

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



FALL 2015

Our Mission: *Prepare each student, by name, for success at every level.*

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
POINTS OF PRIDE
FALL 2015**

Student activities are an integral part of our educational program. Co-curricular programs are not only a way for students to have fun, but also a valuable educational tool. Activities provide an opportunity for all students to participate and help build community recognition and identity. Co-curricular activities are designed to instill school pride and teach life-long lessons. They support the academic mission of the school district and promote citizenship and sportsmanship. The activities program is a testing ground for the physical and emotional development of our young people.

IT IS BETTER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TRY TO REPAIR ADULTS.

**For more information about Pottstown School District, visit our website at
www.PottstownSchools.org or call 610-323-6274.**

FOOTBALL

Brandon Tinson (#3) was named The Mercury All-Area Player of the Week after rushing for 153 yards and scoring two touchdowns to assist the Trojans in beating Boyertown 28 – 14.



Brandon Tinson was named
Mini Maxwell Award winner for
Pottstown High School.



Congratulations to Brandon Tinson on his selection
as the Reading Eagle Tri-County
Football Player of the Year.

Brandon is another reason we say
"Proud to Be from Pottstown!"

<http://www.readingeagle.com/sports/article/tri-county-football-player-of-the-year-brandon-tinson#>



Jimmie Zazzi (#58) was named Tall Cedars Award winner
for Pottstown High School.

“Adam Sabuacak Player of the Game Award”

Adam Sabuacak was a 2001 graduate of Pottstown High School. He earned four varsity letters as a player for the Trojans and after graduation was one of our most loyal fans. Adam passed away in the spring of May 2009 and in his memory each week the high school football team will be naming the "Adam Sabuacak Player of the Game."

Winners for the 2015 Season:

- Saturday, September 19th vs. Boyertown – Steven Hewitt
- Saturday, October 3rd vs. Perkiomen Valley – Bryant Wise
- Saturday, October 17th vs. Upper Perkiomen – Brandon Tinson
- Saturday, October 31st vs. Methacton – Ernest McCalvin
- Thursday, November 26th vs. Owen J. Roberts – Bryant Wise

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team - Offense

- Brandon Tinson – Athlete

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team - Offense

- Bryant Wise – Running Back
- Jimmie Zazzi – Offensive Lineman

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team - Offense

- Isaiah Mayes – Running Back

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team - Defense

- Ernest McCalvin – Down Lineman
- Brandon Tinson – Defensive Back

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team - Defense

- Bryant Wise – Inside Linebacker

Named The Mercury All Area Coach of the Year

- Don Grinstead

Named to The Mercury All Area First Team - Offense

- Brandon Tinson

Name to The Mercury All Area First Team - Defense

- Ernest McCalvin
- Brandon Tinson

Name to The Mercury All Area Second Team - Offense

- Bryant Wise
- Jimmie Zazzi

Name to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Offense

- Isaiah Mayes

Senior Day Photos:



Alec
Krause



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Washington



Brandon
Tinson



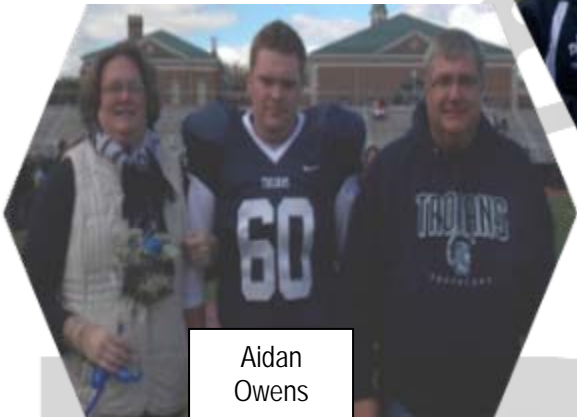
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Jimmie
Zazzi



Bryant
Wise



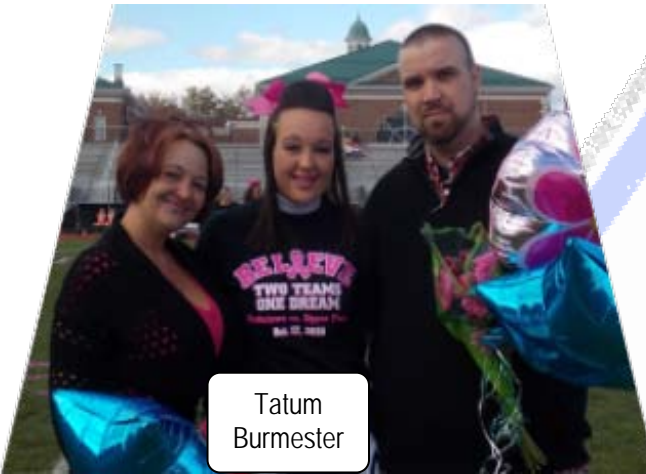
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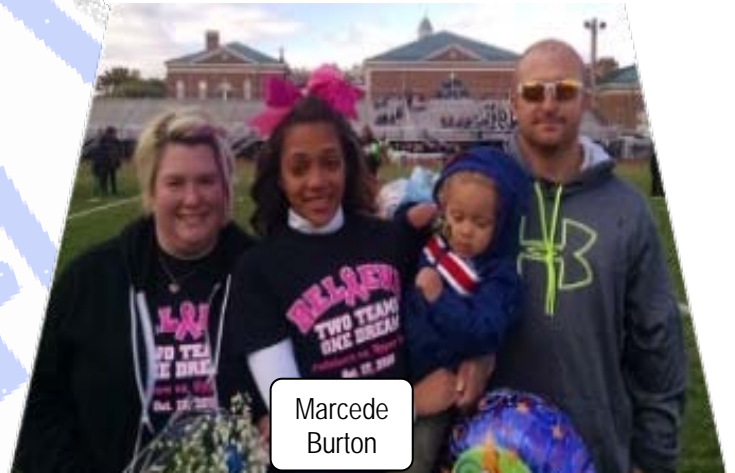
Logan
Pennypacker

PRIDE

Football Cheerleading Senior Day Photos:



Tatum
Burmester



Marcede
Burton



Kayla
Wise



GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Senior Day Photos:



Breana Bodnar



Sabrina Butler



Cheyanne Marshall



MarDaija Pearson



Halle Robinson



Veronica Tirado



FIELD HOCKEY

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Frontier Division First Team

- MarDaije Pearson – Defense
- Ebony Reddick - Goalie

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Trinity Miller - Offense

Named to The Mercury All Area First Team

- Ebony Reddick

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Trinity Miller
- MarDaije Pearson

BOYS' SOCCER

With a 1-0 victory over Sun Valley, Pottstown qualified for the finals of the Sun Valley Soccer Tournament. Their second place finish is the highest tournament accomplishment in the history of Pottstown soccer.



