

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



WINTER 2017-2018

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

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2017-2018

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.pottstownschoools.org or call 610-323-6274.

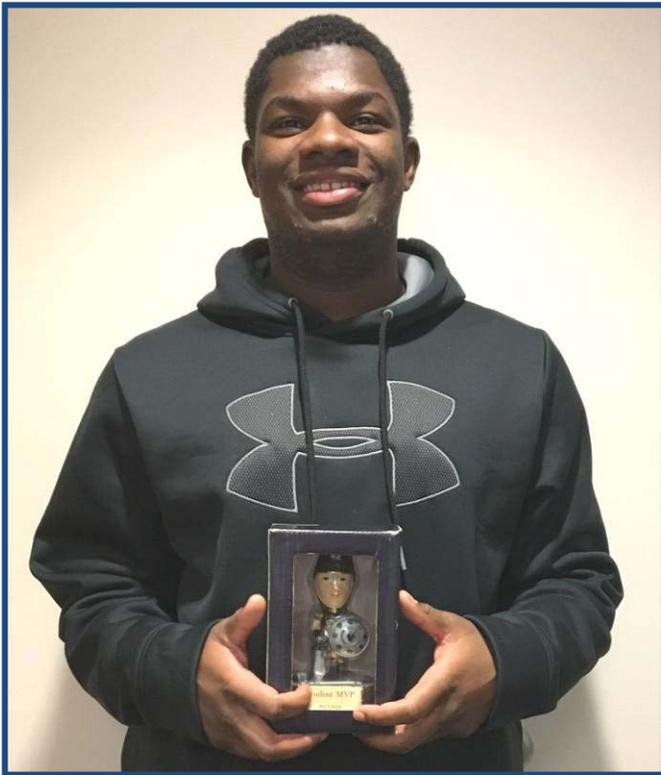


Pottstown School District is proud of its past and confident of its future.

Go to <http://www.pottstownschoools.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.

Pottstown High School Announces Student and Staff Member of the Month

Congratulations to Pottstown High School Senior **Demitri Douglas** for being chosen as the



Student of the Month. Demitri is involved in many activities. Currently he is in the cast of the All-District Musical “The Little Mermaid” and competes on the DECA Marketing Team and is member of the Trojan wrestling team. In the classroom, Demitri holds a 3.0 grade point average and his favorite class is marketing. He says his favorite part about Pottstown is the diversity in our school and the good friends he has made.

Mr. Mike Hewitt is a PHS graduate. In his first year as the Automotive Technology Instructor he has made many improvements to the program. Students now wear uniforms while in the shop, the welding program has been overhauled, and students have mobile work stations. One thing Mr. Hewitt is very proud of is the car detailing fundraiser that his program held. They far exceeded their goal of 20 vehicles by detailing 45 cars and vans. The next project the program is working on is the 2018 car show. Mike also helps coach both the football and wrestling teams at the Middle School.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the players and coaches of the high school boys' basketball team on a hard fought and well deserved 76-75 victory over Pottsgrove. In a game that saw the lead change hands many times Anthony Brown hit a three pointer as the final buzzer rang. Brown lead the team with 29 points and Aaron Diamond added another 21. A special shout out to our cheerleaders who not only led a highly enthusiastic student section but were the clear winners of the timeout cheerleading challenge. It was a great night of competition and good sportsmanship by both schools.



The Boys Basketball team played with a lot of Trojan Pride in their 67-63 overtime victory against Pope John Paul. Anthony Brown hit a three pointer with ten seconds left in regulation time to force the overtime and scored a game high 20 points. Tre Bass scored 13 points with 5 of them coming in the overtime. Floyd Dashiell added 11 and Tyshaun Harvey scored 9. Coach Benfield said, "I am very proud of the effort and Trojan Pride the team played with tonight."



The Trojan Boys Basketball team went on the road to Phoenixville and came home with a hard played 45-43 victory. Anthony Brown had a game high 17 points to help the Trojans to a 3-5 PAC Frontier Division record. Coach Benfield said of the team, "Proud that we keep fighting when the chips are down, that is an important life lesson to learn." Thanks for giving us another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Floyd Dashiell

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Floyd Dashiell
- Anthony Brown

The Pottstown Boys' Basketball Team honored Fallen Trojan **Shamir Edwards** before their last home game. Shamir was a student at the high school from 2012 to 2016; he received his diploma in June of 2016 and was accepted to East Stroudsburg University. In November of 2016, early in his freshman year, he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Six months later, in June of 2017, at the age of 19, Shamir passed away. His family, friends, teachers, teammates and his school have mourned his passing. The players, coaches and administration paid honor to his memory by dedicating the game in his name. The game, also served as a fundraiser to establish a scholarship in his name to be given to a graduating senior athlete exemplifying the qualities of courage and humility. An empty seat was placed on the Pottstown bench draped with a #11 jersey symbolizing his loss. His family, along with friends and honored guests, were asked to come to center-court to be introduced. Shamir's memory will live on in the hearts of his family and teammates. He will be an honored chapter in Trojan Basketball history.



Senior Night Boys' Basketball Photos:



Aaron Diamond



Ahnile Fountain



Peter Marcheskie



Martin Metzger

Senior Night Winter Cheerleading Photos:



Andraya
Guy



Jaelyn
Harsh



Aniya
Jackson Thorpe



Senior Night Winter Cheerleading Photos:



Emily Jerdon



Rachel Martin



Alize Thompson



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Ebony Reddick, a member of the girls' basketball team, on achieving the career milestone of scoring 1,000 points during the game with Methacton.

She scored a game high of 20. Ebony is a leader on the court and in the classroom. Her hard work is paying off. She plans to attend Notre Dame College of Ohio next year. Thanks for giving us 1,000 reasons to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



The Girls' Basketball team earned victory at home with a 52-16 win over Upper Perkiomen. Ebony Reddick led the scoring with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Reilly Owens added 10 and Kiyah Cotton had 8. Before the game, Reddick was recognized for scoring her 1,000th career point. High School Principal Danielle McCoy presented Ebony a commemorative ball designed by the High School Art Department along with a plaque and picture.



NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Ebony Reddick

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA FIRST TEAM:

- Ebony Reddick

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM:

- Emme Wolfel



Senior Night Girls' Basketball Photos:



Daiana Albert



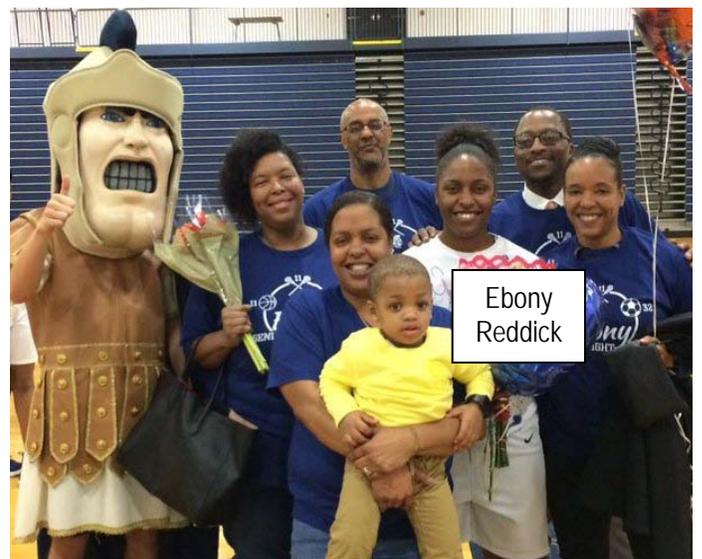
Julia Day



Gianna Epps



Jai Jefferson



Ebony Reddick



WRESTLING



Nick Wade became the 9th Head Coach in the 54 year history of PHS Trojan Wrestling. He is a current employee at Pottstown High School and the last 2 years he was an assistant coach at the high school. Nick has been involved in wrestling for the past 20 years. His previous coaching experience includes coaching Phoenixville Youth, Valley Forge Middle School, and Coventry Youth. A 2004 graduate of Phoenixville High School with 4 years varsity experience, he is a proud graduate of Penn State University. Coach Wade will be assisted by longtime staff members Tom Daniels and John Armato. Coach Steve Anspach will rejoin the staff along with two other coaches to be named and some alumni volunteers including former head coach Eric Dusko and Rodney Massengill. Count on Coach Wade to continue the Trojan tradition of aggressive attack wrestling and building character and leadership. Good Luck and GO TROJANS!

