



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: February 8, 2016

- Welcome to Mr. Erwin Rattin, visiting Science teacher from Uruguay. Mr. Rattin is visiting with Mrs. Laura Gonzalez, MS Spanish teacher for the next two weeks through a guest teacher program sponsored by Teachers of Critical Language Program sponsored by the US Dept. of State.
- Congratulations to Mr. Nathan Davidson, MS Assistant Principal for being selected as 2016 Outstanding Administrator by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association. Nominated by Mrs. Robbins for his support of the Middle School library programs, Mr. Davidson will be honored at the Annual Pennsylvania School Librarians Conference on May 13, 2016, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey. [An article appears in the Laconian with more information.](#)
- Our students selected for the [LCTI Student of the Month](#) from September through December are posted. ([click link](#)) Congratulations for a job well done to each of the 13 students to earn this recognition!
- Congratulations to our Southern Lehigh High School and Middle School students who earned recognition in the [2016 Regional Scholastic Art and Writing Awards](#). Several will see their work move on to New York City for the national judging in March.
- Congratulations Southern Lehigh LCTI SkillsUSA District 11 Championships winners:
 - Alejandro R. – 1st Place CNC Turing Specialist
 - William M. – 3rd Place Diesel Equipment Technology
 - Matthew M. – 3rd Place Power Equipment Technology
- Congratulations to Mr. Matt Wehr and all 6 of our District Chorus students who have placed and made PMEA Region V Chorus to be held mid-March at Central York H.S.
 - Caleigh S. placed 13th on Soprano I
 - Lexi B. placed 1st on Soprano II
 - Lauren J. placed 2nd on Alto I
 - Giuliana A. placed 4th on Alto II
 - Luke S. placed 7th on Bass I
 - Chris S. placed 1st on Bass II
- Southern Lehigh High School will proudly present Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic, Carousel April 7-10, 2016. For questions, e-mail SouthernLehighTheatre@gmail.com
- A team of 14 teachers, technicians and administrators are attending the Pete & C Technology conference in Hershey, Feb 21-24, representing all levels. Tara Walter and Kelly Dougherty will present a session titled [Connect! Interact! Collaborative Tools](#). Kelly Dougherty will also present with Sam Hafner and Marla Moyer. The session title is [Flipping a Primary Classroom with iPads You Can!](#) Once again our Middle School will be participating in the Student Showcase showing our MakerSpace.

- The tentative teacher assignments for next year were distributed to all k-3 teachers last week. The elementary principals worked to review requests from teachers and team needs /strengths before recommending the assignments to bring the 3 elementary buildings to two. Recommendations for Instructional Assistants and support staff will be planned in the months ahead, as student needs are identified.
- The Middle School recently submitted an application to be recognized by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills as an Exemplary Program. Now in its third year, the [21st Century Learning Exemplar Program](#) highlights best practices in schools and districts across the country that are preparing students for college, career and citizenship by embedding critical 21st century competencies into the learning environment. Recall, the High School was one of 17 schools selected from throughout the nation for this recognition this year.
- The High School and Middle School will be hosting visitors for an Apple Distinguished program on March 8, 2016. Our Administrative team will share our journey to 1:1, critical success factors in the process, and then the visitors will observe classes to learn how our teachers are integrating the technology for learning.
- Congratulations to our Spartan winter athletes for their successful season to date!

SOUTHERN LEHIGH ATHLETIC CAPSULE – 2/8/16

Varsity Girls' Basketball **21-1**

JV Girls' Basketball **14-3**

JH Girls' Basketball **11-5**

MS Girls' Basketball (A) **4-10**

MS Girls' Basketball (B) **8-5**

Varsity Boys' Basketball **17-5**

JV Boys' Basketball **16-6**

JH Boys' Basketball **14-6**

MS Boys' Basketball (A) **12-2**

MS Boys' Basketball (B) **12-2**

Varsity Wrestling **10-12**

JH Wrestling **8-13**

Girls' Swim/Dive **6-3**

Boys' Swim Dive **7-2**

Rifle **5-4**

Congratulations to the **Varsity Boys' Basketball** team for defeating Catasauqua High School, 70-36, in the first round of the Colonial League Boys' Basketball Tournament. They will play Salisbury High School on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 pm at Catasauqua High School. This is the semi-final round of the Colonial League Boys' Basketball Tournament.

A special thank you to all members of the Southern Lehigh **Boys' Basketball** program and the Booster Club for raising over \$2,000 for the "Laughing at My Nightmare" fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Society.

The **Varsity Girls' Basketball** team will play Northwestern Lehigh High School on Tuesday, February 9 at approximately 7:30 pm at Catasauqua High School. This is the semi-final round of the Colonial League Girls' Basketball Tournament.

The **District XI Girls'/Boys' Basketball Tournaments** will begin the week of Feb. 15. As soon as the pairings are completed the information will be sent.

The **District XI Individual Wrestling Tournament** will be held on February 26 and 27 at Liberty High School.

The **District XI Diving Championships** will be held on Saturday, February 27 at Emmaus High School.

The **District XI Swimming Championships** will be held on March 4 and 5 at Parkland High School.