Logan Pennypacker was selected to representing Pottstown High School and the Pioneer Athletic Conference in the PIAA All-Star Soccer Game/College Showcase held at Eastern University.

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Logan Pennypacker

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Logan Pennypacker



Senior Day Photos:



Chase
McKain



Kameron
Penn



Aidan
Owens



Mason

Logan

Pennypacker



Justin
Stewart



GIRLS' SOCCER

Senior Day Photos:



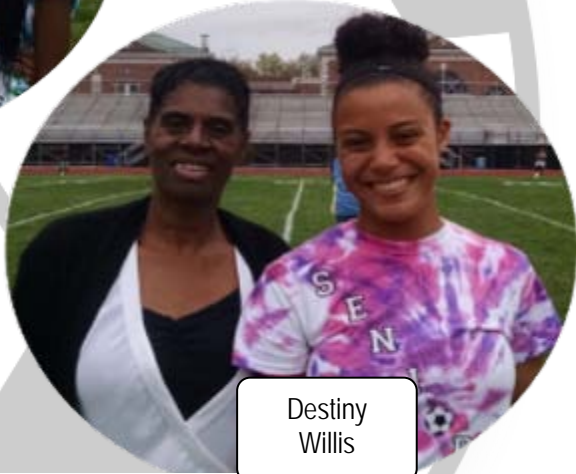
Kendra
Andrews



Alaina
James



Claudia
La



Destiny
Willis



Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Alaina James

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Alaina James

CROSS COUNTRY

Results from the Penn Track Invitational held at Kutztown University

- Justin Beasley-Turner – Time: 17:28 – 9th out of 142 runners in the 3.1 mile race
- The boys' team overall placed 12th out of 25 teams
- Trojan runners included: Matt Wood, Nick Parson, Paul Sabold, Reilly Dugan, London Gregory, Donta Smith and Josh Gery.



The Pottstown Cross Country team has logged many miles along the trail by Riverfront Park. Their dedication to running has not gone unnoticed by Dr. Whitaker and the Rotary Club. The team recently had a brick dedicated to them under the park pavilion. Keep on running Pottstown Cross Country!



Justin Beasley-Turner finished 9th at Lehigh for the PIAA District One AA Championships and will advance to the State Championships in Hershey. Congratulations to all members and coaches of the team!



Named to The Mercury All Area Boys' Cross Country Second Team

- Justin Beasley-Turner

The Cross Country Team finished their season in style Friday at the District I Championships under beautiful conditions at Lehigh University.

- ★ The girls' team was led by Yuliza Cruz running a 23:37 over the 3.1 mile course. Hannah Shankle ran a personal best time of 24:23; followed closely by Mya Pope with a 24:28. Claire Fetterman, Katie McCoy Swinehart, Brittany Bosko and Danielle Slody rounded out the varsity.



- ★ The boys represented the Trojans well by finishing 6th out of 9 varsity teams. Khalif Burgess, Nicholas Parson, Matt Wood, Paul Sabbold, AJ Ecker and Josh Gery scored on varsity. The highlight for the Trojans, besides our new sweatshirts, was cheering on Justin Beasley-Turner as he qualified for the State Championship Meet by finishing 9th overall. Congratulations team!!

Trojans Celebrate 30th Harrier Invitational With a Second Place



The 30th Harrier Invitational was held at Pottstown High School on Saturday September 26. Over 300 middle school students and 150 high school runners ran on our 3.1 mile challenging course which includes "chicken hill." Justin Beasley-Turner finished 2nd overall with a time of 17:31 and the boys' team placed 2nd behind St. Joe's Prep in their division.

Scoring for the Trojans were: Khalif Burgess with a dramatic sprint to the finish, Paul Sabold running his personal best, Nicholas Parson, AJ Ecker and Josh Gery.



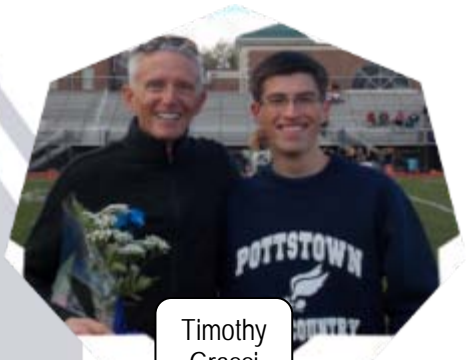
On the girls side, Yuliza Cruz raced to 3rd, running her personal best at 23.04 and leading the team to a 2nd place finish overall as well. Claire Fetterman, Hannah Shankle, Katie McCoy Swinehart and Danielle Slody scored for the Trojans.



Senior Day Cross Country Photos:



Justin Beasley-Turner



Timothy Grassi



Shane Dugan



London Gregory



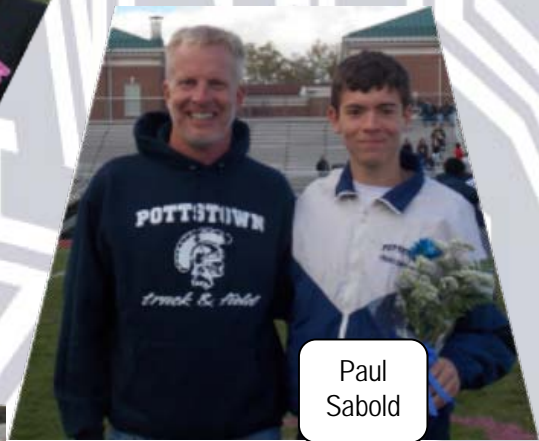
Nicholas Parson



Donta Smith



Matt Wood



Paul Sabold



Brittany Bosko



Mya Pope

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

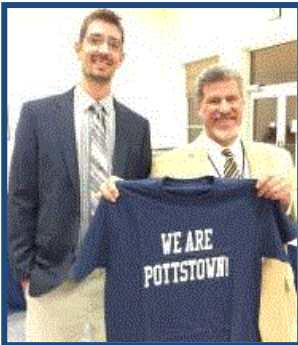
- Cheerleading - Andraya Guy
- Boys' Cross Country - Timothy Grassi
- Girls' Cross Country - Mya Pope
- Field Hockey - Halle Robinson
- Football - Brandon Tinson
- Boys' Soccer - Justin Stewart
- Girls' Soccer - Claudia La
- Girls' Tennis - Alivia Lopez

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FALL CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Alec Krause

STAFF and DISTRICT AWARDS

Dave Genova, Wellness Coordinator for the school district, was recently recognized as one of 12 national recipient of the Action for Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools Hero Award. He received the award in recognition of his outstanding efforts in the school district and community to promote the value of healthy lifestyle choices.



