

RED LAND HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD REPORT
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GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE WEST SHORE COMMUNITY. My name is Jessica Stevens and I am pleased and honored to report to you this evening.

Love it or List it? - Education Style

Mrs. Heather Wolfe recently received an entire classroom of new furniture. She is part of Personalized Learning Team 2. Her entire classroom was transformed with more sleek, movable furniture. The first day was really difficult for everyone. The freshmen were elated with the furniture and wanted to play musical chairs. The seniors were not so thrilled with change. They looked at the furniture the way a four-year-old looks at brussel sprouts. While the kids eventually adjusted, the person with the hardest time was actually the teacher. The complete rearrange had Mrs. Wolfe in a complete loss. She was ready to return the furniture after the first day.

The hardest thing about personalized learning isn't the material, it isn't the technology- it's letting go of the control. Personalized learning is about the students being in control. They are the drivers of their education. So, Mrs. Wolfe let go! She gave the students the power to change the room. Students were asked to create different classroom designs and eventually the classes all came to an arrangement that they could all agree upon.

As for Mrs. Wolfe, she is letting go completely. Even her testing has changed. She uses the furniture to give exams personally. Meaning, she gives tests one on one with students, while other students are working on their own agendas. Mrs. Wolfe loves the change and how it has impacted learning in her classroom.

While Red Land is not HGTV, we are updating our furniture, but more importantly our educational process!

Art Department:
Fortune Cookie Fortunes

Mrs. Devon Miller's students have had the opportunity to work with a "pre-student" teacher from Messiah College- Jennifer Wintermute. Honors Art students worked through the process of reduction printing, and chose prompts for their mixed-media project though fortune cookie fortunes, whiel Design and Digital Media students have complete Adobe Illustrator basics and started working with Photoshop. The most recent project gave students the opportunity to select from three options in where they are able to display and demonstrate their learned skills in Photoshop. Ceramics students are working on constructing their coil vessel prior to leaving for

Holiday break, and have begun learning to “throw” on the wheel. Some students have invited teachers from other classes to come learn to “throw”! Afterall, the true test of learned skills is being able to effectively teach the skill to someone else!

**Business Department:
FBLA Regional Competition Results**

On December 12, 2018, 28 members of the Red Land chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, or FBLA travelled to York College to compete in the Regional competition. The region consists of schools from York and Adams counties. Twenty-one students qualified to continue on to compete at the State level in Hershey in April 2019. We have had increased membership over the past few years, and the advisers, Mrs. Trish Klinger and Mrs. Taylor Wiggins are excited about the future of this important organization at Red Land!

Congratulations to the following students:

Aidan	Kamowski	Banking & Financial Systems Team
Gage	Zorn	Banking & Financial Systems Team
Bella	Beinhower	Business Ethics Team
Cheyenne	Phillips	Business Ethics Team
Trey	Weedon	Cyber Security
Mandee	Halbrook	Emerging Business Issues Team
Cayden	Healy	Emerging Business Issues Team
Alivia	Coronato	Graphic Design Team
Natalie	Shirk	Graphic Design Team
Kensington	Miner	Hospitality Management
Kiersten	Reeser	Hospitality Management
Alexa	Feist	Hospitality Management
Matthew	Alt	Introduction to Business Presentation
MaKayla	Blough	Introduction to Business Presentation-
Kellen	Waltman	Introduction to Business Presentation
Abby	Alsted	Introduction to Business Presentation
Sadie	Greene	Introduction to Business Procedures
Kyler	Frick	Introduction to FBLA
Billy	Carlisle	Introduction to Financial Math
Annette	Wienken	Journalism
Josh	Sooy	Word Processing

English Department News

Mind Maps

In Ms. Stacy Epler's English I classes, students recently started using "mind maps" to extend their thinking. Since the beginning of the year, students have been utilizing PLN strategies such as annotating and paired discussion to strengthen their analysis skills. By adding mind maps to their strategies, students are able to put their observations in one place and visualize the connections between them. Students are able use the maps to take the literal and figurative evidence from the text to discover the abstract concepts of the text. During classroom discussions, they are more confident about drawing conclusions about the theme and the author's purpose and are able to cite their evidence to prove their answers. Despite the students' reservations, the mind map has become their ultimate graphic organizer since each student's map is unique to his/her thinking patterns.

Music Department:

Orchestra Holiday Performances and PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) Competition Results

The Red Land High School String Octet performed for a senior luncheon at the Community Church in Mechanicsburg. They were highly praised for their efforts and had an enjoyable afternoon entertaining in the community. Several Red Land High School Orchestra members competed this month for a seat in the PMEA District 7 Orchestra. Two of our cellists competed against 50 other cellists. We are pleased to announce that senior Bonnie Calhoun and freshman Alison Park will represent Red Land at the festival in January.

