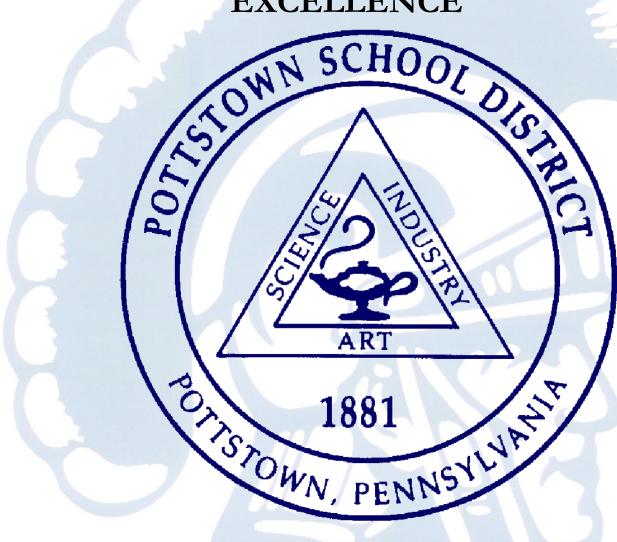
# POTTSTOWN PRIDE ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE



# WINTER 2019-2020

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

# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2019-2020

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

# For more information about Pottstown School District, visit our website at <u>www.pottstownschools.org</u> or call 610-323-6274.

#### PSD YouTube Channel

Please subscribe and explore the many videos that highlight our students and staff!!!



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

Go to <u>http://www.pottstownschools.org/AlumniPages.aspx</u> 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.

# **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

#### NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL FRONTIER DIVISION 1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM > Donovan Towson

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL FRONTIER DIVISION 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM > Robert Burruss

### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM

Donovan Towson

#### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- ➢ Tre' Bass
- Robert Burruss



# Senior Night Boys' Basketball Photos:





Back row (left to right) Trojan Man, Asst. Coach Emily Jerdon, Niaisha Elliot-Moore, Marisa Walker, Mariana Pearson, Bryonna Chimbinja, Madison Friedman, and Head Coach Megan Miller Bottom row (left to right) Kirstyn McCalicher, Devyn Lopez, Veronica Gomez, Cilicia Thorpe



## PHS Cheer Squad Shows Pride at PAC Championships

Congratulations to PHS Cheerleaders and Head Coach Megan Miller assisted by Emily Jerdon for their outstanding performance at the Pioneer Athletic Conference Cheer Championships. The team



placed 3rd in the small squad division and 5th overall. The close of their routine included a double crossing toss of two of the squad's members which was unmatched by any other team. It is the first time in over 15 years that a PHS Cheer Team has gone into competition. Members of the team are some of the unsung heroes of our district. Practicing many hours after school all year and being at athletic events to show their support of our teams and never asking for

recognition. Thank you for all you do for our school and for giving us another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

A special thanks to the cheerleaders and coaches from Pottsgrove High School who did not compete but in a demonstration of friendship and sportsmanship attended the event and gave support to our Trojans. PHS





Trojan cheerleaders include: Marisa Walker, Madison Friedman, Devyn Lopez, Kirstin McCalicher, Mari Pearson, Niaisha Elliott Moore, Kaelyn Draucker, Emily McCollum, Cynae Hills, Jayniana Williams, Natalia Brown, Keyora Frazier, and Mackenzie Moser.

# **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Trojan proud of PHS sophomore Trinell Watson who was the Frontier Division Girls' Basketball

regular season scoring champion. She scored an average of 16 points per game and was an overall team player with 6.9 rebounds and 2.6 steals a game. She is another example of learning that hard work pays off and reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



## NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM: > Trinell Watson

### NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM: > Calista Daye

### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM:

Trinell Watson

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM: Calista Daye

# Senior Night Girls' Basketball Photos:











# **WRESTLING**

Congratulations to the student athletes and coaches of the Pottstown and O.J. Roberts combined high school/middle school wrestling teams. They put wrestlers' pride on the line in the annual Wrestlers Pride dual meet that has been dedicated to the Takedown Cancer fundraiser to honor



those loved ones who fight the battle every day. The bouts as always were hard fought in an atmosphere of mutual respect and sportsmanship. Special congratulations to Trojan Zack Griffin and Wildcat Dave Forrest who were selected by the opposing coaches as the "Outstanding Wrestlers."



#### Young Trojan Wrestlers Learning Their Lessons

With a team roster that numbers 35, the largest in many years, the Trojan wrestling team, that has only three seniors on the squad, are learning a lot of lessons about what it takes to first survive and then be able to win on the mat. With a 1-4 record, they entered

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able to win on the mat. With a 1-4 record, they entered the Ralph Wetzel Individual Tournament and came away from the 2 day. 7 mats, 35 teams and over 450 wr

away from the 2 day, 7 mats, 35 teams and over 450 wrestlers event with a better understanding of what they must do to be successful. No Trojan medaled in the varsity division. Demond Thompson won three bouts all by pin in 31 seconds, 37 and 1:27 before two losses dropped him out of the medal round. Jared Hewitt, Devon Green, Josiah Wiggins and Zack Griffin all picked up wins before being eliminated. Hewitt and Justice Harris lost in two very close overtime bouts. In a new all female division, Julianna Figueroa and Mia Bumbarger both went undefeated earning three pins in four bouts. The young Trojans gained a lot of experience and confidence in the JV Division winning 29 bouts lead by Diego Jamie placing 2nd and Travis Harvey taking 3rd.

LESSON OF THE DAY - MORE HARD WORK NEEDED BEFORE THE PAYOFF!







# Friendly Battle At The Border

Pottstown and Pottsgrove wrestling teams took part in the 5th annual "Border Battle." It was an outstanding night of competition at every level form youth matches to middle school teams with the highlight of the night the high school "Border Battle' with a trophy going to the winning team.

A moment of silence was observed for a Fallen Falcon wrestler. Both teams displayed sportsmanship in an atmosphere that was electric with highly competitive bouts. Trojan winners were Demond Thompson, Jared Hewitt, Josiah Wiggins, and Julianna Figueroa who for the second year in a row won by pin and was named Pottstown's Outstanding Wrestler.



#### Coach's Report MS Wrestlers Find Hard Work Pays Off

There were a lot of smiles from Pottstown Middle School wrestlers, coaches, parents and fans at the Perkiomen Valley Dual Meet Tournament. Pottstown Middle School went 4 and 1.

Team victory started with a shocking 48 to 35 victory over Abington. The middle school team was not satisfied with one win and continued to wrestle strong and hard to pull another victory over Phoenixville (tie breaker) 36 to 36. Pottstown wrestled hard in the third round but came up short against Arcola 52 to 27. After a short break, the middle school team hit the mats in the 4th round

with another victory over Great Valley 55 to 18. To end the day Pottstown beat Pottsgrove 57 to 21.

The following wrestlers won their match with pins:

- Savannah Richards (2)
- Ryan Eddy (1)
- Kareem Lesher (2)
- Evan Smith (1)
- Avon Jones (2)
- Zackary Weimier (1)
- Jorge Pingaron (3)
- Beckem Cole (1)
- Jaheim Pratt (1)



Pottstown High School Trojan wrestling team scored 62.5 points and placed 9th overall in the team standings. The Trojans were led by freshman standout Jared Hewitt who placed 3rd in the 145 weight class. Zack Griffin (195) and Justice Harris (220) both overcame early round losses to place 5th while Kyleaf July had an overpowering 17-0 technical fall on his way to placing 6th. Demond Thompson was injured in the semifinals of the 132 weight class and had to take a medical default and placed 4th.











# Trojan Wrestlers Prepare To Serve Our Country

PHS Trojan wrestlers Zack Griffin and Demond Thompson are preparing to serve our country. After graduation in June, Zack will be entering the Marines and Demon will join the Navy. Trojan Proud!!!



Trojan proud of the following Pottstown High School wrestlers who earned 2nd marking period Distinguished Honors:

- Bobby Richards
- ✤ Diego Magana Jaime
- ✤ Jarred Hewitt
- Demond Thompson
- Salah Selmi
- Devon Green
- Julianna Figueroa
- Team Scorekeeper Kennedy Cole

Wrestlers who earned Honors were:

- ✤ Mason Miller
- Mia Bumbarger
- Jonah Grice
- Kyleaf Robinson July
- Zack Griffin
- Josiah Wiggins



Academics and athletics are a path to success.

Our student-athletes are learning that hard work pays off in the classroom, on the mat, and in life.

# Wrestling Senior Night Photos:















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#### Coach John Armato – 50 Years of Coaching Award

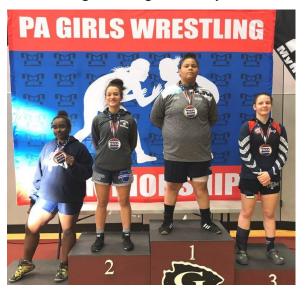




Hundreds came out to honor John J Armato and celebrate 50 years of his dedication, persistent positive attitude, and mentorship of so many of us in this community. He also got a surprise he would never dream of, but richly deserves. The high school wrestling section of the gym has officially been named in his honor, with the credo: "Every Second Counts."



