

POTTSTOWN PRIDE
ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



FALL 2020

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



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE FALL 2020



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.

Pottstown School District is proud of its past and confident of its future.

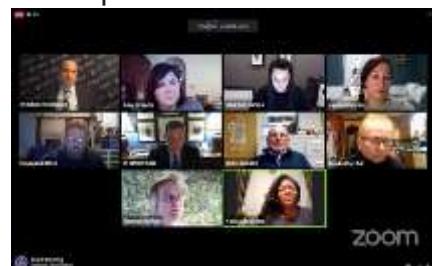
Go to <http://www.pottstownschools.org/AlumniPages.aspx> and then click on any of the highlighted years. The yearbooks provide an engaging narrative into the proud history of Pottstown. One can go as far back as 1914 to see the interest and fashion of the day. Pottstown School District may be one of a few districts in the country to provide this unique feature as a way of sharing community pride in our schools. Pottstown High School has over 19,000 graduates who have gone on to distinguish themselves in every field of endeavor and given us reason to say *Proud to be from Pottstown*. It is an honor to share this look back to younger days with our graduates. We are not posting our most recent yearbooks because the High School still has some hard copies for sale. Not every yearbook is posted. The missing years are listed on the website. If anyone is willing to lend us one for scanning, please contact John Armato at 610-323-6271 / 484-256-7491 or jarmato@pottstownk12.org.

We Are Pottstown!!!

Pottstown becomes PAC's second school to opt out of fall sports

Board Makes Plans For Phased Return To School

At the November school board meeting, plans for a phased return to in person education were discussed. The board approved giving Superintendent Mr. Stephen Rodriguez authority to determine how and when that plan will be put into action. You can read about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#). Also see additional tweets at the bottom of the blog about other items discussed at the meeting.



Board Moves to Resume Fall Activities

The Pottstown school board has moved to resume fall co-curricular activities. Read Mercury reporter Austin Hertzog's description of the events.

FOOTBALL

Pottstown High School football players are used to clearing the way for Trojan runners to score touchdowns. This weekend they used their skills and strength to help clear the way for a highly successful community event. The Pottstown NAACP hosted a voter registration and resource day held at Smith Plaza. Student athletes were led by Head Football Coach Jeff Delaney providing support in setting up the area. In addition to distributing over 8,000 pounds of food the event included voter registration, free legal aid, housing information, flu shots, census reporting, mental health support and entertainment. Trojan Proud of our student athletes and coaches building citizenship and displaying civic responsibility. Special thanks to YWCA Tri-County Area, Montgomery County Public Defenders, Hopeworx, Giordano Garden Groceries, and Philabundance.



"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 2020 Season:

- October 24, 2020 – Jahzeel Watson – Game with Bishop McDevitt
- October 30, 2020 – Sincere Strimpel – Game with Boyertown

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team - Offense

- Jahzeel Watson



Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Jared Hewitt
- Sincere Strimpel



PHS Senior Jahzeel Watson was named to the PA Football Coaches 4A Select All-State Team. He earned second team at the wide receiver position. Jahzeel embodies the true meaning of student athlete, not only is he outstanding on the field but is an honor student who demonstrates good citizenship. He represents family, team, school and community with Trojan Pride and Honor. Another example of Hard Work Paying Off.



Football Players Senior Day Photos:



Raymond Boone



Sincere Strimpel



Jahzeel Watson

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Football Cheerleaders Senior Day Photos:

GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Courtney Bratten
- Taetum Robbins
- Destri Roye



Girls' Field Hockey Senior Day Photo:



FIELD HOCKEY

BOYS' SOCCER

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Dylan Maximenko
- Jamaal Pratt



Boys' Soccer Senior Day Photos:

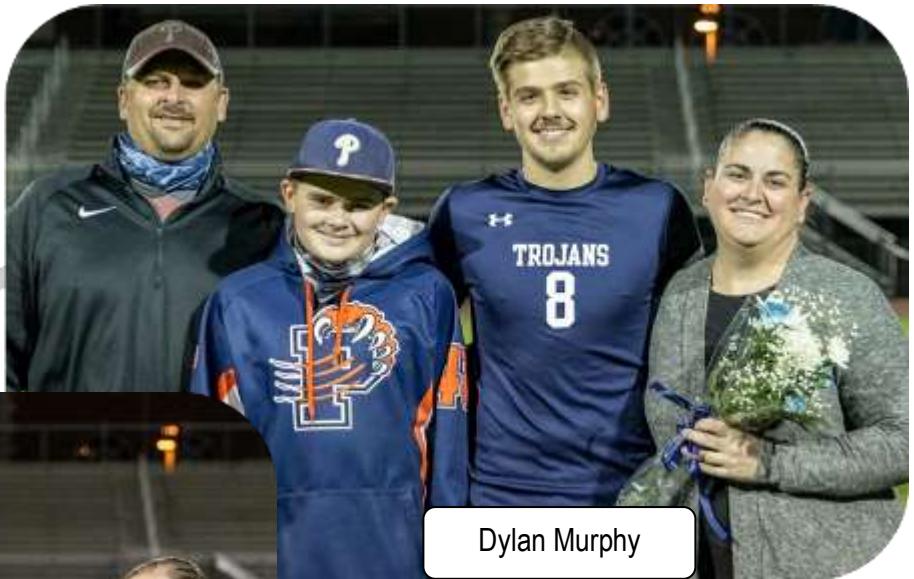


Aiden Crowder



Dylan Maximenko

Boys' Soccer Senior Day Photos:



Dylan Murphy



Jamaal Pratt



Manny Tamayo



John Toussaint

GIRLS' SOCCER

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Zoe Earle
- Julianna Figueroa
- Yasmin Paez



Girls' Soccer - Senior Day Photos:



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Darius Smallwood, his second place finish at the District I Cross Country meet has earned him a spot in the state championship meet next week in Hershey. Darius ran an outstanding race in very windy and cold conditions. He covered the 3.1 mile course in 17:28.1 which was just one tenth of a second behind the first place runner. Christian Albert also had a strong showing with a time of 22:19 for 40th place. Congratulations to two fine PHS student athletes who represent our school and community with pride and honor. Coach Stephanie Konnick said, "These two young men have been an inspiration to our team and our true leaders and excellent examples of sportsmanship." [SEE THE FINISH TO THE RACE](#)



Smallwood Runs Strong at State Meet

Congratulations to Darius Smallwood on his outstanding performance at the 2020 PA State Cross Country Championship Race. Darius covered the 3.1 mile course in 17:55 to place 41st out of the 130 top runners in the state. In a season that was interrupted by the challenges of COVID, he trained during the summer on his own and had a much shortened dual meet season. We are Trojan Proud of all he has accomplished; his hard work has paid off. Darius is an excellent role model for young student athletes and an outstanding representative of our school and community. Thank you for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



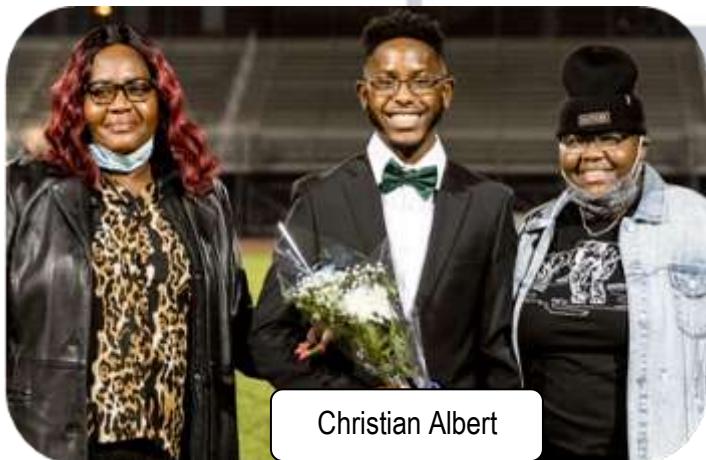
Smallwood Named ALL Area Runner Of The Year

Congratulations to Pottstown High School Senior Darius Smallwood
on being named
The Mercury All Area Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.