PMEA District 7 Band Festival

Aria Garling and Sophia Oommen were selected to represent Red Land at the PMEA District 7 Band Festival held at Chambersburg High School. The girls will audition for Region V Band at the festival.

Winter Wonderland Concerts

The Music Department presented its annual Winter Band, Chorus, and Orchestra Concert on December 18, 2018, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. The concert featured performances from all choirs: Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Women's Chorale, and the Men's Ensemble, as well as the Red Land Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Band. The evening featured all instrumental ensembles including Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, String Octet, and String Orchestra. Additionally, a special assembly during Period 1 will be held on December 21, 2018, for students.

Health and Physical Education Department:

New Exciting Courses

The Health and Physical Education Department is currently in the process of re-writing our curriculum and making our curriculum more aligned with today's needs and interests. We will be implementing these new courses in 2019. We will continue to teach the 9th grade Wellness/Fitness course because we believe all incoming freshman need more health. However, we are adjusting the PE portion by making it more fitness based and teaching them a variety of ways of exercising. We will be dropping the Junior and Senior Physical Education and Sophomore Physical Education classes. Driver Education will become an online course. We are adding a Teams Sports course that focuses on teaching the history, rules, equipment needed,

skills, and strategies needed for most indoor and outdoor sports such as soccer, softball, volleyball and basketball. We also will be adding a Lifetime Activities course. It will include badminton, pickleball, golf, tennis and archery to name a few. The most exciting course that will be implemented in the near future (2020) will be our Outdoor and Adventure Education course. We will be teaching students things like how to mountain bike, camp, orienteer, wilderness survivor, etc. The Physical Education department is very excited to have been given the green light to create these courses and we look forward to the change to our curriculum.

School Counseling Department: Votech ROADSHOW

Mr. Frank Gay is taking four different shops at a time to go to Allen and Fishing Creek to speak to the 8th and 5th Graders about their shops at Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (CPAVT). This is a hands-on experience. CPAVT Students are bring things that they use or make in their shops so that younger students can get a first hand look at what vocational technical school really looks like.

Science Department: Cytology

Mrs. Megan Arensdorf and her Biology students are very excited about the arrival of their new furniture! We've put it to good use. During our unit on Cytology, the students learned how to use microscopes in a station/rotation lesson. The groups were able to move the furniture around to best suit their needs. Each student in the direct instruction group was able to make a wet-mount slide of a letter "e", an elodea plant, and their own cheek cells. Mrs. Arensdorf was able to assist with this small group of students' microscope skills while the other groups learned about cells and microscopes using their books and the computers.

Social Studies Department: Great Recession

This week in Mr. Kyle Kerstetter's Advanced Placement Macro Economics students are studying the causes and responses to the Great Recession and utilizing it as a tool to review the concepts taught in the course so far. The class is studying how our chapters on inflation, GDP, unemployment, and Aggregate Supply and Demand help to explain the origins of the recession and factors that exacerbated it. Afterwards, students will examine how the monetary tools utilized by the Federal Reserve and the fiscal policy of the federal government were used to attempt to limit the depths of the recession. Hopefully, this will enable students to apply the abstract concepts we have been learning all year to a practical and tangible topic.

Field Trip to the State Capitol

On December 6, 2018, students in Mr. Jevon Ford's Government classes took a field trip to the State Capitol. The students were given a tour of the Capitol with some behind the scene opportunities, courtesy of staff members (such as a look at the Lieutenant Governor's office and the front balcony of the Capitol). Students also had the opportunity to sit with Senator Mike Regan and Representative Dawn Keefer to discuss current issues in state politics. The classes were treated to lunch by Senator Regan.

**Technology Education Department:
Small Gas Engines**

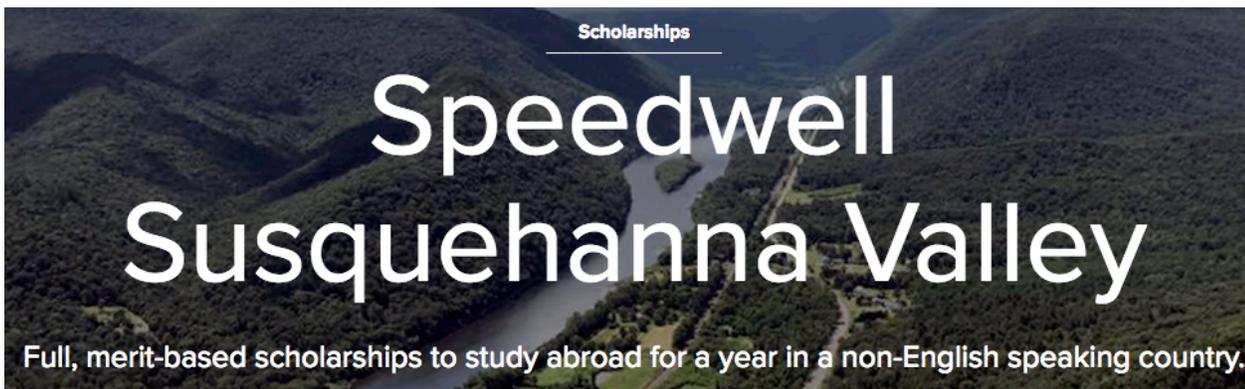
Mr. Dan Snelbaker's Mechanical Engineering class is currently working on the internals of their small gas engines. They have completely stripped the engines down at this point and diagnosed any external component issues the engine has. Students have done their troubleshooting and repairs to those external components to get them back to proper running order. They are now troubleshooting the internals (crank/cam shafts, valves, timing and piston clearances) to diagnose and repair any issues to get the engines running to full capacity again as they should. Upon completion of the internal diagnostics, the students will successfully be able to completely tear down and repair any model 4-stroke engine.

