

# #BLUDEDEVILNATION



SHARPSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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OF THE  
BLUE  
DEVILS*

#BlueDevilNation  
#BlueDevilPride

## A Word from the Principal

April is Autism Awareness month.

I am excited to announce the Sharpsville LEAD Team (student leadership group) will be holding the first annual Sharpsville Blue Devil 5K Walk/Run for Autism under the leadership of freshman, Makenzie Springer who came to me with the idea of holding an event to support the ongoing research to help understand and develop strategies to help students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The event is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Registration information can be found on the last few pages of this edition of the Sharpsville Area High School Parent/Community Newsletter.

As you may or may not know, Sharpsville has taken great strides under the leadership of Dr. Ferko and Mr. Vannoy to develop a comprehensive K-12 Autism program. This program, currently

at the elementary school and expanding into the middle and high school during the 2016-2017 school year, is receiving high accolades even in its infancy. Other districts are taking notice of this program and the positive effect it is having on students currently enrolled.

Research in the diagnosis, treatment, and understanding Autism has come a long way since it was first medically defined in the mid-1940's, but there is still so much work that needs to be done.

On April 30, 2016 I will be walking to support my own son, Carter Timothy Dadich, as well as for my students (past, present, and future) diagnosed with ASD.

It truly does take a community to educate a child. Sharpsville is a strong community and we can accomplish more together than we can alone.

Will you walk with me? Who will you walk for?

Please consider participating in this event. All proceeds will be given to Autism Speaks, an organization leading the charge in Autism research. The flyer and registration form is included on final pages of this newsletter. Hope to see you there

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Timothy J. Dadich".

Timothy J. Dadich,



Carter and I before an Autism Speaks Event

## From the Classroom

### SCIENCE

*Mrs. Smith*

Students in Mrs. Smith's Environmental Science classes have begun a project in the greenhouse. Classes were divided into several groups which were each assigned a different potting soil mixture. Each group planted similar plant species in their unique soil mix and will monitor and measure plant growth on a weekly basis until the end of the school year. Students chemically tested their soil nutrients and compared their result to requirements for nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus and pH for each species. Students will compile a report and data on their soil type and the soil types of the other groups.



*Ms. Saeler*

Students in this class have started the unit on Evolution. Within this unit students will discover the basis for the modern thoughts on evolution and examine how the process is being studied within a "real-world" context.



The focus is on anatomical, embryological, biochemical, and fossil evidence to show the progression of evolution in varying species. Students will use case studies to construct and analyze how the world is changing and how this can be quantitatively determined by using Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium to prove or disprove the evolution of a species from a genetic standpoint. They will continue with the study of evolution through the process of speciation by analyzing population changes to prove the modes by which new species may evolve. Students will gather and interpret data to prove their findings. This study of speciation will lead into classification with a focus on cladistics and phylogeny.

### LITERATURE

*Ms. Weingartner*

**Literature/Composition IV** is in the midst of a sonnet unit in preparation for reading *Macbeth*. After learning about the three traditional forms of this most common of poems in the English language, students continued on to apply their knowledge of rhyme scheme and meter to a wide range of ten sonnets. Following a brief overview of the Renaissance (the source of sonnets, humanism, and the desire to excel as a "Renaissance" person who has a broad range of skills), we begin analysis of the content of the ten representative sonnets next week before transitioning into Shakespeare's play.

**AP Literature** is deep into poetry explication as they wind up "Poetry Boot Camp" in preparation for the AP exam in May.



**AP Composition** has completed their argumentative paper unit and has begun reviewing for their AP exam in May using the 5 Steps to a 5 review book as well as reviews of literary terms, grammar, and allusions that will help them on the test.



### Mrs. Oliver

In Greek and Roman mythology, the word "hero" was used to describe men or women whose courageous actions brought favor from the gods. Today, a hero can be just about anyone--from a steadfast politician working to secure world peace to an average man or woman who demonstrates remarkable bravery.

After reading the novel, *Unbroken*, most students had never heard of Louis Zamperini, Olympic runner and World War II hero. For a school project, sophomores at Sharpsville Area High School will be choosing and researching a person of courage. Via a debate, poster, and media presentation, their goal is to convince and persuade their classmates that their person is the MOST COURAGEOUS person who ever lived.

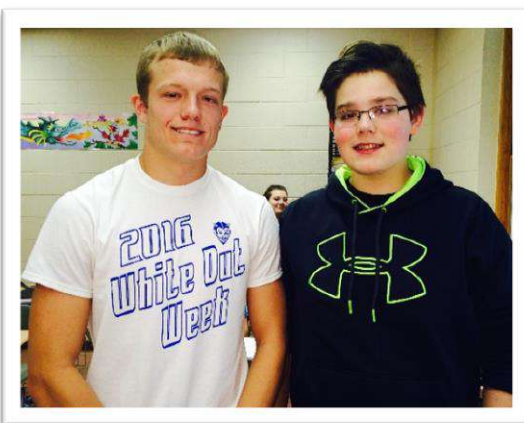
As part of the Louis Zamperini "March Madness" Courage Tournament Project, prizes will be awarded to students who successfully move through the brackets and who create eye-catching "Campaign Posters" and multi-media presentations of their hero. The top student in each of Ms. Oliver's five sophomore classes will have lunch at Muscarella's courtesy of the Patton family.