Named to The Mercury All Area First Team

- Darius Smallwood

Senior Day Cross Country Photos:

Christian Albert



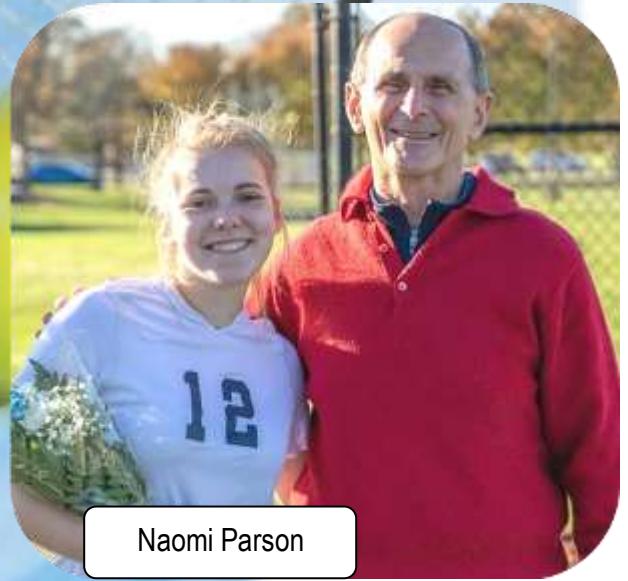
Matt Deppen



Darius Smallwood

GIRLS' TENNIS

Senior Day Tennis Photos:



Band Senior Night Photos:

Logan Franey



Allison Horne



Diego Jaime



Matthew Lesher



Brianna Lineman



Warren McNeil

Band Senior Night Photos:



STAFF and DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks Ms. Moyer for helping us to [build core strength](#). Staying Trojan strong during COVID!



Congratulations to Pottstown Middle School 6th grade teacher Ginger DeRenzo on being named the YWCA Public School Exceptional Woman for 2020. The award, which was presented at a virtual ceremony, recognizes a woman who motivates, teaches and cultivates strong values in our youth within the school setting. Ginger has been a teacher in the Pottstown School District for over 25 years. A strong advocate of environmental studies, she has helped to bring the environment to students who may have never experienced nature. Her overnight camping trips, which provide over 50 students with real field experience, are a highlight of the school year. In the spring of 2019, as advisor of the Pottstown Environmental Club she was instrumental in the establishment of a “pollinator garden” in the middle school courtyard. During her career she has also served as the high school assistant lacrosse coach and been the district assistant athletic director. Her dedication to students and the profession of education is recognized by all. The greatest compliment that can be paid to her is that she has made a difference in students’ lives.

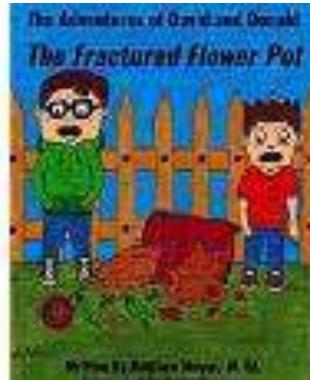


Congratulations to Rupert Elementary Principal Matt Moyer on being named the Pennsylvania National Distinguished Principal. See his picture and biography on the [2020 National Distinguished Principals](#) page of the NAEPS website.





Elementary Principal Matt Moyer has a number of titles including; National Distinguished Principal, PA Principal of the year, Adjunct Professor of Education, national speaker and now he can add published author of a children's book. [The Fractured Flower Pot](#) is the story of brothers David and Donald who, while visiting their grandfather accidentally break one of his flower pots and are faced with the dilemma of how to solve their problem. Their journey through the decision making process is a social emotional learning story that leads to personal growth. The story also includes follow up questions for families and educators that foster discussion with children about responsible decision making.



Pottstown Receives Grant To Support Education

Local legislators, State Representative Joe Ciresi, and Senator Bob Mensch announced the Pottstown School District was awarded a Continuing of Education Equity Grant in the amount of \$123,605. Read Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#) to learn how the funds will be used to support our students.

Bachman Named To All Pro Team



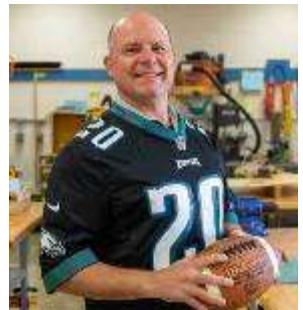
Congratulations to PHS Engineering Technology Teacher, Mr. Andy Bachman on being selected as an Axalta All-Pro Educator. He is recognized by students, staff, administration and community as a caring, creative educator who will challenge students to use their skills and imagination in developing creative solutions to real life problems. His students have taken on issues such as eliminating food waste, highway construction traffic safety issues and child car safety. His students have earned awards in STEM education, received grants and traveled to Ecuador and Kenya to assist in humanitarian projects. Students and parents alike agreed

class with Andy Bachman is an enriching enjoyable educational experience that will never be forgotten.

Axalta All-Pro Teachers is a program that recognizes outstanding 5th through 12th grade teachers in the tri-state area for their contribution to their students, school and community. Axalta and the Philadelphia Eagles select ten (10) exceptional teachers to be honored in their classrooms and by Eagles fans.

The criteria for selection as an Axalta All-Pro Teacher are as follows:

- **Educational Drive:** Teacher demonstrates a commitment to seeing all students excel in the classroom and supports colleagues within the school system.
- **Innovation in the Classroom:** Teacher demonstrates innovative ways of inspiring students through incorporating technology in the classroom as part of the learning process.
- **Community Ownership:** Teacher engages students outside the classroom via after school programs, clubs, student government and/or athletics.



As a recipient of this award, Mr. Bachman will receive the following:

- \$2,000 donation to their school to be used for school supplies or programming
- Four (4) tickets to a select Eagles home game (pre and regular season)
- One (1) reserved parking pass to a select Eagles home game (pre and regular season)
- Personalized Replica Eagles jersey
- Personalized Eagles football
- Invitation for four (4) guests to attend the Teacher of the Year Event

About Axalta

Axalta is a leading global company focused solely on coatings and providing customers with innovative, colorful, beautiful and sustainable solutions. From light OEM vehicles, automotive refinish and commercial vehicles to electric motors, building and pipelines, our coatings are designed to prevent corrosion, increase productivity and enable the materials we coated to last longer. With more than 145 years of experience in the coatings industry, the 12,000 people of Axalta continue to find ways to serve our more than 120,000 customers in 130 countries better every day with the finest coatings, application systems and technology. Axalta is proud to call Philadelphia home to its corporate headquarters.

Board President Amy Francis Honored For Leadership



Congratulations to Pottstown School District school board president Mrs. Amy Francis! Recently, she was honored by the Montgomery County Democratic Committee as one of the county's *Outstand Women Elected Leaders*. During the Annual Fall Dinner held in virtual format she was one of 23 elected women leaders honored for their leadership and contribution to community government. Mrs. Francis's service to the Pottstown School Board has spanned fourteen years, during which her support and leadership has helped to guide many projects and initiatives including:

- Renovations to elementary buildings
- Expanded Science Technology Engineering and Math programs with the addition of high school engineering and robotics programs
- Core curriculum updates to district math and reading programs
- Social Emotional Learning curriculum development
- Expanded PreK Counts programming for our youngest learners
- Stadium lights project
- Celebration of 175th district anniversary
- Recognition as an environmentally friendly school district
- Supporting efforts to address COVID-19 issues, such as food security for all students and efforts that resulted in each student having a chromebook to support virtual learning.
- Supported the use of technology to encourage community engagement, board transparency and accountability

As board president she has helped to develop a culture of board governance that is professional and focused on student achievement.

