

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



WINTER 2016-2017

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

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2016-2017

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.

Thanks to the efforts and financial support of School Board member Mr. Thomas Hylton over 90 years of Pottstown High School yearbooks can be found on the district website to be viewed and downloaded for FREE.

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@pottstownsd.org.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Trojans finished with 1 win, 2 losses at the Great Valley Holiday Shootout Tournament and earned 3rd place overall. Larry Wingo received the award as the Trojan MVP.



NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE:

- Larry Wingo

NAMED TO THE PAC FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Larry Wingo

NAMED TO THE PAC FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:

- Aaron Diamond

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM:

- Larry Wingo

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Aaron Diamond

Senior Night Boys' Basketball Photos:



Malik Brown



Senior Night Basketball Cheerleading Photos:



Tamera Bennett



Jazmin Brooks



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The girls' team finished 1 and 1 at the Wyomissing Holiday Tournament to place 2nd overall. Ebony Reddick was named the tournament MVP.

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE:

- Ebony Reddick

NAMED TO THE PAC FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Ebony Reddick

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM:

- Ebony Reddick

Senior Night Girls' Basketball Photos:



Miyana Brant



Khaleah Jeter



Ranae Hawkins



Alivia Lopez

WRESTLING

[Brad Clark](#) became the eighth head coach in the 54 year history of the Pottstown High School Wrestling Program. Best of luck in carrying on the tradition of Trojan Tough Wrestling.

Governor Mifflin Junior Varsity Individual Results:

- Raymond Bumbarger – 4 wins; 1 loss; Placed 3rd in the Heavyweight class

Trojan wrestlers placed 17th overall at the Governor Mifflin Holiday Tournament with Isaiah Mayes taking 1st place going 4 – 0 at the tournament and taking 1st place in the 170 lb. weight class. Tom Doyle split 3 – 3 and earned 8th place in the 285 lb. weight class.



The Annual Wrestlers' Pride Match between OJR and the Trojans saw Ryan Resnick from OJR and Trojan Isaiah Mayes named the meet's Outstanding Wrestlers



The PHS Trojan Wrestling Team earned its first dual meet victory of the year at the Octorara Duals on Saturday with a 45-33 win over Archbishop Ryan. It was also the first career victory for the Trojans' new Head Coach Brad Clark.



The Trojans went on to make it two in a row with a 41-33 win over Pennsbury. The team ended the day with a 2-3 record.

Great effort by all with some outstanding individual efforts:

- Isaiah Mayes 5-0
- Ray Bumbarger 2-0
- Caleb Sargent and Nate Parson each went 4-1
- Alex Caballero, Anthony Wiggins and Aubrey King all went 3-2
- Tom Doyle 2-1.

If that is not enough to make you say "Proud to be from Pottstown," the Trojan team was complimented a number of times by officials, event organizers, first aid staff and fans for their sportsmanship and politeness.

Kennett Duals Tournament Results:

Trojans placed 3rd winning dual meets against Wilmington Christian High School 65-6 and Academy Park 42-28. Trojans dropped a close 31-39 match to Glen Mills. Going undefeated for the day with 3-0 records were Isaiah Mayes, Tom Doyle, Alex Caballero, and Nate Parson.



Wrestlers Takedown Hunger

We are very proud of our Trojan Wrestlers who took time from their Saturday to help those in need. They joined students from The Hill School as part of the Pottstown CARES efforts at Trinity Church. The team helped cook and serve a meal to those in need of shelter and food. Proud to see



our team has learned more than moves on the mat and understands the importance of giving a helping hand. We did find out that many of them have some real kitchen skills. After the meal was served, many of our Trojan wrestlers were off to finish their day with things like, rehearsal for the High School musical, volunteering at the firehouse, and working at a part-time job. We are partnering with The Hill to show **One Goal One Team One Town** and another great reason to say “**Proud to be from Pottstown.**”



While most of our veteran wrestlers were helping to takedown hunger at Trinity Church, many of our underclassmen were pinning opponents and earning awards at the Pennsbury High School JV Tournament.

Congratulations to:

- ❖ 1st place winners:
 - Josh Doyle
 - Isaiah Williams

- ❖ 2nd place winners:
 - Zach Griffin
 - Demond Thompson

- ❖ Placing 4th were:
 - Caleb Sargent
 - Aiden Weber
 - Destyn Snyder
 - Ray Bumbarger



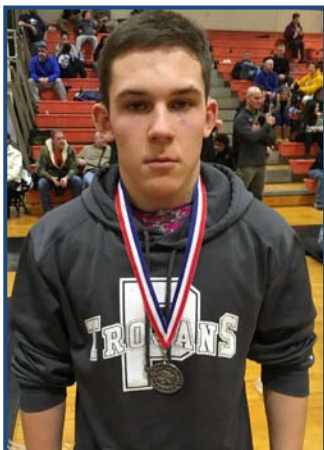
- ❖ Erza Figueroa and Robert Roberts each won two and lost two matches.
- ❖ Their hard work and effort are more reasons to say “Proud to be from Pottstown!”



Josh Doyle



Isaiah Williams



Zach Griffin



Demond Thompson



RayBumbarger

The Trojan Wrestling Team went on the road with our Junior Varsity athletes competing at the North Penn Tournament and the Varsity traveling to the Upper Moreland Tournament. Over 300 wrestlers took part in the North Penn event.

Congratulations to:

- Destyn Snyder earned 1st place with three pins and four wins overall
- Ray Bumbarger placed 2nd in the heavyweight class
- Josh Doyle placed 3rd in the heavyweight class
- Demond Thompson placed 4th
- Ezra Figueroa was 2-2 for the day



Pictured left to right: E. Figueroa, R. Bumbarger, D. Snyder, J. Doyle, D. Thompson

The Varsity had a strong showing taking 4th in the team race at Upper Moreland.

Congratulations to:

- ❖ **1st place winners:**
 - Isaiah Mayes - 170 lbs.
 - Tom Doyle - 285 lbs.
- ❖ **2nd place winners:**
 - Caleb Sargent - 106 lbs.
 - Nate Parson - 132 lbs.
 - Anthony Wiggins- 138 lbs.
- ❖ **3rd place winners:**
 - Aiden Weber - 160 lbs.
 - Isaiah Williams
 - Aubrey King



Kneeling: C. Sargent, I. Mayes, R. Richards
Standing: Coach Armato, Coach Clark, A. Weber, A. Wiggins, N. Parson, T. Doyle, I. Williams, Coach Clark, A. King (Back)

Wrestling Senior Night Photos:



Ray Bumbarger



Isaiah Mayes



Cassidy Bechtel



Alexandra Hickey



Karrisa White



Pioneer Athletic Conference Results – February 2017:

- Team Results – 8th Place – 78 Points

- Individual Results:
 - ❖ Anthony Wiggins – 6th Place – 138 lbs.
 - ❖ Aiden Weber – 6th Place – 160 lbs.
 - ❖ Nate Parson – 4th Place – 132 lbs.
 - ❖ Tom Doyle – 3rd Place – 285 lbs.
 - ❖ Alex Caballero – 2nd Place – 126 lbs.
 - ❖ Isaiah Mayes – 2nd Place – 170 lbs.



