

RED LAND HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD REPORT
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Delivered by: Hayden Gerver, Student Council President



Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board of School Directors, Dr. Stoltz, Dr. Whye, Administration, Teachers, Students and Members of the West Shore Community. My name is Hayden Gerver, and I am pleased and honored to report to you this evening.

I would like to begin this evening with sharing my aspirations and involvement in the *Patriots Serving Patriots* program that has recently been implemented by the football team. It began with a simple idea about a Veterans' game our coach shared with us during a meeting last spring. I wanted to get involved immediately!

I believe the best way to bring the community together is through going out and putting your foot right in the door and serving those who have given so much to us. We began our involvement with veterans at the annual Memorial Day parade that the VFW coordinates. After reaching out and making connections to the VFW, I was able to get the football team to not only march in the parade itself, but also help set up the event, and participate in a memorial service afterwards honoring veterans from all walks of life and making all different types of sacrifices. That parade sparked a desire with several of my teammates and me to get more involved. I instantly began looking for more opportunities to help our local Patriots.

Over the summer we got involved with the American Legion on Marsh Run in New Cumberland. Every month we began handing out food to local veterans that are in need of dry goods, produce, and other food products provided by the food bank. We helped to unload and package up care boxes full of each type of food and deliver them to passing cars of the veterans who need them. We also helped to move stone and level ground for a new shed that the legion wanted to put in. The team continues to help on the last Wednesday of every month by sending 5-8 players (for about 2 hours) over the lunch and flex periods.

In addition to our *Patriots Serving Patriots*, we are eager for our upcoming veteran's game, on October 26, against Cedar Cliff. The football booster board has worked incredibly hard to bring together the most eventful and honorable night possible to honor the veterans of our community. Through the connections we've made in the community with the veterans we've helped, we have many coming to join us before the game in a pregame meal and have special seating reserved up close on the track for veterans, along with transportation, to bring them from their cars to the field. The game itself will be to honor those who have given us the freedom to play the great sport of football and who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. After the season, we would like to continue getting involved and have an open call out to all veterans in the community looking for help from our Red Land Patriots, as we're eager to help whenever the opportunity arises.

The second topic I would like to discuss this evening is the open campus policy for seniors. The open campus has provided the students of Red Land the luxury of leaving during the day when they do not have a class during any given period. For me personally, it has provided me with additional time to make phone calls to coordinate opportunities through our *Patriots Serving Patriots* program and even make calls regarding my

application process to West Point. The process is very tedious and I often use that time to call congressional offices verifying my application status. Because of playing football and other activities after school, I often don't get home in time to contact businesses and offices that are closed by the time I get home. By utilizing open campus, I am able to make those calls in a time frame that works for everybody. Additionally, it provides time to leave school when volunteering at the Legion, or volunteering at the elementary schools as well. As part of our new football coaching staff, Coach Gay has coordinated the opportunity for the older players on the team to leave and read children's books to the elementary school that we once attended. This is truly my favorite time of the week! I love seeing the impact I make on those kids and enjoy the interaction I get with future Red Land Patriots and former teachers I have learned so much from over my 12 years in the West Shore School District. It appeals to my passion for volunteering because I believe the impact that can be made by volunteering is truly amazing.

As the current Student Council President of Red Land High School, it is a desire of mine to extend our outreach in the community and enhance the Patriot culture by extending our *Patriots for Patriots* program to ALL Patriots of Red Land and having more students help out the community in a multitude of ways. I believe Red Land can lift the banner high as it becomes a cornerstone of the community. I aspire to inspire future Patriots, past Patriots, and current Patriots. I strive to be great, and to become heavily involved with volunteering as its impact can change the lives of everyone involved.

Red Land-News Headlines:

Annual Halloween Window Painting in York

Art Department News:

On October 10, 10 students along with Mr. Clay Pepper and Mrs. Devon Miller, travelled to downtown York to participate in the Annual Halloween Window Painting event. Students submitted designs, and five students' works were selected by Eventive. Seniors Hallie Patrick and Emily Swinnich, Juniors Maddie Dicely, Hailey Rohman, and Sophomore Brynley Heil, had their designs selected and Becca Waller, Kym Brown, Megan Patrick, Timmy Waller, and Racheal Cuomo went along to assist the designers in painting. Be sure to check out their creative works outside of the Market Street parking garage. Their paintings will be up through the York Halloween Parade.