Superintendent Leads District During Challenging Times

Pottstown School District Superintendent [Stephen Rodriguez](#) is a strong statewide advocate of fair and equitable funding for public education in Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) a statewide association of superintendents, assistant superintendents, and directors from all types and sizes of school districts. He is the president of the Pennsylvania League of Urban Schools, which serves as a caucus for PASA and advocates for the urban student population, many of which are from minority backgrounds. Read his latest guidance on the role of leadership during the challenging times of [COVID19](#).

Rodriguez, Panel to Discuss Schools' CARES Act Funding



Poorer schools in Pennsylvania have so far received too little money from federal CARES Act funding to meet education needs during the pandemic, a new report says. It will be discussed Monday, December 7, 2020, by a panel that includes Pottstown's schools superintendent.

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FIRST MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL 2020

Barth Elementary School - Grade 3

Janellis	Caban-Mercado
Julian	Granozio
Isabella	Johnson
Lily	Kinzel
Ayva	Kletzing
Jayden	Mattis
Nsiliyah	Reese
Anthony	Ritschard
Logan	Wilson

Barth Elementary School - Grade 4

Joziah	Astacio
Aaliyah	Broomes
Layloni	Dunn
Grace	Eby
Alonna	Kacanda
Miya	Kletzing
Madison	Llewellyn
Kaylee	Lowman
Meredith	Pope
Elizabeth	Reyes
Marian	Solis Zecena
Ali	Thornton
Danielle	Trabucco
Jasmynne	Upchurch
Ja'Nahla	Wilson

Franklin Elementary School - Grade 3

Edward	Adamski
Ares	Broussard
Jordan	Bryant
Emma	Campbell
Adelynn	Coles
Jordan	Comly-McNemar
Noah	Conbeer
Bella	DePasquale
Jordan	Diehl
Zeriah	Fairel
Jacqueline	Foster
Patrick	Galamba
Isabella	Garcia
Noel	Hampton
Shane	Harmon
Callie	Harper
Seth	Harrison
Kaylee	Howard
Hannah	Jaycox
Isaac	Kancianic
Ky'Ayer	McCalvin
Kendall	Miller
Landon	Nhim
Gabriella	Ortiz
Kenzie	Pallay-Williams
Chase	Pittman-Bookard
Nicholas	Romano
Berlin	Sheckleford
Analise	Snowden
Elayna	Soos
Ashirah	Still
Peyton	Tinson
Oliver	Trout
Elizabeth	Wasylkowski
Jeremi	Wesley
Aiyanna	Zipay

Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4

Julietta	Aguilera Macias
Emma	Allen
Kimberly	Chhern
Imani	Clemons
Karen	Cocar
Paul	Donohie
Alivia	Edde
Ace	Folly
Dustin	Gallagher
Yaiden	Jackson
Abdul-Aziz	Knuckles
Gabriella	Krasley
Evan	Krestel
Adrienne	Leitz
Gianna	Lloyd
Noah	Moser
Conner	O'Hara
Elizabeth	Reazor
Javon	Richardson
Typhanie	Samsel
Edward	Sloss
Jason	Thomas
Natalie	Thompson
Seth	Yannessa

Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3

Brayden	Allen
Noah	Applegate
Andrew	Aviles
Lily	Beach
Jacob	Blackwell
Amir	Brice
Nehemiah	Burgess
Gretchen	Carberry
Amiliya	Conrad
Jaxson	Dziewit
Owen	Gofus
Layla	Grant
Ava	Gulbish
Breann	Henning
Messiah	Holder
Ilynn	Johnson
Aaron	Kahn

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**Lincoln Elementary Grade 3 continued**

Mariah	Laboy
Anthony	Law
Liam	Moser
Colby	Moyer
Chandler	Peaco
Feby	Perez Domingo
Hayden	Rhoades
Josslynn	Riggs
Janice	Stevens
Samuel	Sullivan-Mack
Chase	Vogt
Layla	Williams
Drakkar	Wright

Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4

Lucien	Fair
Calliope	Hall
Naziem	Hopson
Justin	Horne
Clara	Johnson
KateLynn	Kearney
Tariss	Lacey
Oliver	Leonard
Cole	McLaughlin
Anthony	Miller
Lexi	Oswald
Joseph	Pollock
Joshua	Reifsneider
Thomas	Rose
Cody	Sheeran
Makenna	Wright
Antoine	Wright-Johnson

Rupert Elementary School - Grade 3

Micah	Bailey
Devonte	Barnes
Aidan	Branagh
Sage	Carter
Sophia	Carter
Kirsten	Douglass
Luis	Gomez Smith
Devin	Harkin
Sevoughn'	Jones
Olivia	Jusits
Jahmai	Molina Lorenzo
Audrey	Muriel
Julianna	Pickens
Penelope	Rivard
Caelan	Singer
Haley	Soto
Sidney	Spiece
Jolayah	Sutton
Kaidon	Terpoilli
Ezrah	Wilkerson

Rupert Elementary School - Grade 4

Rania	Ait Lqol
Da'Jour	Barnes
Nery	Castillo Chavez
Kellen	Douglas
John	Ellwanger
Keira	English
Salese	Ervin
Christian	Fisher
Landon	Ford
John	Gantert
Leyla	Gibson
Michael	Hallinger
Amiyah	Hill
Logan	Johnson
Ayden	Ketterer
Mason	McCray
Damin	Meade
Yezhua	Molina Lorenzo
Aiden	Ondik
Isabella	Rurode
Aurora	Schwartz
Jayden	Sluzenski
Jaidyn	Smith
Ryan	Stilwell
Owen	Thornton
Kelly	Villagomez
Laila	White
Amir	Williams
Jaden	Williams
Nicole	Young

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors**

Shahed	Aljashoubi
King	Anderson
Savana	Bauman
Riley	Dolhi
Jacob	DuVal
Autumn	Fair
Felicia	Fry
Lillian	Green
Kendra	Howard
Levi	Jaycox
Iyanna	Johnson
Leyna	Johnson
Kamryn	King
Nathan	Knabb
Jaylen	Lamarre
Brianna	Long
Jaxen	Nihart
Casey	Perry
Catherine	Pineda Penate
Makaila	Plummer
Royer	Rodriguez
William	Rose
Avaliyah	Scurry
Zachary	Waters
Za'Mirah	Whitley
Marcus	Williams
Dennis	Yost
Lucy	Zuniga

PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors

Glenndale	Fegeley
Oliver	Pineda-Penate
Noel	Rivera Cintron
Dillin	Thong

PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors

Jaxon	Barron
Leah	Blackwell
Annasophia	Chhern
Michelle	Cocar Paredes
Mairelys	Concepcion
Hugo	Costa
Isabella	Deluca
Austin	Derstine
Wesam	Elgendy
Saniyah	Fox
Damion	Fry
Lily	Garber
Troy	Gross
Austin	Hampton
Jayanna	Hill
Brandon	Hughes
Rachel	Kauffman
Joseph	Kletzing
Amelia	Maldonado-Rivas
Megan	McGinn
Shazia	Mendez
Justina	Nhim
Nevaeh	Peaco
Carice	Peart
Mikayla	Perkins
Colin	Plank
Nye	Powell
Triniti	Rhodes-Fisher
Johan	Rivera
Skylar	Romano
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Brighton	Scott
Garrett	Shope
Natalie	Shope
Olivia	Slitt
Anthony	Suber
Kanijah	Turlington
Bryan	Villagomez

PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors

Patrick	Auman
Ambriana	Baryeh
Cheynin	Boyer
Daniela	Castillo
Olivia	Chin
Aniyah	Crump
Lunna	Davila
Evan	Draucker
Ryan	Edde
Karli	Eddinger
Naden	Elgendy
Juan	Ferreira
Allyson	Ford
Lili	Freese
Imani	Galloway
Jacob	Givens
Carmen	Gomez
Mahogany	Hill
Aiden	Kancianic
Kareem	Lesher
Terelle	Lowery
Taylor	Maguire
Gianni	Mahario
Janette	Penate
Miranda	Pineda
Julia	Smith
Kyairah	Smith
Christopher	Thomas
Nyel	Thompson
Chase	Thornton
Aniyah	Wells
Olivia	Woodley

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PMS - Grade 5 Honors**

Dylan	Bartholomew
Alexander	Bernal-Bracamonte
Meleena	Bisram
Leland	Burke
Quadere	Carwell
Nicole	Castillo
Peyton	Coale
Evan	Coffey
Chase	Drost
Maya	Elgendi
Briannah	Freeman
Destiny	Garcia
Starr	Gratz
Adrianna	Grebe
Gabriel	Hampton
Carmelo	Harper
Tiffany	Hawkins
Morgan	Hine
Kassidy	Jackson
Rahmere	Jenkins
Shambria	Johnson
Eli	Kancianic
Aislin	Kimbro
Ezra	King
Kaelyn	Kline
Joell	Lamarre
King	Lucky
Jaelynn	McCravy
Isabella	Moore
Aubrey	O'Blosser
Ayden	Olvera
Derwin	Perez Perez
Maliya	Perez
Jason	Rivera
La'Ticea	Rodriguez
Olivia	Rodriguez
Zacarias	Rodriguez

PMS - Grade 5 Honors continued

Anthony	Rosa
Scarlett	Shivak
Skylar	Shivak
Silas	Singer
Semaj	Smith
Damien	Stonestreet
Talia	Stover
Jamir	Straite
Nyanna	Thompson
Zaniyah	Trott-Wright
Alanna	Yancy

PMS - Grade 6 Honors

Dimitrus	Alston
Ryan	Amole
Alyssa	Broughton
Imani	Brown
Edgar	Castillo
Santiago	Castillo
Elizabeth	Fine
Cheyenne	Flamer
Ayla	Folly
Addison	Lafferty
Damian	Mercado
Olivia	Miller
Jude	Mull
Kelsey	O'Connor
Julien	Olinger
Benjamin	Ramos
Christopher	Rose
Jesse	Warden
Crystal	Williams
Aiden	Zaborsky

PMS - Grade 7 Honors

Christiana	Allen
Nora	Ammouri
Marcus	Andrews
Anilyse	Arey
Alivia	Boyer
Zyla	Burke
Josue	Castillo Chavez
Mariah	Covert
Royce	Dantzler Walters
Namika	Delgado-Cruz
Iyonna	Elliott
Lily	Felix
Jacob	Granozio
Chase	Harrington
Gaige	Harsh
Madeleine	Heidel
Michael	Hoffmaster
Lauryn	Kutsch
Ryan	Kutsch
Elizabeth	LaRocca
Joao	Lima Valadares
Nakeyshia	Lowe
Caden	Nihart
Jade	Pace
William	Pan
Damien	Paul
Kamrin	Robinson
Gabriel	Stilwell
Mackenzie	Strobel
Allyana	Sykes
Jaron	Verdone
Emely	Villegas
Cianne	Wells
Tekhi	White
Donovan	Williams
Ariana	Wilson
Khabreya	Woodson
Tiffany	Zheng

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PMS - Grade 8 Honors**

Diego	Aguilera
Kaylee	Allan
Madison	Beard
McKenzie	Bowers
Skylar	Brower
Troy	Burrier
Ethan	Collins
Madison	Dailey
MaiJheda	Ellison
Ezriel	Felder
Dayliah	Gans
Yanelis	Garcia De La Cruz
Jayden	Gilmore
Amirah	Graves
Gabriella	Horne
Dayontae	Hoskins
Yusef	Jackson
Brianna	Jackson
Jahmir	Jackson
Alexander	Jimenez Rosales
Richard	Johnson
Christian	Katch
Makayla	Knisely
Julius	Madden
Raheemah	Manning
Gavin	Marmer
Kai	O'Brien
Jahiem	Pratt
Barkley	Reid
Justin	Rivera Posas
Joel	Rubincam
Demri	Ruyak
Eric	Silva
Ava	Vilain
Skyler	Walker
Ja-Nyai	White

PMS – Grade 8 continued

Savion	Williams
Chase	Winston
Gabriella	Young

PHS – Grade 9 Distinguished Honors**continued**

Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Julia	Kulp
Anthony	Kutsch
Emily	Lambert
Baden	Landy
Diana	Leon
Sarish	Mendez Rivera
Christian	Morales
Tara	Morgan
Grayce	Morton
Jonathan	Moser
Alona	Olson
Ashley	Ormston
Gabriela	Pagan
Tabitha	Paul
Alyssa	Pearson
Najae	Perez
Maria Guadalupe	Reyes Juarez
Savannah	Richards
LaRayna	Rosado
Sophia	Russo
Kaley	Salazar Lopez
Tyler	Santiago
Duha	Selmi
Devon	Smith
Makayla	Smith
Austin	Sundstrom
Jibria	Sydnor
Brooke	Thomas
Chloe	Weiss
Ashley	Weller
Ethan	Yost
Keshawn	Young
Matthew	Zaborsky

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors**

Sabrina	Albert
Kaela	Auman
Desiree	Baker
Alexis	Beckett
Eric	Berkheimer
Abigail	Bitterman
Justin	Castillo
Anaeja	Charles
Christopher	Chhern
John	Cipollini
Anna	Coale
Kyle	Corbin
Hannah Jane	Daniels
Mikayla	DeLuca
Margaret	DiPietro
Abigail	Eagle
Vanessa	Eddy
Abdel	Elgendi
Mark	Ellison
Ganaelle	Felicien
Henry	Fetterman
Lilian	Fetterman
Spencer	Gatheca
Derek	Gephart
Ariana	Gilmore
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza
Devon	Green
Charles	Hartman
Jared	Hewitt
Olivia	Hickey
Gabriel	Hicks
Mary-Joan	Hogan
Jihad	Jeter
Krista	Leinbach
Katlyn	Levengood
William	Levey

**PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors
continued**

David	Mackewicz III
Jocelyn	Malauulu
Ty'Jaye	Manning
Elise	Marley
Ethan	Masewicz
Khamya	Mayo
Jordan	Mest
Kiera	Moyer
Derick	Nunez Menjivar
Rose	Oberholtzer
Alice	Pan
Montesia	Pernell
Ian	Salisbury
Alianna	Samuel
Gabriel	Seals
Anas	Selmi
Avery	Shope
London	Trout
Leigha	Walton
Serin	Warneke
Sanaa	Watson
Kasaundra	Wesley
Brianna	Williams
Ceara	Worrell-Tilghman

**PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors
continued**

Joseph	DeLeo
Colin	Dellaquila
Anthony	DiPietro
Nada	Elgendi
Angelica	Feliciano Torres
Jacob	Fisher
Hailey	Gerrish
Ashley	Giampetro
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Jalilah	Hood
Gerle	Jimenez Gomez
Maria	Jimenez
Nasir	Knuckles
JoLaila	Lamarre
Michael	Lilick
Jared	Long
Angelina	Ludy
Shanti	Maldonado-Gonzalez
Ja'Zell	Meade
Zachary	Mitchell
Mackenzie	Moser
Faith	Nichols
Yasmin	Paez
Anthony	Pinos
Annabelle	Poston
Jesseny	Redrovan
Enam	Robinson
Rafi	Sanchez
Thomas	Santiago
Jestyn	Snyder
Ariana	Torres
Lacie	Townsend
Trinell	Watson
Daniel	Williams
Jayniana	Williams

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors****continued**

Joshua	Wilson
Nerissa	Yost
Jeremy	Ziemba

PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

Christian	Albert
Christiana	Albert
Seif	Ammouri
Adriana	Araujo Juarez
Elijah	Barnes
Iyesha	Belgrave
Haile	Clayton
Christian	Coale
Corey	Cottman
Vincenzo	DeLeo
Kristin	DiPietro
Kaelyn	Draucker
Zoe	Earle
Julianna	Figueroa
Logan	Faney
Sharon	Gatheca
Anyae	Germany
Lamoni	Green
Haley	Haas
CyeNyla	Hall
Nathan	Harper
Aryanna	Hernandez
Carson	Hewitt
Cynae	Hills
Jack	Hipple
Allison	Horne
Jeffrey	Johnson
Marekeil	Johnson
Isaiah	Lamar
Matthew	Lesher
Samantha	Levey
Brianna	Lineman

PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors**continued**

Diego	Magana Jaime
Cheyenne	Maldonado
Cristine	Martinez
Dylan	Maximenko
Emily	McCollum
Joseph	Misko
Dominic	Mott Gould
Dylan	Murphy
Naomi	Parson
Kishan	Patel
Jamaal	Pratt
Caleb	Quiles
Pearce	Raegler
Gabriela	Reyes
Alaina	Richter
Cajmeir	Robinson
Destri	Roye
Olivia	Scholl
Salah	Selmi
Darius	Smallwood
Lillian	Stirk
Raine	Thomas
Jaleinda	Thompson
Michelle	Villagomez
Omar	Villagomez
Jahzeel	Watson
Austin	Weller
Niana	White
Hannah	Wilson
Harmony	Wood
Kevin	Zvodar

PHS - Grade 9 Honors

Natalia	Banks
Madison	Beasley
Josephine	Bechtel
Nevaeh	Bridges
Caylise	Canales
Nayianna	Clyde
Beckem	Cole
Ava	Collier
Michael	Delgado
Sean	Deppen
Tierra	DeVeaux
Eva	Eddinger
Kalyn	Ely
Nijae	Grosvenor
Myles	Hancock
Alina	Harrington
Jordan	Harris
Daisy	Hilbert
Hannah	Ingham
Steven	Jimenez Gomez
Jace	Kutsch
Layla	Lettiere
Brynn	McClune
Claire	McCord
Jarius	Minor
Mahmoud	Mohamed Ahmed
Taelin	Neumann
Mylia	Olson
Quinn	Perry
Jayden	Pray
Jachob	Pusicz
Phoenix	Rhoads
Tate	Risor
Grace	Rivera
Javien	Rolle
Jesse	Ryder
Jacob	Schwarz

PSD – HONOR ROLL continued**PHS - Grade 9 Honors continued**

Rodrigo	Solis
Eric	Strickland
Ta'najah	Washington
Izaiyah	Wilkerson
Diamond	Williams
Saryah	Young
Jayla	Zipay

PHS - Grade 10 Honors

Dawud	Barnes
Gregory	Bechtel
Nyles	Bunn-McNeill
Giovanni	Cordovi
Brielle	Davis
D'Asiah	Davis
Nicole	Daye
Alisia	Doane
Madison	Dunn
Yasmeen	Felton
Jamie	Freese
Khalea	Hamilton
Jurnee	Harris
Melody	Jackson
Jevohn	Jones
Angelle	Levan
Teagon Dior	Lofton
Fatima	Lopez Linares
JaQuil	Lowe
Mason	Miller
Destiny	Myers
Michael	Negron Vega
Wilfred	Perez
Niveah	Phoung
Jibreil	Pratt
Jayden	Roach
Fredy	Rodriguez
Danielle	Rubincam

PHS - Grade 10 Honors continued

Cory	Spence
Thomas	Spence
Dominic	Tammaro
Ashiyana	Thorn
Jordan	Wabish
Abdur-Rahmen	Watson
Darnell	Woods

PHS - Grade 11 Honors

Joel	Coccie
Sierra	Coleman
Krystal	Dixon
Erynn	Dunning
Justyna	Epright
Summer	Hollingsworth
Debra	Laulu
Mohamed	Mohamed
Jacob	Moser
Tryniti	Mott Lewis
Gabriel	Roseo
James	Ryder
Destiny	Torres
Jonerah	Vinson
Sydney	Wilkerson

PHS - Grade 12 Honors

Avianna	Camacho
Christopher	Cordovi
Aiden	Crowder
Samantha	Deery
Matthew	Deppen
Isabelle	Dupon
Anthony	Escobar
Natalie	Fichthorn
Rebecca	Greghini-Williams
Devon	Hill
Angela	Hunsberger
Aleisha	Irizarry
Steven	Langevin
Giovanni	Manley
Timothy	Mohn
Faith	Roach
Kyleaf	Robinson-July
Zachary	Sands
Dominic	Stamm
Sincere	Strimpel
Eric	Thornton
John	Toussaint
Jordyn	Verdone
Jazlynn	Watson
Trinity	Wiley

ELEMENTARY

Get the new school year off to a health start with help from Rupert Elementary's [Dr. Eugene Swanson AKA Mr. Fabian.](#)



Barth Staff Says Farewell To a Friend



Please join the staff at Barth in saying farewell and congratulations to Marybeth Reinhart on her retirement. Mrs. Reinhart has worked for the Pottstown School District in many elementary buildings for over 20 years. At Barth, she was the ever-friendly library assistant who worked tirelessly to help each student find the perfect book. Her smiling face is irreplaceable and we wish her the very best as she continues to enjoy her time with family and at the beach! The Barth team will miss you!

Please join us in wishing Rupert classroom assistant Lisa Meyers good luck as she is moving out of state. Lisa made a difference in many lives. Lisa, you may be out of state but remember "Once a Trojan a Trojan Forever."



At Franklin a Night of Frightening Fun



Franklin Elementary principal Beth Kramer and a band of scary characters hosted a night of family Halloween fun with a drive by trick or treat night. The Franklin Frighteningly Fun Pumpkin Patch was host to an assortment of characters, from cowgirls, and Snow White to ice hockey mascots to dinosaurs. Families could drive by for a friendly scare and a treat. Principal Kramer said it was nice to be able to see students and their families and make an in person connection.



Holy Bat Supplies at Rupert

Stay tuned into your Bat Channel for school supplies. Batman AKA Rupert Elementary Principal Matt Moyer was on hand to help pass out student school supplies. Rupert staff held their second

school supply pick up for students. Families were invited to drive through and pick up school materials for their students. They could also pick up their art projects from last school year, and library books from the school's curbside pick up program. Staff and students dressed up in fall colors and some costumes. It was not all business, as teachers planned a few seasonal activities that could be done safely from inside the car. Activities included a RingToss, Guess the Number of Eyeballs in Mr. Moyer's eye Ball Collection, and of course goodie bags full of treats courtesy of the Friends of Rupert! Batman was heard to say "It was joyful to see our students and families! We really miss them, and this was a great way to safely connect with them while getting them some important school materials."