Female members of the Pottstown High School Wrestling team continue to make history with an outstanding showing at the MyHouse PA Female State Wrestling Championships. Almost 400 girls



from both public and private Pennsylvania schools took part in vying for a spot on the championship podium. The Fab Four scored 4 for 4 with all four members earning a medal and invitation to be honored at a championship dinner. Junior Julianna Figueroa won two dominating matches on her way to the finals for the second year in a row and earned second place in the 122 pound weight class. Sophomore Mia Bumbarger saw lots of action as she went 4-1 in the 140 class to place third. Freshmen Xiyah Robinson and Daishawnia Dean are hard workers who earned medals; Xiyah went 2-2 to place fourth and Daishawnia placed first in the uncontested 285 pound weight class. The Fab Four and their coaches are supporting a statewide movement to have the PA Interscholastic Athletic Association sanctioned female wrestling as an official sport.



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- Demond Thompson
- Jared Hewitt

#### NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENE FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:

- Josiah Wiggins
- Justice Harris

#### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM:

- Demond Thompson
- Jared Hewitt

#### Emme Wolfel Earns All Star Honors

Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School Senior Emme Wolfel on being named for the second year in a row to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association All Star Team. Her hard work as the team's goalie, classroom success, and community service efforts give us all reason to say proud to be from Pottstown. Best of luck next year as you follow your academic and athletic dreams to Kutztown University.





# **FOOTBALL**

Trojan proud of our Pottstown High School football players who have demonstrated their academic and athletic talents this season. Student-athletes were recognized to the All Academic teams of both the <u>EasternPAFootball.com</u> and the PA Football News service. Players must have played in at least 50% of the varsity games and will receive Gold, Silver or Bronze honors determined by their GPA. Athletics and academics are the proving ground to learn that hard work pays off and leads to success.



Gold Team: (3.8 or higher)	Silver Team: (3.4 to 3.7)
<ul> <li>Daniel Darden</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cole Miller</li> </ul>
Dereck Darden	<ul> <li>Matt Walker</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>David Hicks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sensair Wesley</li> </ul>
Robert Richards	<ul> <li>Gary Allan</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Jon Oister</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mason Miller</li> </ul>
Jorge Mundo	
<ul> <li>Jahzeel Watson</li> </ul>	Bronze Team: (3.0 to 3.3)
Anthony DiPierto	Daiwik Phillips
<ul> <li>Jared Hewitt</li> </ul>	✤ Joneil Oister
<ul> <li>Gabriel Hicks</li> </ul>	

# **PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM**

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Cheerleading

Boys' Basketball

- Girls' Basketball
- Girls' Swimming
- ➤ Wrestling

- Veronica Gomez
- Darius Smallwood
- Trinell Watson
- Hannah Wilson
  - Julianna Figueroa

# PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WINTER CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

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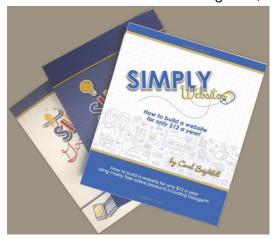
**STAFF** 

At a special December school board meeting, newly elected members were sworn in and a decision was made to cap property tax for the 2020-2021 school year. Read <u>Evan Brandt's</u> report.



Trojan Proud of our own Assistant Director of Technology and district Webmaster Carol Brightbill,

already acknowledged as an outstanding photographer and published author, has added another book to her list titled "Simply Websites". Looking to build your own website, but not sure how to get started or what to do? Carol has put all the information needed for a business to develop a professional-looking site in her book "Simply Websites". Congratulations and thank you for giving us another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



# Pottstown Teachers Recognized for Growth in Student Test Scores



When it comes to standardized test scores, there is a difference between "growth" and "achievement." Pottstown Schools Superintendent likes to use the analogy of running a marathon to explain the difference. "Achievement," is your place in crossing the finish line. "Growth," is the improvement in your time. For years, standardized tests in Pennsylvania only recognized achievement, a student's final score. Further, said Rodriguez, many educational experts now agree that achievement on standardized tests is more a measure of a community's wealth, than improvement of its students' ability to learn. Increasingly, Rodriguez told the Pottstown School Board Thursday, state education officials are realizing the value and importance of "growth" as well as "achievement." And when it comes to growth, Pottstown's reputation is, well, growing. Without naming them, Rodriguez said a comparison with some neighboring school districts showed that while their test scores may be higher, the growth in Pottstown's scores far outstrips them. By way of example, he noted that Pottstown High School has seen 100 percent growth, the highest level the state measures, in its math, reading and biology scores. Those Rodriguez was willing to name were some of the teachers who have made that growth possible. Seventeen of them to be exact. Four of those had students whose scores showed growth over the course of a year.

#### Great Growth Honorees:

- Carol Livingston, middle school language arts;
- Jesse Tupper, middle school math;
- > Paul Castanzo, high school biology and
- Nicholas Fox, high school algebra.

#### True Blue Trojan Teacher Honorees:

Perhaps more impressive are those who have overseen three solid years of growth, or more, in test scores, and the fact that there are 13 of those.

- Nicola Alutius, Barth Elementary School;
- Bradley Mayberry, Barth Elementary School;
- > Ann Marie McDonnell, Barth Elementary School;
- > Denise Schleicher, Lincoln Elementary School;
- > Joshua Wagner, Lincoln Elementary School;
- > Mandy Wampole, Lincoln Elementary School;
- Ginger Angelo, Pottstown Middle School;
- Jennifer Heller, Pottstown Middle School;
- > Aaron Torrence, Pottstown Middle School;
- Eileen Basham, Pottstown High School;
- > Helen Bowers, Pottstown High School;
- > Justine Donnelly, Pottstown High School;
- > Megan Heffelfinger, Pottstown High School.

"The growth really is amazing," said school board member Steve Kline.

# Superintendent Rodriguez Joins In Call For Reform

Pottstown School District Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez joined 30 other superintendents from southeast Pennsylvania at a press conference calling for reform of the state's outdated charter school law.



## **Governor Invites Rodriguez To Harrisburg**

When Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf talked about charter school reform in his budget address



Tuesday, he had two local educators cheering him on. Stephen Rodriguez, superintendent of the Pottstown School District, and Frank Gallagher, superintendent of the Souderton Area School District, were both on hand at the invitation of the governor. The invitations were no accident. Both superintendents have been on the forefront of the push to reform how charter schools are funded in Pennsylvania.



From left, Frank Gallagher, superintendent of the Souderton Area School District, U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-4th Dist., and Stephen Rodriguez, superintendent of Pottstown Schools, in the capitol in Harrisburg Tuesday.

# PA Department of Education Secretary Pays Visit To Pottstown

Pennsylvania Education Secretary Pedro Rivera, Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez in a visit to the early education class at Pottstown High School.





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standing, joins

From left, Pottstown Schools Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez, Pennsylvania Education Secretary Pedro Rivera, State Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-146th Dist., Pottstown School Board member and Community Relations Director John Armato.



# YWCA Tri-County Area Tribute to Exceptional Women

### It is official she is EXCEPTIONAL!



Something that many of us, who are fortunate enough to know middle school science teacher Ginger Angelo DeRenzo have known for a long time is now official. She is EXCEPTIONAL and will be recognized by the Tri County Area YWCA at the 25th Annual Tribute to Exceptional Women held in March.

Tribute to Exceptional Women recognizes women for their ability to lead by example, embrace community responsibility, and demonstrate exceptional leadership in one of the several awards categories. As a science teacher, she has helped students gain an understanding and appreciation of environmental studies. Moving her class beyond the traditional walls of brick

and mortar to the outdoors for day field trips for the Environmental Science Club, to being the champion for school recycling efforts, to creating an outdoor science area in the school courtyard and taking the lead on overnight field trips, Ginger Angelo has made a difference in many lives. She is a role model for female students encouraging them to pursue opportunities in the field of science. Share the news, Ginger Angelo DeRenzo is another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown!

