

The NS Community Newsletter

From the Desk of Ken O. Roseberry, Principal

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Principal Message

It has been a great first half to the 2015 – 2016 school year. Staff and students are enjoying the culmination of the renovation project that was started at the beginning of last year. I can tell you that our physical facilities are not the only upgrades that we have made at North Schuylkill. We are striving for excellence (greatness) in all that we do.

Each subject area has worked diligently writing their curricula and aligning them to the goals of our school and the Common Core. New strategies and best practices have been introduced into our lesson planning and classroom instruction. New textbooks were purchased by our math department last year and our English department is in the process of ordering new textbooks for next year. New technology is in place and being incorporated into instruction.

The hard work done by our staff and students last year helped us meet our School Performance Profile goal of 80. We achieved the highest score in the county with an impressive 82.9. We have set a new goal for this year to be **Greater>Than** 82.9 next year. To improve the score next year, even slightly, would be a great accomplishment. Our hope is that every student and staff member will give the extra degree that will be necessary for us to reach our new goal. 212 degrees is a District theme for the 2015 – 2016 school year – ask your student about it.

We have modified the schedule this year and given students more freedoms. With more freedoms come more responsibility. Students are now permitted to leave the cafeteria in the morning and get prepared for their first period classes. They can go to their classes, visit teachers, sit and do work in their first period class, or return to the cafeteria and socialize while eating breakfast and watching the news or sports on the new televisions that have been installed.

We continue to look to the future and provide more opportunities for our students. Several new AP courses have been added to the 2016 – 2017 course selection books. A dual enrollment course opportunity will also be made available as an option. Other new courses include Civics returning as a required course, SAT Prep, and mandatory remediation courses for students who are not proficient on Keystone.

Our extra-curricular activities continue to shine. The boys' cross country team went undefeated and won the league title. The football team overcame injuries to make playoffs and finish strong. The girls' basketball team has solidified a spot in Districts as has the boys' basketball team under our new Head Boys' Basketball Coach, Ty Wartman. The wrestling team looks poised to qualify for the District Dual Tournament.

Band, chorus, and our spring play continue to grow and produce incredible results. Record numbers and many new milestones abound. Our Winter Formal was well attended with over 180 students dancing the night away. Our student led Newscast, under the direction of Sean Smith, continues to showcase and highlight everything that is happening at North Schuylkill.



Important Upcoming Dates:

- 2/1 Course Selection Class meetings
- 2/10 *Committee Meeting @ 7PM in LGI Room
- 2/12 *Act 80 – No School for Students
- 2/14 *Valentine's Day
- 2/15 *President's Day – No School for Students
- 2/17 *Board Meeting @ 6:30PM in LGI Room
- 2/19 *7th Grade Dental Exams
- 2/23 *3rd Marking Pd. Progress Reports
- 3/7 *Spring Sports Practices Begin
- 3/9 *Committee Meeting @ 7PM in LGI Room
- 3/16 *Music in Our School Concert 5:00PM 🎵
- 3/23 *Board Meeting @ 6:30PM in LGI Room
- 3/24 *Snow Make Up Day for 1/26/16 ❄️
- 3/25 *No School
- 3/28 *No School
- 3/29 *Snow Make Up Day for 1/25 ❄️
- 3/30 *End of Third Marking Period
- 3/31 *Start of 4th Marking Period

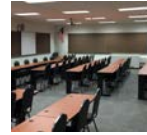
Course Selection 2016-2017

We will begin the course selection process for the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, 2/1. Each grade level will be called down to be given a course selection guide and to go over important information with their counselors.

- 2/1 *Meetings with class (course selection books handed out)
- 2/3 *Course Selection worksheets handed out in first period
- 2/11 *Course Selection worksheets need to be filled out and signed by a parent. All sheets due on 2/11 to homeroom teacher.



We would like to thank Kathy Rogers for her many years of service at North Schuylkill as a physical education and health teacher. She worked in education for over 28 years.



The LGI (Large Group Instruction) room is used for meetings as well as large group instruction. It seats 75 people and has two promethean boards.



We have over 30 new cameras that are all operational and currently in use.



The North Schuylkill Pool has been completely renovated and will soon be in full use.



The SGI (Small Group Instruction) room is used for small group activities. It seats up to 45 students and a great place to learn.



New signs have been recently hung in the building to give direction, room numbers and identify lavatories and offices.



Mr. Harry Lucas recently held auditions and picked his cast for the Spring Play this year. With a new sound system soon installed we should all be in for a real treat.



Students and staff raised a combined \$4,432.00 during our last two dress down days to support North Schuylkill families. Thank you all!



All students that come tardy to school must check in at our new tardy table in the main lobby. Being on time to school is an important responsibility of all students.