Governor Mifflin Wrestling Tournament Results: December 28 & 29, 2017

- Varsity Individual Results:
 - ❖ Nate Parson – 132 lbs. – 3rd Place
 - ❖ Tom Doyle – 285 lbs. – 5th Place



- Junior Varsity Tournament Individual Results:
 - ❖ Demond Thompson – 138 lbs. – 1st Place
 - ❖ Aubrey King – 222 lbs. – 1st Place
 - ❖ Josh Doyle – 285 lbs. – 2nd Place
 - ❖ Xavier Cushman – 132 lbs. – 3rd Place
 - ❖ Destyn Snyder – 285 lbs. – 3rd Place



The Trojan Wrestling Team scored its first victory of the season and the first career victory for new Head Coach Nick Wade at the Octorara Duals with a hard fought 36-35 win over Schuylkill Valley. The win is number 575 for the Trojan program that started in 1964. Scoring wins during the day were Demond Thompson, Nate Parson, Anthony Wiggins, Ijanae Bush, Zack Griffin, Isaiah Williams, Tom Doyle, Julianna Figueroa, Kentz Gustave, and Erza Figueroa.



Junior Varsity wrestlers also had a good day going 12-6 in the bouts they wrestled:

- Josh Doyle 2-0, Zoe Earle 2-0, Julianna Figueroa 1-0, Bobby Richards 2-0, Ijanae Bush 1-0, Demitri Douglass 2-0, and Destyn Snyder 2-0.
- Aubrey King, Xavier Cushman, Matt Deppen, and TJ Mohn gained a lot of mat experience and will be ready to make their mark as Trojan Wrestlers.

The Trojan Wrestling team made it two in a row with its 36-33 victory over Norristown. Emmanuel Toussaint set the pace in the opening bout with a hard fought match that saw a lot of attack style wrestling. Josh Doyle, Demond Thompson, and Nate Parson all scored pins to go along with a decision win by Zack Griffin and forfeit wins by Kentz Gustave and Matt Deppen. Anthony Wiggins, Isaiah Williams, Bobby Mitchell, Juliana Figueroa and Xavier Cushman all made the team proud with their effort and determination.



BORDER BATTLE

January 2018



POTTSTOWN TROJANS VS. POTTS GROVE FALCONS

Sponsored by Schuylkill Valley Sports and SunnyBrook Enterprises

The historic SunnyBrook Ballroom on Saturday January 20th was the site for the ["Battle on The Border."](#) Pottstown and Pottsgrove Middle and High School Wrestling teams will vie for the honor of taking home the Border Battle Trophy. This friendly cross-town competition will be a first of its kind event where athletics meets art. The night will include performances by Jazz Bands, Choral Groups, an Art Show, student club displays, ROTC Color Guard, and more. SunnyBrook has been the scene of many outstanding entertainment events, but never before has there been a joining of athletics and art to showcase the student talents of two communities. Doors open at 5:00 PM with entertainment by Jazz and Choral groups to begin at 5:20. Middle School wrestling will start at 6:00 PM followed by High School at 7:00 PM.

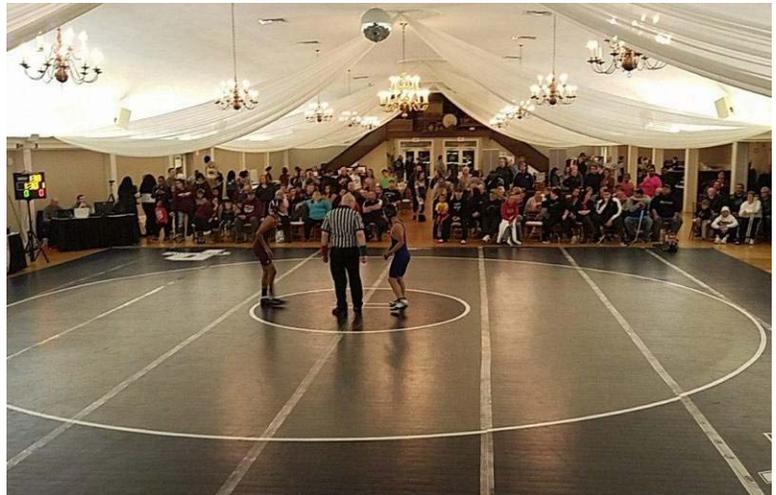
The Pottstown/Pottsgrove Border Battle wrestling match held at historic Sunnybrook Ballroom was a one of a kind event where athletics combined with the arts in a friendly and sportsmanship filled event. The Pottstown High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Mike Vought, along with the Pottsgrove Choral Group, led by Ms. Kelsey Hendler, provided entertainment before the match.

Pottstown art students' talents were on display in the lobby along with the Interact Club's informational table. Jr. Air Force ROTC Color Guard presented the colors to open the event.

The Trojan Middle School team started the action with a team win and 7th grader Joneil Oister was named the "Outstanding Wrestler."

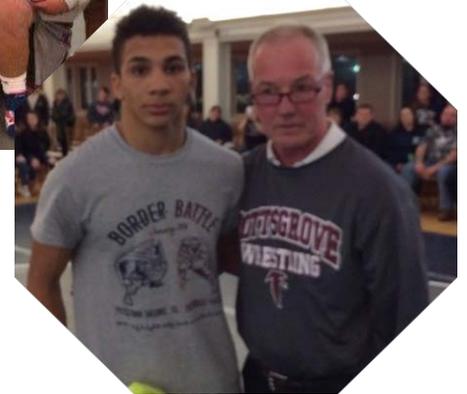
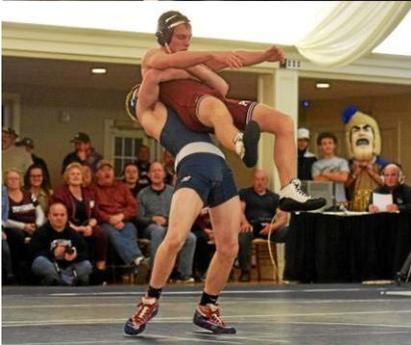
Demond Thompson, PHS, was named the "Trojan Outstanding Wrestler."

While the high school team could not be happy with the final results which saw Pottsgrove retain the Border Battle Trophy, Trojan effort was outstanding with a lot of action and well wrestled matches.

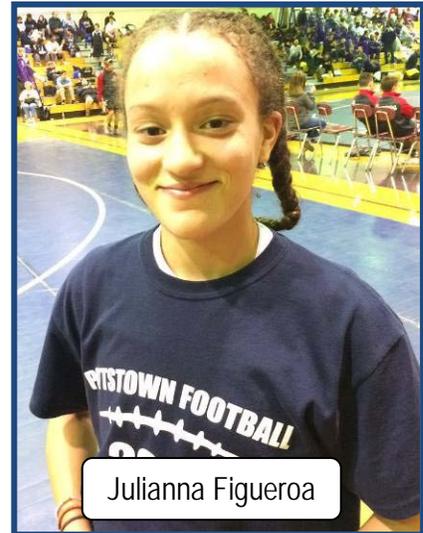


Thanks to Sunnybrook's Chuck Gulati and Jerry Williams of Schuylkill Valley Sports for sponsoring this historic event.

Photos from "Battle on The Border"



Congrats to the wrestling team for a good showing at the Martin Luther King Dual Tournament. The Trojans went 2-2 in the 16 team event and placed 10th overall. Tom Doyle had a 59 second fall as he went 3-1 for the day. Xavier Cushman had a pin. Ezra Figueroa went 1-1 while his sister, Julianna, earned her first varsity win by pin (a first in Pottstown Wrestling history). Zack Griffin was 1-2 on the day and Kentz Gustave wrestled well earning a victory and just falling short to a sectional place winner. Aubrey King with another of his takedown to pin moves looked strong. Destyn Snyder, Demond Thompson, and Isaiah Williams all added to the team wins. Anthony Wiggins had a very strong day and went 3-1. Nate Parson dominated the field going 4-0 with 1 pin, a major, and two tech falls.