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### POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

### Barth Elementary School - Grade 3

Erin	Alessi	
Izirah	Andrews	
Joziah	Astacio	
Rhiannon	Bielawski	
Aaron	Boone	
Aaliyah	Broomes	
Aziyah	Brown	
Natasha	Clemens	
Niya	Crowder	
Amelia	Diehl	
Kori	Dorsey	
Grace	Eby	
Deandre	James	
Jade	Jeter	
Miya	Kletzing	
Lilyanna	Knapper	
Kaylee	Lowman	
Maliyah	Newman	
Meredith	Pope	
Zzahmyeir	Reid-Anderson	
Jakira	Smith	
Isaiah	Speller	
Danielle	Trabucco	
Sienna	Tshikalu	
Isabella	Wagner	
Ja'Nahla	Wilson	

### Barth Elementary School - Grade 4

Alexander	Bernal-Bracamonte
Ethan	Caballero-Vega
Mason	Dana
Kevin	Demastrie
Dahlia	Dowling
Felicia	Fry
Isabella	Fuentes
Julian	Giraud
Jacob	Green
Amir	Hall
Kamryn	King
Collin	Moyer
John	Paslo
Maliya	Perez
Logan	Pouchan
Griffin	Rivera
Jayden	Robinson
Caydin	Romain
Aiden	Watkins
Alanna	Yancy
Dennis	Yost

Julietta	Aguilera Macias
Blayk	Arena
Milani	Carpenter
Kimberly	Chhern
Joz'lynn	Cilio
Eric	Clay
Imani	Clemons
Karen	Cocar
Zerimar	Cotts-Ramirez
Paul	Donohie
Alivia	Edde
Ace	Folly
Dustin	Gallagher
Chakotay	Hammer
Axel	Hunter
Yaiden	Jackson
Cora	Katch
Abdul-Aziz	Knuckles
Gabriella	Krasley
Evan	Krestel
Adrienne	Leitz
Gianna	Lloyd
Meyahne	McNeill
Luz	Mendez Rivera
Nana Mosie	Miller
Noah	Moser
Karla	Negrete Fonseca
Elizabeth	Reazor
Javon	Richardson
Adriana	Salazar-Lopez
Typhanie	Samsel
Edward	Sloss
Kalani	Snowden
Natalie	Thompson
Taliyah	Walton
Justin	Warren
Seth	Yannessa

Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4		
Michael	Briggs	
Anthony	Cintron	
Aidan	Conrad	
Taniyah	Cotton	
Myson	Dalton	
Guide	Delaporte	
Bailey	Galamba	
London	Glenn	
Dah'mir	Goings	
Gary	Granese	
Lillian	Green	
Kendra	Howard	
Levi	Jaycox	
Callen	Miller	
Isabella	Moore	
Tiana	Odom	
Talia	Stover	
Darriss	Tinson	
Cullen	Waite	
Zachary	Waters	
Toby	Wilkinson	
Owen	Yocom	

#### Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3

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Mason	Berry
Frank	Davila
Gabriel	Dise
Savione	Drummond
Lucien	Fair
La'Daveia	Haddock
Calliope	Hall
Jaelyn	Hoefel
Thomas	Inthaphone
Clara	Johnson
Keyon	Johnson-West
Qahira	Jones
KateLynn	Kearney
Adrianna	Lawder
Oliver	Leonard
Isabella	LePore
Jesse	Linares
Cole	McLaughlin
Gianna	Miles
Lexi	Oswald
Clivenson	Pierre
Joseph	Pollock
Joshua	Reifsneider
Annabelle	Riley

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# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

# Lincoln Elementary Grade 3 continued

Davidniel	Rivera Oliveras	
Thomas	Rose	
Nathaniel	Scott	
Cody	Sheeran	
Jaida	Wright	
Makenna	Wright	

#### Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4

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Shahed	Aljashoubi	
Savana	Bauman	
Ariel	Cortes	
Sean	Corum	
Autumn	Fair	
Cheyenne	Hoffman	
Rahmere	Jenkins	
lyanna	Johnson	
Leyna	Johnson	
Ny'Airah	Joseph	
Cynthia	Killian	
Jaylen	Lamarre	
Samantha Joe	Luther	
Jane	Moyer	
Jason	Rivera	
Nyla	Rivera	
Royer	Rodriguez	
Zacarias	Rodriguez	
William	Rose	
Marcus	Williams	
Lucy	Zuniga	

Rupert Elem	entary School - Grade
Lincoln	Adams
Rania	Ait Lqol
Da'Jour	Barnes
Layla Rose	Belgrave
Ava	Bistrek
Nery	Castillo Chavez
Mason	Cellucci
Samuel	Colon
Malik	Cuevas
Quinton	Cyrus
Kellen	Douglas
Kassidy	Drost
John	Ellwanger
Christian	Fisher
Landon	Ford
Jasmin	Guardado Vasquez
Murielle	Guerrier
Amiyah	Hill
Mason	McCray
Yezhua	Molina Lorenzo
Na'Elli	Myer
Aiden	Ondik
Chelsea	Reisman
Jeremiah	Santos
Тај	Smith
Alana	Torres
Laila	White
Amir	Williams
Delaney	Worley-Bush

Rupert Ele	mentary School - Grade
Maliah	Agudio
A'maya	Banks
Meleena	Bisram
Leland	Burke
Peyton	Coale
Chase	Drost
Jacob	DuVal
Nathaniel	Eck
Maya	Elgendy
Erynn	Ford
Karla	Gandaria-Miguel
Jayliean	Garcia
Maria	Guardado-Sanchez
Gabriel	Hampton
Sophia	Hendrickson
Ezra	King
Ava	Laws
Aiden	Leonard
Brianna	Long
King	Lucky
Audra	Masewicz
Jaelynn	McCray
Aubrey	O'Blosser
Micah	Parker
Shane	Pascavage
Casey	Perry
Makaila	Plummer
Joel	Ramos
Ye'Shaya	Reber
Zyaira	Robbins
Bradley	Saylor
Avaliyah	Scurry
Silas	Singer
Nyanna	Thompson
Destiny	Trejo
Frances	Wasson
Aaron	Williams
Leaira	Williams
Olivia	Williams

# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

#### PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors

Alston	
Bell	
Bray	
Brown	
Carr	
Castillo	
Hill	
Maldonado	
Moncada	
Mull	
Pittman-Bookard	
Ubaldo	
Warden	
White	
	Alston Bell Bray Brown Carr Castillo Hill Maldonado Moncada Mull Pittman-Bookard Ubaldo Warden

#### PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors

Leah	Blackwell
Jade	Caballero-Vega
Annasophia	Chhern
Michelle	Cocar Paredes
Iyonna	Elliott
Lily	Felix
Saniyah	Fox
Austin	Hampton
Erika	Heller
Jayanna	Hill
Kendyll	King
Joseph	Kletzing
Megan	McGinn
Justina	Nhim
Nevaeh	Peaco
Mikayla	Perkins
Adriana	Reyes-Jones
Triniti	Rhodes-Fisher
Ciara	Rios
Skylar	Romano
Trinity	Santiago
Brighton	Scott
Natalie	Shope
Ethan	Ung

# PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors

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Baryeh
Beard
Boyer
Burrier
Castillo
Chin
Crump
Davila
Draucker
Edde
Freese
Givens
Gomez
Luther
Mack
Maguire
Mahario
Penate
Ruyak
Vilain
Wells
White

### PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors

Elizabeth	Adedeji
Tyler	Broughton
Michael	Calano
Emily	Castillo
Nicholas	Cohen Arena
Ava	Collier
Isabelle	DiCampello
Danica	Donhauser
Eva	Eddinger
Regina	Fleming
Makenna	Franey
Collin	Mattis
Ashley	Ormston
Najae	Perez
Savannah	Richards
Devon	Smith
Austin	Sundstrom

Emma	Allan
Ryan	Amole
Sophia	Barron
Gavyn	Bennett
Alyssa	Broughton
Brianna	Bui
Santiago	Castillo
Jamir	Chavous
Christopher	Cilio
Patrick	Clemons
Daniel	Durante
Glenndale	Fegeley
Ashton	Felix
Cheyenne	Flamer
Isabella	Flores
Ayla	Folly
Mallalah	Gallardo
Malanah	Gans
Jaliah	Geiger
Chastelyn	Gonzalez Galarza
Benjamin	Hammer
George	Heller
Kaylee	Jensen-Wiedinmyer
Ezai	Jones
Addison	Lafferty
Brooke	Laise
Maya	Lilick
Riley	Maguire
Snyder	Manzanares
Christian	Maradiaga
Olivia	McCauley
Damian	Mercado
Jessa	Miller
Isabella	Murray
Kayla	Negrete-Fonseca
Tristin	Neumann
Kelsey	O'Connor
Renae	Plummer
Ashlyn	Pulinka
Brooke	Pusicz
Angelina	Quiles
Benjamin	Ramos
Sean	Robbins
Jazara	Robinson
Ashantay	Samuel

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### POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

#### PMS - Grade 5 Honors continued

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David	Sanders
Joshua	Sands
Abigayle	Santiago
Christian	Sheeran
Chase	Taylor
Mia	Torres
Ezra	Tribble
Derrick	Wagner
Boden	Waite
Janiya	Warren
Autumn	Weimer
Isaiah	Whiting
Ariel	Williams
Janiyah	Wright
Makai	Wright
Ayden	Yantz
Floyd	Young
Carolyn	Young-Johnson
Aiden	Zaborsky