"SPP Score" The School Performance Profile

SCHOOL		15/16 Score	14/15 Score	+/-
1. North Schuylkill	JSHS	82.9	71.5	+11.4
2. Williams Valley	JSHS	82.0	73.3	+8.7
3. Blue Mountain	HS	82.1	86.8	-4.7
4. Tri-Valley	JSHS	75.8	72.9	+2.9
5. Pine Grove	HS	75.0	66.5	+8.5
6. Pottsville	HS	73.2	78.3	-5.1
7. Schuylkill Haven	HS	71.8	75.0	-3.2
8. Panther Valley	HS	66.2	64.3	+1.9
9. Tamaqua	HS	65.2	70.6	-5.4
10. Shenandoah	JSHS	60.0	54.7	+5.3
11. Minersville	JSHS	56.4	64.9	-8.5
12. Mahanoy	HS	56.1	61.9	-5.8
13. Hazelton	HS	53.9	56.9	-3.0

North Schuylkill Newscast

The North Schuylkill Newscast continues to be a big hit at our school. Mr. Sean Smith is the advisor of the Newscast and puts out a weekly program that all the students and staff enjoy and from which they benefit. The show is produced and broadcast with the help of students and runs every Friday during a special AM Homeroom period. Liam Wolfe and Kali Antalosky co-anchor the broadcast. On Friday 2/5, there will be a special Junior High led Newscast with Junior High anchors. I encourage you to find the weekly broadcast on the North Schuylkill web page and watch the weekly program.

New Wireless System

We continue to make progress rolling out our new wireless system. The teachers have been given access while we continue to work out the bugs and finalize our usage policy. Soon students will be given access and a new era will begin at North Schuylkill as BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) strategies can be incorporated into the classrooms.

Cesari-Hope Gymnasium

During our first Winter Meet the Spartans we held a special ceremony honoring two legendary coaches here at North Schuylkill. During the ceremony we unveiled the banner and the naming of our North Schuylkill Gymnasium in honor of long time wrestling coach Joe Cesari and long time girls basketball and track coach Lafay Hope.



North Schuylkill Band

The North Schuylkill School District recently hosted the PMEA District 10 Festival. Band Director Matthew Tenaglia did a great job hosting this prestigious event at our school. Over 140 students qualified from District 10 schools and performed at our school on Friday, 1/29 and again on Saturday, 1/20. Three North Schuylkill students qualified to participate and are pictured below with Mr. Tenaglia. They are Emily Beil (Grade 9), Julia Sendatch (Grade 11) and Matt Stever (Grade 12). Mr. Tenaglia is also pictured speaking at the event Friday night.



Hosting the PMEA Festival is just one of the many accomplishments that were attained by Mr. Tenaglia and his band.



North Schuylkill Band Competes in Hershey



Mr. Tenaglia has his head shaved at a Pep Rally



Band Performs at DisneyBrings home some hardware



5 Students represent NS at NEPA Junior Awards



Wind Ensemble Concert

Diversity Club attends Schuylkill County Youth Conference

Mrs. Leib and 7 members of the Diversity Club attended the Schuylkill County Youth Conference at Penn State Schuylkill campus on Friday (11/13). The main speaker at the conference was Dr. Michael Fowlin and he performed a presentation revolving around the themes of tolerance, appreciation of others, respect, understanding and cultural diversity.



Kira Marlow, Victoria Zak, Allison McAndrew, Brook Antalosky, Annah James, Destinee Bebout, Mrs. Leib and Rachael Cataldo

North Schuylkill Sports



Tevin Murry Signs Division I



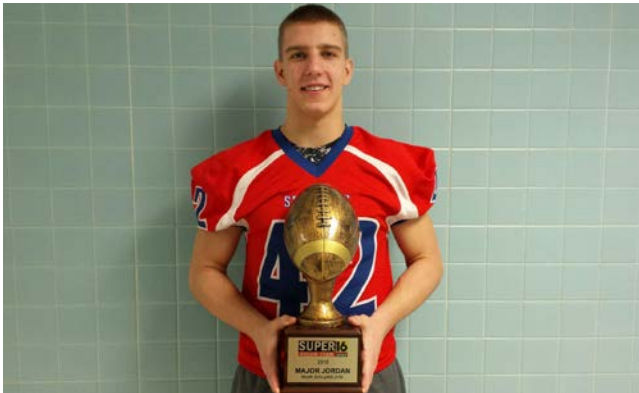
The 2014 – 2015 Lady Spartan Players and coaches were honored recently a basketball and received their banner



Tiffany Lapotsky scores 1000th Point



Major Jordan named defensive player of the Year



Major also named WNEP – 16 Dream Team for football



Shane McGrath earns 100th win



Coach Frank Briggs holds up this year's Cross Country Banner



Austin Roseberry runs at the PIAA State XC meet.

NS Family Movie Night

Between 150-200 people showed up to enjoy Jurassic World, popcorn, and snacks. This was a great family night that appeared to be greatly appreciated by those who attended.



Mrs. Ulceski and students serve popcorn.



Mrs. Ulceski welcomes community to NS.

Students of the Month

Each month teacher from the Junior Senior High School recognizes students of the month in certain subject areas.