Pottstown's [Save the Lights campaign](#) got nearly \$5,000 closer to its goal when the Federation of Pottstown Teachers made an unannounced donation. The \$4,780 donation came out of the teachers' union dues and paid the cost for an entire year of "casual day" for the teachers.



Leroy Stillings, a member of the Pottstown School District Transportation Department shows his Pottstown Pride as he exercises his civic duty by voting in the election today. Your voice will be heard. Thanks for being another reason we can all say Proud to be from Pottstown.

Congratulations the PHS teacher Jaclyn Harner for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" article. She is a representative of our dedicated staff and gives us another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown." Click here to see her story:

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/in-our-schools-jaclyn-harner>



Special to the Reading Eagle: Sandi Yanisko | Jaclyn Harner, a life skills support teacher at Pottstown High School, teaching her students about habitats on Thursday morning.

I grew up in: Lansdale, Montgomery County

I now live in: Gilbertsville

Family: Husband, Jeremy; daughters, Lillian, 5; and Ella, 2

Education: North Penn High School and Cabrini College

How I spend my free time: I love hanging out with my girls playing dress up and having lightsaber battles. Also, I enjoy golfing and sewing when there is a spare moment!

Teacher who inspired me: Amy Shelby. She provided me with a sense of confidence and understanding. I did my student-teaching with her and fell in love with the passion, patience and energy she presented when working with her students. The amount of various expectations she presented each student to encourage success was inspiring. Also, she did it with a smile!

What inspired me to choose life skills support: I had the opportunity to provide in home support for a 7-year-old boy who was autistic. I was able to go into the home and work with the child and the family. Each time I was there, I enjoyed the challenge to create new and exciting ways to get the family and child communicating with each other through activities and community visits. It was a blast. From that point forward, I knew that the area of life skills or lower functioning students was where I needed to be so I would have the opportunity to continue that work. Plus why would you not want to work with the happiest students in the school?

Funniest classroom moment: The amount of pens I lose on a daily basis. Each day I must lose about 20 different pens. The students play in right into it and enjoy "helping" me look in all the wrong places. As soon as I decide to get a new pen, the students then remind me where the previous pen is located (which is often in my hair somewhere).

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: This is a tough one because my whole life I have wanted to educate others. But a question is a question, and I must share that if given the opportunity I think I would be interested in attempting the field of photography.

You might not know: I was a four-year starter in college basketball. Although, my students are very much aware of this! Something else is I HATE speaking in front of people. This may be why I'm never in the front of the classroom.

In Our Schools is a weekly feature spotlighting teachers and administrators educating children in Tri-County schools



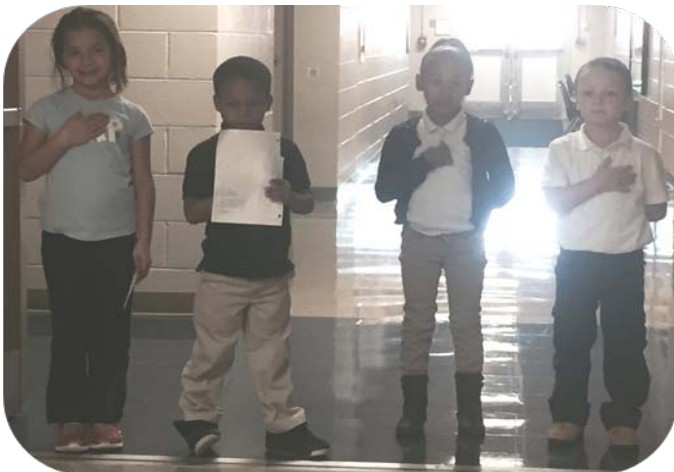
ELEMENTARY

Rupert Elementary School had 210 student families represented at our “Meet the Teacher Night” last week! It was a great way to kick off the new year!



Pottstown Pride, family style, was on display at the Rupert Elementary School Family Activity Night. Over 100 students and their families participated together doing various Action Based Learning activities. It helped parents to see how to boost their children’s performance in both reading and math using movement activities. Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make the event a success. Staff who helped last night were:

Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. McNamara, Mrs. Pileggi, Mrs. Shank, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Pollock, Mr Strohecker, Mr. Freese, Ms. Dotterer, Miss Fazekas, Mrs. Oxenford, Mr. Paris, and Mrs. Sellman



Students at Barth Elementary stopped in the hallway on their own during the National Anthem. Doing what is right when no one is watching. What a great display of respect! A reflection of the Barth team and their influence on the students!

Barth Elementary School has started a new tradition of bringing the student population together at the start of the school year to hear words of encouragement from each staff member, to be reminded of the elements within the Barth pledge, and to hang the brand-new Barth flag for the school year.



At the end of the school year, the flag will be taken down and given to an outgoing fourth-grade student who has demonstrated the highest level of citizenship. The first flag was given out in the spring of 2015.

David Mackewicz, the first recipient of the Barth Elementary School flag. David demonstrated high level of citizenship and teachers had many examples of how he was constantly looking out for the well-being of others.

The Barth Pledge is a pledge that students take each morning following the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff members participate as well. It frames the expectation at this elementary school.

Barth Pledge

I promise to do my best work and learn the most I can.
 I will help others when they need me.
 I will share and take turns.
 I will speak nicely.
 I will not hurt others in any way.
 I will help keep my school a safe and clean place.
 I am proud to be a Barth student.



Second grade students in Ms. Jamie Fazekas's class showed their civic pride by wearing their "WE ARE POTTSSTOWN" tee-shirts to class and making posters of the reasons why they love and are proud of Pottstown:





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Susan Hallman–Franklin Elementary School

Family includes: Daughter, Karen, and her husband, Tony; son, Steve, his wife, Christy, and their daughter, Brinley, 1.

Education: Boyertown High School; West York High School; Reading Area Community College; Kutztown University, bachelor's degree in elementary education with a concentration in reading.

How I spend my free time: I spend much of my time with my parents and traveling to visit with my children and granddaughter. I enjoy reading, gardening, sewing, remodeling my house, building patios for friends and family and singing in the church choir. I'm also an Eagles fan.

Teacher who inspired me: My fifth- and sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Susan Swartz. She had outstanding rapport with students, high expectations for me and the others. Her teaching style was fun but effective and time moved fast in her classroom. I aspire to be the same sort of teacher.