Canterbury Tales

English Department News:

Presently Mrs. Karen Martin's College Preparatory Senior English classes are studying *Canterbury Tales*. To prepare, the classes researched and discussed the historical background so they could get a feel for what the people of the Medieval time period endured (Bubonic Plague, Hundred Years' War, etc.). Next, they assumed the persona of a member of Medieval society wrote a journal entry based on the life of that person. The assignment isn't fair because life in the Middle Ages wasn't fair. For example, if students choose the persona of the king from a hat, they will write a mere five sentences. If they choose a peasant, they have a minimum of ten sentences to write. In addition, they will work with direct and indirect characterization of the people in "The Prologue" of *The Canterbury Tales*, and will be creating their own character "type" of someone who embodies that character's values, customs, and place in modern society. Finally, they will assume a character

from *The Canterbury Tales* and will write an email to three members of the pilgrimage to gather information for an article they are writing.

Career Readiness

School Counseling and Career Readiness Department News:

Thirty students from Red Land took the Steel Tip Boot tour of the Harley Davidson Factory in York, Pennsylvania, as part of the Manufacturing Careers Week. Students got to experience three lines of Harley motorcycles being built from start to finish and all of the jobs available to them at Harley Davidson.

Seven students took a trip to York College for the Future Educator Workshop. Students heard the latest updates as to educational opportunities within Pennsylvania and chose areas of concentration they wanted to hear more about.

Career Plan Development

During the week of October 15, 2018, the entire Senior class was interviewed. Teachers, principals, and central office administrators met face-to-face with Seniors in an effort to gather career information data as to students' post secondary plans. Staff completed a Google Form while surveying students. The goal of the survey was to identify students who need assistance in developing career plans and to provide feedback to West Shore for improving career development. Mr. Frank Gay will met with all students who indicated they did not have a plan, to set-up job shadowing.

Substance Abuse Unit

Health and Physical Education Department News:

In the Wellness/Fitness I classes, Mr. Eric Potter and Mrs. Erin Gay are starting the substance abuse unit during which we will be educating our students about the dangers of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Each student will be assigned a specific drug and they will be required to learn various entities such as the short-term and long-term effects; treatment options; and history of the drug. During this unit, we work very closely with our librarian, Mrs. Christine Metcalfe, on a drug research project. She will show all the classes how to use textbooks, online periodicals, and the Internet to gather reliable information. This will provide the freshmen with the research skills that they will need for the next three years at Red Land. Once the information is gathered about the drug, each student will then be assigned a famous person who has passed away from drug use. For example, did you know that Len Bias died from a cocaine overdose three days after a signed a contract with the Boston Celtics? Or that Heath Ledger died from an overdose of prescription drugs? The students learn about their person's career and the story behind their death. The final part of the project is to display the information throughout the hallways of Red Land for all students to view and hopefully, to learn about the dangers of drugs and the tragic deaths of many talented people due to the use of drugs.

Math and Donuts

Mathematics Department News:

Now that the school year is in full swing, the Math and Donuts tutoring program has once again opened its doors to the students of Red Land. Miss Shannon Zimmerman and Mr. Patrick Galuska bring a wealth of knowledge and a wealth of donuts to students in need of extra help in mathematics every Tuesday after school.

Percussion Performance

Music Department News:

The West Shore Percussion Ensemble will be performing for the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators/Pennsylvania School Board Association Conference on October 17, 2018, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Students performing are as follows: Rayce Lettich, Koen Meanor, Haydon Clark, Reagan Starrett, Max Farling, Timothy Waller, and Quintin Payne.

Vocal Quartet Performance

On September 28, 2018, a vocal quartet from Red Land High School participated in the annual West Chester University (WCU) Honors Choir. Students were able to enjoy the campus and facilities, work with choral professor Dr. David DeVenney, receive a group voice lesson with a WCU faculty member, and perform a concert at the conclusion of the day.

5-paragraph Essay

Social Studies Department News:

In Mr. Kyle Kerstetter's Advanced Placement (AP) World History, students have been working on preparing for the first AP essay question. Students have practiced crafting theses and using historical knowledge to supply context for our essays. The goal has been to write a concise 5-paragraph essay without wasting any words and getting right to the point. Upon completion of the essay, the students looked at samples from an actual reading at the College Board and compared their essays to the samples. This helped them to better understand what the professional scorers will be looking for come June when their essays are graded. It also gave them the opportunity to critically read other essays as they searched for the best practices in writing their own.