Congratulations to members of the Wrestling team who earned academic honors during the second marketing period. Earning Distinguished Honors were Zoe Earle and Julianna Figueroa. Making Honor Roll were Bobby Mitchell, Josh Doyle, Demond Thompson, Destyn Snyder, Tom Doyle, Kentz Gustave, Aubrey King, and Anthony Wiggins. 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. Every member of the wrestling team has been involved in multiple activities including clubs, sports, band, and the district musicals. They are our future leaders and give us reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



The Trojans split the team sending eight wrestlers to the Upper Dublin Tournament while the rest of the team traveled to the North Penn JV Tournament. All eight varsity wrestlers placed at Upper Dublin. They were lead by Nate Parson's very exciting overtime win in the finals and a solid championship round win by Anthony Wiggins. Kentz Gustave placed second and Tom Doyle had a pin in the consolation finals for third place. Bobby Mitchell, Ezra Figueroa, and Isaiah Williams all placed fourth in their weight class. Julianna Figueroa won a match and received many compliments from coaches and officials on her skill and technique on her way to placing fifth.



Nate Parson



Anthony Wiggins



Tom Doyle



Ezra Figueroa



Bobby Mitchell



Isaiah Williams

Over at North Penn the Trojans continued the medal parade with first place honors going to Demon Thompson, Aubery King, and Josh Doyle. Destyn Snyder placed third with three wins by pin.



Special thanks to Trojan Man for traveling all the way to Upper Dublin to support the team.



Wrestling Senior Night Photos:



Siani
Cole



Demitri
Douglas



Tom
Doyle



Kentz
Gustave



Matt
Hampton

Wrestling Senior Night Photos:



Aubrey King



Nate Parson



Emmanuel Toussaint



Anthony Wiggins



Isaiah Williams

PAC Wrestling Championships

Five wrestlers moving on to the District I Championships

- Tom Doyle - 1st Place - 285 weight class
- Nate Parson - 3rd Place – 132 weight class
- Isaiah Williams - 5th Place - 220 weight class
- Anthony Wiggins - 6th Place – 138 weight class
- Zach Griffin – 6th Place – 160 weight class
- Julianna Figueroa made history by becoming the first woman to compete in the PAC Championships.
- Matt Deppen, Ezra Figueroa, and Kentz Gustave represented the Trojans well and showed some Trojan Tough wrestling.



Trojan Wrestlers had a strong showing at the District 1 Wrestling Tournament. Seniors Anthony Wiggins and Isaiah Williams ended their high school careers with some hard fought matches. Sophomore Zach Griffin gained valuable experience that will pay off next year.

	<p>Nate Parson (pictured left) and Tom Doyle (pictured right), fresh off representing Pottstown's Marketing class at the State DECA competition in Hershey the day before, showed they are Trojan Tough by qualifying for the Southeast Regional Tournament.</p> <p>Nate went 3-1 placing third in one of the most competitive weight classes in the tournament.</p> <p>Tom placed fourth in the 285 weight class. He was 2-2 on the day with two pins.</p> <p>From the Board Room to the mat, Tom and Nate showed that Pottstown students are well-rounded and outstanding representatives of our school.</p>	
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NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Anthony Wiggins

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:

- Tom Doyle
- Zack Griffin
- Nate Parson
- Demond Thompson

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA FIRST TEAM

- Tom Doyle

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Nate Parson
- Anthony Wiggins

Senior Night Group Photo



Thanks to Mr. Anspach and his team for showing people why we are proud of our people, programs, facilities and giving us more reasons to say proud to be from Pottstown.



Over three nights, Pottstown School District hosted the Pioneer Athletic Conference Boys Basketball Championships in Strom Gymnasium. Over three thousand spectators attended five games that were played in our facility. During the games, we received numerous accolades on our facility, hospitality, organization, and overall atmosphere. Administrators, faculty members, and fans from other schools constantly reminded us that we have a first class set up in the conference. Hosting this event could not be possible without the help of Tim Emmick, his custodial crew, Justin Baker, and our game workers. We are very fortunate to have a great bunch of passionate workers.



BASEBALL

It may be cold outside and a long way from spring baseball but that did not stop the [Pottstown High School Baseball Team](#) and its coaches, Geoffrey Thomas and Todd Endy, from hitting a grand slam for a needy family. The PHS team collected and wrapped gifts and shopped for groceries to share some holiday spirit this season. The gifts were delivered by the team to the home of the recipient family to help them to have a very Merry Christmas. Coach Thomas said, "Our Athletic Department stresses community service and learning the value of helping others. I am very proud of our players for wanting to be hands-on in all of the shopping and wrapping." Grand slam for the team, family and community!



FOOTBALL

Named to the PAC-10 Senior Bowl Football Rosters – Game set for June 2018



Owen Morton

Tim Trego

Jamal Adams



Avery Nascimento

Anthony Wiggins

Francisco Cuascut



Aubrey King

Jimmy Calvario

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Cheerleading - Andraya Guy
- Boys' Basketball - Martin Metzger
- Girls' Basketball - Gianna Epps
- Swimming - Sebastian Buchanan
- Wrestling - Emmanuel Toussaint

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WINTER CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Emily Jerdon

STAFF

Congratulations to Middle School Language Arts teacher [Ian Lawrence](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section.

Ian is a PHS Valedictorian who came home to help make a difference in students' lives. He is the fifth generation of his family to attend and graduate from the Pottstown School District. The Lawrence family is a great reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown." *In Our Schools* is a weekly feature spotlighting teachers and administrators educating students in Tri-County schools.

I grew up in: Pottstown, and reside there now.

Family: I met my future wife, Dani, when we were both in our first year of teaching. She now teaches sixth grade down the hall from me, but I try not to bug her too much. My mom, Sue, is on the Pottstown School Board.

Education: Valedictorian at Pottstown High School; Haverford College, bachelor's in history; West Chester University, master's in education.

How I spend my free time: I'm one of the volunteer organizers for Pottstown PAL Hockey, which is an outdoor, street hockey league. We have over 300 kids in our spring and fall seasons. I've been lucky to coach over 20 teams through the years, which have included many of my middle school students, who have had to endure my corny drills and bad motivational speeches.

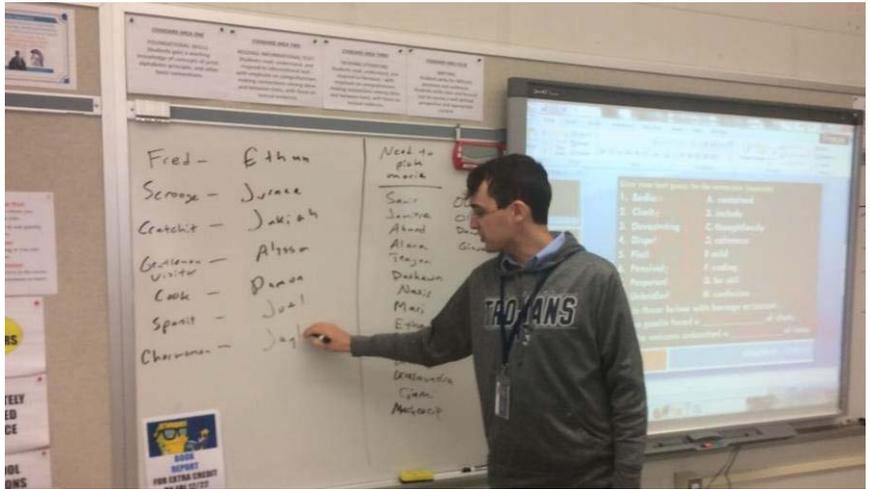
Teacher who inspired me: The teacher who inspired me was Steve Allen, who I had in eighth grade and who still works in the same building. Mr. Allen was the role model because of his passion for learning and service. I even got to do my student teaching with him.

My thoughts on returning to my home district to teach: I know it's a little hackneyed to say to the kids that I remember what it's like at their age, but it is literally true. I was in the same classes and even had some of the same teachers as my current students, and I think it helps with credibility. It's probably useful for them to see examples of people going through Pottstown's school system, going to college and surviving, and then coming back to stay a part of the community's future.