Funniest classroom moment: Our classroom includes children with special needs. One social skill we work on is the difference between laughing with someone and laughing at someone. During reading group, we were practicing a reader's theater script. One of our students always reads so quickly it sounds like gibberish, so I decided to record him. After replaying the first recording, he slowed down while reading. Upon listening to the second replay, we heard his voice for the first time. He began to laugh at himself, and we were able to laugh with him.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I would probably be a landscape architect. I would design outdoor spaces for people to enjoy.

You might not know: My children, while they were attending college, encouraged me to register for classes. At age 42, I enrolled at Reading Area Community College and became a full-time student.

My thoughts on pursuing or changing a career: It is never too late to start again, whether you change careers or continue where you are currently. I attended college as an adult student and brought life experience to the classroom. We all benefit from being lifelong learners.

Mr. Moyer – Principal Rupert Elementary School - Ten Years and Counting



National Walk to School Day

All of our elementary schools took part in this healthy event. Good to see partners working together for a healthier Pottstown. More reason to be Proud to be from Pottstown. Click below to see some of the activity at Franklin.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cpWmxlyrEw&feature=youtu.be>

Over 400 students took part in the International Walk To School day event held in October



Rupert Walking Bus carried the first passengers from their homes to Rupert Elementary School. This exciting innovative program provides safe travel to school while at the same time promoting healthy life styles.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Several hundred students took part in the annual Fall Activity Night

Ms. Angelo and Ms. Barniak took the Environmental Science Club to Hawk Mountain.



"Pink Out" - Middle School Supports Cancer Awareness Week



HIGH SCHOOL



Our cheerleaders are showing some Pottstown Pride on picture day.

Ms. Santangelo's Business Class takes a fieldtrip to QVC Network.



PHS Students Are a Terror When It Comes To Pride

Four PHS students volunteered their expertise and their time four out of five weekends in October to show their Pride and help make the Pottstown Temple of Terror a scary time for all. Kyree Martin and Charles Hetrick were actors, while Jada Steward and Victoria Eckerd, two Cosmetology students, applied make-up to the actors, as well as, performing in the haunted house. Charles Hetrick showed Pride and toughness as he continued to volunteer even while on crutches with a severely broken foot.



Sixty (60) of our PHS students worked side-by-side with students from The Hill School and MCCC to make a difference in our community. Read the Mercury story by Marian Dennis, click here: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20151023/pottstown-cares-returns-to-the-streets-for-cleanup>



ROTC

ROTC cadets have busy weekends.

The ROTC cadets provided support services for the following events:

- Carousel of Flavors
- The annual Pottstown Pet Show
- Pottstown Airport Community Days
- And in their spare time provided Color Guard presentations at a number of athletic events.

As you can see, they give us plenty of reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



Our students enjoy a wide range of opportunities that give them experience that will lead to future success. Here is an example of students doing double duty. At the Thanksgiving Day football game Junior Air Force ROTC cadets Josh Stasik and Alex Caballero were members of the honor guard that presented the colors and then took part in the Marching Band's on-field performance. Josh Stasik is a senior and plays tenor drums in the marching band; while Alex Caballero is a sophomore, plays snare in the marching band, is a member of the Wrestling Team and a volunteer junior fireman.

There is only one thing to say "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



BAND

The band, under the direction of Mr. Michael Vought, performed in Atlantic City as part of the Miss America Parade.



Click below to watch the band on the boardwalk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m03xi7NYrFw>

Thanks to Anthony Wunderlich for the video of the Trojan Band performance at the Phoenixville game click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlfqLatqgmE&feature=youtu.be>

The Pottstown High School Marching Band attended the Lancaster County Marching Band Coalition Showcase at the Lancaster Catholic High School Stadium. This was a non-competitive band show where the students get to sit in the home stands and watch (and support) all of the other bands. It was a highly entertaining show and Pottstown brought down the house with their "Fade To Black" show. Evan Brandt stated, "Unlike a cavalcade, this "Showcase" involved no judges, no scoring; just bands playing their hearts out and the appreciative audience giving it right back in applause."

The Pottstown Marching Band Staff includes:

<p>Show Designer - Dennis Pringle Drum Line Instructor – Dave Stauffer Marching Instructor – Tony Wunderlich Color Guard Instructor – Gayle Aquino Pit Instructor – Sarah Pinard Band Director – Michael Vought</p>	<p>The officers include: President – Conor Benfield Vice President – Chloe Francis Secretary – Claudia La Treasurer – Jada Burton Band Manager – Casey Mest Junior Representative – Angel Olvera Sophomore Representative – Julia Day Freshman Representative – Juliana Roseo Color Guard Captains - Yadi Padilla and Sabrina Cassel Drum Majors - Justin Beasley-Turner and Rashell Williams</p>
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Here is the YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXeejVirsxk>

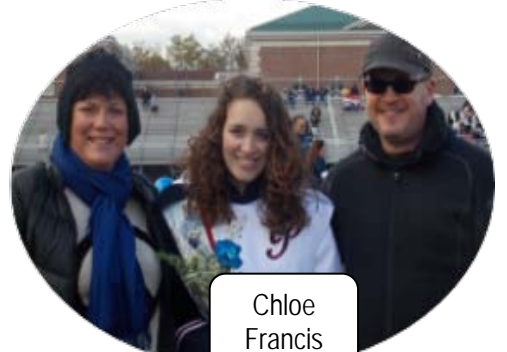
Band Senior Day Photos:



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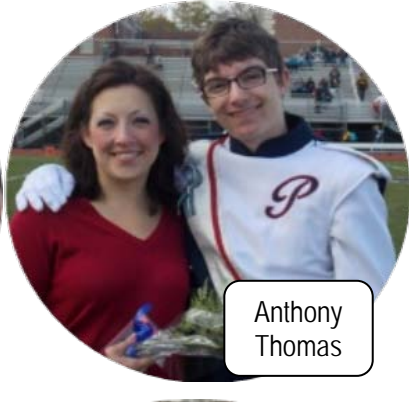
Claudia
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Chloe
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Conor
Benfield



Anthony
Thomas



Cera
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Katie
Campbell



Jada
Burton



Josh
Stasik

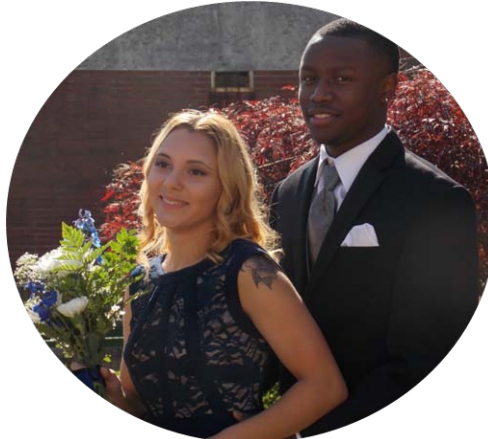
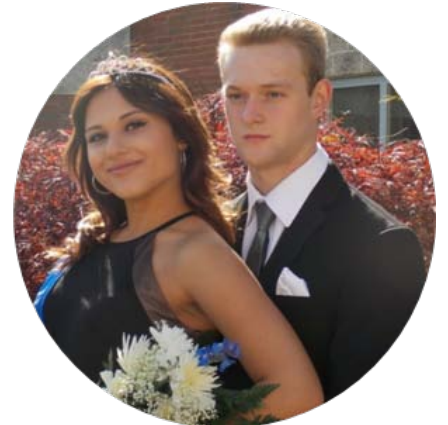
2015 Homecoming Court:

