

October 22, 2021

SLSD Parents/Guardians and Staff,

It is hard to believe that as of today, we have reached the end of the first nine weeks of the 2021-2022 school year. It has been absolutely wonderful to walk through the halls of the Southern Lehigh School District and observe all the learning and growing that's been taking place. Outlined below are some updates and reminders for the entire Southern Lehigh School District community;

- **District IX 3A Tennis Champions** - Congratulations to Kayla Lebby and Evelyn Wang on winning the District XI 3A Girls Tennis Doubles Championship! Good luck to Kayla and Evelyn as they advance to the PIAA State Championship Tournament in two weeks in Hershey! Go Spartans!
- **SLHS Theatrical Performance** - The Southern Lehigh High School Theatre Company is proud to present "Clue" as this year's fall play. Based on the classic movie from the 1980s and the famous board game, Clue is a murder mystery farce set in 1950s New England. Tickets will only be sold in the lobby one hour prior to curtain. More information about the showtimes and ticket availability can be found via the following [link](#). Break a leg Spartans!
- **Coopersburg Halloween Parade Recap** - Thank you to all of the members of the Southern Lehigh School District community who took part in the planning and execution of the Coopersburg Halloween Parade on Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many Spartans, both students and staff, participating in this community event while at the same time seeing the members of our community come together and share this tradition alongside one another.
- **Lehigh University Materials Science Partnership** - The SLHS Administration has advanced a partnership with Lehigh University and the Materials Sciences Department to help promote and introduce Spartans to various STEM careers and college majors. Interested students will be working directly with Lehigh University faculty and have access to the Lehigh University Expo and on campus STEM organizations.
- **SLHS Homecoming Festivities** - SLHS will host the annual Homecoming Community Tailgate on Friday, November 22 at 5:30 in the SLMS Parking Lot. The Spartans will then take on Leighton Area HS in the annual homecoming football game at 7 p.m. Friday at the SLMS Stadium. All are welcome!
- **Free Winter and Spring Athletic Physicals** - The Southern Lehigh Athletic Department has partnered with the St. Luke's University Health Network to offer free Winter and Spring Athletic Physicals on Wednesday November 3rd from 5pm-7pm in the SLHS Cafeteria. These will be the last free physicals offered for the year. Please use the following [link](#) to sign-up for a physical time.
- **Dr. Mike Mahon** - Please join me in officially welcoming Dr. Mahon into the district as your Superintendent of Schools. By the time you receive this letter at the end of the day today, Dr. Mahon will be your school leader. His first day in the office will be Monday, October 25th. His email address is mahonm@slsd.org and it would be great if you can take a minute to welcome him to the area and wish him well in his work here making Southern Lehigh School District a true destination school system for everyone in the community.



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As you visit the campus of Southern Lehigh High School this weekend for the related homecoming festivities, please remember to practice habits that keep you, your family, and others safe. Have fun tonight. It's just a wonderful feeling to have a normal fall high school homecoming under the lights once again.

By the time you read this, I will be again retired but very much rooting for my friends at Southern Lehigh from afar. Over the past four months, it has been an honor and a pleasure meeting and interacting with our Board, administrative, support, and teacher teams who make up this excellent school system. Any organization requires a lot of love and attention to detail. You can rest assured that the individuals who work in Southern Lehigh serving your children are the best of the best in that regard. Caring, compassionate, collaborative, connected, and consumed with the importance of growing students educationally from year-to-year. You can't ask for more than that. It was a privilege for me to have served here. Thank you for welcoming me into your school community. Best wishes to you all going forward.

Respectfully,

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