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle school teachers, administrators, and WEB Team give a big welcome to incoming 5th graders. Their message is - Welcome to Pottstown Middle School - [Where Everyone Belongs](#). Thanks to staff and students for working in the virtual world to make incoming students feel at home and giving us another reason to say, Proud to be from Pottstown.



[**Middle School School Band Champions Raise Above COVID**](#)

Congratulations to Pottstown Middle School 7th and 8th grade Band, recently under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Katherine German they performed a virtual concert production of the piece "Champions Rising" composed by Adrian Sims. During an after-concert watch party, the band met virtually with the composer of the piece, Adrian Sims, for a question and answer session. Mrs. German gives us the inside story about the production.



Virtual concert production process: Band members submitted individual videos of themselves performing the piece "Champions Rising." The individual videos were then compiled into one video with everyone performing simultaneously. Students were given very specific instructions to follow when recording - if the instructions were not followed exactly, the videos would be impossible to sync. The production was sponsored by Zeswitz Music and produced by Skynine, LLC.

Watch Party: Band members attended a zoom "Watch Party" to view the completed production together as a band. Special guests included: principal Mr. Brian Hostetler, high school band director Mr. David Bonilla-Garcia, elementary band director, Mrs. Nancy Mest, elementary band director Ms. Rachel Ficca and composer Adrian B. Sims.

Quotes from special guests:

Adrian Sims: "It's really telling when you listen to yourself in a virtual performance and this was stellar. I want to congratulate you on not just playing the piece, but playing it well and making it sound wonderful."

Adrian Sims: "I dedicated this piece to my grandmother, who is one of those people who always told me to keep going, keep doing what you're doing even if everything around you is telling you otherwise.....we've all had things get in our way. This covid situation is getting in our way right now and although it wasn't intended for covid, hopefully it can serve some guidance through covid."

Mr. Hostetler: "It's one thing to learn in a virtual environment, it's another thing to play music and compile it all together into a fantastic performance."

Congratulations to the 5th & 6th Grade Band under the direction of Rachel Ficca and Nancy Mest, on their successful [Virtual Concert of Holiday Sampler](#) composed by John O'Reilly and Mark Williams. Students have worked hard in their virtual lessons and afternoon band groups to learn this selection. Students had to submit videos of themselves individually performing Holiday Sampler which were then compiled to one simultaneous video. The production was sponsored by Zeswitz Music and produced by Skynine, LLC.

This project was a chance to celebrate successes and lift everyone's spirit during this virtual learning.

Happy Holidays!



HIGH SCHOOL

PHS senior Naomi Parson believes in preparing for the future. Her preparation, which included taking the SAT practice test, has paid off in a \$1,000 scholarship. She was randomly selected through the College Board Opportunities Program to receive the award. She plans to attend Haverford College, where she is considering pursuing a career in education or some form of journalism. Naomi plans to continue her participation in co-curricular activities as a member of the tennis team and also stay active in musical and theater groups. A smiling Naomi said, "Receiving my first scholarship makes the future of college seem more tangible than before. Although I am nervous about the stress of applying and waiting for acceptance to schools, this scholarship offers some reassurance." Congratulations Naomi, you are more proof that hard work pays off when you make every second count. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



Career Technical Education Department Awarded State Grant

Pottstown was one of only two public high schools that are not exclusively technical or vocational schools, to receive funding in the latest round of Pennsylvania competitive equipment grants from the state Department of Education. Read all about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's Digital Notebook Blog. Share the news of another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



A new wheel alignment machine unveiled at the Pottstown High School's auto shop in 2019 was funded entirely with grants and donations.

PHS Homecoming Court 2020



2020 King and Queen – Christian Albert and Carson Hewitt



Julianna Figueroa, Zoe Earle, Haley Haas,
Carson Hewitt, Kaelyn Draucker, and Heaven Charriez



Kishan Patel, Jahzeel Watson, Darius Smallwood,
Christian Albert, Vincenzo DeLeo, and Dylan Murphy





Congratulations to the 2020 PHS Homecoming Court: Julianna Figueroa, Zoe Earle, Haley Haas, Carson Hewitt, Kaelyn Draucker and Heaven Charriez and their escorts Kishan Patel, Jahzeel, Darius Smallwood, Christian Albert, Vincenzo DeLeo and Dylan Murphy. Returning to crown the Queen and King were 2019 Homecoming King and Queen John Stilwell and Emme Wolfel.

Trojan Proud of the 2020 Homecoming King and Queen, Christian Albert and Carson Hewitt.

Meet the Pottstown High School 2020 Homecoming Court:

Heaven Charriez - She played soccer for three years, and was the high school basketball team manager also for three years.

Heaven is also a Level 3 Early Childhood Education student. After high school, Heaven plans to attend Howard University where she will major in Education.

Heaven is escorted by Christian Albert

He is class president, runs track and cross country, is on the basketball team and is also a member of DECA. Christian plans to attend Gwynedd Mercy after graduation where he will major in business and continue running in track and cross country.

Kaelyn Draucker - She is a member of National Honor Society and the captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. Kaelyn's future career goal is to become a pediatric dental hygienist. She has been accepted to East Stroudsburg University and hopes to attend Harcum College.

Kaelyn was escorted by Vincenzo DeLeo

He is a member of the National Honor Society and the treasurer for the Class of 2021. Upon graduation, Vincenzo plans to pursue a career in business and entrepreneurship.

Zoe Earle - Throughout high school, Zoe has been active in soccer, wrestling, track and field and is a member of National Honor Society. She plans to attend college, she's undecided about her major, but she's considering animal science, criminology, or journalism. Zoe states that her main goal is to "live a joyful and successful life."

Zoe was escorted by Dylan Murphy

He is an involved in numerous activities at Pottstown High School including: Baseball, soccer, DECA, National Honor Society, and band where he plays the snare drum. Dylan's future goals include attending college to study Sports Management, while playing baseball.

Julianna Figueroa - She is a member of National Honor Society, as well as being a member of the soccer, track, and wrestling teams. Julianna has also participated in school musicals throughout her high school career, one highlight being playing Little Inez in Hairspray. Julianna's future plans include going to college to study communications and studying abroad.

Julianna's escort was Kishan Patel

Kishan is the drum major for the marching band, a member of the jazz and concert bands, and a part of the saxophone ensemble. He is the Student Government president, Interact Club President, NHS President, Tennis Team Captain, and DECA Director of Competition. Kishan is also a senior Student Board Representative for the Pottstown School Board and an Ambassador of the 4th Congressional Student Task Force. In what time remains, Kishan participates in HOSA and Robotics. Kishan's future plans include attending a 4-year university where he will major in biomedical engineering specializing in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

Haley Haas - Haley has been playing softball for 12 years and is a member of student government. She has also been a member of the fundraising and event planning committee for Minithon. Haley has been accepted to Albright, Alvernia, and Millersville University with more acceptance letters still coming in. She plans to attend a 4-year university, majoring in sociology. One day she will start her own business.

Haley was escorted by Darius Smallwood

He is a member of the National Honor Society, and plays on the basketball team. He is also a member of the track team. This year Darius placed second at the district cross country competition earning a berth at the PIAA State Championships in Hershey PA where he placed 41st. Darius' future plans include attending a 4-year college where he will continue his running career as he determines his future career goals.