November: Emily Sugrue, Dave Sokoloski, Gianna Capone and Caleigh



December and January: Zachery Piampi, Emma Green, Jessica VanHorn and Abby Peleschak

Students Choose Activities

Students and staff enjoyed a special indoor field day to celebrate their accomplishment of attaining the 2014 – 2015 building goal of an 80 SPP Score. The students, staff, and school achieved an 82.9. Full engagement was seen as students cooked cookies, painted scarecrows, bought property in monopoly, strategized in chess, competed in video games, made bracelets, attended concerts, played a myriad of sports, constructed projects, and watched movies. Great day for all! If we are *Greater Than 82.9 next year* we can do it all again!





2015 – 2016 Winter Formal

Over 180 students enjoyed the Winter Formal this year. Lynn Minalda and her SADD club students decorated the cafeteria and hallways. The students enjoyed dancing, food and drink. Behavior was outstanding with school pride exhibited after the lights turned on – the students circled up and sang the alma mater.



Spartan Boys Basketball

Mr. Ty Wartman takes over the Head Boys Basketball Coaching position. He is seen below in a huddle during his first game.



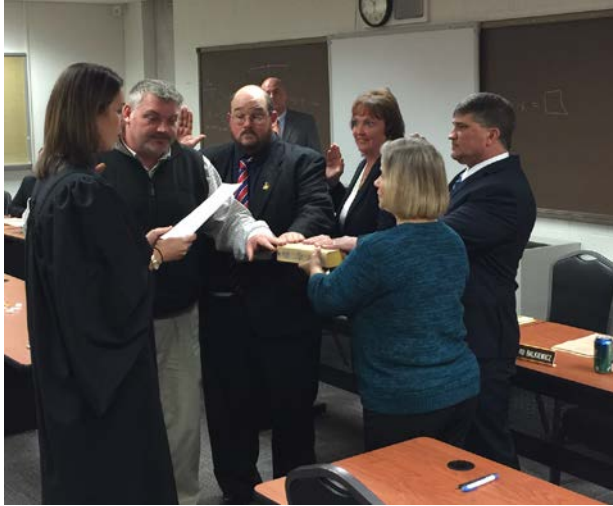
Army Fitness Circuit Training

The Army administered a Fitness Circuit Training to all our students currently taking physical education for two days last week. Each period ended with a contest and declared Fitness winners. The picture of all the student winner is below.



New Members of the Board

Judge Hale swears in new members of the board as well as the newly appointed Vice President and President. Chaz Hepler was reappointed as the Board President and Roy Green was appointed as the Vice President. Edward Balkiewicz and MaryAnne Woodward both attended their first board meeting as official members. Michael A. O’Pake also attended his first North Schuylkill Board meeting as the newly hire solicitor for the District.



Chorus Concert

The Chorus performed beautifully in front of a packet house during their Winter Band and Chorus Concert. Brandi Kline and her students received a standing ovation



Debate Team Competes at William Allen HS

Maria Zangari recently took our debate team to compete at William Allen HS. The team competed against 6 other regional teams. Our duo interpretation team, Julia Sendatch and Destinee Bebout, took second place in their event. Lief Connor and Zeb Thompson also made a strong showing in public forum debate. Jake and Kris attended as our 8th grade observers, but hope to compete in the novice (JV) division on January 9th.



WINTER SPORTS UPDATES

Swimming

The Spartan swimmers continue to have success in the pool while swimming for Mahanoy Area. Joey Antolick, Kebner Antalosky, Reggie Crawford, and Holden Andrewcavage are having great seasons. On the girls' side, Raquel Burke, Liz Andrewcavage, Audrey Mastishen, and Sarah Antanavage are having fine seasons this year.

Wrestling

The Spartan Wrestling team currently sits with a 15-4 record. The Spartans were away this weekend at the annual Bedford Tournament. The Spartans have a busy week next week: at Panther Valley (Tuesday), at Pine Grove (Wednesday), and should they qualify for the District Dual Tournament (they would wrestle on Thursday at a site/time to be announced). The Spartans had a great showing at the annual league tournament, finishing 3rd as a team. Joe Alexander was the champion at the 170 pound weight class. Finishing 2nd were Shane McGrath and C.J. Steinhilber. Dane Tarantelli finished 3rd, Brady Mickatavage and Owen Boyer finished 4th, Mason Madden-Edwards finished 5th, and Mike Damiter finished 6th. Also, Shane McGrath became the 19th wrestler in school history to join the 100 win club with his pin during the Tri Valley match last Wednesday.

Boys Basketball

The Boys' Basketball team is currently 11-8 on the season. The Spartans clinched a District 11 AAA Tournament berth last week with their win over Jim Thorpe. The Spartans close out the regular season this week: vs Minersville (Saturday), at Tamaqua Area (Monday), and at home for Senior Night vs Panther Valley (Thursday).

-Girls Basketball

The Lady Spartan Basketball team has a current record of 13-5. They have a big divisional game against Pottsville on Monday night, at 7:30 pm. The Lady Spartans, who have already qualified for the District 11 AA Tournament, close out their season with Tamaqua (Tuesday), Panther Valley (Friday), and at home vs Williamsport (Saturday, 2:30 pm). Earlier this season, Lady Spartan guard, Tiffany Lapotsky went over the 1,000 point mark for her career.

District Theme Catches On



North Schuylkill Building Goal



*****Ask your child if they can explain what the logo represents and explain the double P.