Funniest classroom moment: My hockey-playing students have found numerous ways to taunt me about my favorite team, the New York Islanders, and sabotage and desecrate their logo in my classroom.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: My backup was to go into reporting, because through the Pottstown High journalism program at the time, I got to write stringer articles with The Mercury. Our district is awesome providing career opportunities like that for students.

You might not know: I'm also fortunate to have been a proud fifth-generation Pottstown graduate. It's cool to be a part of that history of our unsung but unique Trojan community.



Day-in and day-out Rupert classroom assistant Lisa Meyers supports students and staff in our mission of preparing each student, by name, for success at every level. Click to [hear what students](#) and staff have to say about her and you will have another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown!



Pottstown Borough Council and the Pottstown School Board have adopted a sustainability plan more than three years in the making and which may be the only one in the state that applies to both a municipality and a school district. [Click here](#) to read all about it!

Throughout his long-standing track and field career, former Pottstown School District Superintendent [Ray E. Feick](#) has earned the right to put some esteemed titles next to his name. Now, he may have earned himself one of his most memorable titles. Feick, a resident of



Gilbertsville, PA, was named USA Track and Field's Mid-Atlantic Master Male Field Athlete of the Year at the annual awards luncheon on January 20. The 86-year-old earned gold medal finishes in three events at the January 8 Philadelphia Masters Indoor Championships in Chester last month — taking first place in the shot put, the weight-throw and the super weight-throw. That showing came just a week after a three-medal finish at the East Regionals in New England in December. Leading up to his memorable run of success this winter, Feick earned three silvers and a pair of bronze medals at the World Masters Championships in Daegu, South Korea last March. Feick took second place in the shot put, weight-toss and hammer along with third-place finishes in the discus and javelin.

MUSIC

Congratulations to the middle and high school Band members who were selected to perform in the 62nd Annual Inter-County Band Concert at Phoenixville Area Middle School on Saturday, January 27. This ensemble is an all-star team comprised of select 7th, 8th and 9th grade band students from 11 local school districts. The night was filled with the sounds of students displaying their talents. Kate German, Middle School Band Director, said, "Our students appreciated being selected and the opportunity to perform with other outstanding students from across the county." At the end of the night we could say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

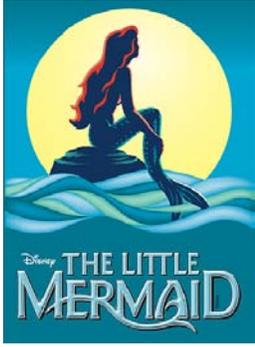


Pictured from left to right: (back row) Kishan Patel, Erynn Dunning, Jocelyn Malauulu, Gabe Roseo, Xzavier Francis Williams, and Allison Horne; (front row) Akira Love and Colin Dellaquila. Not pictured: Chasey Jules.

POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Disney ~ The Little Mermaid ~ March 2018

Cast Members (Name and Grade):

	Julia Day - 12 Kira Dixon - 12 Demetri Douglas - 12 Nala Johnson - 12 Gianna Kimmell - 12 Julian Weber - 12 Br'Anna Williams - 12 Matthew Zipay - 12	Ariana Garcia - 11 Myrical Giddens - 11 Abigail Krause - 11 Donny Marte - 11 Caitlin McLaughlin - 11 Magdalana Onate - 11 Reilly Owens - 11 Julianna Roseo - 11 Tori Steger - 11	Emma Gawlas - 10 Andrew Green - 10 Devyn Lopez - 10 Britney Macomber - 10 Alexandria Olvera - 10 Abigail Parson - 10 Mariana Pearson - 10 Alix Stewart - 10 Emily Weber - 10 Destiny Williams - 10	Dashara Beavens - 9 Julianna Figueroa - 9 Alexa King - 9 Samantha Levey - 9 Brianna Lineman - 9 Brianna London - 9 Emily McCollum - 9 Naomi Parson - 9 Emily Plowfield - 9 Robert Raegler - 9 Austin Spence - 9 Harmony Wood - 9
Liza Eames - 8 Evelyn Estes - 8 Mackenzie Moser - 8 Jessica Rivera - 8 Joshua Shifflette - 8 Jayniana Williams - 8 Nerissa Yost - 8	Brielle Davis - 7 Jamie Freese - 7 Imani Germany-Bird - 7 Hope Hoffman - 7 Moniyah Person - 7 Alianna Samuel - 7 Leah Smith - 7 London Trout - 7	Adam Alaoui - 6 Kaitlyn Alessi - 6 Dylan Basile - 6 Josephine Bechtel - 6 Peyton Benfield - 6 Tyler Broughton - 6 Megan Cannell - 6 Makenna Franey - 6 Madalyn Lamperez - 6 Ashlee Landis - 6 Grayce Morton - 6 Jonathan Moser - 6 Angelica Shifflette - 6 Devon Smith - 6 Brooke Thomas - 6 Ethan Yost - 6	Shyloh Dugan - 5 Camryn Frisco - 5 Gabriella Horne - 5 Tahj Phillips - 5 Julia Smith - 5	Chase Atkinson - 4 Leah Blackwell - 4 Alivia Boyer - 4 Brandon Davis - 4 Hailey Freese - 4 Lily Garber - 4 Megan McGinn - 4 Mia Ramirez - 4 Triniti Rhodes-Fisher - 4 Sarabeth Shifflette - 4 Gabe Stilwell - 4 Olivia Stitt - 4 Arian Tinson - 4 Emely Villegas - 4



Watch the making of [The Little Mermaid!](#)



Thanks to Mr. Evan Brandt for using his [Mercury Digital Notebook Blog](#) to share the story of our students and staff. The production of *The Little Mermaid* is an example of hard work paying off. Over 150 students and staff put in thousands of hours of preparation resulting in a display of some of the many strengths of our school district and community. It provides a road map for success in other programs.



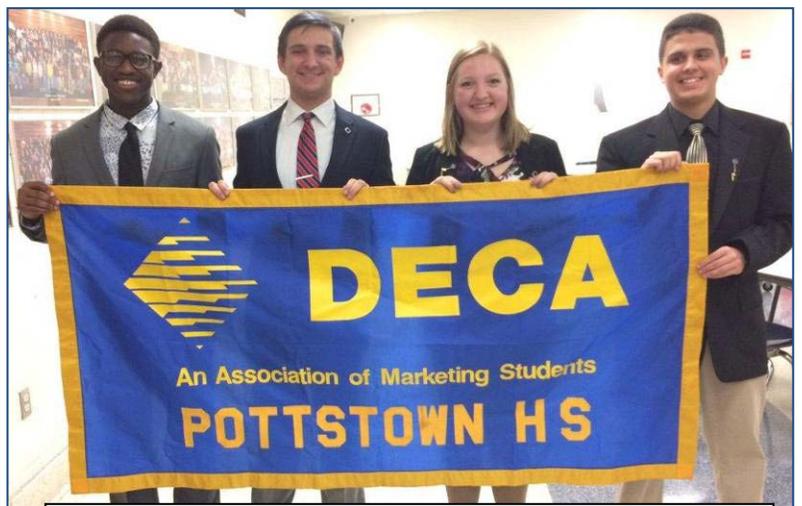
HIGH SCHOOL

Pottstown High School [DECA Club](#), an association of marketing students, elected a new slate of officers and inducted 32 new members at a program held at Pottstown High School cafeteria. The evening's ceremonies were conducted by DECA Advisors Mr. Kevin Pascal and Mrs. Lyndsay Hashem.

Jen Hainsey was elected President along with Vice-President Julian Weber; Executive Director Dennis Morales; and Management Director Emmanuel Toussaint. Newly elected President Jen Hainsey encouraged the inductees to take full advantage of the opportunities and activities that are a part of the DECA experience. The newly elected officers conducted the induction ceremony where 32 new members joined the ranks of the organization.