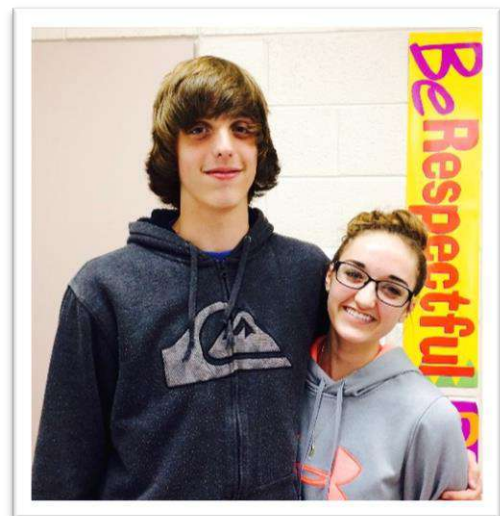
Period 5/6: Champion and Runner-Up



Period 2: Runner-Up and Champion



Period 4: Runner-Up and Champion



Period 10: Runner-Up and Champion

## SPANISH

*Ms. Stoner*

Spanish four students are currently studying commands. They practiced tú commands by giving orders to their peers in class. They have also practiced usted commands, used more formally. Through the coming weeks, they will also learn ustedes, vosotros, and nosotros command forms so that they can boss around any person or group of people!

Spanish one students are currently studying food. They learned about a typical Spanish breakfast, which may include

churros y chocolate or pan-dulce (sweet bread). They have also learned many breakfast and lunch items, such as bacon, eggs, and hamburger. They are currently studying present tense -er and -ir verbs and will soon be learning dinner items. On behalf of our Unified Bocce team; I would like to thank those that came out to support our team yesterday. The atmosphere was tremendous. Our students were super pumped and enjoyed every single moment of the contest. They won the match 3 games to 0 to push their record to 2 and 0. Their next competition will be the mega match at SRU on March 15. We will play Hickory and

if we win we will advance to the championship match.

*Mrs. Toth*

Spanish 2 Classes will be starting a room design project. They will be designing a room. They have multiple ways that they can design it. A few examples include making a scrapbook, using PowerPoint, making a video, building a 3D model, or using a 3D computer animated web based program called floor planner. They will be describing the room using the vocabulary and grammar that we have been learning in class and then presenting the project in Spanish to the class.

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE*Mrs. Moffatt*

FCCLA – We attended the State Leadership Conference in March in Gettysburg. Seven students competed in events ranging from job interviewing and career investigation, to life event planning and culinary knife skills, while bringing home medals and solely representing Mercer County. We also had the privilege of listening to Kevin Laue. Kevin is the first player missing a limb to play NCAA Division I basketball and was an inspiration to all who had the opportunity to hear him speak. Of course we could not leave Gettysburg without touring the battlefield and a few sites in town. A special thanks to Dr. Ferko for helping us become affiliated and serving as the PA FCCLA Board of Directors Chair. The conference was a great experience for our students and our club.







# SHARPSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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**FRONT ROW:** Davin McCallen, Connor Williams

**BACK ROW:** Maggie Robertston, Kristina Mariotti, Sierre Talbert, Kennedy Jones

**NOT PICTURED:** Sophia Carlin and Juquay Hubbard

# ***BLUE DEVIL NATION***

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# ATHLETICS – Let's Go Blue Devils!

## *Winter Wrap-Up*

Boys Basketball under new head coach Chris Kwolek finished the season with a record of 1/21. Although the record may not show it the boys program is headed in the right direction. The boys graduated 5 seniors. Chris Chalupka, Josh Weaver, Brady Hogue, Khaliq Ragster and Corey Powell.

Wrestling started the season strong with a full 13 man line up but due to injuries were down to about 9 starters. Finishing the Season with an overall record of 9-7 the team graduates seniors, Mitchell Swartz, Donny Keck, Michael Mellott, Andy Ryan, Maison Millero, and Chris Mueller. Brock Salvatore and Chris Mueller qualified for states!!!

Girls Basketball under new head coach Katie Grandy finished the season 5-17 and made the playoffs. They graduate the starting 5 of Izzy Schell, Eugena Davies, Kaitlyn Falconi, Alivia Shuttleworth, and Madison Sloan.