Carson Hewitt and Jahzeel Watson

Carson plays soccer and is vice president of the Class of 2021. She plans to attend college to study psychology or education and has been accepted to Widener University.

Jahzeel plays football, basketball, and is a member of the track and field team. He plans to attend college to study civil engineering with a minor in photography/videography. While he is unsure of where he will attend college, he has received offers to play football at Alvernia, Albright, and Ursinus.

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- The Foundation For Pottstown Education delivered on their pledge to support one to one education. Foundation Executive Director Joe Rusiewicz delivered on that pledge in a big way when he presented a check for \$200,000 to school board president Amy Francis. Thanks to Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#) you can read all about it here.
- Pottstown NAACP Recognizes the Efforts of the Foundation for Pottstown Education with a Donation In Support of District Students. The Pottstown NAACP recently presented a \$1,000 check to the Foundation for Pottstown Education in support of the Foundation's recent Chromebook Campaign. At a recent chapter meeting, Pottstown NAACP's President, Johnny Corson recognized the Foundation for its quick action to raise funds supporting the purchase of Chromebooks for the students of the Pottstown School District. On hand at the meeting was Foundation President, Dr. Tracey Brown, Vice-President Georgette Howell and Executive Director, Joe Rusiewicz. In his presentation, Corson stated, "We were all amazed by the foundation's swift response to the school district's need for hundreds of Chromebooks and additional resources to keep everyone safe. Thousands of families across the region faced insecurities and digital barriers making education a burden. This is no longer true in Pottstown due to your action and generous support of your donors." The \$1,000 check was made in memory of Elder Jannie Brandt and Alexis Artis, who both valued education. The funds were made possible by Mr. and Mrs. John Milligan in memory of Mr. Corson's mother, Elder Brandt, Vince Artis in memory of his daughter, Ms. Artis along with the membership of the Pottstown NAACP. Mr. Milligan is President of the Norristown NAACP while Mr. Artis is a member of the Pottstown NAACP and the Montgomery Elks on Walnut Street in Pottstown. In receiving the recognition, Dr. Brown and Ms. Howell praised the NACCP for their work in the community and thanked the chapter for their support. Rusiewicz echoed these sentiments by stating "We appreciate the efforts of the Pottstown NAACP and are so thankful for your support. Both of our organizations are here with a mission to improve the quality of the lives of our community. This donation and support from a sister non-profit shows how well our community comes together." The Foundation for Pottstown Education initiated the Chromebook Campaign after Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf closed all schools to help stop the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. At the time, one out of every four students in the Pottstown School District had no devices to support their online learning and continuation of their education. With this donation, more than 82 donors of the Foundation for Pottstown Education have provided the funding for 785 devices. This campaign was aided by a matching grant from the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation where every dollar raised up to \$100,000 was matched. Kicking off the matching fund was The Hill School in Pottstown which donated \$50,000 from an anonymous Alumnus of the school.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR POTTSTOWN EDUCATION: The mission of the Foundation for Pottstown Education is to raise funds for and support life-changing educational opportunities for the students and teachers in the Pottstown School District promoting the enhancement of our community. For further information on our Foundation, please visit our website at www.foundationpottstowned.org or contact Joe Rusiewicz at jrusiewicz@pottstownk12.org

Pictured L-R: Emanuel Wilkerson, Pottstown NAACP Executive Secretary, John Armato, Pottstown Area School Board Foundation for Pottstown Education Board of Directors and NAACP Member, Vince Artis Pottstown NAACP Member, Joe Rusiewicz Executive Director Foundation for Pottstown Education, Johnny Corson Pottstown NAACP President



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@pottstownk12.org.

- **Mary Ann (Bachmurski) Edleman** - Class of 1949 - 89, was the loving wife of Robert Edleman. The couple married October 8, 1950 and celebrated 70 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown on August 6, 1931, Mary Ann was a daughter of the late John and Stella (Kabzymiski) Bachmurski. She was a machine operator of the former Uniform Tube in Pottstown until retirement in 1997.

- **Barbara M. (Miller) Johnson** - Class of 1956 - was the wife of Daniel Johnson, of Boyertown. Born in Boyertown, she was the daughter of the late Helen J. (Werstler) Miller and Robert W. Miller. She received her bachelor's degree at West Chester University and her master's degree from Cabrini University. She was a longtime teacher for the Boyertown Elementary School where she taught first and second grade. Barbara was a member of New Hanover Lutheran Church. She enjoyed cross stitching, gardening, baking for the church and volunteering and teaching Sunday school. She was also a longtime volunteer for the Historical Society where she served as president for a time.

- **John L. Hoffman** - Class of 1964 - was born in Pottstown; he was a son of the late F. Howard Hoffman and the late Joyce L. (Keeler) Hoffman. John was a computer expert rising from a small computer school in Reading, PA to become the internet security manager for Citizens Fidelity Bank (now part of PNC) in Louisville, KY. In later years, he operated his own business and was a certified consultant for the law firm document management system Time Matters until his health forced his retirement. Even in his full retirement he continued to build computer systems and for a time trained several youths in the construction and operation of small computer systems. He was always available to consult on computer issues and was excellent at the diagnosis of hardware issues and their repair. Many of the systems he built are still in use today. He will be missed by his family and friends.

- **Frank Selagy** – Class of 1940 – Passed away November 13, 2020; was in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, WWII veteran European Theater; was a Spicer-Dana employee 45 years.


- **Ronald Thomas Famularo** - Class of 1967 - Ronald was the son of the late Thomas and Stella (Paristino) Famularo. Ronald enjoyed all sports, but especially baseball and was a varsity letterman. After he graduated from Pottstown High School, Ron joined the United States Navy, from which he was honorably discharged in 1974. After his time in the military, Ronald furthered his education at Maxwell Institute of Technology. He then began his career working as a systems analyst, and ultimately retired from Rodale.



- **Ruth B. (Hampton) Romig** - Class of 1946 - Ruth was a daughter of William L. Hampton and Ruth M. (Hartenstine) Hampton. She graduated from Pottstown High School as valedictorian. Ruth with her late husband of 57 years, Robert S. Romig, Sr. owned and operated Ringing Hill Orchards in Lower Pottsgrove Twp. After graduating from Business School, she kept the books and ran the business side of the orchard for over sixty years. She enjoyed visiting with the generations of patrons that came to the orchard for fruit in season. Ruth was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. She enjoyed baking, reading books, and spending time with her family.



- **Robert Hugh McDevitt** – Class of 1943 - received his Eagle Scout Award at the age of 15. Bob served in the Army during World War II as a military policeman stationed in Germany. He spent most of his career working at the Pottstown Post Office, as a mail carrier and then supervisor. Bob attended the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown since he was a very young boy, and served as a Deacon, Elder, Superintendent of the Sunday School, and various other positions. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge #814 and their Drill Team.

Bob volunteered with Meals on Wheels with his wife for over 15 years.



- **Richard L. Hatfield** - Class of 1950 - was steadfast in his love and devotion to his family, church and community. Richard attended Dickinson college before running the family business at Hatfield & Shaner for over 50 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He had many activities and endeavors, but he was especially passionate about his faith and served in numerous capacities ranging from Church Council President to singing in traditional and praise choirs to participating in service missions in Guatemala. He was also a civic leader and was active in service organizations such as the Lions Club and Masons.



- **Robert "Bob" M. Brown** - Class of 1970 - spent most of his life as a resident of Pottstown, PA before relocating to Milton, DE to enjoy his retirement near the beach. He was the son of the late Rev. Mark L. and Serena (Popp) Brown. After graduating from Pottstown Senior High School, Bob honorably served in the PA National Guard. He later had a career with Stericycle Medical as a tractor trailer driver.