Members of the court were



Back row: Seth Thomas, Raekwon Smith (for Brandon Tinson, Jr.), Ron Fausnaught (for Gary Wise-2014 King), Josh Gery (for Aidan Owens), Jaeden Beasley, and Conor Benfield

Front row: Mya Pope, Cheyanne Marshall, Eliana Arroyo-Dech-2014 Queen, MarDaije Pearson, Breana Bodnar, and Halle Robinson

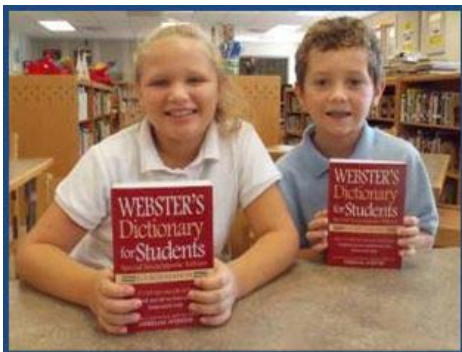


2015 Homecoming Queen and King – MarDaije Pearson and Conor Benfield



THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- Thank you to the members of the Pottstown Rotary Club for their donation of over 300 Webster Dictionaries to all of our fourth grade students. Over the past eight years, the Rotary has provided over 2,400 Webster Dictionaries to Pottstown School District's elementary students.



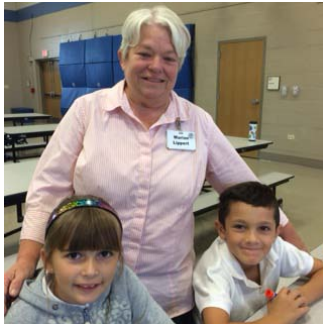
- Thank you to the Federation of Pottstown Teachers for their support of the “Save the Lights” campaign with a donation of \$4,780.00 which will go directly to helping to return nighttime athletic events to Grigg Memorial Stadium.



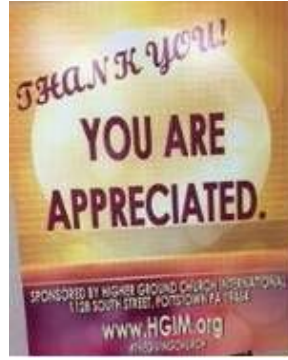
- Thank you to Dr. Niraj Patel of the Chiropractic and Wellness Center for his generous donation of student school supplies to Lincoln Elementary School.



- Thank you to PMMC and, in particular, Marian Lippert, Staff Coordinator, and Pam Kubczak, Discharge Callback Administrator, for organizing a donation of school supplies from hospital employees to the students of Franklin Elementary School. Boxes of school supplies came packed with loving care. Some of the employees made and decorated little plastic bags with enough materials for one student. You could feel the love put in to it.



- Thank You to Higher Ground International Church for providing an appreciation breakfast for teachers.



- The Class of 1950 has made a \$500 donation to the save the lights fund. Mrs. Bobbie Shaner and her son David presented the check to the Pottstown School District.



- Thank you to the Pottstown Music Association for their donation to the "Save the Lights" project.



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

The Pottstown School District inducted its 30th addition of outstanding alumni into the Alumni Honor Roll. This year's recipients included:



Pictured left to right: Jenneen (Corum) Flamer, Major John C. Johnson, Candi Haas-Simmons, and Howard Brown

- **Mrs. Jenneen (Corum) Flamer** – Class of 1970 – Jenneen is a recognized leader in the area of preparing students for life after graduation. She served as the College Career Director at Norristown High School and developed programs that became the model for surrounding schools. She then went on to Ursinus College where she was initially hired as the Minority Admissions Counselor tasked with creating a diversity recruitment plan. Her efforts and commitment were recognized by the Philadelphia Inquirer. The Pennsylvania Association of Admissions and Counselors recognized her with the Human Relations Award for her outstanding record of serving underserved and underrepresented students on the high school and college level. Her reputation and valued insight amongst the college network gained her seats on the Villanova University Diversity Implementation Committee and invited speaker to the Villanova University Master's Counseling Program, the Penn State University Advisory Board, and the Philadelphia Round Table. She has also served as an advisor to various other local colleges.
- **Major John C. Johnson** – Class of 1957 – He distinguished himself by serving nearly 50 years of dedicated professional military and federal civilian service to our country. A 1961 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor's degree in education, he later earned a master's degree in administration and management from Central Michigan University. As a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he served as a special forces operational "A" team commander in Vietnam where he conducted overt, covert, and clandestine special operations. During his three combat tours in South Vietnam, he received numerous awards including the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Stars, one with combat "V" for valor, six air medals, one with combat "V" for valor, and numerous awards from the Vietnamese government. Following his military retirement, he continued to serve our nation for over 35 years as a member of the Department of Defense. Major Johnson distinguished himself as a Senior Doctrine and Systems Training Analyst who authored and collaborated in the design, development, and publication of numerous special operations forces training manuals, handbooks, guides, and programs of instruction. As the Senior Operations Research Systems Analyst at the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Test Directorate, he played a major role in the design, development, and operational testing strategies of personnel, vehicles, weapons, and equipment delivery systems. Major Johnson concluded his prestigious civilian career as the Project Lead for planning and coordination of the Airborne Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Program.

