



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Dr. Leah M. Christman

Date: Oct 13, 2014

- Southern Lehigh High School Theatre proud to present THE SOUND OF MUSIC. The theatre program at SLHS will perform Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic **The Sound of Music** this fall. Performances will be Wednesday, November 12th through 14th at 7PM and a matinee at 2PM on Saturday the 15th. Tickets will be GENERAL ADMISSION SEATING for all performances. Tickets will be sold at the door but due to the popularity of the show, all performances are expected to be full or sold out. The cast of 30 includes all ages from 2nd grade to 12th grade. A full orchestra of students and adults will complement the production. Tickets can be ordered by e-mailing southernlehightheatre@gmail.com or use the form below. You do not want to miss this beautiful recreation of a beautiful and heartfelt story! A treat for the entire family and all ages!
- Dr. Donahue, Mrs. Siegfried, Mrs. Tackas and I met with Mr. Ken Kratz, Vice President of Bracalente Mfg. Group in Trumbauersville to discuss a partnership. Mr. Kratz reached out to us through the Lehigh County WIB after hearing the presentation on our STEM programs at LCTI from Dr. Donahue and Mrs. Cooper. Bracalente is very interested in working with the school district to promote manufacturing and many related careers with our students. Bracalente produces highly engineered parts for a variety of industries at their local plant along with one in China including the space industry, automotive, and medical fields. Mr. Kraft and his team gave us a tour of the facility and offered teacher and student tours, speakers to our schools, and other ideas to partner with us. We are looking forward to exploring the partnership further in order to educate our students of the many options for careers that are available to them.
- Dr. John Draper former head of Educational Research Services in Washington DC visited with our staff today and his message was well received. Critical Conversations- (the title of his talk) outlined some of the statistics that are readily shared in the media along with the truth behind the messages. He talked about misperceptions about public school along with possible reasons. Dr. Draper passionately shared the importance of public education, the positive messages that we all should share about our schools and educators, and the benefits of public education to students and our country as a whole. Dr. Draper also spoke to some of our local business leaders who were invited to a luncheon at the Intermediate School. Our business leaders also enjoyed his talk and expressed gratitude for the

invitation. As a follow-up to Dr. Draper's visit, we will be starting a new *Successory* program. Students will have an opportunity to write thank you notes to adults in our system in order to celebrate our many successes.

- Thanks to the Southern Lehigh Education Foundation and the hard work of our nursing staff, all of our classrooms will soon be equipped with emergency supplies to be used in the case of an extended lockdown. The emergency buckets contain bottled water, first-aid kits, tarps, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, trash bags and other amenities. The nurses unveiled the kits at our assembly today with a little humor and then worked together this afternoon to assemble the kits, which will be delivered to the schools this week.



- All of our Southern Lehigh buildings will be participating in national Shake Out day this Thursday, October 16. National Shake Out day is an opportunity for organizations to practice preparation for emergencies such as earthquakes. The drill

will take place sometime Thursday morning. Parents and teachers will be informed in advance so they are prepared to help students practice the procedures needed in the event of such an emergency.

- The U.S. government has officially designated October as National Principals Month, sanctioning a full 31 days dedicated to thanking principals for their leadership in our schools. Research shows that effective leadership positively impacts student learning, second only to classroom teachers, and for that, we thank our Principals who lead with integrity, creativity and wisdom. Their job is not easy and often goes with little recognition. They balance far more than budgets on a daily basis as they work with teachers and students to provide the excellence we experience here at Southern Lehigh. Learn more about [National Principals Month](#).
- Mrs. Miller, Coordinator of Athletic Services shared the tentative schedule for Colonial League playoffs that started today. As you can see, once again our teams have represented Southern Lehigh admirably and will be engaging in further competition in the Colonial League. Good luck to all of our SPARTAN teams:

MONDAY 10/13

Field Hockey Semi Finals

#3 Northern Lehigh vs. #2 Southern Lehigh 5:00pm @ Salisbury

#4 Saucon Valley vs. #1 Moravian Academy 7:00pm @ Salisbury

TUESDAY 10/14

Boys Soccer Semi Finals

#3 Southern Lehigh vs. #2 Palisades 7:00pm @ Salisbury

#4 Moravian Academy vs. #1 Saucon Valley 7:00pm @ Palisades

Girls Soccer Semi Finals

#3 Southern Lehigh vs #2 Northwestern Lehigh 5:00pm @ Salisbury

#4 Salisbury vs. #1 Saucon Valley 5:00pm @ Palisades

WEDNESDAY 10/15

Cross Country Championship

Colonial League Championship Meet - Girls 2:30pm / Boys 3:15pm @ DeSales Univ.

Field Hockey Championship

TBD vs TBD 5:00pm @ Salisbury

Volleyball Championship

#2 Notre Dame Green Pond vs. #1 Southern Lehigh 7:00pm @ Saucon Valley

THURSDAY 10/16

Boys Soccer Championship

TBD vs TBD 7:00pm @ either Palisades or Salisbury

Girls Soccer Championship

TBD vs TBD 5:00pm @ either Palisades or Salisbury