



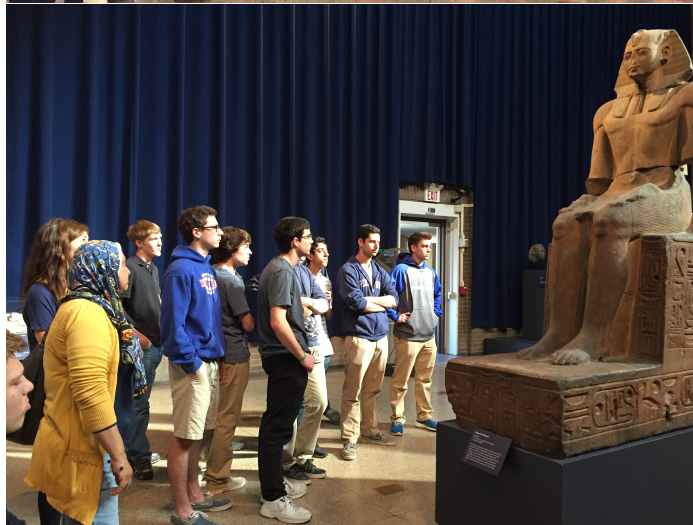
Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: November 9, 2015

- Mrs. Gawdat arrived safely and is visiting classrooms throughout the district. She accompanied AP World History, Arabic language, and Gifted Seminar students, along with Mr. Zeisloft and Mr. Ruhf to the Penn Museum last week for a special tour of the Egyptian exhibits.



- To date, she's presented in the HS to social studies classes about the educational system in Egypt; at JPLIS 4th grade on ancient Egyptian mathematics; at the MS on Egyptian art and music; and at LB on children's games, holidays and culture in Egypt.
- The Fall Sports season has ended with much Southern Lehigh pride.
 - Congratulations to the girls soccer team-District XI 2A champions



- Congratulations to the boys cross country team- Co-Colonial League champs!
- Congratulations to the girls soccer team- Colonial League champions
- Congratulations to the girls tennis team- Colonial League champions



- There are still three fall sports competing this week:
 - Girls Field Hockey First round of PIAA States- on Tuesday 11/10 SL vs Archbishop Carroll @ 3:30 pm at the Germantown Super site
 - Girls Soccer First Round of the PIAA States- on Tuesday 11/10 SL vs Lansdale Catholic @ 5:00 pm at Emmaus HS

- Varsity Football playing in First round of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference on Friday 11/13
 - SL vs Jim Thorpe at Jim Thorpe.
- The Middle School and JPL Intermediate School are running “Hour of Coding” events on December 9 after school for students to celebrate Computer Science Education Week. This international event is designed to introduce students to computer science and demonstrate that anyone can learn the basics of coding and to encourage 21st century skills including problem solving, creativity and innovation.
- We held our first meeting of a newly formed District Data Team committee on Nov. 5 with representatives from all levels. The purpose of the committee is to identify practices currently used to analyze student performance data across the district in order to standardize best practices to meet the instructional needs of all students. We anticipate meeting a few more times, after which information will be shared with building leaders. As more and more assessment data has become available, we continue to work with our educators to better understand practices and strategies that may help student specific goals.
- We held the first Superintendent/Parent Communication Council meeting on Nov. 2, 2015. Leaders of the parent organizations throughout the district meet with the superintendent 3-4 times each year to discuss issues impacting the district and to allow parents to bring issues or concerns they may have. Topics discussed included:
 - District Emergency Preparedness
 - Hopewell update
 - Mobile App and electronic communications
 - Privacy of personnel or student issues
 - Winter Weather Procedures
 - Policies – weapons, games of chance
 - Updates from PDE and state assessments
 - Traffic improvement plans
- Reminder- the high school fall play, *The Miracle Worker*, will be performed this week, Nov.12-14. [Click here to read an article for *The Miracle Worker* from the SLHS Spotlight newspaper.](#) For tickets, call 484-919-3851.