District I West Tournament Results:

- Isaiah Mayes placed 6th in 170 lbs. weight class

Rookie Head Coach Brad Clark
was named
**Pioneer Athletic Conference
Frontier Division Coach of the Year**
after leading the Trojans to a share of the
Division Championship.



NAMED TO THE PAC FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:

- Tom Doyle
- Isaiah Mayes
- Nathanael Parson
- Caleb Sargent

NAMED TO THE PAC FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:

- Aiden Weber
- Anthony Wiggins

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM

- Alex Caballero

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Tom Doyle
- Isaiah Mayes
- Nate Parson
- Caleb Sargent

[Isaiah Mayes](#) was named by PA Power Wrestling News Service as one of the Top 300 College Recruits of The Year.



FOOTBALL

Isaiah Mayes a Working Class Man

Pottstown High School Senior Isaiah Mayes is proof that hard work pays off. Recently he was honored by the Maxwell Club, with a Mini Maxwell Award, as one of the outstanding High School football players in Southeast Pennsylvania. Earlier this month The Pioneer Athletic Conference Football coaches named him the Defensive Player of the Year. As a member of the Trojan Wrestling Team he won 1st place championship honors in the 170 pound weight class at the highly competitive Governor Mifflin Tournament and currently has a 15-1 record. His athletic accomplishments are matched by his academic success as he was just accepted at Ithaca College, where he plans to study architecture. If athletics and academics are not enough to fill his day Isaiah also finds time to hold a part-time job at a mall clothing store. His hard work has paid off and he gives us another reason to say, *Proud to be from Pottstown!*



Named to the PAC-10 Senior Bowl Football Rosters – Game set for June 2017.

- Team Jason Powell – Norristown:
- Team Rory Graver – Pope John Paul II

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Cheerleading - Zoe Wallace
- Boys' Basketball - Peter Marcheskie
- Girls' Basketball - Alivia Lopez
- Girls' Swimming - London Aquino
- Wrestling - Ray Bumbarger

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WINTER CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Aaron Diamond

STAFF

Congratulations to Franklin Elementary 1st grade teacher [Diana Hofmanner](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section. Diana is an outstanding educator and a role model for her students and peers.



I grew up in: Pottstown.

I now live in: Birdsboro.

Family: I have a wonderful husband, Ron, and two wonderful sons, Ben and Noah.

Education: Pottstown High School and Millersville University. I also attended Cabrini College for my master's degree.

How I spend my free time: I enjoy spending time with my family. Our sons play soccer and run track. My husband and I are always busy watching them at their events or volunteering in

the snack bar. I also enjoy spending time at the beach with my family and friends and relaxing and reading a good book.

Teacher who inspired me: Mrs. Sue Suzenski was my second-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School. She was the kindest, sweetest lady. Mrs. Suzenski always made me smile and made me feel comfortable in her classroom. She did the neatest lessons and was always so patient. I still remember how she treated me, and I wanted to carry that over to my own classroom. I want my students to be happy in my classroom, feel comfortable and want to learn.

My thoughts on returning to my home district to teach: As a Pottstown graduate, I am very happy to give back to the community that gave me so much. I always tell people how much I loved growing up in Pottstown and being educated there. I built many friendships and community connections over the years in Pottstown that I feel give me a special connection with the children, parents and the community as a whole.

Funniest classroom moment: There are so many funny things that have happened in my first-grade classroom. First-graders tell their teachers so many things. It always makes me laugh when the children try to guess how old I am. Recently, I had a little boy who said I was only 24 years old because my hair was short. He said older teachers have much longer hair!

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I always wanted to be a teacher since I can remember, but if I wasn't a teacher, I would enjoy working with dogs and being a dog walker.

You might not know: I played lacrosse at Millersville University. My sister and I played together for one year. She was a senior and I was a freshman. We had so many fun times together while we played.

Congratulations to PHS teacher [Andy Bachman](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section. Please meet Andy Bachman and you will have another reason to say, *Proud to be from Pottstown!*

I grew up in: Northeast Philadelphia.

I now live in: Upper Salford Township, Montgomery County.

Family: Wife, Tina; sons, Ryan, 14, and Riley, 11

Education: Northeast High School, Philadelphia; Millersville University, bachelor's degree in mathematics; Gratz College, master's in education.

How I spend my free time: Fitness, designing and building, travel, Boy Scouts.

Teacher who inspired me: Dr. Raj Rajan, high school physics and advanced physics. I cannot really tell if it was the course that made me understand more about the world, or how he instructed the course.

He proposed real-life examples of physics applications and showed how the math allowed us to solve these physics problems. Beyond the classroom, he was friendly and genuinely interested in my future. We always talked about life lessons through the lenses of math, physics and schoolwork.

I believe engineering is important to teach because: Students should learn engineering because it soon becomes a way of thinking or a habit of mind: brainstorming, critical thinking, attention to detail, analysis, application of (or even learning new) science and math to build a working prototype in the hopes of solving the design challenge. At a high school level, engineering is very hands-on. Students learn the "dirty side" of physics and science. Students meet challenges throughout each project and fall down, but they fall forward. This builds resilience. I believe engineering students will be the hands and minds of America's next great workforce.

Funniest classroom moment: I used to teach across the hall from Mr. Wayne Thomas (retired science teacher and middle school principal at Pottstown). He always wore a white lab coat. In the middle of my algebra class, someone knocked on my classroom door. Mr. Thomas was there and made some small, nonsense conversation. Meanwhile, I had no idea he had a spray bottle in his lab coat pocket and was soaking the front of my pants. So, I am standing there in the middle of class with wet pants. Sure, the students in that class knew what happened, but it was not fun trying to convince the other classes that day that I was pranked.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I would be an engineer, probably mechanical or civil. I really enjoy designing things and problem-solving. Sometimes, I cannot shut my brain off.

You might not know: In college, I competed internationally in Sombo, a Russian-style judo/jujitsu. I had the opportunity to travel to Caracas, Venezuela, and compete against the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Israel, Japan, China and Britain. Seems like a whole other lifetime ago.



Congratulations to [Robin Anderson](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section. Robin is an outstanding educator and a role model for her students and peers. She is also a homegrown PHS graduate - another 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

I now live in: Exeter **Family:** Husband, Robert; daughter, Sarah, 11.