#### PMS - Grade 6 Honors

Ava	Alessi
Jacob	Alessi
Marcus	Andrews
Aubrey	Andrews-Watkins
Anilyse	Arey
Alivia	Boyer
Emily	Careme
Jacob	Cohen Arena
Michael	Coleman
Mairelys	Concepcion
Dominic	Corrento
Hugo	Costa
Annika	Demastrie
Austin	Derstine
Nathaniel	Diehl
Julia	Draucker
Wesam	Elgendy
Damion	Fry
Lily	Garber
Arianna	Gatlin
Aiden	Gonzalez
Kelly	Gonzalez-Tello
Nicholas	Goodrich
Jacob	Granozio
Luke	Grice

Troy	Gross
Chase	Harrington
Gaige	Harsh
Madeleine	Heidel
Ava	Heilenman
Savante	Johnson
Rachel	Kauffman
Josiah	Lamar
Amelia	Lepage
Dominic	Lesley
Savannah	Llewellyn
Mahiyah	Lyde
Maddison	Macauley
Michael	Magargal
Leslye	Manzanares
Serenity	Meade-Brown
Jazzlyn	Miller-Tribble
Michael	Moore
Caden	Nihart
Maribel	Ortiz
William	Pan
Damien	Paul
Carice	Peart
Isiah	Perez
Sajjadah	Pew-Phillips
Colin	Plank
Nye	Powell
Johan	Rivera
Kamrin	Robinson
Shemeriah	Robinson
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Taina	Santiago
Mohammed	Selmi
Ziyonna	Shockley
Garrett	Shope
Christopher	Stefanavage
Anthony	Suber
Allyana	Sykes
Nevaeh	Tanner
Arian	Tinson
Joseph	Torres
Shawn	Trabucco
Kanijah	Turlington
Bryan	Villagomez
Emely	Villegas

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Julia	Smith
Christopher	Thomas
Nyel	Thompson
Chase	Thornton
Ja-Nyai	White
Jadon	Wiszumerski
Olivia	Woodley
Gabriella	Young

#### PMS - Grade 8 Honors

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Adam	Alaoui
Dylan	Basile
Layla	Bearden
Madison	Beasley
Peyton	Benfield
Caylise	Canales
Megan	Cannell
Kyle	Chaney
Angelina	Chhern
Leilandi	Davis
Alexis	Demeter
Dominic	DiPietro
Hannah	Ingham
Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Steven	Jimenez Gomez
Anthony	Kutsch
Diana	Leon
Keiara	Lesley
Jarius	Minor
Christian	Morales
Tara	Morgan
Jonathan	Moser
Taelin	Neumann
Gabriela	Pagan
Alyssa	Pearson
Kiersten	Pennypacker
Quinn	Perry
Jayden	Pray
Katerine	Reina
LaRayna	Rosado
Tyler	Santiago
Makayla	Smith
Rodrigo	Solis
Brooke	Thomas
Chloe	Weiss
Ashley	Weller

### PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors

PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honor			
Leilani	Alberto		
Kaela	Auman		
Alexis	Beckett		
Abigail	Bitterman		
Brandon	Bryant		
Anaeja	Charles		
Christopher	Chhern		
John	Cipollini		
Anna	Coale		
Kyle	Corbin		
Maji	Corbitt		
Hannah Jane	Daniels		
Brielle	Davis		
D'Asiah	Davis		
Margaret	DiPietro		
Alisia	Doane		
Abigail	Eagle		
Vanessa	Eddy		
Abdel	Elgendy		
Mark	Ellison		
Lilian	Fetterman		
Jamie	Freese		
Derek	Gephart		
Ariana	Gilmore		
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza		
Devon	Green		
Faith	Hammer		
Diamond	Harris		
Charles	Hartman		
Jared	Hewitt		
Olivia	Hickey		
Gabriel	Hicks		
Aaron	Laws		
William	Levey		
Stephen	Luther		
David	Mackewicz III		
Jocelyn	Malauulu		
Ty'Jaye	Manning		
Elise	Marley		
Khamya	Мауо		
Jordan	Mest		
Kiera	Moyer		
Savone	Nash		
Alice	Pan		
Nicholas	Pittman		

## PHS – Grade 9 Distinguished Honors

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Joey	Reid	
Fredy	Rodriguez	
Johnasia	Salata	
lan	Salisbury	
Anas	Selmi	
Avery	Shope	
Leah	Smith	
Ashiyana	Thorn	
London	Trout	
Jordan	Wabish	
Leigha	Walton	
Sanaa	Watson	
Brianna	Williams	
Ceaira	Worrell-Tilghman	

### PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

Noah	Bolman
Madeline	Bruton
Ramya	Carpenter
Michelle	Castillo
Jimi	Chavalaporn
Kennedy	Cole
Joseph	DeLeo
Anthony	DiPietro
Erynn	Dunning
Nada	Elgendy
Evelyn	Estes
Kristopher	Garber
Hailey	Gerrish
Ashley	Giampetro
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Summer	Hollingsworth
Gerle	Jimenez Gomez
Anaya	Jones
Nasir	Knuckles
Michael	Lilick
Jared	Long
Akira	Love Jr
Angelina	Ludy
Kaleigh	Martin
Ja'Zell	Meade
Zachary	Mitchell
Mackenzie	Moser
Faith	Nichols

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### POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

#### PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

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Allison	Ormston
Mylika	Pernell
Anthony	Pinos
Cesai	Ramos
Jesseny	Redrovan
Jessica	Rivera
Enam	Robinson
Gabriel	Roseo
Rafi	Sanchez
Deanna	Stefanavage
Destiny	Torres
Ariana	Torres
Lacie	Townsend
Jonerah	Vinson
Shanelle	Waller
Daniel	Williams
Brionna	Williams
Jayniana	Williams
Joshua	Wilson

#### PHS - Grade 11 Distinguished Honors

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Christian	Albert	
Adriana	Araujo	
Jeremiah	Barnes	
lyesha	Belgrave	
Heaven	Charriez	
Haile	Clayton	
Christian	Coale	
Katherine	Cocar	
Keanna	Colon	
Corey	Cottman	
Walter	Dailey	
Vincenzo	DeLeo	
Kristin	DiPietro	
Kaelyn	Draucker	
Zoe	Earle	
Julianna	Figueroa	
Logan	Franey	
Sharon	Gatheca	
Anyae	Germany	
Kaylee	Gray	
Haley	Haas	
CyeNyla	Hall	
Nathan	Harper	
Aryanna	Hernandez	

<u> PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors</u>			
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Carson	Hewitt		
Devon	Hill		
Jack	Hipple		
Allison	Horne		
Kaylin	Jarrett		
Alexa	King		
Isaiah	Lamar		
Samantha	Levey		
Brianna	Lineman		
Anthony	Lowe		
Diego	Magana Jaime		
Cristine	Martinez		
Dylan	Maximenko		
Emily	McCollum		
Dominic	Mott Gould		
Dylan	Murphy		
Madelynn	Nihart		
Naomi	Parson		
Kishan	Patel		
Caleb	Quiles		
Pearce	Raegler		
Faith	Roach		
Salah	Selmi		
Ashley	Selner		
Darius	Smallwood		
Natacha	Soto		
Austin	Spence		
Lillian	Stirk		
Raine	Thomas		
Jaleinda	Thompson		
Jordyn	Verdone		
Michelle	Villagomez		
Omar	Villagomez		
Jahzeel	Watson		
Austin	Weller		
Niana	White		
Trinity	Wiley		
Hannah	Wilson		
Harmony	Wood		
Kevin	Zvodar		

Deborah	Adedeji
Dezmyre	Aiken
Alissa	Armstrong
Grace	Bainbridge
(a Wanza	Barksdale Hodges
Elijah	Barnes
Zachary	Beekley
Aliyah	Bray
fyler	Bruton
Sebastian	Buchanan
Angelica	Calel
lessica	Calle-Castillo
lesus	Charriez
Shelby	Clayton
vayeli	Cruz
Cheyanne	Cwynar
lade	Dailey
Dereck	Darden
Allyson	Dunn
lacob	Eagle
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/adison	Friedman
lassan	Garcia-Davis
Emma	Gawlas
Brandon	Gebhard
/eronica	Gomez
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Chloe	Hebert
David	Hicks
viel	Hill
Kaya	Horton
Aniya	Hoskins
Angela	Hunsberger
Sybriya	Jenkins
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Devyn Riley	Mead
Darion	Miller
Allison	Nicolas Hernandez
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Alexandria	Olvera
Abigail	Parson
Deayana	Perry

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### POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SECOND MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

# PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

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Thanea	Redrovan	
Robert	Richards	
Marleijh	Rivers	
Megan	Robie	
Makayla	Rothenberger	
Alyssa	Rulli	
Anthony	Russo	
Tanner	Scott	
Hailey	Selner	
Taylor	Smith	
Ryan	Sweeney	
Jermaine	Swindell	
Demond	Thompson	
Marisa	Walker	
Matthew	Walker	
Emily	Weber	
Winni	Weng	
Sensair	Wesley	
Carena	Williams	
Emme	Wolfel	

