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SLSD Parents and Guardians,

Although our current weather pattern continues to produce one winter storm after another, it has not prevented exciting things from happening within the Southern Lehigh School District. I would like to take this opportunity to share some recent highlights with you. Please remember these examples represent only a small sample of the great things that our students and staff continue to achieve.

- Ms. Maria Ramunni, School Counselor at Liberty Bell created and shared her Virtual School for Self Regulation with staff, parents, and students via Seesaw. Ms. Ramunni has received positive feedback from parents and students. This is part of an ongoing series that she will share via her website and Seesaw Counselor's Corner Classroom. Next up is Growth Mindset!
- At Joseph P. Liberati Intermediate School homerooms recently collected non-perishable food items in support of the "Souper Bowl" Spirit Day Program. Hundreds of canned goods and non-perishable items were collected and donated to support the mission of Betty Lou's Pantry.
- The Southern Lehigh Middle School Student Council created a "Valentine's Wall" where they encouraged students and staff to publicly share positive thoughts, messages, and other words of encouragement in an effort to provide support to one another during these challenging times.
- The SLHS Administration and the SLHS School Counseling Office continue to sponsor valuable "Parent University" Programs. Archived video can be accessed using the following links.
 - [Caron Foundation & USPD Current and Local Drug Trends](#)
 - [A Parent's Journey: Helping or Hindering Student Success in College](#)
 - Building an Internal Bridge and Intrinsic Motivation with our Children
- The SLHS National Honor Society Peer Tutoring program has completed 300 tutoring sessions in the organization's expanded program. With over 200 of these sessions being completed in a group format, this program has provided support to hundreds of Spartans throughout the school year. Bravo to these dedicated students who are spending time helping peers and Mrs. Byers for her support as the NHS Faculty Advisor.
- The SLSD Food Services Department continues to provide meals to students both physically present in school and those learning from home. The SLSD "Meals to Go" Program is providing an average of 3,640 meals (breakfast and lunch) per week. This is in addition to the 3,350 daily school lunches being served by the Food Services Department each week.

It is imperative that we continue to recognize the hard work of our students and the collective efforts of all of those individuals working behind the scenes who inspire our students and help make our school community a better place. On another note, I must also recognize the tireless efforts of our staff (teachers, support staff, and administrators) as we continue to prepare for the return of students on March 1. These professionals continue to go above and beyond for the students while continuing to adapt and maintain a high level of instruction.



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Please remember that layered mitigation remains an essential component of all return to school proceedings. In order to keep the entire Southern Lehigh School District community safe amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must continue to wear properly fitting face coverings, maintain appropriate physical distance, limit unnecessary interactions with those outside of our households, and wash and sanitize our hands frequently.

Stay safe, warm, and healthy!

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