Education: Pottstown High School; Millersville University, bachelor's degree in elementary/early childhood education; Alvernia University, master's in urban education; Millersville University, reading specialist certification.

How I spend my free time: I love to go to my parents' beach house on the Rehoboth Bay. I also spend a lot of time driving my daughter to her activities: dance, theater and swimming.

Teacher who inspired me: Mrs. Deborah Demko inspired me to become a teacher. She started a program in our high school where we could go out into the elementary buildings and help teachers. The minute I stepped into Mrs. Lori Freese's pre-K classroom, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. Thanks to Mrs. Demko, I found my calling.

My thoughts on returning to my home district to teach: I absolutely love teaching in the district where I grew up. There is a definite advantage to knowing and understanding the community. I love being able to give back to the community and school system that allowed me to excel. As we say in Pottstown: Proud to be from Pottstown!



Funniest classroom moment: Somehow I ended up teaching the number "2" and the letter "S" in the same day. Because the number and letter are made using very similar, yet opposite, formations, my students were thoroughly confused for the day. One student looked right at me and said, "Mrs. Anderson, this was a very poor choice for the day."

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I don't think I'd want to be anything else. I love teaching. You get to touch the lives of so many people, both students and their parents.

You might not know: I have gone on two missions trips through my church, Christ's Church of the Valley in Royersford, to Guatemala. My daughter is adopted from Guatemala, and a piece of my heart remains there. I spent a week helping to build a house for a deserving family.

Congratulations to Middle School teacher [Michele Andre](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section. Michele is an outstanding educator and a role model for her students and peers. She talks about how Pottstown teachers have help to shape her life. Another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

I grew up in: Exeter, Pottstown and Boyertown.

I now live in: Pikeville.

Family: Husband, Matthew; son, Tyler, 23; daughter, Amy, 18.

Education: Pottstown High School until the middle of 11th grade, then graduated from Boyertown High School; Millersville University, degree in elementary education.

How I spend my free time: I enjoy traveling, reading and visiting my children. My son is an aeronautical engineer for GE Aviation in North Carolina, and my daughter is a pre-med student at the University of Delaware.

Teacher who inspired me: Mrs. Suzanne Saponsky was my seventh-grade science teacher at Pottstown Junior High School. When I moved to Pottstown in seventh grade, she made me feel welcome. Her classes were always interesting, and she pushed us to always do better. Her husband, Mr. Charles Saponsky, was my eighth-grade teacher. He also was inspiring, challenging, and did not accept anything but your best.

My thoughts on returning to my home district to teach: When I started in Pottstown as a teacher, I already had the benefit of a familiar environment where I knew the school and the community. This is a big help when starting to develop lessons and relationships with students. You can relate stories to students that they understand because you can talk about places they know and people they know. However, the biggest benefit is working with teachers you had as a student. They will do everything they can to make sure you are successful because of the pride they have in helping develop one of their own.

Funniest classroom moment: I started substituting immediately in the Pottstown School District after I graduated from Millersville. One of my first assignments was in the high school. I was walking through the hallways after the bell rang, and Mr. Dan Weller, the health teacher, came up to me and asked me for my hall pass. I told him that I was the substitute for Mrs. Wells. He didn't believe me. He thought I was a student trying to cut class. I had to go to Mrs. Wells' classroom and show him the substitute papers the office gave me to fill out. Only then did he believe that I wasn't a student trying to cut class.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: Either a medical research scientist or an attorney.

You might not know: During my senior year in high school and throughout my college years, I worked part time as an assistant for the magician Wayne Shifflet. I also worked at his store Mingus Magic Shop in Reading and helped hand craft magician feather flower tricks for Hollywood.



Special to the Reading Eagle: Sandi Yanisko | Michele Andre, a life science teacher at Pottstown Middle School, reads to her students at the beginning of class.

MUSIC

[Pottstown High School Jazz Band](#) performed at the Phoenixville Jazz Festival and once again showed why we have many reasons to say Proud to be from Pottstown. They were awarded an "Excellent" rating.

Participants included: Hannah Shankle, Yuliza Cruz, Dylan Brandt, Chloe Hebert, Casey Mest, Nick Wilson, Will Minnick, Mitchell Aquino, Abby Welder, Jacob Eagle, Kyle Kratzer, David Hicks, Caitlin McLaughlin, John Stilwell, Julian Weber, Garry Oberholtzer, Emily Weber, Eddie Butler, Gabe Francis, and Dylan Thorne. Solos were performed by: Hannah Shankle, Dylan Brandt, Chloe Hebert, Casey Mest, Will Minnick, Kyle Kratzer, and Garry Oberholtzer.



Congratulations to Mr. Vought and the [PHS Jazz Band](#) for receiving an **"Outstanding"** rating at the Boyertown Jazz Night. Year in and year out our entire Music Department gives us reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Pottstown High School presents

