

Superintendent's Student & Staff Accomplishments August 23, 2023

Dr. Robison Back-to-School Building Visits Update.

SEC Kindergarten Orientation: Swiftwater Elementary Center hosted several Kindergarten families and future “little Cardinals” to participate in our annual Kindergarten Orientation Programming in August 2023. They had approximately 190 families join SEC staff members and administrators to share an overview of the kindergarten programming and school safety protocol. Each family participated in a general discussion session that overviewed SEC’s beautiful facilities and all families took a tour of the school ending with a “photo opportunity” with the newly painted display entitled “SEC STUDENTS SOAR.” SEC is the PLACE TO BE and they are looking forward to an exciting 2023-2024 school year.

CREC Zen Den Ribbon Cutting: On Tuesday, August 22nd, Clear Run Elementary Center staff welcomed in the new school year with a Ribbon Cutting Dedication of their new Zen Den - a designated space for educators to focus on their social, emotional, and mental health. Teachers Arlene Fette and Katie Paciotti oversaw this project last year and were thrilled to celebrate with colleagues as their ideas, dedication, and passion came to fruition. Dr. Robison, Mrs. Pyzik, and employees from St. Luke’s University Health Network, the largest financial sponsor of the project, were present for the ceremony. Other donors included the generous CREC PTO and Bulldog Liquidators.

East High School Updates: Four students at East High School have been awarded National Recognition from the College Board. Students earned this academic honor because they have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and/or AP® Exams. They can now list this honor on applications to stand out to colleges.

- Amina Odinaeva earned the National Rural and Small Town Award
- Hailey Cintron earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award, National Indigenous Award, and National Rural and Small Town Award
- Jason Browning earned the National Hispanic Recognition Award and National Rural and Small Town Award

- Lila Shelton earned the National Rural and Small Town Award

School-Wide Positive Behavior: Congratulations to East High School for meeting the criteria set by the Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support (PAPBS) Network for the implementation of School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports for Tier 1 & 2 with fidelity during the 2022-2023 school year. Pocono Mountain East High School, will be recognized at the Integrated PaPBS Network and MTSS Implementers' Forum, on November 1 through November 3, 2023, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA.

School Orientation & Open House: East High School had a great turn out for 9th Grade and New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 15th and Open House for 10th, 11th and 12th Grades on Friday, August 18th. Students and their families enjoyed the opportunity to get their schedules, find their classes and locate their lockers.

Senior Parking Spots: East High School seniors start a new tradition by personalizing their senior parking spots. Seniors and their families put a lot of time and effort into their personal designs. Be sure to check them out when school begins.

West High School Updates: West High School's Generation Next seniors visited Penn State University on August 2nd to learn about the academic, extracurricular, and athletic opportunities available. They also met with the admissions office staff to learn about how to apply, financial aid, and other important information before taking a tour of the campus. The visit was coordinated by the United Way Generation Next Coordinator, and 7 students attended.

National Basketball Team Player: West High School junior Adrian Brito made the U17 Dominican National Basketball team in July and traveled around the world to compete with them throughout their summer season.

Cheerleader Camp: The West High School Varsity Cheerleaders attended the National Cheerleaders Association camp at Bryn Mawr from August 13th through the 16th and won multiple accolades including: superior ribbons on day 1 and 2, technical excellence in jumps, team award, NFHS credentials, the spirit stick, 2 top gun jump finalists, 1 top gun stunt group finalist, 5 All-Americans, and 2nd place in the top team jam session run-off.

College Board Recognition: The following West High School students are being recognized by College Board for their high performance on at least one AP exam in the Spring. The students recognized were Adam Kostek, Anjelia Lecorps, Ariel Shinn, Carter Mui, Collin Keller, Franklin Ramos, Kaya Meler, Maya dos Santos, Maya Ross, Mikhail Ragoobeer, Nicole Bessmertnov, and Shoshanna Butler Charles.

The awards earned by these students include the National African American Recognition Award, the National Hispanic Recognition Award, the National Rural and Small Town Award, and the National Indigenous Award. Congratulations to these students for their well-earned recognition.

Thank You To PMSD: I wanted to relay a thank you Pocono Mountain School District received for allowing the Bike4Chai organizers to use the grassy area of Pocono Elementary Center as a rest and lunch stop for the more than 500 bike riders who participated in the charity ride.

“From all of us at Cadence Sports and Bike4Chai, we thank you for your generosity and commitment to assisting with this event. Without you and your team, Bike4Chai would not operate as successfully as it does.

“This year, the ride has raised over \$12.6 million in effort to make a difference in the lives of children with serious illnesses Your continued support allows participants to ride year after year for a cause so dear to them.

“Again, we thank you and hope to see you next year!”

E-Hall Pass Update: Mr. Michael Jones, the Principal of Pocono Mountain West High School, is here tonight to provide the School Board and public with an update on their pilot of the E-Hall Pass system.