#### PHS - Grade 9 Honors

PHS - Grade 9 Honors		
Auqbah	Al Ashmali	
Omar	Alaoui	
Sabrina	Albert	
Desiree	Baker	
Dawud	Barnes	
Lee	Beach	
Bryan	Bodnar	
Rashean	Bostic	
Zariah	Brown	
James	Cilio	
Nicole	Daye	
Ganaelle	Felicien	
Yasmeen	Felton	
Henry	Fetterman	
Imani	Germany-Bird	
Kevin	Gomez Clavel	
Autumn	Goss	
Adam	Green	
Jurnee	Harris	
Ainjinae	Harvey	
Alana	Hayward	
Melody	Jackson	
Tamya	Jarrett	

PHS - Grade 9 Honors continued		
Jihad	Jeter	
Jevohn	Jones	
Jaylynn	Judkins	
Kenneth	Kinsey	
Krista	Leinbach	
Angelle	Levan	
Mason	Miller	
Rose	Oberholtzer	
Joneil	Oister	
Nazaiyah	Paschall	
Wilfred	Perez	
Taylor	Powell	
Jibrel	Pratt	
Javon	Redd	
Malika	Ricks	
Summer	Rivera	
Jayden	Roach	
Taetum	Robbins	
Danielle	Rubincam	
Blaze	Sensinger	
Cory	Spence	
Mikayla	Stephen	
Jordan	Stevenson	
Amelliyah	Tirado	
Serin	Warneke	
Kasaundra	Wesley	
Michael	Williams	
Kenyada	Wise	
Caleb	Yocom	
Joshua	Young	

#### PHS - Grade 10 Honors

Amber	Adamski	
Courtney	Bratten	
Natalia	Brown	
Mia	Bumbarger	
Ziaire	Clark	
Joel	Coccie	
Sierra	Coleman	
Darron	Daniels	
Calista	Daye	
Colin	Dellaquila	
Molly	Delphin	
Kylie	Farmer	
Angelica	Feliciano Torres	
Jacob	Fisher	

PHS - Grade 10 Honors continued		
Christopher	Fleming	
Daejenique	Garcia	
Storm	Gatheca	
Makenzie	Grepps	
Jonah	Grice	
Darren	Groff	
Jose	Hernandez	
Maria	Jimenez	
JoLaila	Lamarre	
Shanti	Maldonado-Gonzalez	
Getzer	Manzanares Dinarte	
Aaron	Mayes	
Angelina	Melle	
Jayla	Moore	
Jacob	Moser	
Tryniti	Mott Lewis	
Patrick	OConnor	
Annabelle	Poston	
Derrick	Powell	
James	Ryder	
Thomas	Santiago	
Amayah	Scurry	
Skylar	Smith	
Dominic	Stamm	
Paige	Taylor	
Dasia	Thornton-Bey	
Braylon	Tinson	
Coreena	Trumbauer Butts	
Alexis	Watkins	
Trinell	Watson	
Sydney	Wilkerson	
Kiyinanna	Wimbley	
Nerissa	Yost	

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PHS -	Grade 11	Honors

Nadiyah	Bellamy
Kylie	Boughter
Topanga	Brooks
Marquis	Brown
Christopher	Cordovi
Aiden	Crowder
Abel	Cruz
Tereck	DeBeary
Samantha	Deery
Anthony	Escobar
Natalie	Fichthorn
Sanaa	Fleet-Polk
Kamrin	Gatlin
Aleisha	Irizarry
Jabrea	Jackson
Kaitlyn	Jackson
Matthew	Lesher
Joseph	Misko
Timothy	Mohn
Tylaisha	Phillips
Jamaal	Pratt
Robert	Raegler
Gabriela	Reyes
Kyleaf	Robinson-July
Jazlynn	Watson

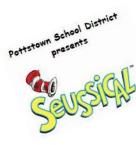
PHS - Grade 12 Honors		
Trevonn	Bass	
Shakara	Beasley	
Mark	Bowers	
Zelias	Bray	
Bryonna	Chimbinja	
Brice	Cole	
Brooklyn	Colegrove	
Melissa	Coleman	
Tionne	Day	
Quinlan	DeAngelo	
Niaisha	Elliott-Moore	
Zachary	Griffin	
Aaron	Hester	
Kaissa	Isaac	
Marissa	Johnson Mauras	
Shyanne	Keys	
Yamane	Lavender	
Britney	Macomber	
Kiaire	Major	
Heidyliz	Manzanet Reyes	
Kayla	Marcelli	
Dallas	Moon	
Onjelay	Nixon	
Crystal	Rivera	
Talia	Shirey	
John	Stilwell	
Madison	Swoyer	
Jonathan	Velez	
Josiah	Wiggins	
Cianni	Williams	





# POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

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Pottstown's district-wide <u>'Seussical'</u> will stage special needs performance. "We want them to be able to partake in things some of us take for granted." — Robert Decker, 'Seussical' producer and high school math teacher.













# POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL













# HIGH SCHOOL

#### PHS Interact Club a Hub of Activity

The students of Pottstown High School's Interact club may be a small group but they do big things when it comes to serving the community. Sponsored by teachers Diane Fox and Diane Shoffstall and supported by the Pottstown Rotary, they have completed projects to benefit young and old. During the month of October, students collected Halloween treats from Redner's Market to create 25 Halloween goodie bags for children at the Salvation Army and surprised 80 students in the



preschool early education program (PEAK) with some spooky treats. Club members wanted to show thanks and appreciation to our country's veterans at the Spring City center by hand making holiday cards for them. With cold weather coming during the next few months club members donated 35 pairs of gloves for children on the Walking School Bus. They also organized a coat drive for the Salvation Army and Pottstown Cluster of Churches to keep adults and children warm this winter. The dedicated service of our Interact Club students and the Pottstown Rotary gives us all another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.





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Every weekend you can see Pottstown High School Trojan Men, lead by their club sponsor and

leader of The Trojan Nation PHS teacher Mr. Dave Woodley, running in a 5K race to support worthy a cause, help those in need and bring awareness to social issues. This past weekend Team Trojan Man traveled to Bethlehem to support the Lehigh Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes as they participated in the Christmas Classic Candy Cane 5k. Running in Elf beanies and pants the team was easy to spot on the race course. Not content to support one cause at a time the Trojan Men supported the NoStigmas organization by wearing their "Mind Your Health" t-shirts! NoStigmas is an organization that focuses on mental health awareness and providing services for individuals experiencing mental health related issues. The team had a strong showing with Senior Jon Jon Oister placing 3rd in his age group while Brandon Gebhard



came in 9th and Woodley finishing 13th in his age group. Mr. Woodley said, "I asked the boys what kind of charity they wanted to support for our last race of the season and they both agreed mental health was a worthy cause as that is something we focus on behind the scenes of the Trojan Man program! The only mental health 5k was a virtual run, which you do on your own, so we were able to combine that with the Candy Cane 5k and support two great charities at the same time!"

BUT WAIT ~ Trojan Men still had more to do; after the race Trojan Man traveled to the Dollar Store to purchase \$300 worth of items for their Stuff-A-Stocking Drive for the Pre-K Counts students in the Pottstown School District! YOU can help! A \$10 donation will buy a PRE-K student a stocking to be hung for the holiday with eight hand pick items. Contact Mr. Woodley by email Dwoodley@pottstownk12.org to bring joy into a young child's heart. Another weekend of making the world a better place, one Trojan Man at a time!





# Making The World a Better Place One Trojan Man At a Time Trojan Man Spreads Pottstown Cheer Throughout the Year

Students in the Pottstown School District had early visits from a Santa who looked an awful lot like the district's mascot Trojan Man. In fact, throughout the year it was not hard to find Trojan Man, everywhere from Franklin Elementary School, to Philadelphia and Bethlehem. If it seems like one mascot could not possibly be all those places, that's because (here's the secret), there's more than one. In fact, depending on the day, there can be as many as 11.



The Trojan Man mascot was revived by alum David Woodley, who also teaches computer science at the high school. "The Trojan Men live by the motto: 'Making the World a Better Place, one Trojan Man at a Time,"

Woodley wrote when queried by The Mercury. "This motto guides them through each appearance, as they set out to make someone's day brighter or to collect donations to help a charitable cause," according to Woodley.

In addition to the traditional role at sporting events, the Trojan Men pursue this motto by visiting schools; community events and, more recently, participating in races, mostly 5Ks, to raise money for charity. On Dec. 7, the Team Trojan Man 5K team traveled to Bethlehem to support the Lehigh Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes as they participated in the Christmas Classic Candy Cane 5K, wrote Woodley. "Running in elf beanies and pants the team was easy to spot on the race course," Woodley wrote.

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"I asked the boys what kind of charity they wanted to support for our last race of the season and they both agreed mental health was a worthy cause as that is something we focus on behind the scenes of the Trojan Man program," Woodley wrote. The mental health 5K was a virtual run, which you do on your own, "so we were able to combine that with the Candy Cane 5K and support two great charities at the same time."

