.

Celebrating Mr. Penley's 100 football win. First grader, Baerett Morgan read a poem to Mr. Penley called 100 That's A Lot. The poem listed many items that a football coach would use. After reading the poem Mr. Penley was presented with a jar and then 100 kindergarten and first graders each placed 1 penny in the jar. 100 kindergarten and first graders... Now That's A Lot.

We are in the middle of our own EES Angel Tree event. The Angel Tree tags went fast. They were all snatched up the very first day they were available. A huge thank you goes out to all the families and staff members that help with the Angel Tree.

Our 2nd and 4th Graders put on an amazing Christmas concert for friends and family. It was the first event like this in 3 years!

Mrs. Ericka Alm – Virtual Academy

WCSD Virtual Learning is currently servicing 411 students K to 12 between full time, part time, enrichment, and credit recovery.

13 Full time students took advantage of receiving tutoring help in the building during a virtual support day for the month of December.

Ms. Nikki Nichols – Sheffield Area Elementary School

SAES has been busy. Students have been working hard in small groups for WIN and additional small groups within their ELA and math classes. The groups are created based on individual student data to meet the needs of the students in specific areas. SAES has been chugging along the SAES Polar Express all month as the halls of SAES have been transformed into the Polar Express. The kids enjoy fresh fruits and veggies 3 days a week, thanks to the FFVP grant. There was a Christmas Band and Chorus Concert on December 7th. On December 20th the SAES PTO put together a Family Movie Night with popcorn and hot cocoa.

Mr. Glenn Smith – Sheffield Area Middle High School

Many charitable organizations and individuals within the school district and outside agencies made a multitude of donations to ensure families in the Sheffield area had a quality Thanksgiving meal, Christmas ham, Christmas gifts, and much more.

SAMHS engaged in a week's worth of holiday festivities including an Ugly Sweater Day, door decorating, and school decorating. It really helped to get students more cheerful and relieve some stress from their studies.

Ms. Jennifer Hobbs– Warren Area Elementary Center

The month of December has been full of fun and joy for students and staff at WAEC! In early December, students in Mrs. Salvatore's 4th grade class traveled to the Warren Public Library as an incentive trip for receiving the "Golden Book" award for demonstrating F.I.R.E. in their specials area classes. Teachers across numerous grade levels began to incorporate additional fun and exciting cultural elements into their classrooms to augment the newly implemented CKLA curriculum: 2nd grade teacher Leah Gorgacz incorporated a Henna Art activity and 4th grade teacher Marty Durnell dressed as a Knight to teach a historically-rooted lesson. "Spirit Week" began December 19th and featured a variety of character look-alikes, pajama day, and other fun themes. On Tuesday, December 13th, 2nd graders celebrated their first in-person Christmas concert since the onset of COVID-19 several years ago; the gymnasium was packed with parents and family members! On Tuesday and Wednesday December 20th and 21st, 3rd graders continued a second-year tradition of caroling through the halls at WAHS; this annual event was begun under the leadership of Music Teacher Parker Neal and has been incredibly well received by WAHS administration, staff, and students. The excitement peaked on the last day of school for the 2022 school year with the return of the Annual WAEC Sing-A-Long, featuring songs led by Mr. Neal and 2nd grade teacher Mrs. McClellan; performances by 2nd and 3rd grade classes; "the 12 days of Christmas" by WAEC teachers/staff; an ugly sweater contest, live Bucket Filler assembly, and, of course, the appearance of the special guest-of-honor, Santa.

Mrs. Amy Stimmell – Warren Area High School

Tuesday, Dec. 20th, the Warren Area High School Music Department performed "Sounds of the Season" in WAHS Auditorium. Participating students played and sang selected holiday works they had been working on throughout the course of the first semester. Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Concert and were under the direction of Mrs. Marcia White. Concert Choir, A Cappella Choir, and Madrigals were under the direction Ms. Joy McMonigal. The concert came to a close with a combined piece by All Ensembles together performing a Medley of Holiday Tunes called "It's the Holiday Season". Anyone in attendance was surely put into the holiday spirit.



Mr. Jim Evers – Warren County Career Center

Protective Services was invited to do a Fire Safety Training session with Hospice of Warren County - Quaker Hill Rd House. This event occurred on Dec 14th. This was a short notice event; students were not available to attend the afterhours session. Students prepared the materials to be taught at the event. I was able to complete the session.

Topics of the Session included Fires within the building, Protect in place vs evacuate, Importance of doors being closed, Hands-on Fire extinguisher training, Fire outside of the building, Creating vegetation buffer zone, When to evacuate, Evacuation Practice, Hands-on patient removal from a bed. Total time on site: 1hr 45minutes.

Welding students in both the AM and PM session (around 12 students) decided to provide Christmas gifts for over 5 students from WAEC. Based on the information provided by WAEC, the students purchased gifts of toys, clothing, boots, sneakers, etc. This was the 2nd year in a row students from Welding chose to help students in need during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kent – Youngsville Elementary School

Mrs. Amy Beers – Eisenhower Middle High School

EMHS kicked off the holiday season with a beautiful Christmas Concert highlighting the talents of both our middle level and senior level choirs as well as our Reflections and Fantasia groups. Many of these students were able to share their musical gifts with various nursing homes and pre-schools this year as they traveled around the community for a field trip geared at spreading holiday cheer. Our choirs also caroled through the elementary and middle/high school hallways. The EMHS Key Club spearheaded a food drive and was able to provide 17 Christmas dinners to families in need this year. Our faculty and staff put together 42 separate Christmas gift bags with the assistance of the Local Lions and Lioness Clubs as well. Each of these activities provided the opportunity for EMHS students to learn that giving is just as special, if not more so, than receiving during the holiday season. As a result of their efforts in spreading holiday cheer, EMHS Student Council sponsored a Christmas Spirit Week which ended with students earning a little time to celebrate with one another on the afternoon of December 22nd, where they were able to watch movies together in their Christmas PJs and enjoy an intermission snack of movie theater popcorn and hot chocolate.

Mr. Paul Crider – Youngsville Middle High School