- **John H. Griesemer Sr.** - Class of 1945 - was the husband of the late Lois K. (Kirkhoff) Griesemer, with whom he shared 62 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, PA, on May 29, 1926, John was the son of the late Paul Y. Griesemer and Ella M. (Eagle) Griesemer. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. After his time in the military, he began working as a production checker for Doehter-Jarvis, where he worked for 45 years, retiring in 1988. John was a member of Stichter Lodge #254, Valley of Reading Scottish Rite, Rajah Shrine, and a lifetime member of the Pottstown German and Quoit Clubs.
 

- **Michael J. Saraceni** - Class of 1943 - age 96, he was the loving husband of Marie (Petruccelli) Saraceni. Born in Pottstown on May 15, 1924, he was a son of the late Michael F. and Josephine (DeSantis) Saraceni. He proudly served our country in the US Navy during WWII. Michael was a Tire Salesman with Firestone store for 25 years, retiring there in 1981. After he retired there, he went on to work at Hub Tire Co. in Norristown until he retired in 2006. Michael was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church where he was an usher for 40 years. He was a life member of the former Maria Assunta Lodge and a member of the Pottstown Quoit Club.
 

- **Nicholas Casper** - Class of 1942 - he was the husband of the late LaRue Casper, to whom he was married for 71 years. Born in Douglassville in 1924, Nick was the son of the late Metro and Catherine (Krisco) Casper. He served as a Technical Sergeant during World War II in the US Army's Mighty Eighth Air Force out of Kimbolton, England; he flew 35 combat flying missions as part of the 379th Bomb Group on the 527th Bombardment Squadron. After the War, Nick became a Master Watchmaker, owned a jewelry store in Pottstown for 18 years and later retired from Manhattan Industries in New Berlinville. During his free time, he enjoyed being with family and friends. He was also an avid golfer and bowler.
 

- **Douglas Andrew Ambruch** – Class of 1975 - 64, of Pottstown, husband of Anne (Milles) Ambruch, passed away Saturday December 5, 2020 at his residence. Born in Luzerne County, he was the son of Eugene Ambruch and the late Shirley (Smyrl) Ambruch. Doug was retired after being employed for 40 years at Nyleve Bridge Company. Doug recently celebrated 37 years of marriage to Anne. He was an honored team member of Ortho slow pitch softball. After his children were born, he dedicated his time to youth sports and Pottstown baseball. Doug was most proud of the success that his three sons have achieved.
 

- [**Adeline “Lynne” Maack**](#) - Class of 1943 - was the widow of Herbert R. Maack. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late John H. Longaker and the late Harriett (Wentz) Longaker. Lynne received her degree in English and Spanish from Hood College. She devoted her life to her family, service and volunteering. She held leadership positions with The Pottstown Hospital and Memorial Hospital auxiliaries, Family Service Association, Chester County Girl Scout Council, and Pottsgrove High School PTA. She was past president and on the advisory board of her local Junior League and on the Pottsgrove Council of Republican Women. She volunteered at the Pottstown Hospital and the Marco Island, Florida, Chamber of Commerce.

- [**John J. Binsfeld III**](#) - Class of 1962 -was one of the premier organists of his generation. As a boy, he attended Sunday school and church services at Trinity Reformed UCC Church in Pottstown. As a young teenager, he chose to live with the late Dr. and Mrs. John B. Frantz. Dr. Frantz was then the pastor of Trinity Church. John’s prodigious talent at the keyboard became clear as a young child, repeating tunes on a piano then modifying the tunes as he preferred. Encouraged by the Frantz family, he began studying piano and organ. In 1961, while still a student at Pottstown High School, he became Minister of Music at Trinity Church. He won a full scholarship at age 17 to study organ at the Curtis Institute of Music. In 1964, he was selected as Organist and Choirmaster at historic Old Christ Church, in Philadelphia, where he remained until his retirement in 2009. He was also a staff recitalist on the largest pipe organ in the world at the then John Wanamaker store in Center City.

- [**John Edward Matalavage**](#) - Class of 1964 - attended St. Pius X High School through his junior year and went on to graduate from Pottstown Senior High School. John was an avid fisherman and hunter who also coached Little League baseball for the VFW for many years. Despite living in western Pennsylvania, he endured being a supporter of all the Philadelphia sports teams especially the Eagles. John retired from the Dana Corporation after three decades of loyal service. He was a lifetime member of the Rockwood American Legion Post # 279 and served on the board of trustees. John was a U.S. Army veteran who was drafted during the Vietnam conflict and was stationed in Germany. He will be sadly missed by many friends and family and those who were subjected to his sense of humor.

- [**Sonia Cimbalista Urban**](#) - Class of 1953 - was the wife of John M. Urban and the daughter of Mary and Paul Cimbalista. She graduated from West Chester Teachers College in 1957. She taught elementary school in Columbus, Ohio, Harlingen, Texas and Little Rock, Arkansas. She retired after 20 years teaching at St. Aloysius Catholic School in Pottstown. She and her husband John were married for 63 years. Sonia was an active member of St. Aloysius Church for over 45 years. She played Marimba with the Sound Celebration music group for the Saturday evening mass. She was also an active member of the Church Women's Group. She was a cook for the church sponsored Community Dinners at Trinity Reformed Church. Sonia was a member of the Pottstown Garden Club. She was also one of the original members of the Carousel of Pottstown founders.

FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



- **[Rosanna Robinson Morgan](#)** (aka The Mother of Pottstown) was born December 17, 1931 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. She was the 4th of 9 children born to the late Rosanna Cotton Sams & Walter Malin Cotton. Rosanna loved people, and people loved Rosanna throughout her life; she chose jobs that could make a difference in people's lives. Rosanna was involved in the community activities and along with her children's activities. Rosanna was a people person, and her doors were always opened. Rosanna worked for the Pottstown School District for 40 years as an aide at Jefferson Elementary & Franklin Elementary. Rosanna along with her sissy were bus monitors for local children in the area. Rosanna was considered The Mother of Pottstown an Icon, a protector and nurturer. Rosanna's school children loved her dearly, she was always giving out hugs. Rosanna felt lunch time was too short, she spent her time at the school during lunch helping children prepare their lunches opening their milk cartons, and anything else needed of her to give them time to eat their lunch. Rosanna would always make sure her school children had ice cream money. She never wanted any child to go without. Rosanna retired at the age of 80 at Franklin Elementary School. Rosanna loved her school children; she knew everybody's parents, her children fell in love with her, and they knew she did tolerate disrespect.

- **[Donald Baker](#)** passed away in June. He was a retired Spanish teacher at Pottstown High School for over 30 years. Read Mr. Baker's obituary highlighting his many years of service to the community.





ALUMNI

- Congratulations to [**Aaron Beasley**](#) Class of 1991 on his nomination to the College Football Hall of Fame. A 2008 inductee to the Pottstown School District Alumni Honor Roll, Aaron was a two time All-American at the University of West Virginia and had a nine year career in the NFL.



- Congratulations to [**Kenil Patel**](#) Class of 2017, who was recently named to the board of directors for the Foundation for Pottstown Education. He is junior at Drexel University majoring in Engineering Technology with a minor in Biological Sciences. Read all about his story in Mr. Evan Brandt's digital [Notebook Blog](#).



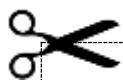
- PHS and Villanova grad [**Howard Brown**](#) has proven himself in the classroom, on the basketball court, and in service to the community. He was recently promoted to senior program officer of the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation. Read his story in Mr. Evan Brandt's Digital [Notebook Blog](#).





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