- **Mrs. Candi Haas-Simmons** – Class of 1972 – Candi is an artist who has gained a reputation for her portraits of the natural world. Working from the flora of the eastern woodlands and images from nature, she has established a following among those who have a passion for beauty and spirit of the natural world. Most recently, she has created mixed media works that explore her relationships to nature and family, fusing personal symbolism to cultural remnants and images of nature that mirror her internal beliefs. Her skills have brought her local, regional, and national recognition and awards for both her paintings and drawings.
- **Mr. Howard Brown** – Class of 1995 – Mr. Brown is a 1999 graduate of Villanova University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He also holds a masters international business degree from the University of London. As a basketball player, he helped to lead the Pottstown Trojans to the 1993 State Championship. He was named the Pennsylvania State Player of the Year and the Pennsylvania Gatorade State Player of the Year as he helped the Trojans become four time PAC-10 champions, three time District I champions, and two time Eastern Conference champions. While attending Villanova University, he was named to the Big East Conference All Academic All Star Team and helped Villanova earn births in the NCAA Tournament three times. He was named the Villanova Scholar Athlete of the Year and was recognized as a member of the Philadelphia Big 5 First Team Selection. He went on to a distinguished professional basketball career in the European League where he helped lead his team to the Spanish League Basketball Championships and in 2008 helped his team record a league record 32 wins. Professionally, he is an Associate Sales Executive for Social Solutions Global Inc. He is the founder and chairman of the International Ballplayers United and is the founder and president of the Live the Dream Foundation which has provided numerous scholarships for Pottstown High School students.



The 38th Annual Tri County Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame recently honored:



Mush Bechtel, Howard Brown, Brent Voynar, and Ron Reinhart

- ❖ **Ron Reinhart** – During his four years of high school, Reinhart earned 10 varsity letters. From 1978-1982 he was a starter in both football and baseball. He also lettered two years in wrestling. He was the Male Athlete of the Year and the TriCounty Male Athlete his senior year at Pottstown High School. He was a four year starter as a catcher in baseball and co-captain his senior season. He medaled twice in Sectionals in wrestling. He started on both the offensive and defensive lines in football, where he was named the ChesMont League 2-Way Player of the Year. He made numerous All-League teams from the Pottstown/Philadelphia area. He then started as an offensive guard on the undefeated team at Fork Union Military Academy before attending Shippensburg. He started on the defensive line four years, was the Defensive Player of the Week two times, Defensive Player of the Year, and named All-PSAC two times while at Shippensburg.
- ❖ **Carroll “Mush” Bechtel III** – “Mush” was a well-rounded athlete from Pottstown. He is best known as a hard-hitting football player for the Trojans. He started three years making All-ChesMont two times as a linebacker and fullback. He played on the legendary 1961 team. He also played basketball two years, and baseball three years. He also swam in the winter and summer. He then went to Colgate and played football for four years. He was named ECAC Weekly All-Star three times during his football career. After graduation from Colgate he went into coaching. He coached various sports at various levels. After his coaching days, he turned to officiating for swimming and baseball. He stayed active in the area doing radio and writing sports articles as well.
- ❖ **Howard Brown** – Brown is one of the most honored basketball players ever of the TriCounty area. He scored over 1,700 points and is 2nd all-time in Pottstown basketball history. He led his team to four straight PAC-10 championships, three District I championships, two Eastern Conference championships, and the only State championship in Pottstown High School history (1993). He was named the Gatorade PA State Player of the Year, Mercury Player of the Year, and All PAC-10 several times. Brown went to Villanova where he played in the NCAA Tournament three times, and won the Big East championship in 1997. He scored more than 1,100 points in college and was known for his “all round” game. He is still ranked in the top 25 in many categories at Villanova University such as steals, assists, and rebounding. He was named Villanova’s Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1997. He then played professionally for 13 years in Spain and other European countries, where he averaged over 20 points per game three times.

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- ❖ **Claude “Deacon” Reinhart** – Reinhart was widely considered one of the best athletes in the Pottstown area in the 1940s. He earned nine varsity letters at Pottstown High School, including three in basketball where he set a scoring record of 25 points in one game. He played first base and captained his senior year in baseball where he earned three varsity letters. He is best known as a football star where he played on the legendary 1946 team with Dave Detar among others that went 8-1. He was the first two time co-captain at PHS, and made numerous All-Star teams, including Philadelphia Area All-Scholastic, and honorable Mention All-State. He accepted a full scholarship to the University of South Carolina, but left early to come home with his family. He then played professional football with the Bethlehem Bulldogs in the American Football League.

- ❖ **Brent Voynar** – Voynar starred in baseball and Football while at Pottstown High School. He excelled as a middle infielder making 2nd Team All PAC-10. He played in the Carpenter Cup and was an All-Star with the Pottstown Steelers in legion ball. He quarterbacked the Trojans to a Co-PAC-10 championship in football and was named PAC-10 Player of the Year, Mercury Player of the Year, and 1st All PAC-10 QB. He then moved on to East Stroudsburg to play Safety. He was named co-captain during his college career, and also made All-PSAC as a safety, ECAC Division II All-East safety two times. He served as a Graduate Assistant at ESU for two years when he picked up both an undergrad degree and a Masters degree.

FALLEN TROJANS



The Pottstown School District is proud of the members of its Trojan family and will honor its deceased alumni by recognizing them and their accomplishments in our "Fallen Trojans" section. Anyone wishing to have alumni recognized should provide appropriate information to:



John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations,
230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email jarmato@pottstownsd.org.

- **Helen H. (Hoffman) Somma** - Class of 1942 - Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Martin L. Hoffman and the late Florence (Rhoades) Hoffman. She was a secretary for INA/CIGNA Insurance Co. for many years until her retirement. Helen was an avid Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies fan, loved to travel and her blueberry bushes.
- **Carolyn E. (Rosen) Saylor** - Class of 1949 - was the wife of Henry S. "Hank" Saylor. Born in Cedarville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Thomas W. and Ethel N. (McElroy) Rosen. Carolyn was employed as a book keeper and office manager working at the family business the Pottstown Roller Mills. She was a member of Coventry Church of the Brethren. Carolyn was a member of Schuylkill Chapter #338 Order of Eastern Star and was a past Worthy Matron. She organized the Looking Ups Relay for Life Team; was a member of the Lower Pottsgrove PTO. Family was very important to her and she loved spending time with her grand and great grandchildren as well as her nieces and nephews.
- **Mary "Lou" Louise (Heil) Sassaman** - Class of 1948 - was the widow of James W. Sassaman. She was a daughter of the late Charles F. and Mary (Deitz) Heil. Mrs. Sassaman was employed as a housekeeper, working for St. Aloysius Catholic Church and St. Thomas More Catholic Church. She was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Pottstown and the former Maria Assunta Lodge.
- **Adam Paige Gibbs** - Class of 1987 - was the husband of Greglynn D. (Walton) Gibbs. Born in Pottstown, Pa., he was the son of Archie L. and Jacqueline Y. (Gibbs) Allen. Adam was a machine operator for Dana Corporation in Pottstown, Pa., for two years. He was a [U.S. Navy](#) Veteran. Adam was a former wrestler for Pottstown High School and was a volunteer coach for the Daniel Boone youth wrestling association. Adam was a member of Second Baptist Church, Pottstown, Pa.
- **Patricia Ann (Dolas) Queen** – Class of 1956 – from North Ft. Myers, FL. Patricia was born in Pottstown, PA, graduated from Pottstown High School and Reading School of Nursing. Patricia was a long-time employee of Pottstown Memorial Medical Center. She was the daughter of the late Nicholas T. and Gladys (Wardell) Dolas, and step-mother Emily (Cleaver) Dolas.
- **Monique R. (Bonson) Paczok** – Class of 1985 - Monique, 48, of Pottstown, PA, passed away on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at Coventry Manor, Pottstown, PA. She was the wife of Michael A. Paczok, with whom she shared 29 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was the daughter of late Benjamin and Elizabeth (Riccardi) Bonson. Monique was a 1985 graduate of Pottstown High School. She was a landscaper for Ron's Lawn Care and tended bar for the German Club in Pottstown. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Club, the German Club and the F.O.E.