Trojan Man starts before the school year does. Every spring, Trojan Man plays Trojan Football Bingo with those in attendance for the fundraiser. In August, Trojan Man Joneil Oister participated in a Back to School Block Party at Staples in Upload Squad. The Pottstown High School cheerleaders along with the ninth grade went to entertain the crowd and greet people as they entered. On Oct. 26, the Early Childhood Education program at Pottstown High School held its first Trunk or Treat under the leadership of their teacher, Naimah Rhodes. "Ms. Rhodes is a big supporter of the Trojan Man program so senior Trojan Man Jonathan Oister wanted to make sure we supported her and her event," according to Woodley. "This is the first time that Trojan Man dressed up for Halloween as he went to the event as Trojan Clown," he wrote. On the day of the event, Trojan Man Jonathan mingled with the children in attendance, handing out candy and taking pictures with all the children and even some adults. This year, in place of the annual toy drive, the Trojan Men hosted a Stuff-a-Stocking Fundraiser. Their goal was to collect enough donations to send each of the 179 students in the Pottstown School District Pre-K program home with a stocking full of goodies before winter break.

During the first weekend in December, Trojan Men Brandon Gebhard and Jonathan Oister accompanied Woodley on a \$300 shopping spree at the Dollar Store. This was the first of seven trips to the Dollar Store that Woodley would make over a two-week time-span to collect all of the necessary items needed to ensure that the Trojan Men reach their goal. Once all of the items were collected, the Trojan Men worked together to organize and stuff 179 stockings. Trojan Men Jesus Charriez, Dereck and Daniel Darden and Jorge Mundo all helped with the organizing of items to ensure that each classroom had the appropriate amount of toys needed for the number of students in that classroom. After the organizing of items was done, Trojan Men Jonathan Oister, Brandon Gebhard, Jacob Eagle, Cole Miller and Darion Miller stuffed 179 stockings in one day. There was only one thing left to do; deliver the stockings.

During the last week before winter break, the Trojan Men were very busy. At the beginning of the week, Santa Trojan Man (Brandon Gebhard), Trojan Man (Darion Miller) and the Trojan Elves (Jacob Eagle and Jonathan Oister) spread cheer around the high school before delivering stockings to the Pre-K Counts classroom that is located in the high school. The following day, Trojan Man Jesus Charriez visited Franklin Elementary School and the Annex Building, dressed as Santa Trojan Man, to deliver 100 stockings to very excited children. While Trojan Man Jesus was at the Annex Building, Trojan Man Brandon Gebhard visited Barth and Rupert as Holiday Pajamas Trojan Man to deliver stockings to the Pre-K students in each building. While at both schools, Trojan Man Brandon participated in Go Noodle dances with the children after they received their stockings and took a class picture.

To end the week, Santa Trojan Man (Brandon Gebhard), Holiday Pajama Pants Trojan Man (Darion Miller) and the Trojan Elves (Jacob Eagle and Jonathan Oister) traveled as a group to visit Sarah Rizzuto's Pre-K class at Lincoln Elementary School.

After receiving their stockings and taking a group picture, Rizutto's students treated the Trojan Men to holiday rendition of their favorite song, Jingle Bells. "I feel as though Trojan Man Jonathan summed up the Trojan Man mentality perfectly in his senior project presentation on being Trojan Man when he said, 'I want to leave the world a better place than I found it," said Woodley.

#### PHS Students Prepare For Future Careers At District Competition

Members of Pottstown High School's DECA club (an association of marketing students) took part in the annual Southeast PA District competition. If the results are any predictor of future success in the business world, they are headed to Wall Street. Under the direction of Co-Advisors Vickie McShea and Kevin Pascal, 30 students participated in the District 8 Career Development Conference in King of Prussia. Of those students 22 earned high written test scores and roleplay problem solving grades to advance to the DECA state conference. The competition involved students taking a 100 question content test and situational roleplaying competitions.

The top six contestants in individual categories and the top four teams in team events move on to the state competition held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. During the test, the students have 60 minutes to complete a 100 question multiple-choice test. After they complete their test they are given a role playtime. The role play acts as an interview. The student is given a hard copy scenario to prepare for the role-play during this time the students have 10 minutes, for individual events, and 30 minutes for a team event. Throughout the role-play, the judge asks the students a series of questions in relation to the role-play scenario.

Co-Advisor Vickie McShea said, "Competitive events like this help prepare students for the challenges they will face every day in the workplace. Their ability to not only do well on the written exam but be able to put to practical use in the situational role-playing are exactly the types of skill readiness needed to hit the ground running in the competitive workplace."

Award winners i		
Natacha Soto	Principles of Business Management and Administration	Highest Test Score
Michelle Castillo	Principles of Finance	4th place and highest role play
Jayniana Williams	Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	1st place and highest role play
Dylan Maximenko	Principles of Marketing	4th place
CyeNyla Hall	Accounting Applications Series	1st place highest test and highest role play
Angelica Calel	Business Services Marketing	3rd place
David Hicks	Entrepreneurship Individual Series	Highest role play and 2nd overall, 4th place for modeling
Kishan Patel	Entrepreneurship Individual Series	Highest test score and 3rd overall
Henry Fetterman	Food Marketing Series	6th place
Mackenzie Moser	Marketing Communications Series	6th place for the event, 3rd for modeling
Jestyn Snyder	Quick Serve Restaurant Management	6th place
Armentha Dancy	Quick Serve Restaurant Management	5th place
Diego Jaime	Restaurant and Food Service Management	5th place
Lilly Fetterman	Restaurant and Food Service Management	3rd place
Thanea Redrovan	Retail Merchandising Series	6th place, 4th for modeling
Isaiah Agusto	Retail Merchandising Series	4th place
Amber Adamski	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	6th place

#### **Award Winners Include:**

Emily Weber	Buying and Merchandising Management	Highest test score and 2nd overall
Alex Olvera	Buying and Merchandising Management	Highest test score and 2nd overall, 2nd for modeling
Faith Nichols	Hospitality Services Management Team	Highest test score and 3rd overall
lyesha Belgrave	Hospitality Services Management Team	Highest test score and 3rd overall
Kennedy Cole	Travel and Tourism Marketing Management Team	4th place
Jesseny Redrovan	Travel and Tourism Marketing Management Team	4th place









#### **DECA Students Earn Trip To Nationals**

Twenty-two members of the <u>Pottstown High DECA Club</u>, an association of marketing students under the direction of Co-Advisors Vickie McShea and Kevin Pascal, participated in the DECA State Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Senior David Hicks earned an opportunity to compete at the national event in Nashville Tennessee by placing first in the Entrepreneurship category. Joining him will be Junior Jayniana Williams, 3rd place in Hospitality and Tourism, and Senior Angelica Calel for her Gold Award in the School-Based Enterprise category. Seniors Alex Olvera and Emily Weber placed 5th in the Project Management Community Giving category. The competition involved students taking a 100 question content test and situational role-playing competitions. Some students also participated by doing a written event which consisted of a 15-minute presentation during the conference and a 10-20 page research paper prior to the event on a specified topic.

The top four contestants in individual categories and teams in team events move on to the National competition held in Nashville, Tennessee. During the test, the students have 60 minutes to complete a 100 question multiple-choice test. After they complete their test they are given two role playtimes. The role play acts as an interview. The student is given a hard copy scenario to prepare for the role-play during this time the students have 10 minutes, for individual events, and 20 minutes for a team event. Throughout the role-play, the judge asks the student a series of questions in relation to the role-play scenario. At the state conference, Pottstown High School also received a gold level for the Plan of Action. The Plan of Action consists of a multitude of things, including raising a certain amount of money for the charity.











#### **DECA Awards continued:**

#### Pottstown Finalists Include:

Name	Place	Category
Angelica Calel	Gold Level	School-Based Enterprise
David Hicks	1st	Entrepreneurship
Jayniana Williams	3rd	Principles of Hospitality of Tourism
Alex Olvera and Emily Weber	5th	Project Management Community Giving

BREAKING NEWS 2/27/2020 JUST RECEIVED WORD AFTER JUDGES FOUND AN ERROR IN SCORING THE TEAM OF ALEX OLVERA AND EMILY WEBER HAVE BEEN AWARDED 3RD PLACE IN THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY GIVING CATEGORY AND HAVE QUALIFIED TO REPRESENT POTTSTOWN AT THE DECA NATIONALS IN NASHVILLE. TROJAN PROUD YOU MADE EVERY POINT COUNT AND NOW YOU ARE OFF TO NASHVILLE.

#### Award Winners Include:

Name	Award	Category	
Dylan Maximenko	High Role play B	Principles of Marketing	
Kishan Patel	High Role play B	Entrepreneurship	
CyeNyla Hall	High Role play A	Accounting	
David Hicks	High Role play A and B	Entrepreneurship	
Jayniana Williams High Role play A and B		Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	



Their accomplishments have also earned them a spot on the highly viewed (over two million views) <u>Digital Notebook Blog</u> of Mr. Evan Brandt. Share the link with your friends so they will know another reason we say proud to be from Pottstown. - 39 -

#### PHS Trojans Use Leadership and Talent To Aid Homeless

Pottstown CARES, an organization of students from Pottstown High School, The Hill School, and



MCCC are combining skills and talents to benefit area homeless individuals. Their family friendly pop music concert was held on Friday January 18th at the Hill Center for the Performing Arts.