Worksite Visits

Special Education News:

The students in Ms. Paige Bodenschatz and Mrs. Amy Snyder's classrooms have been busy at work since the start of the school year. This year the students have 12 worksites they cycle through based on their grade levels:

- 9th - Salvation Army, Trindle Road Thrift Shop
- 10th - Salvation Army, Green Street and Boscov's
- 11th - JDK and Habitat ReStore
- 12th - Holiday Inn, HACC, Holy Spirit, The Woods, Mallard Run Apartments and Monkey Joe's

All students have an opportunity to attend Caitlin's Smiles one time per month. While in the community the students work closely with our partners in education and the paraprofessionals from their classrooms. The students are scored using a rubric, that is incorporated, monitored, and reflect in each student's IEP. The students are all gaining skills (soft, social, life, employability) that will be vital in them becoming productive citizens in the community upon graduation.

Biological Collections During Advanced Placement Field Trip

Science Department News:

The Advanced Placement Biology trip was a success even though students were not able to get into the stream for biological collections and physical measurements due to high water levels. Students were able to get into two ponds on site and part of the stream for chemical testing. Students did find that the chemistry of the three ecosystems showed some significant differences. The stream and ponds are actually in very good shape. The diversity index for the ponds were 2.34 and 1.87 which indicate that they are both pretty good. The Yellow Breeches usually shows above three so it was too bad we couldn't compare the results. The students will follow up with a report comparing and contrasting all three ecosystems.

Mugshots in Photo

Technology Education Department News:

The students in Mr. Nate Ebbert's Photo I classes are working on their first Photoshop assignment called Different Features. Mr. Ebbert took a "mugshot" of every student in the class and students have to put a different mouth, nose and eyes on their face. This project produces some very interesting new students.

Different Teaching Strategy

World Language Department News:

Mrs. Lesley Spann came up with a fun review activity for our Level One classes. To get the students prepared for the Unit One exam, students went outside and wrote answers on the sidewalk with sidewalk chalk. They loved it! It was the same information students would have reviewed in the classroom, but a change of venue made all the difference!

Caring Place

Sophomore Class Officers recently attended the Caring Team Luncheon at the Caring Place in Lemoyne, PA. The luncheon provides student leaders and advisors an opportunity to learn what the Caring Place does for the community and how it serves the grieving families who attend sessions. Attendees listened to a junior who attends a neighboring school who suffered the loss of a member of her family last year. She talked about her experience with the Caring Place and how it has helped her cope with her loss. Students also got some ideas for promoting the 10th annual Children's Grief Awareness Day, this year observed on November 15, 2018. The priority of this day is to spread kindness and awareness for children who are grieving; the only ask for this day is to wear blue in support.

PSATs

The PSAT/NMSQT exam was held on October 13, 2018, at Red Land High School.

PATRIOTS Positive Office Referral Program

This week Ms. Jen Taylor met, and called the parents of, 10 Red Land students referred to the office by their teachers. Teachers refer students for demonstrating the positive attributes of PATRIOTS. Ms. Taylor then met with those students and thank them for being exemplary human beings we are proud to have at Red Land. They are given a certificate and an ice cream/drink voucher. However, these rewards pale in comparison to the parent phone call – which is amazing! Parents are so pleased to receive positive phone calls highlighting the great things their students are doing at Red Land.

Principal's Advisory Council (PAC) ConnectED

Mrs. Holly Sayre made a video message regarding topics from PAC and had two students do a newsbroadcast regarding events and activities. A wealth of positive feedback from parents about the communication has been received.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILFwVoFiweo&t=25s>

Scores and Schedules

Athletics:

We are pleased to provide for you in the Board Report an update on athletic scores and highlights of the fall sports season.

2018 Fall Sports Team Results Through Monday October 15, 2018

Field Hockey

9-9

Girls Volleyball

2-13

Football

1-7

Boys Soccer

10-7-1

Girls Soccer

5-11

Boys Golf

24-6

Boys XC

3-3

Girls XC

4-2

Girls Tennis

5-11