- **Edith P. (Rhoads) Garber** - Class of 1940 - She was the wife of the late, Samuel S. Garber Jr. Edith was born September 9, 1921 in Pottstown, PA. She was the daughter of the late Mayberry and Mildred Rhoads. Edith was a graduate of Pottstown High School and was past president of the Doe Club, Pottstown Lodge #814. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church, Pottstown, PA.
- **Sherman Harris** - Born March 16, 1957 in Pottstown, PA, he was the son of the late Willie Joe and Catherine Harris. He attended school in the Pottstown Area School District. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church, Pottstown, PA where he sang on the choir and served as a cook. Sherman loved cooking, baking and singing.
- **Helen Z. (Ziegler) Yerger** - Class of 1946 – She was the wife of the late Kenneth Yerger, Sr. Born on August 28, 1928 in Limerick, PA, she was a daughter of the late Phares and Laura (Keeney) Ziegler. Mrs. Yerger worked for Philco Manufacturing Company in Spring City, PA. She retired from the ICI Company in Audubon, PA in 1990. Mrs. Yerger enjoyed reading, crocheting, bowling, playing bingo, spending time with friends, family, most especially her beloved grandchildren. Mrs. Yerger was married for 56 years to her husband until his death 2003.
- **Raymond I. Yocom** - Class of 1933 - After graduating from Pottstown High School he enjoyed a varied professional career including Jacob's Aircraft and Doehler-Jarvis where he served as a sales engineer and upon retirement was the Sales Manager for the Pottstown plant serving customers from New England to the Carolinas. Raymond was a warm, caring, and always positive person who was quick to share and serve wherever there was a need. He was generous with his time and resources. He served St. James Lutheran church on various committees, the Boy Scouts, the Strichter Lodge #254 Free and Accepted Masons, HI-12 Club, the Wolcott Foundation, and the Red Cross blood mobile. After moving to Cape Cod, he decided to call each resident living in his retirement community on their birthday, an outreach program that he continued for over 10 years, placing his final call a few days before his death. In his community, he was admired by many whom regarded him as the perfect gentleman.
- **Barbara Ann (Moore) Kurtz** - Class of 1943 – She was born in Pottstown and was the daughter of the late Clyde A. and Esther (Geyer) Moore, and the widow of Robert Y. Kurtz, who preceded her in death in 2007 following 61 years of marriage. After graduating from Pottstown High School in 1943 she worked briefly at Bell Telephone prior to her marriage following Bob's tour of active duty in the South Pacific during World War II. She became a dedicated mother and homemaker for her five children, 14 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren to whom she dedicated her time and attention for the majority of her life. Her second home was her church, First Baptist of Pottstown, where she served for 70 years in many leadership roles. She was a Sunday School teacher, deaconess, Bible School director, church choir participant, president of the women's prayer group, and leader of an active youth fellowship group with her husband, Bob. Barbara was a past president of the Pottstown Century Club, was active in school PTAs, and was a member of the Pottstown Garden Club. In addition to her civic activities, she loved spending time with family in Ocean City, NJ, and traveling with family and friends throughout the country and abroad. Watercolor painting became a favorite activity in her later years following courses at the Anvil Gallery, and she has shared her award-winning artwork with both friends and family.

- **Marie Elizabeth (Seybold) Shirey** - Class of 1958 – Marie was the wife of Glenn M. Shirey, with whom she shared 54 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Alvin Roland Seybold and Mildred E. (Stollsteimer) Seybold. She was a registered nurse retiring after 30 years working in the Operation Room at the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Pottstown, PA, where she taught Sunday school and confirmation and served on Consistory. Marie was active in the community. She served as secretary of the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation. Marie was also a member and officer of the East Auxiliary of the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, Pottstown Court No. 113, Order of the Amaranth and the Association of Operating Room Nurses – Pottstown Chapter.
- **Stephen E. Sabol** - Class of 1941 - Stephen was one of nine children of the late Maria (Minnich) and Albert Sabol. He was a US Navy Veteran. He was a crib attendant for Doehler-Jarvis retiring in 1982. He was a life member of West End Fire Company, VFW Post 780, Manatawny Association, was a member of the Elks organization for 30 years, and was a private pilot in which he was very proud of this accomplishment.
- **Joanne R. (Whitacre) Trace** - Class of 1952 - Joanne Whitacre grew up in Pine Forge as the only child of J. Robert Whitacre and Edna Yocom. After graduating from Pottstown High in 1952, she married Bob Trace, with whom she raised three children, Sue, Tim, and Rob. She worked as a travel agent at Storb Travel from 1953 to 1961 and 1975 to 1990. She worked at Lobb Travel from 1990 to 1997. Two of her children graduated from Pottstown High - Sue in 1979 and Rob in 1986. Three of her grandchildren also graduated from Pottstown High - Ian (2006), Seth (2009), and Jill (2013) Lawrence. Her other grandchild, Bailey Trace, is a sophomore at Cherokee High in New Jersey.
- **Audrey A. (Shollenberger) Bechtel** - Class of 1952 - wife of John F. Bechtel, was the daughter of the late Horatio and Florence (Hatfield) Shollenberger. She worked in Pottstown as a telephone operator for the former Bell Telephone. She left work to raise her children and was a devoted full-time mother. Years later she returned to work as secretary for Amity Twp. She was an avid reader and enjoyed crossword puzzles, loved birds and family get-togethers, her children and grandchildren, the Poconos and Ocean City, NJ. Audrey was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown where she taught Sunday school and Vacation Church School. She also served as a choir mother for the youth choir.
- **Andrea May Schultz** - Class of 1979 - she was a daughter of the late Joseph F. Schultz Sr. and Augustine (Banus) Schultz. She worked for the Top Flight Realty Co., Reading, PA, since 1997. She enjoyed reading, photography and trips to the beach, especially Ocean City, MD, with her family.
- **Florence V. "Debbie" Simmons** - Class of 1941 – she was a daughter of the late John F. and Louella (Gilbert) Rahn. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown, and had previously worked for the Royal Jewel Box and Milton's Children's Store, both of Pottstown. Mrs. Simmons enjoyed reading, was a member of the Birthday Club, and loved spending time with her family.
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FALLEN TROJANS STAFF MEMBERS



