

## **Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments November 7, 2018**

**Art Show:** Sixteen Pocono Mountain East High School students have their artwork on display, alongside the works of professional artists, in the Pocono Arts Council Art of Digital Technology show at the Artspace Gallery in Stroudsburg. East junior, Brianna Cook, and sophomore, Nicholas Davis, received Honorable Mentions for their pieces. The show runs through November 20 and is open to the public.

**SEC Family Math and Science Night:** Swiftwater Elementary Center held a Family Math and Science Night in October. More than 250 students and family members participated in the event hosted by the SEC Family Math and Science Night Committee and SEC PTO. Families experienced many exciting activities followed by an incredible light show.

**Pride of the Mountain:** We held our Pride of the Mountain breakfast for our Cardinal and Panther football teams on October 25 in the West High School cafeteria as part of the buildup to the East vs West Think Big Golden Sock game for the Pride of the Mountain Trophy. Congratulations to the Cardinal football team on winning that game and bringing the trophy home for display in the East High School.

**Coach Ed Watto Wrestling Room Dedication:** On Sunday we held a ceremony to dedicate the East Cardinal Wrestling Room to the late, great Coach Edward J. Watto. Coach Watto served Pocono Mountain School District as an educator, athletic director and coach for 43 years. He coached wrestling for 29 years, leading the Cardinals to countless team and individual championships, including an undefeated season in 1981.

**American Red Cross Check Presentation:** Mr. Johnson, Dr. Sweeney and I presented a check for \$6,154 to the American Red Cross on Friday night at the organization's Red Mask Gala. The funds were raised through a District-wide dress down day for the Red Cross.

**Code Jam 2018:** Pocono Mountain West High School had two teams compete in the Colonial IU 21 programming competition, Code Jam 2018. One of the teams took 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of 20 teams. Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> place team members: Senior, Anthony Saraniero; Junior, Hunter Porcono; Senior, Darren Shaw; and Senior, Brandon Crespo.

**Toys for Tots:** The District-wide Toys for Tots toy drive is underway. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy may do so at any of our schools, at our East or West transportation buildings or at our Administration Center.

**Veterans Day:** I would like to take a moment to honor all of our nation's veterans. Throughout the week and on Monday, our schools have assemblies and activities planned to honor our veterans. On Monday, November 12, at approximately 10:30 a.m., our East Junior High School students will participate in the annual memorial wreath laying ceremony at the Tannersville Veterans Memorial. This event is open to the public. We hope you will be able to join us there. If it rains, the wreath laying ceremony will be canceled.

### **Special Recognition & Guests:**

**East Cardinal Boys Varsity Soccer Team:** The East Boys Varsity Soccer team had a very successful season this fall. The team qualified for the EPC and District XI playoffs and made it to the quarterfinal rounds for each tournament. Matt Shermock and Lukas Pino were selected as EPC All-Stars and made 3rd team all-conference

**East Cardinal Girls Varsity Soccer Team:** **The East Girls Varsity Soccer team also had a very successful season this fall.** The team qualified for the EPC and District XI playoffs. The girls made it to the quarter-final round of the EPC tournament, and qualified for the pigtail match of the District XI tournament. Tara McKeown and Allison Bone were selected as EPC All-Stars and made 2nd team all-conference.

**East Cardinal Field Hockey Team:** The East Field Hockey Team also had a great season with the team making it to the semi-final rounds for the EPC and District XI tournaments. Two players were selected as EPC All-Stars with Jaiden Wittel selected as first time all-conference and Olivia Breen made 2nd team all-conference.

**Northampton Community College:** Dr. Mark Erickson, the President of Northampton Community College, and Matt Connell, the Dean of the Monroe Campus, are here tonight to give a presentation on the College and 30 years NCC has been serving Monroe County.

**Pocono Mountain East Little League:** Keith James is here from Pocono Mountain East Little League to discuss a possible partnership with the District.