Congratulations to the newly inducted members of DECA:

Christian Albert	Diego Magana
Sebastian Buchanan	Donny Marte
Angelica Calel	Nathanael Parson
Jessica Calle-Castillo	Julian Paskel
Haile Clayton	Kishan Patel
Shelby Clayton	Thanea Redrovan
Ciera Cwynar	Julia Reisner
Tom Doyle	Alyssa Rulli
Julianna Figueroa	Alix Stewart
Kentz Gustave	John Stilwell
Jaelyn Harsh	Justine Villamar
Chloe Hebert	Abby Welder
Sybriya Jenkins	Destiny Williams
Brianna Lineman	Hannah Wilson
Brianna London	Harmony Wood
Alondra Magana	



Pictured left to right are: Emmanuel Toussaint, Julian Weber, Jen Hainsey, and Dennis Morales



Who does The Mercury's "Operation Holiday Program" call when they have to pack over 300 boxes filled with food supplies that will bring warm holiday meals to families in need? PHS Student Government and their sponsor Mrs. Kristina Corominas, that's who! Every year **PHS** students show their commitment to our community by joining hands with others to help those in need.



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Seeing our students giving of their time to be part of One Goal One Team One Town is inspiring. Read all about it in Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#).

There are great things happening everyday in the Pottstown School District. High School Construction Technology educator Evin Jarrett produced a short video story about the upcoming class project - [STEAM education meets Construction Technology](#).



Pottstown Trojans Wrestlers Nate Parson and and Demitri Douglass show they have talent on the mat, in the classroom, and on camera. They made this video as part of their Marketing class. The assignment was to make a video ad for the [School Store](#) that would get the attention of their peers. Looks like they made every second count and their hard work paid off with a win. Their Marketing teacher Lyndsay Hashem adds to the video with her cameo rap. Hope you enjoy the video and patronize the School Store.

Pottstown High School Senior [Julian Weber](#) is a proven leader on land and under the sea.



He recently earned his Eagle Scout Rank after building message boards at Swamp Creek and Pleasant Run Parks. A member of National Honor Society with a 4.0 GPA he is also a member of the Boy Scouts Order of The Arrow Honor Society. Julian has plenty to keep him busy outside of the classroom. His school activities include Senior Art Director for the Yearbook, Morning Announcements, playing the Trombone in the Marching and Jazz Bands - along with Piano/Keyboard in the Concert Band. Last year he was one of the leads in the high school Musical - *Little Shop of Horrors*. His peers recognize his leadership skills and elected him Vice President of both DECA and Marching Band. Julian's artistic leadership is seen in his duties as Producer for the Recording Studio and Prop Design for the Musical. As a member of the DECA Marketing Team he has earned awards at the District competition three years in a row. He is no stranger to community service with a long list of activities that include, Youth Deacon, Church Work Camp Mission to Baltimore Interfaith

Outreach, Crop Walk, Flag Day services, community meals, Relay for Life, Operation Backpack, and volunteer support of the Pottstown Go Fourth Festival. He does all of this and more while earning money for college with a part-time job. If his talent and leadership on land was not enough reason for us all to say "Proud to be from Pottstown," he also rules the underwater world as King Triton in this year's All-District Musical, *The Little Mermaid*.

Next time someone wants to talk about Pottstown students, share Julian Weber's story.





Pottstown High School Interact Club believes in letting their actions speak for themselves. The club has a long list of community and school service projects that demonstrate their commitment to others. Members conducted fundraising which enabled them to provide over 300 bags of Halloween treats for the Salvation Army, Senior Center, Operation Backpack, and PEAK. They provided three dozen gloves and hats to elementary students who are part of the Walking School Bus Program. The club's donation of 90 items of hats, gloves, scarves, and coats helped the Salvation Army keep people warm during the winter.

They supported fellow students in need with bags of toiletries collected during the holidays. Over 75 Veterans had a brighter holiday after receiving a personal card from club members.

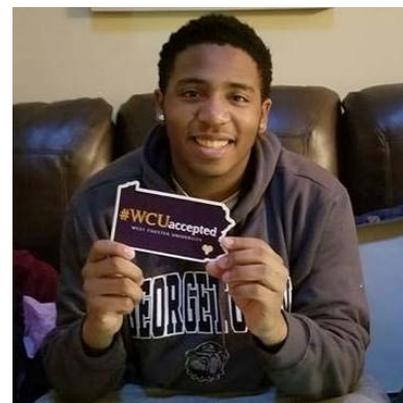
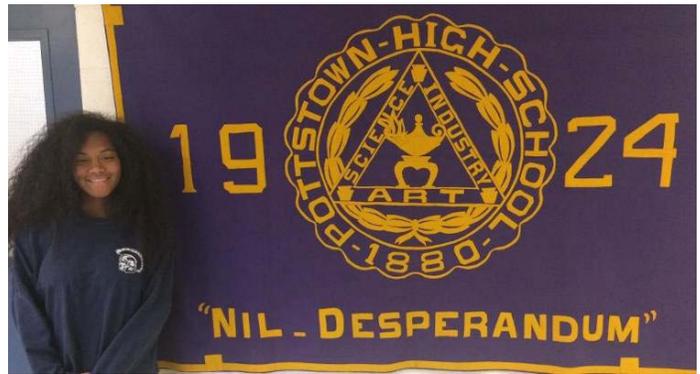
On Valentine's Day over a hundred high school students received a kindness note from the club. Yearly the members support both the Pottstown CARES and PEAK "Day of The Child" events with an informational booth and activities for children. The club has taken on the mission of raising awareness and calling for action in the fight against human trafficking. The students set up fundraising events and informational tables at community events and in school. They will make a presentation to the Rotary Club.

Teachers Mrs. Diane Fox and Mrs. Diane Shoffstall sponsor the club which is a service organization for high school students who desire to volunteer their time to aid the school and community. Interact is an international organization sponsored by the Pottstown Rotary Club. The word Interact stands for international action. The club, which numbers 26 members, has an impressive list of projects on which they have spent over 300 hours working.

The club's officers include; Co-Chairs Courteney Parry and Zoe Wallace; Maggie Onate Vice-Chair; Jakhaya Beckem Treasurer; and Abby Richter Historian. "Our students have shown a commitment to making a positive change in the world and a degree of maturity beyond their age, with young people like this taking leadership roles, our future is bright," said sponsors Fox and Shoffstall.



Congratulations to Pottstown High School Senior Zoe Wallace who was recently accepted and awarded a full scholarship to Stanford University where she plans to double major in Creative Writing and Race and Gender Studies. *Stanford University*, one of the world's leading teaching and research institutions, is dedicated to finding solutions to big challenges and to preparing students for leadership in a complex world. Zoe is a school leader who is very active as a member of the Girls' Tennis Team, Interact Service Club, National Honor Society and a member of the All District Musical Scenery Crew. While she is still weighing college options from other schools, her hard work could see her in sunny California for the next four years.



Congratulations to Isaiah Williams. He may not have to pack all his bags yet, but he will have to decide on which of the four schools he has been accepted at to attend. His choices include; Johnson and Wales, Alvernia, West Chester, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Isaiah plans on studying Political Science with an eye on a career in government. He is no stranger to staying busy. His school activities include soccer, wrestling, baseball, marching band, concert band, Secretary of Student Government, and DECA. His hard work is just starting to pay off.

Congratulations to Gianna Epps, who was named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team in Girls Tennis Singles. Gianna is a three sport athlete, in addition to tennis she is a leader on the basketball and softball teams. Her hard work has also paid off in the classroom where she has earned Distinguished Honors and has been accepted to attend Rider University.



Congratulations to Anthony "Moot" Wiggins on being accepted to his top three college choices. He has been accepted at Lock Haven University, Bloomsburg University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). A standout member of the football and wrestling teams, he plans to major in Early Childhood Education (pre-k through 4th). Anthony is already gaining valuable experience working in the childcare class at Pottstown High School and is a superhero to all of the young students. He is a well recognized member of the Trojan Man Team and can be seen at many community events lending support and encouragement. When you see his smile, it is easy to see why we say *proud to be from Pottstown*.

Blood Drive at PHS

Pottstown High School students and staff showed their love for the community by literally giving a gift from the heart. Forty-three units of blood were donated during the recent blood drive sponsored by the high school Health Occupations class in partnership with the Miller Keystone Blood Bank. Senior Eriq Johnson, a Culinary Arts student, who has already donated six times said, "The first time I was just curious about my blood type, but I have come to realize how important giving blood is to the efforts of saving people's lives." He plans to enter the military as a chef and when he returns to civilian life open a restaurant.