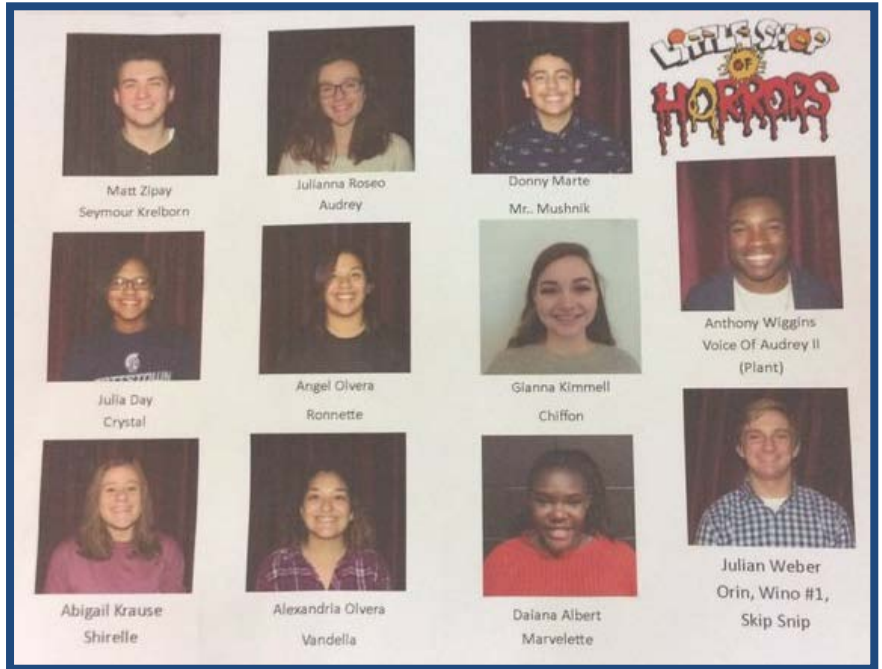


Book and Lyrics by
Howard Ashman

Music by
Alan Menken

Based on the film
by Roger Corman

Screenplay by
Charles Griffith



'Little Shop of Horrors' takes root on Pottstown High School stage

Christopher Sperat - Director

Robert Decker – Producer & Stage Manager

Cast of Characters

Matt Zipay – Seymour Krelborn	Julianna Roseo - Audrey	Donny Marte – Mr. Mushnik
Julian Weber – Orin/Wino #1/Skip Snip	Anthony Wiggins – Voice of Audrey II	Julia Day – Crystal
Angel Olvera - Ronnette	Gianna Kimmell - Chiffon	Abigail Krause – Shirelle
Alexandria Olvera - Vandella	Daiana Albert - Marvelette	Nathan Camacho – Bernstein/Mrs. Luce
Devyn Lopez – Customer #2/Dancer	Johnesha Salata – Chinese Man/Ensemble	Tori Steger – Interviewer/Dancer
Emily Weber – Customer #1/Dancer	Rico Wunderlich – Patrick Martin/Wino #2	Ron Fausnaught/Jacob Bosko – Puppeteers of Audrey II

Featured Dancers:

Kira Dixon, Emily Iezzi, Cheyenne Everette-Johnson

Ensemble Players:

Grace Bainbridge, Ariana Garcia, Maggie Onate, Salimah Rahim, Alix Stewart, Br'Anna Williams, Destiny Williams

Crew

Cole Rulli – Student Stage Manager

Gia Smith – Student Art Director

Christina Butler – Student Sound Director

Stage Crew:

Tiana Bennett, Carlos Brown, Damian Perez, Gerald Reitmeyer, Jacob Mitchell, Rachel Lees, Eric Johnson, Drae Musso, Amaya Stevenson

Set Construction Crew:

Austin Andrews, Randall Jackson, Raekwon Artley, Ryan Dinkelocker, Michael Bolton, Mackenzie Andrews, Kyree Martin, Dorrian Thompson, Derek Simmons, Cole Sellers, Chris Velez

Set Design Crew:

Jakhaya Beckham, Kayleigh Gibson, Rachel Lees, Jake Mitchell, Abigail Richter, Eddie Russell, Danielle Slody, Amaya Stevenson, Anton Torres, Rebecca Acuna, Megan Acuna, Alec Alberto, Justice Butts, Virginia McCoy-Swinehart, Jamaiya Staples, Alexis Martin, Abigail Parsons, Amber Cassel, MaSofia Sosa, Kim Wilkinson, Ceara Jackson, Angelina Gray, Zoe Wallace

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Orchestra

Michael Vought – Conductor	Amy Anderson – Keyboard I/Rehearsal Accompanist
Mark Lamme – Keyboard II	Emily Greiss – Flute
Rashell Williams – Flute	Emilie Lineman – Flute
Casey Mest – Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Bari Sax	Matt Berman – Clarinet
Dylan Brandt – Tenor Sax	Nicholas Wilson – Trumpet, Flugel Horn
Abby Welder – Trumpet, Flugel Horn	Alan Rochlin – Trumpet, Flugel Horn
Garry Oberholtzer - Guitar	Louis Reiger – Electric Bass
Katie German - Drums	Gabe Francis – Percussion
Maxine Bacon - Mallets	



HIGH SCHOOL

Pottstown High School Interact Club helped to kick off School News Tuesday with news from advisor Mrs. Fox that over the weekend club members helped to bring Holiday Spirit to members of our Military by sending 50 holiday cards to Veterans thanking them for their service. "Proud to be from Pottstown!"

Members of PHS Student Government and their advisor Maureen Rieger may not be surgeons, but they did help take part in another successful Pottstown Mercury Operation Holiday. They worked side-by-side with Mercury staff and others members of the community to pack over 300 boxes of food that were sent to needy area families. In addition over 400 youngsters will have gifts on Christmas Day. Our students understand and live the saying, "One Goal One Team One Town," everyday. Just another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



Students in Mr. Andy Bachman's Engineering Technology class are taking part in a number of STEAM activities. They have learned about the power of air as they designed, build and tested their own Hovercraft. See them [float](#) through the hall ways of PHS.

Director of Career Technology Dr. Steve Park sits in the craft **BUT** he does not have his Hovercraft license yet. First-hand real life experiences like this lead to learning for a lifetime and it is happening right here in the Pottstown School District.



Students in Mrs. Diane Fox's Forensics Science class are getting hands-on experience in anatomy and forensics science. The class is currently performing three autopsies. Fetal pigs have died

from lacerations, gunshot wounds, and a broken back. Can they determine the cause of death and who committed the crime? The answers can be found in Pottstown High School Science Room 253. PHS students are learning by doing.



A Very Trojan Weekend

Some people may count on the weekend as a time for rest and relaxation. Trojan Man and his advisor, Pottstown High School teacher Mr. Dave Woodley, use their weekends to help the community and build Pottstown Pride.

This past weekend started with The Trojan Nation and Trojan Men Jon Oister, Aaron Diamond, and



Owen Morton making a trip to the Reading Hospital to deliver four boxes of toys to the Pediatric Unit.

Upon their return, Trojan Man Michael Baker suited up and led the student cheer section as the Pottstown Boys Basketball team defeated Pope John Paul.



Saturday morning saw Trojan Men Aaron Diamond, Austin Andrews, Jon Oister, Naeem Charriez, Todd Schadler, Anthony Wiggins and Trojan Woman Abie Krause travel to the Salvation Army and PMMC to deliver toys to children who would not be home for the Holidays. Mr. Richard Newell, hospital CEO said, "You guys do such a nice job. We appreciate all that you do for us. Please thank the Trojan Nation for their community service and have a very merry Christmas."



The day was not done until Santa Trojan Man, Jon Oister, made a visit to meet with the residents of the Jefferson Building. Santa Trojan Man went around and greeted each person at the building party, wishing them a Merry Christmas. He then helped Pottstown High School's Mrs. Regina Astheimer hand out presents to each person at the party before posing for pictures with the attendees.