Trojan organizers included Chloe Hebert, David Hicks, Mariana Pearson, and David Wallace. All in attendance enjoyed the sounds of Trojan Jazz Band members Xzavier Francis Williams, Akira Love, Chloe Hebert, David Hicks, Anthony Russo, Savone Nash and Rafi Sanchez.

Read all about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's <u>Digital Notebook Blog</u>.

Students in <u>Ms. Sara Miller's Anatomy and Physiology</u> class who have dreams of careers in the medical and health fields are doing some hands-on learning of anatomy by dissecting a fetal pig.



You can talk about or look in books or even see a movie about anatomy, but until you have actually explored and located organs in a body you cannot appreciate the miracle a living organism. The project requires students to be able to collaborate and communicate in order to locate and study organs and the role they play in body functions. The next surgeon may very well have gotten their start in Ms. Miller's class. Challenging students to explore and learn, another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."







#### Pottstown mentoring program is 'Molding Men' and 'Leading Ladies'

Sometimes, success starts with the smallest things, like a place.

For some it's a "safe place to go after school." For others, it's visiting a museum, or show outside Pottstown, perhaps for the first time ever. For some, it's just someone who says "good job."

For the past four years, 50 to 60 Pottstown young men have found some or all those things are thanks to a burgeoning mentoring program called "Molding Men," run by 2003 graduate Terence Shawell. And for the past seven months, another 15 to 20 young Pottstown ladies have similarly benefited from the sister program, "Leading Ladies," led by Pottstown High School's early education teacher Naimah Rhodes.



#### Valentine's Day Trojan Man Style

In honor of Valentine's Day, we debuted Heart Breaker Trojan Man! Trojan Man Jon was busy

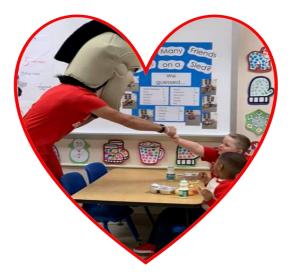
today spreading love and joy as he delivered 12 chocolate flowers to 12 faculty and staff members, chosen by the Trojan Man! Each staff member also received their own copy of "The Adventures of Trojan Man!" personalized and autographed by Trojan Man himself!



After delivering his gifts, Trojan Man Jon also spent time with the Entrepreneurship program that was selling roses and candy in the cafeteria. A great marketing tool Trojan Man is!

To end his day, Trojan Man Jon visited our friends in the Pre-K Counts classroom at the high school for a quick hello during their lunch time.

> Making the World a Better Place One Trojan Man at a Time!





Pottstown High School freshmen Will Levey and Abdel Elgendy proved they were up to the



challenge of the <u>2020 PA Governor's STEM Competition</u>. The two man team took on schools from southeast PA, most of which were made up of five man teams. They were able to earn the regional championship and will move on in May to Dixon University where they will compete with regional champs from across the state. The challenge was to design and build a prototype that can accomplish a series of tasks, provide a solution to a community based problem, and improve the lives of Pennsylvanians. The problem they were tasked with stated, during the summer vehicles with windows up create unsafe

conditions for children and pets in parked cars. The challenge, develop a detection and alert system that will save lives. With guidance from their advisor, high school teacher Mr. Andy Bachman, they spent over 40 hours after school in the Engineering Technology lab developing the prototype for a "Hot Car Death Prevention System". They gave a 20-minute presentation and demonstration of their "children's car seat with sensors and alert system".

Using the Engineer and Design Process, Will and Abdel developed a project charter, Gantt Chart, created electrical schematics, designed and 3D printed components, documented their progress, formulated a Bill of Materials (BOM), and submitted a 7-page proposal with work cited. Bachman said, "We are all proud of these two young men who have used creativity, critical thinking, and hard work to develop an idea that has the potential to save lives.



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### Where Have All The 6th Graders Gone?

They went on a school environmental study five day trip to NorthBay. The group of 200 6th grade students, 16 staff members, and 14 parent volunteers embarked on an adventure that was educational, built self-awareness, self-confidence, and school unity. After many lessons learned, adventures had, new friends made, a better understanding of self and others, they were on their way home. Check out the middle school <u>Facebook page</u> for a picture story of their trip. Thanks to Joe Zlomek for sharing the "Proud to be from Pottstown" news of the middle school <u>trip to NorthBay</u>.







<u>Pottstown Middle School students</u> in Ms. Christine Hall's 5th grade class spent a cold windy Saturday morning in March walking around the track at the school district's stadium to help raise funds to supply a village in the Sudan with fresh drinking water. Inspired by a book they read, "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park, Ms Hall's 5th grade class hosted a walk-a-thon with the



goal of raising \$1,000 to support building a well to bring clean water to a village in the Sudan. Their hard work paid off as they exceeded their goal by raising \$1,606.50. Ms. Hall said, "I am very proud of our students who were moved to action when they learned that villagers in the Sudan must walk miles carrying water cans in order to meet daily needs for drinking and washing, a convenience the students enjoy by simply turning on a sink faucet. Instead of sleeping in on a cold Saturday they gave of themselves to help make a difference in the lives of people they may never meet."



#### Middle School Students and Director Perform On Inter-County Band



Pottstown Middle School music program was well represented at the 64th Annual Inter-County Band Festival. Band members participating were: Layla Bearden (flute), Brittany Endy (flute), Collin Mattis (clarinet), Tyler Broughton (tenor saxophone), Makenna Franey (trumpet), Aiden Kancianic (baritone) and Mehki Jenkins-Glover (percussion). They were joined by middle school band director Mrs. Katie German, who directed the Inter-County Band during the performance. Students are selected by nomination. The following schools participated: Arcola, OJR, Perkiomen Valley East & West, Spring Ford, Boyertown East & West, Phoenixville, Pottsgrove, Pottstown, and Upper Perkiomen. Each band director conducts a piece with the band. The concert, which comes together in only 3 rehearsals, ended the night with John Phillip Sousa's "The Liberty Bell March," arranged by Jay Bocook.









Teams of elementary and middle school students recently took part in the Annual Pottstown School District Reading Olympics Competition. Approximately 120 students formed teams of 8-10 students who participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual event. The Reading Olympics requires teams of students to read 45 books in preparation for the event. Each round of competition sees two opposing teams attempt to answer 20 questions given in rapid-fire fashion from the moderators. After a question is asked about a book, teams huddle to determine the correct answer. One point is awarded for each correct answer and Olympic ribbons are awarded for overall performance. District teams qualify to compete in the annual Montgomery County Intermediate Unit competition which annually attracts over 500 teams and 7,000 participants.



The Pottstown School District program is organized by Reading Specialist Mrs. Karen Neitz. The goals of the Reading Olympics are to increase students' reading for enjoyment and promote reading skills that increase achievement and academic success. I am always so excited to see our youngsters actively engaged in reading. This event is an opportunity for students to experience teamwork and the satisfaction that comes from hard work, explained Mrs. Neitz. This is the 15th year that Diamond Credit Union has provided financial support for the program. John Armato, District Director of Community Relations, said, "We are proud to partner with <u>Diamond Credit Union</u> to promote the skill and joy of reading. They are committed to being a contributing member of our community. Readers become leaders, and with Diamond's help they are building a foundation for success."

#### **Reading Olympics Results:**

Barth - Silver	Lincoln- Silver	Franklin - Silver	Rupert- Bronze
Julilana Babylon	Shahed Aljashoubi	Lillian Green	Nyanna Thompson
Dahlia Dowling	Autumn Fair	Bailey Galamba	Mya Elgendy
Felicia Fry	Cynthia Killian	Levi Jaycox	Brianna Long
Isabella Fuentes	Iyanna Johnson	Cullen Waite	Makyla Plummer
Julian Giraud	Leyna Johnson	Taniyah Cotton	Avaliyah Scurry
Kamryn King	Jaylen Lamarre	Damien Miller	Cassandra Smith
Bentley Norman	Joell Lamarre		Kenzie Hannah
Maliya Perez	Rahmere Jenkins		Meleena Bisram
Griffin Rivera	Royer Rodriguez		Ezra King
Caydin Romain	Zacarias Rodriguez		Bradley Saylor
Josiah Wallace	William Rose		Maliyah Aquidio
	Marcus Williams		
	Lucy Zuniga		

#### Middle School - Gold Mia Ramirez Donovan Williams Sehar Tariq Omaria Millers Ava Alessi Erika Heller Brighton Scott Logan Cahill Jeyohnna Gibson Josh Holly Cheyenne Flamer







#### Roberts Robert on Reading Olympics - Pottstown Middle School Librarian Andrea Roberts

Trojan Proud of our middle school Reading Olympics Team. Eighteen 7th and 8th graders traveled to Pope John Paul to compete at the middle school level of Reading Olympics. Together they read 80 books in 7 months. Students read independently and newly this year we formed book groups that met during 7th and 8th grade lunch to read and have discussion. Along with myself, Mrs. Petro, Ms. L., and Mr. Franey accompanied the team of students as they competed in three rounds of questions. (Kim, Suz, and Franey-- Huge THANKS! This never could have been done so seamlessly without your support!)