Student Proctor Mr. Tim Mutter is no stranger to caring and giving since entering the military in 1969 he has donated over 100 units of life saving blood. "Knowing that I can help a family in need, just like I would want someone to help my family is important," said Mutter.

Health Occupations teacher Ms. Michaela Johnson said, "I am very proud of our students and staff; for many years Pottstown High School has been one of the top donors in the region. Our efforts are truly an expression of caring for the Pottstown community. The donations stay right here in Pottstown with every unit able to help save seven lives. It is our way to say Proud to be from Pottstown."



MIDDLE SCHOOL

2018 Reading Olympics

<u>Middle School Maniacs</u> <u>Gold</u>	<u>Middle School Masterminds</u> <u>Silver</u>	<u>Middle School Reading Radicals</u> <u>Silver</u>
Madison Beard Olivia Chin Macyahna Dalton Lunna Davilla Maijheda Ellison Taylor Maguire Fatima Mohamed-Eck Nyel Thompson Emma Tidball Aniyah Wells Jadon Wiszumerski	Zarreea Brown Daniela Castillo Aniyah Crump Shyloh Dugan Lili Freese Gabriella Horne Gianni Mahario Avallina Orfield Josh Sargent	Adam Alaoui Kaitlyn Alessi Layla Bearden Zhon Bell Peyton Benfield Tyler Broughton Emily Castillo Makenna Franey Daisy Hilbert Mehki Jenkins-Glover Alyssa Pearson Najae Perez Katerine Reina Sophia Russo Angelica Shifflette Devon Smith Makayla Smith Austin Sundstrom Chloe Weiss Rosalee Wilson



Congratulations to Savannah Richards, a 6th grader at PMS, for making sports history in Pennsylvania by competing in the first ever all female Pennsylvania Jr. Wrestling State Championship Tournament. Wrestling in the 75 pound weight class she recorded two pins on her way to the finals. In a hard fought match she came up short of the gold and earned the second place silver medal. She is one of the pioneers of female wrestling in this country. Remember her name you will hear it again.



ELEMENTARY

The students and staff at Lincoln Elementary School are in the Holiday spirit. Their Holiday Assembly came alive with the sounds of singing students. Second graders Leyna Johnson, Nicholas Adam, Jason Rivera, and Jesse Wests in Mrs. Leslie Swartz class had the students feeling like they were dashing through the snow as they sang "Jingle Bells." Holiday Season is a beautiful time of the year for young and old.



Lincoln Elementary Mrs. Wampole's 4th grade class goes all out as they perform the song "Must Be Santa" in front of the whole school. Cristian Rivera (in hat), Di'tice Duren, Sa'Don Wells, Isaiah Harvey, and Joseph Levengood look like they are having a great time. Could there be a future on stage for them? Pottstown Schools helping students achieve at the next level.



Thanks to Christine Rhoads, a Golden Sage volunteer at Bath Elementary School, students in Kathy Eagle's first grade class will be able to stay warm by following the old rule of cover your head in the winter when you go outside. Mrs. Rhoads, aka Eagle's mother, hand knitted 23 winter hats as Christmas gifts for the students. Don't be surprised if Mrs. Eagle finds a cap in her stocking.



Congratulations to the students in all our elementary buildings who were named to the Honor Roll and also had perfect attendance for the 45 day period. They are learning at an early age what it will take to be competitive and successful in the adult world. Third and fourth graders must have no grade lower than a B to earn Honor Roll. Their hard work has pays off today and will be the stepping stone to future success. Just another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



At Rupert, [Black History Month](#) is in the stars and music to their ears. Second-grade students in Sally Foose's music class dance to Chubby Checker's Rock & Roll classic, "The Twist," during a lesson at Rupert Elementary School on how African-Americans used music for everything from escaping slavery, to gaining economic and artistic independence.



Rupert Elementary fourth-graders in Nicole Leh's class discuss how the Dr. Seuss classic "The Sneetches" teaches that what a person looks like does not define who they are.

Elementary Reading Olympics



<p><u>Franklin Reading Rebels - Silver</u></p> <p>Olivia Ash Alivia Boyer Mairelys Concepcion Erika Heller Megan McGinn Justina Nhim Lindsay Quintero Brighton Scott Natalie Shope Emely Villegas Gemma Wise-Macchioni</p>	<p><u>Lincoln Reading Lions - Silver</u></p> <p>Leah Blackwell Emily Careme Lily Garber Gaige Harsh Lauryn Kutsch Amelia Lepage Joey Levensgood Nevaeh Peaco Carice Peart Jaylen Quarles Mason Sims Ethan Ung Donovan Williams</p>
<p><u>Barth Reading Rockets - Bronze</u></p> <p>Ava Alessi Jahliyah Allen Aubrey Andrews-Watkins Ayanna Cox Janylah Etienne Savante Johnson Rachel Kauffman Kendyll King Isiah Perez Sajjadah Pew-Phillips Zaila Redden Rowan Stauffer Tymir Wallace Syncere Whitehurst</p>	<p><u>Rupert Rocking Readers - Bronze</u></p> <p>Andrew Alessi Patience Cole Hugo Costa Evan Egleston Wesam Elgendy Andrew Fulmer Arianna Gatlin Jayanna Hill Colin Plank Kanjah Turlington Cianne Wells Desiyah Wilson</p>



Barth Elementary School held a party in honor of **Read Across America Week** and some very special guests made an appearance. The Cat in the Hat and Hermione from the Harry Potter stories were on hand to read to the students and greet guest readers to the party.



At Rupert Elementary School thinking and planning for the future starts early. During **Read Across America Week**, students read about many types of careers. At the end of the week they came to school dressed in the clothing of their career choice:

Jaelynn Ward
chose a Veterinarian
because she loves animals.



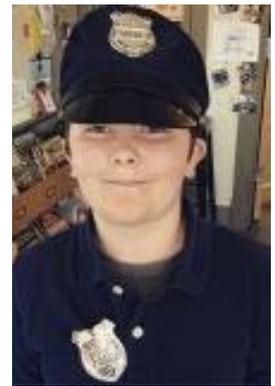
Curtis Bey
wants to be a SCUBA Diver.
(Wonder if he made this pick
after seeing our all-district
musical, The Little Mermaid?)



Livia DeNicco
looks to be a Chef at a
famous restaurant.



Bradley Saylor
will serve and
protect the community
as a Police Officer.



Remember to follow your dreams!

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- Thank you to the employees of Exelon Limerick Generating Station for their participation for the sixth year in a row in [“Operation Warm.”](#) Their generosity has resulted in the donation of over 180 winter coats to help bring warmth and joy to students in need.



- Thank you to our friends at Tompkins VIST Bank for their support of STEAM education in Pottstown Schools. Read Mr. Evan Brandt's Mercury [Digital Notebook Blog](#) to see how they are helping our students.



- Thank you to Joe Rusiewicz, Executive Director of Foundation for Pottstown Education, PHS alum Howard Brown, and the members of the Pottstown Pride Society for their fundraising mixer at 107 High St. The fundraiser added a thousand dollars to the funds to support Pottstown students. Read about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#).



- The Pottstown School District students, staff, and community have much to be proud. Daily we actively peruse excellence and work toward achieving our mission to prepare each student by name for success at every level. It is no secret that many people do not have a positive image of our schools which is one of the reasons it is so important for us to tell our story and help others understand what we know and see every day, that there are many reasons to say “Proud to be from Pottstown.” PSD would like to give a big “thank you” to The Mercury's Mr. Evan Brandt for sharing many of our stories on his [Digital Notebook Blog](#). His Blog has over 1,300,000 views. His blog is another example of how he is helping others understand why we are Proud to be from Pottstown. Thanks Evan, YOU are another reason we can all say Proud to be from Pottstown.
- Thank to our friends at Diamond Credit Union for their continued support of our [Reading Olympics](#) program. Congratulations to all of our Pottstown Olympians! Yes that is correct Pottstown School District had over 100 students compete in an Olympic event. Thanks to them and Diamond Credit Union for giving us more reasons to say, “Proud to be from Pottstown.”