All in all a very Trojan Man weekend and another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



Pottstown High School students Javon Dill, Justin Johnson, Manuel Paez, Chris Stone and Imir Toney are members of the PHS Trojanatics Robotics Club. Over the weekend the "Trojanauts" traveled to Oxford High School to do battle with thirty-one other schools from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware in the first Robotics competition of the year. The club was guided by their advisors, math teachers Robert Decker and Eileen Basham. The team battled through five rounds of the "Velocity Vortex" challenge, which required the students to design, build, program, and operate their robot to achieve a variety of actions. The students had the opportunity to learn valuable STEAM lessons that will aid them in their next event on February 11th at Emmaus High School. Activities like robotics are a way to make learning fun and meaningful for students, and another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



Congratulations to student artists who won awards at the 4th Annual Tri-County Art Exhibit held at MCCC. Charaine Andrews's *Please* and Alyson Isaac's *portrait of Lucille Ball* were judged to be outstanding and were put on display. Thank you to Mrs. Yoder for helping to bring out the talent in our students and giving us another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



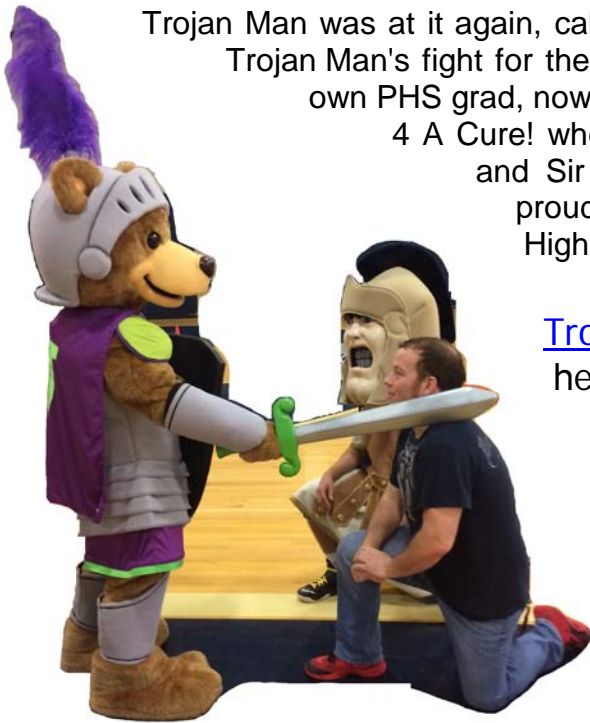
Trojan Man Builds Community

A big thank you and congratulations to **Trojan Man** for all he is doing to build pride in our schools and community. In October of 2015, one student was selected to play the role of Trojan Man at a football game. Shortly after that day, other students began requesting to play the role of Trojan Man. After reviewing applications, which included disciplinary and academic checks, the Trojan 9 was formed. The Trojan 9 (8 boys and 1 girl) take turns playing the role of Trojan Man at different school and community events. Under the guidance of Mr. Dave Woodley, Trojan Man has come to symbolize pride and hope in our school district and community. You can read all about his history and many community service projects at his new [website](#), YES website! How many high school mascots have their own website?



Trojan Man, along with Barth Elementary students and members of our School Board are featured on this [YouTube Twist Cancer Away video](#). You can find Barth at the 1:19 mark, School Board at 1:59 and Trojan Man at 2:16. Here's another great [video](#) of our elementary schools.

Trojan Man was at it again, calling to rally students and staff in the fight against cancer. Trojan Man's fight for the children is known nationwide. Both Trojan Man and our own PHS grad, now PHS teacher Dave Woodley, were recognized by Mascots 4 A Cure! when they were "Knighted." Congratulations Sir Trojan Man and Sir Woodley and thanks for giving us more reason to say proud to be from Pottstown. Watch the [Pep rally](#) at Pottstown High School to help children with cancer.



[Trojan Man](#) appears on Good Day Philadelphia to help fight cancer!



Trojan Man was invited to take part in the Lace Up and Twist Away Childhood Cancer national tour by Mascots 4 a Cure! Trojan Man appeared on *Good Day Philadelphia* on with Mascots for a Cure and other local mascots!

Trojan Man then headed over to Rosa's Fresh Pizza to drop off a check for \$472. That check will purchase 472 slices of pizza for homeless individuals in Philadelphia.

After lunch, Trojan Man took part in a Lace Up and Twist Away Cancer Rally in front of the Liberty Bell! Trojan Man also did his first hospital visit with Mascots 4 a Cure at DuPont Hospital!

Pottstown High School wins national essay contest, gets 30 sit-stand classroom desks

To sit or to stand, is not only the question but also the option that Pottstown High School students will now have in class. The school was awarded a classroom set of "Learn Fit" sit/stand desks from the Minnesota-based company [Ergotron](#) for winning a [Let's Move! Active Schools](#) essay contest. The healthy school movement is part of former first lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Active Schools initiative.



On Tuesday, representatives from Let's Move! and Ergotron came to Pottstown to see the desk be put together. About 30 high school students volunteered their afternoon to get the fit desks and the stools that came along with them ready for classroom use. "Let's Move! Active Schools is a national initiative to help schools implement more before, during and after school physical activity," said Charlene Burgeson, executive director of the organization. She said more than 400 schools nationwide entered the essay contest. What put

Pottstown on top was its approach of creating healthier kids in order to make better learners.

"They're taking a really comprehensive approach to student wellness so we knew this was a piece of a puzzle," Burgeson said adding they like to "empower" schools that are already incorporating healthy activities.

She said Pottstown's essay was also chosen because it showed the school focuses on mental health in addition to physical health. Burgeson said kids across the nation struggle with anxiety or depression. She said it was nice to see that Pottstown is making mental wellness part of the school environment.

"We just felt that this was a really enlightened school system and that this school was really prepared to take full advantage of this classroom set of desks," Burgeson said.

She said students spend the majority of the school day in the classroom so making that environment "active" really helps with promoting healthy students.

Bob Hill, education manager for Ergotron, said high school students are less likely to have teachers doing things like brain breaks so a standing desk is a great way to incorporate activity.

"The idea is we want to introduce what's called low-level physical activity, or standing, into the classroom. Because when you introduce low-level physical activity into the classroom, you help keep the student's heart rate higher, you help them burn more calories ... and that translates to a more engaged student with greater on-task behavior," Hill said.

Pottstown School District wellness coordinator David Genova wrote the winning essay that resulted in the high school getting 30 sit/stand desks from Ergotron which are valued at \$16,500. He said the essay focused on how the district is actively using movement in the classroom.

A previous grant allowed the high school construction technology program to make 36 standing desks that were distributed throughout the district. Schools in Pottstown are also using kinesthetic desks which are desks that incorporate physical activity such as adding pedals to resemble a stationary bike.

Fit desks are not new to Pottstown High School but Principal Danielle McCoy said these are the first height-adjustable desks they've ever had. Students can change the height of the desks to a sitting or standing position. Students can also easily adjust the desk according to their height. McCoy said another great aspect of the desks is that there are wheels which make them easy to move around.

She said it's "awesome" that Pottstown High School was given the desks because not every student learns best by sitting down all the time.

According to the [Cornell University Ergonomics website](#), it's recommended that people break up prolonged sitting with short breaks of standing or moving. Ergonomics is the study of people's efficiency in the working environment. The "microbreaks" improve performance and reduce the risks of muscle or skeletal injuries.

"Students need desks period so why not give them a desk that allows them to either stand up or sit down," said Burgeson adding that the desks are a great tool for the learning process.

Genova said he has worked hard to attain desks that incorporate movement or standing.