Our students displayed enthusiasm, teamwork, and leadership that was noticed and mentioned by displaying districts. The below students were part of the competition last night and were all awarded with green ribbons for the scoring in each round. Team leaders from Dream Readers were Dani and Raheemah and Team Leaders from Lit Wits were Kalyn and Luna. Aside from the competition that happened I am so proud of these students for their teamwork and leadership skills. The relationships they formed with each other and with adults, that were genuinely as excited about books as they were was pretty cool to witness and be a part of.

#### **Below are all participants:**

- Sarish Mendez- Rivera
- Megan Cannell
- Lunna Davila
- Gabriella Horne
- Angelica Shifflette
- Ashley Gatheca
- Allyson Ford
- Rodrigo Solis
- Raheemah Manning
- Aniyah Wells
- Daniela Castillo
- Lili Freese
- Naden Elgendy
- Gabriela Pagan
- Kalyn Ely
- Taylor Maguire
- Christian Toland
- Dani Donhauser
- David Bitterman



## ELEMENTARY

#### William Rose a Young Man On The Go

The 10-year-old Lincoln Elementary School student recently completed his 3rd half marathon (that's 13.1 miles, for those who are counting) on Sunday December 15th right here in Pottstown. Running the Sly Fox Brewery Pottstown Half Marathon, he finished 4th in his age group (Under 19) with a finishing time of 2:12 (two hours, twelve minutes). This year, he also ran the Garden Spot Half Marathon in New Holland, PA on April 6th with a time of 2:35 and the Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon in Bird-in-Hand, PA with a time of 2:27. Overall, he has run five half marathons since he began running in 2016. We are Trojan Proud of this young man who has learned at an early age "Hard Work Pays Off."



#### In Case You Are Counting

Just in case you are counting, today is the 100th school day of the 19-2020 year. Our elementary classes are using the day as a teachable moment of instruction for mathematics and the value of 100. Looking at these young eager faces is just more reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."



<u>Pottstown school district principals</u> know that learning how to read and having a joy for reading are key factors in adult success. That is why they are willing to go to some lengths to encourage student readers. Franklin principal Beth Kramer and Lincoln principal Calista Boyer attached a few strings to their reading challenge.



Please join us in saying HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to Rupert Elementary Foster Grandmom Helen Wiencek! She has been helping at Rupert for over 8 years and in the Pottstown School District for over 20 years! Thank you for all you are doing to make a difference in the lives of our students. You are a role model for young and old alike. It is because of dedicated, concerned people like you, who go the extra mile in support of the community, we can say "Proud to be from Pottstown!" No question you make every second count!



## THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to the employees of the local Walmart for their delivery of 25 bags of food and snacks such as macaroni and cheese, clementines, applesauce, raisins, canned ravioli, hot cocoa and snacks for students. The food was donated because Walmart expected some students would not have enough food over the Christmas break.







# **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.

- George L. "Stumpy" Emery Class of 1957 80, Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late George W. and Ruth E. (Firing) Emery Shaner. George was a member of the Pottstown Elks, the Quoit Club, Holy Trinity Club, St. Gabriel's, Boyertown Orioles, Friendship Hook & Ladder and served as secretary of The German Club. He was an avid pool player and golfer and had a strong affection for Twin Ponds Golf Course.
- Janice Larue (Batman) Brunner Class of 1960 was born in Pottstown, she was the  $\geq$ daughter of the late Paul Irwin and Elsie (Mohler) Batman. She loved spending time at the seashore and in the garden. When she was indoors, reading books and making arts and crafts filled her time. Janice was a caring homemaker for her husband and children. On February 3rd, 1961, Janice married Richard (Dick) O. Brunner with whom she spent 59 long and happy years with.
- Leslie Freese Betz Class of 1988 was the wife of Stephen Betz III. Born in Pottstown  $\geq$ she is the daughter of Kenneth "Butch" and Berdine (Eroh) Freese Leslie was employed as an office manager by the R&M Sr. Equipment Company. Surviving are two brothers; Kenneth Freese Jr. and Matthew Freese and a sister Jodi Fries. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Leslie L. Betz Scholarship Fund which will be used for any student in Pottstown Sr. High School that is furthering their medical career. The donations are to be made out to Berdine Freese and sent to 233 Estate Road, Boyertown, PA 19512.
- Clark H. Burns Class of 1952 born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Edward and Sadie Miller Burns. He served in the United States Army as a Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division, Screaming Eagles. After serving as a Paratrooper, he worked as a Machinist at Dana Corporation for 40 years. Upon retirement in 1994, he relocated to the Poconos where he enjoyed boating, fishing, and a happy retirement. Clark was a quiet and caring man who will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

- Bartholomew James Gratz Class of 1971 He is the son of the late Dr. M. Morton Gratz and Mary Elizabeth (James) Gratz. Bartholomew graduated from Pottstown High School and went on to Temple University. He was a logistics manager with D.B. Schenker. Bartholomew was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes in Enola, PA. He enjoyed gardening, was an avid reader, cannabis advocate and an excellent cook.
- Thomas Leon Freese Class of 1969 was the son of the late John B. and Myrtle Mae  $\geq$ (Dunlap) Freese. He was employed as a Tool & Die Maker for 50 years with the Mrs. Smith's Foil Co. He served a four year term, as a petty officer, aboard the USS Coronado during the Vietnam Era; where he also served as a cook and firefighter. Tom was a member of the Pottstown First Church of the Brethren, Pottstown German Club and Neapco Golf League. He was an avid golfer who also enjoyed

basketball, softball, quoits, dapper hats, bowling, a good cigar, his family and going to his favorite beach, Ocean City, MD. He was a certified bowling coach, who taught his daughter Jenn and many others to bowl. Tom was also a softball coach, helping and leading many young girls to learn the game. Tom was a man of few words with a giant heart and gentle soul that loved life, fun, family and the ability to help others and make them happy. He touched so many lives and will be terribly missed.

Nancy J. Reimert - Class of 1959, was born and raised in Pottstown, Nancy was the  $\geq$ daughter of the late Henry Iral and Susie (Keri) Slade and sister to the



late H. Richard Slade. Nancy was a lifelong member of St. Aloysius Catholic Parish. She and Forrest retired to Jacksonville, FL for several years before deciding to move back up north, settling for a short time in Darlington, MD then finally moving back to Pottstown. Everyone loved Nancy and seemed to gravitate towards her, she was that friend that you always wanted to have, and a friend for life. She was a great cook,

always trying new recipes, she loved to cook for friends and family, it didn't matter if it was a picnic or dinner around the dining room table, everyone loved the food, she loved making it, and loved listening to everyone's chatter while they ate. Another thing that occupied her time was her passion for crocheting and making the most beautiful Afghans and baby blankets that she proudly gave to those she cared about. The real loves of her life and apple of her eyes, besides her husband Forrest, were her children and grandchildren, who all referred to her as Ma. There wasn't anything that she wouldn't do for them, and she cherished whatever time they had together. Whether near or far she loved talking with them and sharing whatever was going on in their lives, including gossip that they wanted to pass along, either over the phone or on their many "visits".

## ALUMNI

Anthony "Mootmoot" Wiggins - Class of 2018 - is known for his wide smile and a  $\geq$ demanding work ethic. While at Pottstown High School his hard work paid off on the wrestling mat and football field as a standout

student athlete and he was an honor student in the classroom. That hard work is now paying off in college at Millersville University where as an Early Childhood Education major he earned Dean List and placed 6th in the 133 pound weight class at the 87th annual Wilkes Open, known as the "Rose Bowl of Wrestling".



Justin Beasley-Turner - Class of 2016 - is a member of the Moravian College Men's Indoor Track Team and anchored the winning leg of the 4x400-meter relay. The 4x400 was the final event of the meet and the win secured the Landmark Conference Indoor Championship for the Moravian Greyhounds. Justin was joined on the relay team by Boyertown grad and



with friend Dominic DeRafelo together their teammates they posted a winning time of 3:30.22. Beasley-Turner added to the team point total with a first in the 800 meter with a time of 1:55.72 and an eighth place in the mile with a time of 4:35.93. They made every second count and their hard work paid off.



Kate Riegel Pacitto – Class of 1998 – Kate, who was an outstanding student-athlete who excelled on the field and in the classroom, recently earned her Doctorate from Immaculata University. She is presently the Director of Pupil Services in the Pottsgrove School District. Read her story in Mr. Evan Brandt's Digital Notebook Blog.





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