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 Trojan" 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.

- [John Johnson Jr.](#) - Class of 1964 - was the husband of Charlene (Rose) Johnson. He was born February 4, 1945 in Pottstown, PA to John & Lucrecy (Hespeth) Johnson of Granville County, North Carolina. While in school, he participated in football, basketball, track & field, and was on the golf team. Soon after high school, he began a career as a machine operator at Dana Corporation. He retired as an SPC Facilitator at Dana after 42 years of service. His pastimes included amateur photography and coaching middle school basketball and track. He also worked at "The Center" on Beech Street with the youth of the Pottstown community. His passion for golf over the years continued as a member of Dana's golf league. He also loved to travel with his family. He was an active member of Second Baptist for over 60 years. He was the ultimate family man, who supported the Pottstown community.

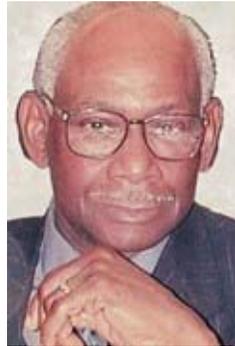
- [Elaine L. Bush, "Sue"](#) - Class of 1972 - was born on December 31, 1946 in Reading, PA. She is the daughter of the late William and the late Elizabeth (Patterson) Teasdale. Sue was an avid poker player and was a member of VFW Post 411 in Birdsboro and the former Moose Lodge of Pottstown. She had a long career as an office manager working for George Wausnock State Farm Agency for 36 years and then continuing at the Chris Rowe State Farm Agency. Sue and her husband Scott celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2017. Above all, she was a devoted and proud mother and grandmother.

- [Conrad F. Kozak](#) – Class of 1955 - was the husband of Carolyn (Hillbish) Kozak celebrating 28 years of marriage in October. Born in Gilbertsville, PA, he was a son of the late Adolf J. and Anna (Budnick) Kozak. He worked as a tool and die maker for Proto Cast for over 25 years and then Doehler-Jarvis for 14 years before retiring in 1998. He enjoyed farming, working with wood and gardening.


- [Charles J. McCarthy Jr.](#) - Class of 1944 - was the husband of the late Edith P. (Pearson) McCarthy. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Charles J. McCarthy Sr. and the late Grace (O'Neill) McCarthy. Charles was employed as a construction supply salesman with Eastern Industries of Allentown. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving during WWII. Charles was a member of St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Pottstown. He was a former officer of the Tri County Adult Center, and a founding member of the North End Swim Club. He was a member of the Pottstown Elks Lodge #814 and the YMCA.

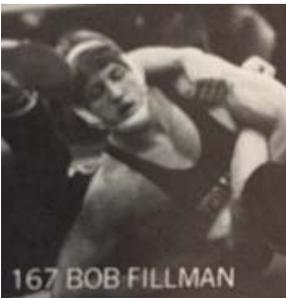


- [Paul Stanley Hudson](#), also known as “Mouse” - Class of 1956 - was the son of the late Leo E. Hudson Sr. and Maude M. (Gibson) Hudson. Mr. Hudson was born January 22, 1935 in Pottstown, PA, where he lived his entire life. Mr. Hudson was educated in the Pottstown School District after which he worked at the former Philadelphia Dry Cleaners, Inc. in Pottstown for 9½ years. He also was a construction worker until securing a position as a machine operator at the former Stanley G. Flagg, Inc. in 1963. He retired in 1994 after serving 30½ years at Flagg. Mr. Hudson was also employed by the Pottstown School District for 2 years as a hall monitor, retiring in 2002. Mr. Hudson was a lifetime member of the Bethel A.M.E Church of Pottstown. He served many years as Vice Chairman of the trustee board as well as the church treasurer. He was also a member of the male choir and the prayer team.



- [Andrew “Andy” E. Kovach](#) - Class of 1944 – attended Montgomery Co. Community College and Penn State. He worked as a financial analyst for the Unisys Corporation and worked for over 50 years part-time as a funeral attendant for the Bacchi Funeral Home. He was a member of SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bridgeport, the Men of Malvern, Knights of Columbus Council 3327, Sampson WW II Vets, the Catholic VFW in Bridgeport, and was a 4th Degree Knight of the Fr. Tomko Assembly. Andy was a proud US Navy veteran of WW II, serving from 1944 to 1946 in the European Theatre of Operations. He served aboard the USS Diver, which was a rescue and salvage ship responsible for coming to the aid of stricken vessels. Born in Pottstown, PA on May 20, 1926, he was a son of the late Andrew E. and Susan (Iswalt) Kovach.

- [Robert “Bob” Fillman](#) - Class of 1978 - was the husband of Mary Jane (Soltes) Fillman. Born in Pottstown, was the son of the late Robert and Barbara (Steltz) Fillman. He was an outstanding high school athlete and was a PIAA Regional Wrestling champ in his senior year. Bob was the best loving husband, father, and grandfather.



- **Dorothy S. Batchelor** – Class of 1940 - lived most of her life in Snowdenville, where her husband's family owned and operated Batchelor's Flowers. For 60 years Dorothy was the wife of the late S. James Batchelor, Sr. who died in 2004. Born in Roanoke, VA on February 22, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Helen Yaros Stofko. In her earlier years, she worked for Tyson's Insurance Company in Pottstown where she met her husband and they married in 1944. Dorothy was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church, Annville and sang in their choir. Dorothy loved singing, reading, crosswords puzzles, poetry, needlework and sunshine. But most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, attending countless sporting events, concerts, musicals, plays, and all their major milestones.



- **Mertie B. Schwenk** – Class of 1941 – was born in Pottstown, PA on September 21, 1923, Mertie was the daughter of the late John and Caroline (Shappell) Schwenk. Mertie graduated from Pottstown Hospital School of Nursing, where she later taught. She was a registered nurse for over 40 years and during that time was head of the OR for Pottstown Hospital. She was an excellent cook and loved to bake and share her goodies with co-workers, doctors, and her family. Mertie was admired and respected by many people.

- **Denise L. (Mackewicz) Higgins** – Class of 1985 - She was born in Pottstown to David and the late Virginia (Johnson) Mackewicz. A Pottstown High School graduate, Denise moved to Royersford and lived in the area for over 30 years. She recently retired from Graterford Prison where she worked in the offices doing clerical duties. Denise was charismatic and had a love for people and family. She could capture the moment with her photography before using your phones was the "thing to do". Denise loved to read the Harlequin Romance novels, she had a big heart, and forgiveness came easily to her. She enjoyed camping with family and friends. Denise was known for her hatred toward cooking.



Denise Mackewicz

- **Mr. Neil Rome Wallace** - Class of 1980 - was 56 years old. During his life time he worked as a direct caregiver.



- **Gerald Rau Fegley** - Class of 1935 - celebrated his 100th birthday this past November. He was the son of the late Elmer Fegley and Reba (Rau) Fegley of Pottstown and the husband of the late Anna Mae (Geyer) Fegley. Jerry was a lifelong resident of Pottstown having grown up in a house on High Street. As a young man he was a machinist for Doehler-Jarvis but early on started his own machine shop which employed several machinists. For a long time his shop manufactured the metal parts for Questar telescopes. Jerry was a lifelong member of the Saint James Lutheran Church. He was active in the Pottstown Optimist Club, Pottstown Historical Society, and Elks Club. His hobbies followed his passion for photography, fishing, and gardening.

- **William J. Yashinsky III** - Class of 1970 - was the husband of Eva (Altomari) Yashinsky of N. Charlotte St. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late William J. Jr. and Elizabeth (Ulbinsky) Yashinsky. He was employed by the B. F. Goodrich Corp. and later as an electrical and instrumentation foreman by the ARKEMA Corp. He was a member of St. Aloysius RC Church.



William Yashinsky

- **P. "Jane" Miller** - Class of 1940 - was the wife of Robert W. Miller for 73 years. Born on May 30, 1923 in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Harry H. and Pearl (Yocum) Hunsberger. Mrs. Miller was a graduate of the Montgomery Hospital Nursing Program. Mrs. Miller worked as a Registered Nurse for the Montgomery County Geriatric and Rehabilitation Center in Upper Providence until her retirement. She was a former member of the Linfield United Church of Christ, and a current member of the Pennsburg United Church of Christ.