- **Mark Drauschak**, was born on August 28, 1951 in Pottstown, PA to the late Theodore “Max” Drauschak and the late Arleen (Rapp) Favinger. He graduated from Spring-Ford High School in 1969 and Lock Haven University in 1973 as a proud member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity (TKE) and with a degree in secondary math education. Mark taught math at Pottstown Middle School for 32 years and tutored many local students. Mark retired in 2005 and has enjoyed landscaping with his son at Drauschak Landscaping, LLC. Mark enjoyed many sports. He played high school and college baseball. Mark coached baseball and basketball for Pottstown School District. He was well known as “Coach.” Mark loved scouting basketball games for Pottstown High School, especially the year of the state championship in 1993.
- **Eleanor Eileen Prizer**, was born December 23, 1935 in East Nantmeal Township, Chester County, PA, she was the daughter of the late Howard and Dorothy (Shillady) Prizer. Ellie was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Lewistown, and belonged to several spinners and weavers guilds. She enjoyed working with the fiber arts and tending to her flock of sheep. Ellie graduated from West Chester State Teachers College and later earned her Master’s degree from [Penn State University](#). She taught in the Pottstown School District until her retirement in 1996.

- **Sandy Zuchero** - On the early morning of November 2, 2015, Sandy passed away peacefully, following a brave fight with cancer. She died at home, surrounded by those she loved most. Sandy was 65-years-old, born in Pottstown, PA on April 19, 1950 to Janet (Renninger) Deloplaine of Frederick and the late Ken Deloplaine. She left the world as loving, soulful and courageous as she lived. Sandy graduated from Boyertown High School and attended Bloomsburg University where she received an undergraduate degree in Special Education. She received an M.Ed in Special Education from Temple University and began her teaching



career working for the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. In later years she worked as a Program Support Specialist and as a Special Needs teacher at the Pottstown Middle School until her illness and retirement in 2013. Sandy was a passionate educator and a deeply caring advocate for special needs children. Sandy was a life-long member of the New Hanover Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville, PA. She was active with the youth of the church, helping to reestablish Camp Falckner, a four day Lutheran youth camp held at the church’s picnic grove each summer. She was also a longtime church council member, Sunday school teacher, and director of the annual Great Swamp Picnic. Even during her illness her altruism and optimism was untouched, creating both a seminary scholarship for New Hanover Church youth and an early-childhood reading program. In 2003 Sandy was inspired by an article in American Educator “The Early Catastrophe: The 30 Million Word Gap by Age 3” by researchers Betty Hart and Todd R. Risley. Their research highlighted the shocking literacy gap between children from the wealthiest and poorest families. This so affected her that when Sandy’s illness was diagnosed, she responded by founding Mother Goose: Read to Me, a tax-exempt nonprofit with the mission to work with new parents to explain the importance of reading to babies, provide parents with books and foster a love of reading in her community for the next generation. Her team of volunteers continues to carry out this mission at the Pottstown Community Health and Dental clinic.

- **Larry Barton** attended Pottstown School. He was employed by the former Mrs. Smith Pie Co., for 35 years marshaling in the freezer department. He had also been employed part time by the Pottstown School District as a custodian. Larry was a member of the Pikeville Sportsman's Assoc., Holy Trinity Club, and he was a former member of the Corvette Club. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Steelers Fan.
- **Russell H. Shellenberger Jr.**, beloved husband of Mary Ellen (Scahill) Shellenberger, 77, of Parker Ford. Russell was born and raised and lived most of his life in Spring City. He was the son of the late Russell and Ethel (Bauman) Shellenberger Sr. He was a graduate of Spring City High School and Ursinus College and Temple University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Education. Russell was employed for 39 years as a 5th and 6th grade Teacher for the Pottstown School District until his retirement. He also worked for Nelson's Ice Cream during the summer months. He was a member of the Spring City United Methodist Church. He is well known as an avid record collector and purveyor of all great flea markets. Russell was a fan of all Philadelphia sports and the local high school sports scene as well. **In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in his memory to the Rupert Elementary School.**



- **Hannah Irvin**, Class of 2013, is a graduate of the Montgomery County Community College Culinary Arts Institute. During the 2014-2015 school year, she was the recipient of the Benjamin Tumolo Scholarship. While in school, she helped to operate the Forty Foot Café and Bistro. She plans to tour the United States and Europe to gain experience with chefs around the world and then open her own bakery.



- **Miguel Ross**, Class of 2013, is a member of the West Chester University men's soccer team. Recently he scored the winning goal over Goldey-Beacom College and at mid-season leads the team in goals and assists. Miguel was named to the All PSAC First Team in men's soccer. He led his team this year in goals scored.



- **Rashaad Lighty**, Class of 2012, is the senior co-captain of the Delaware Valley College football team. He was named Middle Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 29) after having a big game in DelVal's 26-10 victory over King's College. The 6-foot, 205-pound outside linebacker had six tackles, including 2.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries. He leads NCAA Division III in the latter category with five. On the season, Lighty has 28 tackles, including 12 solos, with 6.5 for losses and is credited with 4.5 sacks to help the team post a 4-1 overall record with a 3-1 mark in MAC play.



- **Kasey Mock**, Class of 2010, is a second year assistant women's lacrosse coach at George Washington University. She currently is a member of the United States National Women's Lacrosse Team and had a four year playing career at Syracuse University where she was named to the ACC All Conference Team and the All Northeast Region Team. She was a four year All Academic Selection earning Big East Honors. She also found time to coach a middle school girls' program. She was the recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Public Engagement and Scholarship.



- **David Marcheskie**, Class of 2003, is a newscaster for Channel 27 ABC Affiliate in Harrisburg. Recently, he was recognized with a Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award for his broadcasting in the area of "Continuing Stories."



- **Elaine Stanney Mills**, Class of 1892, distinguished herself as an innovator in education. In 1904 she founded the Mt. Airy School for Girls. The first outdoor school in the United States.
- **Zachary Reagan**, Class of 2013, was named to the Dean's List at Penn State University. He is a junior in the College of Communications majoring in advertising/public relations with a minor in recreation, park and tourism management.

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