"There are teachers that need them. There are teachers that want them," he said.

The recently awarded sit/stand desks are being used in the classroom of high school mathematics teacher Jolie Martinez.



"She's an innovative teacher. She's one that always willing to try something new if it could possibly benefit her students," Genova said.

He said standing desks are especially beneficial to students that tend to be more "wiggly."

"When they feel like they need to stand, they can stand. When they feel like they need to sit, they can sit without classroom interruption," Genova said.

Pottstown High School junior Emily Jerdon said she sometimes doses off in class when she's sitting.

"I'm more of like a kid that has to keep moving so when I'm sitting down, obviously my body's not active," Jerdon said.

"I feel like it would keep my brain active," said junior Gianna Epps in reference to standing desks.

Senior Josh Gery has used a standing desk before and said it kept him alert during class.

"School's way too important to be falling asleep so you can just pop it up, stand, and keep yourself awake while giving your whole attention to learning," he said.

Hill said the great thing about the Ergotron desks is that they don't require students to stand the whole time in class. He said the goal is not to have students sitting all the time but also don't have them standing all the time.

"The best posture is the next posture; just kind of keep moving throughout the day. Listen to your body. Shift from one foot to the next," Hill said.

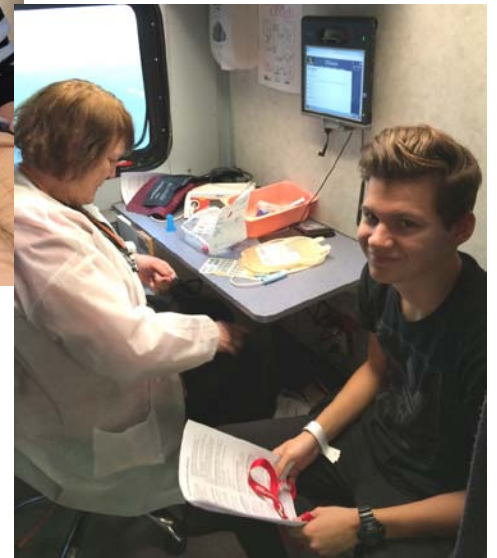
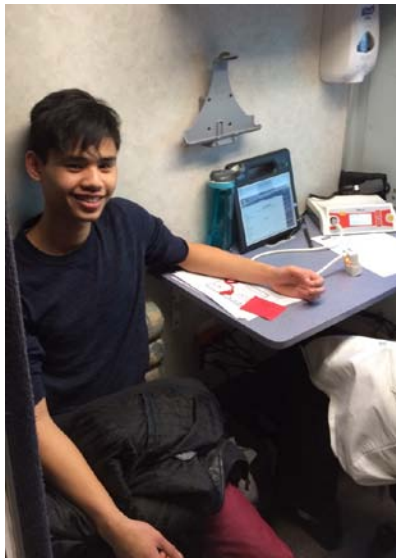
The sit/stands desk are on wheels which Hill says helps teacher have more freedom when it comes to organizing the classroom for different purposes.

"Furniture is no longer dictating the lesson plan. The teachers can do their lesson plans as they want," he said.

Hill said teachers using the desk tell Ergotron all the time that the mobility allows them to teach in a way that's best for students. He said students are also more engaged when they have the option of sitting or standing which improves the classroom dynamic. Hill said the desks show that there are links between activity and learning.

"Ergotron partners with Let's Move! Active Schools because we are both huge believers in making sure we introduce wellness and health to our students as early as possible in life so that it becomes a habit for them," he said.

Congratulations to the students and staff who participated in the annual [winter blood donation](#) program with Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Fifty-two (52) units of blood were donated and will go towards helping save over 150 lives in the Pottstown area. Pottstown High School, in spite of being one of the smallest high schools in Southeast Pennsylvania, is consistently one of the top donors in the region.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building Sustainable Houses



Students in Ms. Barnaik and Ms. Angelo's class worked side-by-side with Hill School Environmental Science Club students to create "sustainable" gingerbread houses.

In addition to learning the basics of Green Building Design, students applied what they have learned through an activity which will result in the construction of gingerbread houses that utilize key concepts covered in the course. Is your gingerbread home run on solar, or wind energy? Do you have a composting bin, a green roof, or rain garden? How much did it cost to make your gingerbread home "green"?

Congratulations to the Middle School Jazz Band and their conductor Ms. Katie German they received the highest rating of "Superior" at the Boyertown Jazz Festival along with the "Best Rhythm Section" award. Alto Saxophonist, Kishan Patel, received a solo award for his solo in "Freddie Freeloader."



Induction Ceremonies for National Junior Honor Society

Inductees are selected by the faculty based upon academic achievement, service to school and community, recognition of leadership, and outstanding character. Candidates must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 91% or above with no grade below 85%. The chapter hopes to create a desire to render service, promote leadership, and encourage the development of character. The following students were inducted:

Tajera Bass Jaylah Becker-Aiken Natalia Brown Madison Carberry Michelle Castillo Felicidade Chimbinja Kennedy Cole Calista Daye Vincenzo DeLeo Colin Dellaquila Genesis Diamond Elizabeth Eames Nada Elgendy Evelyn Estes Kylie Farmer Julianna Figueroa Xzavier Francis Williams Rylie Gasper	Beatriz Guardado CyeNyla Hall Nathan Harper Alexa Heater Cynae Hills Maria Jimenez Cheyenne Lee Anthony Lowe Angelina Ludy Dylan Maximenko Kaleigh Martin Mackenzie Moser Kira Nihart Allison Ormston Yasmin Paez Anthony Pinos Leana Playfair Jesseny Redrovan	Ma'kea Regis Jessica Rivera Tori Robinson Ian Rosales Gabriel Roseo Savannah Sluzenski Minnick Deanna Stefanavage Ariana Torres Lacie Townsend Noel Wallner Alexis Watkins Austin Weller Daniel Williams Jayniana Williams Joshua Wilson Nerissa Yost
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Congratulations to Pottstown Middle School student, [Darius Smallwood](#) on being named this year's recipient of the 2017 PCTV Career Shadow Award. PCTV Sports



broadcaster, Bernie Gallagher explained the criteria for the award, "The primary focus of the award is to introduce a young student to the arena of sports broadcasting. They must display a positive attitude, have good grades and be involved in the community." Darius was an integral member of The Pottstown Middle School 8th grade Football and Basketball teams. Darius shadowed Mr. Gallagher as he prepared for the Pioneer Athletic Conference basketball playoffs. "He was very helpful in preparing and analyzing statistics used on the pregame shows." Gallagher further explained, "Darius is a terrific young man who always has a smile on his face, is humble and is always willing to help others."

POTTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL READING OLYMPICS RIBBON AWARD WINNERS:

PMS Reading Trojans GOLD	PMS Books in the Middle GOLD	PMS Book Busters SILVER	PMS Gluten-Free Spicy Reading Noodles BRONZE
Layla Bearden Amber Heater Mehki Jenkins-Glover Katerine Reina Devon Smith Rodrigo Solis Austin Sundstrom	Kaitlyn Alessi Anjalie Crosby Sean Deppen Makenna Francey Ashlee Landis Collin Mattis Grayce Morton Jonathon Moser Najae Perez Sylvn Savage	Talyce Carter Leilandi Davis Imani Germany-Bird Khalea Hamilton Jocelyn Malauulu Joshua Maldonado Mollie Marcheski Maniyah Person Leah Smith Leigha Walton Kenyada Wise	Adam Alaoui Peyton Benfield Arianna Careme Emily Castillo Regina Flemming Hannah Ingham Alyssa Pearson Sophia Russo Angelica Shifflette Makalya Smith Alyse Weber

ELEMENTARY

Barth Elementary School first grader Ethan Caballero may only be seven years old but he has shown that he can work side-by-side with men like “Trojan Man” to help bring joy and cheer to children who have to spend their holiday in the hospital. Together they held a toy drive that collected over 300 toys that will go to Pottstown Memorial Medical Center for children who will not be at home when Santa makes his deliveries. Ethan's wish to bring joy to others is one of the many reasons we can say Proud to be from Pottstown. Trojan Man, who is a champion of the community, along with his Elves Anthony Wiggins and Austin Andrews were happy to give a helping hand. One Goal - One Team - One Town!



When it comes to dressing up the staff at Rupert did some role modeling for students to show what well dressed men and women wear to school.

Of course they also had to model how to have some fun.



POTTSTOWN STUDENTS RECEIVE GIFTS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONE

Students at Pottstown's Lincoln Elementary School received Christmas gifts meant to honor the memory of a well-known figure in the community. Family members of the late Robert "Chuz" Calvario delivered 225 gift bags to students at the elementary school as part of a program with the nonprofit Wood-to-Wonderful in Reading.

Calvario, a longtime Pottstown resident who operated C&K Service Station at the corner of Beech and Charlotte streets, had an enthusiasm and zest for life that was contagious. He was a champion of the local sports scene, especially in supporting programs at St. Pius X High School and helping to establish the Pottstown Firebirds, a semi-pro football team in the late 1960s. Calvario's son, Jim Calvario, said that his father loved to help anyone in need, but he wouldn't want the recognition for doing so. "He loved doing stuff for anybody," Calvario said. "He really enjoyed doing stuff for kids, especially, if he could help them in some way or another."



The toy distribution program in Chuz Calvario's name began in 2015 at Pottstown's Barth Elementary. Next year, organizers hope to pick a different school in the district in order to stay true to Calvario's Pottstown roots.



Thanks to an anonymous donor the 35 students who make up the Rupert Elementary Pink Route Walking School Bus received a Holiday treat in the form of a McDonald's gift card.



Click on the link to see and hear the students and staff at [Rupert wish all a Happy Holiday.](#)

We know that Principal Matt Moyer produced the video, but word is that he is also the lead singer. You be the judge!



The students and staff at Rupert Elementary School understand the importance of helping others and the value of every penny counts. They participated in The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, *Pennies For Patients* fundraising campaign, to help patients with blood

cancers and fund research for blood cancers. During three weeks in February students brought in pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and even dollars to school to help the L.L.S. mission to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin disease, and myeloma and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. They can be very proud of themselves for raising \$1,612.29. Three classes raised over \$100.00 each and earned a bronze pennant for their classroom - Miss Molly Callaghan with \$100.66, Mrs. Nicole Leh with \$109.16 and Mrs. Susan Paravis with \$179.06. Miss Nicole Valenti's class raised the most, \$335.80 and earned a gold pennant, a \$50.00 gift card from Office Depot for the classroom, and a pizza party for her students. Principal Matt Moyer said, "I am very proud of our students and staff for caring for those in need. They are learning valuable life lessons and given us another reason to say *Proud to be from Pottstown.*"

Ever wonder what an elementary school principal does on a snow day when there are no students or teachers in the building...



What Do Principals Do On Snow Days????

[Mr. Matt Moyer](#), Pottstown School District Principal of Rupert Elementary School, takes us on a closed doors tour.

ELEMENTARY READING OLYMPICS RIBBON AWARD WINNERS

Barth Elementary SILVER	Franklin Elementary BRONZE	Lincoln Elementary BRONZE	Rupert Elementary BRONZE
Daniela Castillo Angel Chavous Olivia Chin Marquise Cintron Kailey Cooke Aniyah Crump Evan Draucker Kylee Grossmiller Jermaine Kennedy Gianni Mahario Tahj Phillips Jahdai Regis Mya Rush Tyler Shaffer Iris Williams	Cheyenia Boyer Gio Cooper Macyahna Dalton Lili Freese Amirah Graves Kristen Kotchmar Taylor Maguire Kai O'Brien Barkley Reid Annie Snowden	Brody Brill Lunna Davila Alyssa Gibbs Jayden Gilmore Aubree Harsh Gabiella Horne Alexander Jimenez Rosales Erika Loera JaVonna Mack Gavin Marmer Tatiana McVey Fatima Mohamed-Eck Isabella Pryor Madelynn Thomas Emma Tidball Jayla White Olivia Woodley	Madison Beard Isaiah Davis Lucy DiMarcello Naden Elgandy Liasia Jackson Austen Kennedy Aejaie McCalvin Miranda Pineda Nyel Thompson Chase Thornton Josh Torrence Aniyah Wells Aimee White Gabiella Young



THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- Thank you to our friends from Diamond Credit Union for their annual support of our [Reading Olympics Program](#).

This is the 12th year in a row that Diamond Credit Union has provided opportunities for elementary students to take part in this academic challenge by purchasing team tee-shirts for the 150 students participating in the Reading Olympics Program. Their support throughout the years has made a difference in many students' lives.



- Thank you to Elizabeth McMahon, BB&T Administrative Assistant Greater Delaware Valley Region, for a check in the amount of \$1,000 to the Foundation of Pottstown Education Executive Director, Joe Rusiewicz. The donation, made possible by the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit, will support the Early College Program at Pottstown High School.





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@pottstownsdsd.org.