**World Language Department:
Music Genres and Speedwell Scholarships in German**

Students in Mr. Hunsberger's German 1 classes learned in chapter 3 how to say and write percentages on a bar chart of different music genres. They learned that in the U.S. the commas would be decimal points, and that the German for *percent* is the cognate *Prozent*.

They were surprised to learn that Germans like English language rock and pop music (34%) more than they like German rock and pop music (24%). The class looked at and listened to the German radio station SWR3's playlist on their web site, which substantiated the data in the chart. The question came up as to how that can be. The reason English language music can be so popular is because they start learning English as a foreign language usually in grade 4.

Mr. Hunsberger informed students about the Speedwell scholarships that are available to them to study for a year at a high school in a foreign country. Living and studying in another country gives students an early start at building an impressive resume for their future and careers, and it is a positive life-changing experience for them that gives them depth and understanding beyond being just a tourist. Germany has excellent STEM schools. They call a STEM school a *Gymnasium* and a gymnasium a *Sporthalle*. Each full scholarship is worth about \$16,000.



WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

December 19, 2018

Wrestling

Varsity	1-0
Freshmen	1-0

Boys Basketball

Varsity	0-6
JV	0-6

Girls Basketball

Varsity	1-4
JV	0-2

Swimming/Diving

Boys	1-1-1
Girls	3-1

Gifts of Giving and Volunteering

Student Council joined forces with the Music Department, JROTC, Key Club and National Honor Society to welcome in the Holiday Spirit with Great Patriot Pride. Students promoted many exciting events at school for the holidays.

There are many forms of gift of giving and volunteering this ho-ho holiday season:

- Library Food for Fines to benefit New Hope Ministries (Mrs. Christine Metcalfe)
- Secret Santa Gifts for Students (Mr. Thomas Peifer)
- Collection of stuffed animals (267 total) for the Hershey Bears Teddy Bear Toss (Red Land High School Students and Staff)
- Presenting the Colors and ushering at holiday performances (JROTC)
- Caroling at the American Legion for the New Cumberland Olde Town Association, Senior Citizen Holiday Party at Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church, Barnes and Noble (in conjunction with Talent Show fundraiser wrapping gifts), Whispering Pines, and the Red Land Community Library (Chamber Singers Octet)
- Packing holiday food boxes for the Red Land Area Food Bank (Key Club)
- Assisting with the Barnes and Noble event on December 1, 2018, to benefit the Annual Red Land Talent Show (Key Club and various students)
- Community Christmas Closet at the Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church (National Honor Society)
- Helping Fishing Creek Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Red Mill with their holiday gift wrapping and craft making nights (JROTC and Key Club)
- BackPack Program for New Hope Ministries (Organized by Mr. Aaron Walter and supported by the Red Land students and faculty)
- Gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble (National Honor Society)
- Community Christmas Festival at Whispering Pines- Charitable fundraising event started this year by Doc Cox (National Honor Society)
- Fishing Creek and Red Mill Elementary Holiday Gift Shops (National Honor Society)
- Food box packing at Mt. Zion Church (Key Club)

- Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army (Key Club)
- Whispering Pines Sleigh Ride Event (JROTC)
- Performance of the play *Crossword*, which is about Leroy, the Red-neck Reindeer' service to Santa when Rudolph was ill for underprivileged 6, 7, and 8 year-olds at the Susquehanna Club (Theatre Arts class)
- Gift Wrapping at the Capital City Mall to benefit United Cerebral Palsy (Key Club)
- Babysitting for local PTO meetings (Key Club)
- Red Land Food Ministry Box Packing (National Honor Society)

Making Happy Holidays. We are Red Land. We are Proud to be Red Land Patriots. We are Proud to be West Shore Students. We are Patriots for Life.

On behalf of the students and staff of Red Land High School, thank you for the opportunity to report to you this evening. Good night.