- **Carl L. Watkins** - Class of 1949 - was the companion of Lucy Watters and husband of Lillian (Lewis) Watkins. Born in Pottstown, PA he was the son of the late James and Irene (Jones) Watkins. Carl was a Journeyman for the Doehler-Jarvis Corporation formerly of Stowe, PA. He was a long time member of the Borough of Pottstown Tree Commission and was a Constable for Montgomery County.



- **Ronald E. Fout** - Class of 1953 - Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Roy Fout and the late Mary (Kurtz) Fout. Ron was a tool grinder for Dana Corporation for thirty-three years, retiring in 2005. He served in the Army with the fourth division artillery. Ron was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose #369, Pottstown.



- **Patrick Antonio** - Class of 1950 - was a 1972 graduate of Ursinus College earning a degree in Accounting. He was an accountant at Brooks Instrument and Trail Mobile. He also helped to do fundraising and public relations for the Upper Perk YMCA.



- **Edward S. Dennis** - Class of 1974 – was born in Pottstown and was the son of the late Edward J. and Valeria J. (Gurski) Dennis. He was part of the High School musical his senior year. Edward was an avid fan of music and going to concerts. He lived in FL for 25 years and GA for five before returning back to the Pottstown area for his final years.



Edward Dennis

- **John G. Durchin, Jr.** – Class of 1975 - John "Big John" Durchin, Jr., 61, of Pottstown, husband of Robin Kay (Norris) Durchin, passed away Wednesday March 14, 2018 at Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience in Philadelphia. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late John George, Sr. and Ursula (Keller) Durchin. Big John will be remembered for his larger than life personality and his big heart. He enjoyed the outdoors, was a fan of all Philadelphia sports teams - especially his Eagles (Go Birds!) and he loved spending time with family and friends. John was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Pottstown and the Pottstown Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #814. He worked at Doehler-Jarvis for 25 years, Neapco for 5 years, and Superior Tube for 11 years where he was currently employed.



John G. Durchin

- **Ethel (Laber) DeWitt** – Class of 1941 - was the widow of Malcolm R. DeWitt. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late William Laber and the late Anna (Baker) Laber. She was a legal and judicial secretary retiring from Montgomery County Courthouse in 1990. She was a member of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, Pottstown, where she was a member of the Choir and Bell Choir, and also an Elder, Secretary, and Past President of Consistory at the church. Ethel was a member of the Sister Gladys Circle at Emmanuel Lutheran Church; WELCA bible study; past president of Century Club, Pottstown; past board member and membership chairman of Pottstown Chapter of AARP; secretary of Pottstown Historical Society; and past membership chairman of Friends of Pottstown Library.



- [Hub C. Glenn](#) - Class of 1960 - was born November 11, 1941 to the late Rev. & Mrs. Isaiah E. Glenn. Hub was baptized as a youth by the late Rev. Heywood L. Butler at Second Baptist Church. Hub took delight in roller skating and dancing as a teen. In high school he enjoyed playing basketball as a member of a winning team. He was employed for over 30 years at B.F. Goodrich Tire Co. until it closed in 1986. Hub was a past State President of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (I.B.P.O.E.W.). He also was a member of the Pottstown N.A.A.C.P. for many years. Hub was an avid horticulturist. He nurtured and grew dozens of various plants and flowers inside his home and outside on his porch. He truly had a knack for growing plants and was gifted with a “green thumb”. Hub loved to laugh and was very caring. He was a sharp dresser and could wear a hat. His mother often remarked, “Hub, you are cleaner than the board of health today!”



FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



- [Kathryn F. Weikel](#), 97, widow of H. Joseph Weikel of Pottstown. She was born in Palmerton, PA to Charles Pomeroy Fiske and Violet (Lewis) Fiske. Kathryn was a 1938 graduate of Stephen S. Palmer High School in Palmerton and a 1942 graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, NY with a degree in Foods and Nutrition. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi. She moved to Pottstown in 1942 just prior to her marriage and was a cafeteria supervisor at Jacobs Aircraft Engine Company until leaving to raise her family. She began working at the Pottstown School District and for 25 years was the Director of Food Service. She was a member of PA School Business Officials. After retiring, Kathryn volunteered for 28 years at Pottstown Hospital. Until a year ago she was manning the information desk at the hospital and swimming with the 6:00 AM gang at the Pottstown YMCA. Independent and indomitable, she lived alone in her home until last June, and she drove herself around town until she moved. She was proud of the fact that in 80 years behind the wheel, she had never had an accident.
- [Anna Marie Williams “Aunt Dot” “Miss Dolly”](#), 91, of Pottstown, PA passed away on Friday, February 1, 2018. She was born on December 11, 1926 to the late Edna Mae Colbert and Frank Williams. She was a lifetime member of Second Baptist Church for almost 80 years and served the church in many capacities. She also employed by the Pottstown School District for approximately 20 years. Anna worked until the time of her passing, at the age of 91, holding various positions through the years.



ALUMNI

- **Nicholas Viscuso** - Class of 2012 and a 2016 LaSalle University grad with a degree in Marketing is the Senior Account



Specialist for Enterprise Rent-a-Car Company and was awarded with the #1 MVP in sales for Central PA. As part of the business management and marketing team with Enterprise Holdings, he succeeded in landing the highest volume of business to consumer and business to business sales last year in the entire central Pennsylvania region. His sales include face-to-face consumer sales and corporate sales. Enterprise has one of the most competitive sales programs in the world for young college graduates and ranks among the top 10 companies for business graduates to launch a career! Nick's hard work pays off and his approach

to success had its foundation in the classrooms and co-curricular activities that he was part of at PHS. Job well done and more reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown!

- **Gary Wise** - Class of 2015 - Congratulations to PHS Trojan graduate Gary Wise on being selected as one of the captains of the Lebanon Valley College 2018 football team. In high school, Gary was a standout athlete and a classroom leader who was respected by his peers and teachers. He is majoring in Early Education and hopes to teach at the elementary level in grades Pre-K through 4th. He said, "I hope to one day teach back in the Pottstown School District and coach football either at Pottstown or at the college level." Gary has been a role model for his peers and is sure to make a difference in the lives of the young people he will teach and coach.



- **Victoria Gery** - Class of 2015 - [The National Collegiate Gymnastics Association](#) released its East Region weekly



honorees on Monday afternoon and for the second consecutive week the fourth-ranked Ithaca College gymnastics team placed another award recipient. Junior [Victoria Gery](#) became the Bombers second honoree of the year, earning NCGA East Specialist of the Week. Gery headlined a historic afternoon for Ithaca Gymnastics this past Saturday, as the Bombers shattered three team program records en route to a second-place finish at the Cornell Big Red Invitational. IC smashed program records for team score in the uneven bars and floor exercise, which helped the squad also set a new total team score record with a 191.375 that outpaced both NCAA Division II West Chester and NCGA East rival

Brockport at the meet. Gery was a big part of Ithaca achieving these new heights, as she recorded big scores in both the floor exercise and vault, the Bombers' final two rotations on the afternoon. First, she equaled the program's floor exercise individual record set by Jessica Bolduc '12 a pair of times during the 2012 season. She posted a 9.875 that outpaced all other competitors in the meet. Gery also was quite solid on vault, turning in a personal season-best with a 9.475 in a tie for 13th place finish. The two performances by Gery elevated her in both of her ranked rotations on the year. She now is ranked 41st among all gymnasts nationally in floor exercise with a season average of 9.4200. Her vault season average also jumped to 9.3200, which is 52nd best in the nation. The Bombers held steady at the fourth spot in the national team rankings, averaging 188.225 for the season. The score trails just Brockport (188.660) among NCGA East institutions. Gery and the IC Gymnastics team returns to action on Wednesday, February 14, when it returns home for a three-meet stretch at Ben Light Gymnasium. Wednesday's meet will be the Bombers much-anticipated "Rumble & Tumble at the Hill" Meet, hosted in conjunction with the nationally-ranked IC Wrestling program. Both teams will be taking on local rival SUNY Cortland with the start time slated for 7:00 p.m.



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