- [Virginia Marie \(Egolf\) Ludwick](#) - Class of 1943 – She was the wife of Richard E. Ludwick, former owner of Ludwick Motors in Pottstown. She was a daughter of Charles M. Egolf and Sarah (Brant) Egolf. She was a graduate of Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ. After graduation she worked at the University of Pennsylvania on the Manhattan Project as an administrative assistant to the scientists. She was a member of The First Presbyterian Church, Pottstown, where she served as a deacon and was a former superintendent, teacher and pianist in the Sunday School Primary Department. Ginnie dedicated herself to many volunteer organizations, always seeking out ways to help others. She



was a past president of the Junior Service League of Pottstown and a past president of the Wyndcroft PTA. She also served on the board of the Visiting Nurse Association of Pottstown. She continued her volunteering later in life by tutoring elementary students in the Pottstown School District. Additionally, she was a former volunteer of the Pottstown Area American Cancer Society, a member of the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center North Auxiliary, the Century Club, the Garden Club, the Pottstown Historical Society and the Antique Automobile Club of America.

- [Mary Regina \(Murphy\) Knerr Barth](#), 97 - Class of 1937 - She was the wife of the late Clyde H. Knerr and William A. Barth. Born in Toughkenamon, she was the daughter of the late James P. and Martha H. (McGuigan) Murphy. She resided at Coventry East Apartments, and prior to that, 50 years in East Coventry Twp. She raised her family then went to work at Pennhurst Center in the office. She also worked for the former Spicer Manufacturing, now DANA. Regina loved her family and was proud of her Irish heritage. She was a member of St. Aloysius RC Church in Pottstown since 2005. Prior to that she was a member at St. Claire's in Linfield for 50 years. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, cryptograms and reading and was an avid Phillies and Eagles fan.

- [E. Ruth Hatfield Barthlow](#) - Class of 1946 – She was the daughter of Edwin and Ella (Leidenberger) Hatfield. She was born in Pottstown on January 30, 1929. She was a life member of Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown. Ruth taught Sunday school there for many years and loved singing church hymns. Ruth was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, joining the Manatawny Chapter in 1984. She was a member of The Historical Preservation Trust of Berks County and the Pottstown Business and Professional Women's Club where she served as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President. She worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and



Pottstown School District as Payroll Clerk and Secretary at the Junior High School.

- [Martha S. \(Samsel\) Fink](#) - Class of 1939 – She was the wife of Jonathan Fink. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Oswin Samsel and the late Edna R. (Weldner) Samsel. Martha was a telephone operator for the former Bell Telephone for 10 years. She also worked as a cafeteria worker for Pottsgrove School District, and worked at Zipf's Candy & Gift Shop, Pottstown. She was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown, Century Club, New Hanover AARP, and enjoyed gardening.

- [Nancy L. Orner](#) - Class of 1948 – She was the wife of the late George R. Orner Jr. Born on September 29, 1930 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, she was a daughter of the late Andrew J. and Mary (Levan) Ecker. She worked for many years as a secretary and teller for Continental Bank and ten years at Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. She was a faithful member of Limerick Chapel, where she volunteered in the office and sang in the choir.

- [David M. Krause](#) - Class of 1958 – He was born in 1940 to August and Hazel Krause of Franklin St., Pottstown, PA. Dave was Class President and Captain of the football team. He was twice Exalted Ruler of the Pottstown, PA ELKS Lodge #814. He was a former employee of Lockheed Martin of Valley Forge.



- [Stanley R. Boyer Sr.](#) - Class of 1949 – He was the husband of the late Virginia M. (Lukens) Boyer. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Raymond G. Sr., and Elsie M. (Kurtz) Boyer. He served in the Korean Conflict, and he was stationed in Okinawa as a cryptographer. He worked for almost 30 years at the Pottstown Mercury, with the last 10 years as Circulation Director. He spent 5 years at Limerick Power Plant and 14 years at Montgomery County Geriatric and Rehabilitation Center. Stanley was a member of the Searles UMC, for 50 years, where he was an active choir member and served on the building committee. He then became a member of Salem UM Church in Pottstown. He was also a member of the Pottstown Elks, a life member of the West End Fire Co.

- [Robert A. Grandy](#) - Class of 1973 – He was the husband of Cheryl (Miller) Grandy. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Robert T. Grandy and the late Janet L. Baker. He was a welder for Brandywine Forge. Robert served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was an avid hunter, Eagles, Phillies, Flyers fan, member of Gilbertsville Fire Hall, and Lower Pottsgrove Sportsman's Association.

- [Donald "Donny" J. Purnell](#) – Class of 2012 [Donny](#) was born November 21, 1992 in Pottstown, PA. He was a son of Theresa Boothe and her husband Todd Boothe and Randall M. Purnell Sr. and his significant other Bonnie Kleintop. Donny was a wrestling champ through PAL for 8 years. He was a star in track and field during middle and high school. He played football at Pottstown High School. He loved to sing and dance. He was very family-oriented. He would help anyone who was in need. He lived for his daughter, Graycyn.





FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



- **Charles R. Daniels**, husband of Louise A. (Levengood) Daniels, was born in Pottstown, PA, and he was a son of the late Elwood Daniels and the late Anna (Artim) Daniels. He was a graduate of The Hill School and Ursinus College. Charles was a senior planner for Merck Sharp & Dohme for thirty five years until his retirement. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Charles was a coach of the Town Toy Little League Baseball Team, a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and helped lead the transition to Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, the Kiwanis Club, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elk's Lodge #814, board member of Pottstown Symphony, Men of Malvern, Pottstown July Fourth Committee, SCORE, Pottstown School Board, Holy Name Society and on the board of Creative Health Services.

ALUMNI

- **Bryant Quill**, Class of 2015, is a sophomore at Chestnut Hill College. As a member of the men's basketball team, he is averaging 9.6 points and 3.1 rebounds per game. In a game against Franklin Pierce College, he scored a career high 20 points.



- **Vaughn Shirey**, Class of 2012, is completing his bachelor's in Environmental Science, with minors in Bioinformatics and Sustainability in the Built Environment. Vaughn conducts research on crane flies under the guidance of Dr. Jon Gelhaus and is passionate about natural history collection data, citizen science, and museums. He has guest lectured at Temple University on the topic of urban entomology and citizen science in the classroom, and in 2014 started a citizen science initiative called PhilaBug which aims to capture arthropod diversity in the city. Vaughn is interested in how citizen science data can be used to fill gaps in analysis. His proposed plan is to analyze citizen science data alongside specimens at The Finnish Museum of Natural History to understand the value of citizen science towards augmenting existing data in natural history. He also plans to learn a variety of new techniques, including applying artificial intelligence towards problems in evolution and ecology.





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Stay connected with all of the friends of the Pottstown School District with this exclusive membership. Learn about what is happening with the Foundation for Pottstown Education with the newsletter, stay connected to updates and news through social media, engage in networking and career opportunities at special Pottstown Pride Society events, and much more. Together we will build a better community and continue to provide opportunities for the children of Pottstown School District. Be sure to stay tuned to social media and www.foundationpottstowned.org for the Pottstown Pride Society page as we grow. We would love for you to share your successes along the way to help encourage those who follow you. Together we provide opportunities for children of Pottstown.



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