## *Spring Means Baseball, Softball, and Track!*

4/11 - Baseball @ Lakeview (varsity only) - 2pm dismissal  
 4/11 - MS Baseball - Sharon with JV  
 4/12 - Unified Track @ Grove City - 2:15pm dismissal  
 4/12 - Track @ Greenville - 1:45pm dismissal  
 4/12 - Softball @ Sharon with JV - 2:10 dismissal  
 4/13 - MS Track @ Wilmington - 2:45pm Dismissal  
 4/13 - Baseball - Hickory (varsity only)  
 4/14 - Track @ West Middlesex - 2:15 dismissal  
 4/14 - Softball - Mercer with JV  
 4/16 - JV Baseball - GroveCity 11 & 1  
 4/16 - Track @ West Middlesex Invite  
 4/16 - Softball @ Slippery Rock



## *Article from Erie Times*

### *Breakout Girls Swimmer/Diver of the Week: Madeline Lauther, Sharpsville*



The Blue Devils don't have a team, but Madeline Lauther gave Sharpsville a prominent place in the recent District 10 standings by finishing second in two events at the district's Class AA meet at S.P.I.R.E. Institute in Geneva, Ohio. She was the runner-up in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 59.31 seconds and placed second in the 100 backstroke with a 1:00.12. As a result, Lauther and Sharpsville can now be found on the psych sheets for this weekend's PIAA meet in Lewisburg. She is seeded 14th in the butterfly and 16th in the backstroke for the state meet.

Lauther trains with Penguin Swimming, a club that is based in Youngstown, Ohio.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**April 19 – 20, 2016:** NOCTI Testing at Mercer County Career Center

**April 22, 2016:** Grand March @ 6PM in HS Gym, Prom to Follow

**April 25 – 29, 2016:** NOCTI Testing at Mercer County Career Center

**April 27, 2016:** AP Review in Lab 79

**April 29, 2016:** AP Review in Lab 79

**May 2 – 6, 2016:** NOCTI Testing at Mercer County Career Center

**May 3, 2016:** AP Art History Test (12:00-4:00)

**May 4, 2016:**

- Progress Reports Due
- AP Literature Exam (8:00-12:00)

**May 5, 2016:** Spring Band Concert (7PM)

**May 7, 2016:** SAT's

**May 9, 2016:**

- AP Biology Exams
- Senior Clearance Sheets Dist.

**May 11, 2016:** AP Language Exam (8:00-12:00).

**May 12, 2016:** AP Stats Exam (12:00-4:00)

**May 13, 2016:** Final Copy of Final Exam is Due

**May 17, 2016:** Two-Hour Delay Schedule Due to Keystone Exams

- Biology Keystone, Module 1: Ac. Biology Class
- Literature Keystone, Module 1: Lit/Comp II Classes and Still Needing to Score Proficient

**May 18, 2016:** Two-Hour Delay Schedule Due to Keystone Exams

- Biology Keystone, Module 2: Ac. Biology Class
- Literature Keystone, Module 2: Lit/Comp II Classes and Juniors Still Needing to Score Proficient

**May 19, 2016:** Two-Hour Delay Schedule Due to Keystone Exams

- Algebra I, Module 1: Algebra I, Ac. Algebra I, and Students Still Needing to Score Proficient
- Biology Keystone, Module 1: Juniors Still Needing to Score Proficient

**May 20, 2016:** Two-Hour Delay Schedule Due to Keystone Exams

- Algebra I, Module 2: Algebra I, Ac. Algebra I, and Students Still Needing to Score Proficient
- Biology Keystone, Module 2: Juniors Still Needing to Score Proficient

**May 23, 2016: Regular Schedule**

- Senior Locker Clean-Out
- Biology Keystone, Module 1 (AM): Juniors and Sophomores Still Needing to Score Proficient
- Keystone Make-Ups (PM): Career Center Student and Other

**May 24, 2016**

- Biology Keystone, Module 2 (AM): Juniors and Sophomores Still Needing to Score Proficient
- Keystone Make-Ups (PM): Career Center Student and Other
- Open-Finals for Seniors
- Senior Fines/Obligations Due
- Principal's Top Ten Dinner (4:30PM)

**May 25, 2016**

- Senior Fines/Obligations Due
- Keystone Make-Ups (PM): Career Center Student and Other

**May 26, 2016**

- Senior Fines/Obligations Due
- Keystone Make-Ups (PM): Career Center Student and Other

**May 27, 2016**

- Senior Final Make-Ups
- Senior Grades Due @ 2:30PM (**NO LATER**)
- Keystone Make-Ups (PM): Career Center Student and Other
- Underclassman Locker Clean-Out

**May 30, 2016:** Memorial Day (**Closed**)

**May 31, 2016:**

- MCCC Last Day of School
- Open Finals Begin

**June 1, 2016:**

- Open Finals
- Commencement Practice @ 8:30AM in Auditorium
- Spring Achievement Awards @ 7:30PM in Auditorium/Cafeteria
- Open Finals Begin

**June 2, 2016:**

- Open Finals
- Senior Breakfast @ 8:00AM in Cafeteria
- Commencement Practice @ 8:30AM in Auditorium
- Baccalaureate @ 7:00PM in Elementary Gym

**June 3, 2016:**

- Final Make-Ups
- Commencement Practice @ 8:30AM in Auditorium
- Grades Due by 11:00AM
- Commencement @ 8:00PM on Football Field or Auditorium (inclement weather).







## **LIGHT IT UP BLUE 5K WALK/RUN**

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**COME OUT AND  
SUPPORT THE  
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE  
DIAGNOSED WITH  
AUTISM**

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**ANY AND ALL PROFIT  
WILL BE DONATED TO  
AUTISM SPEAKS  
FOUNDATION**

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**\$15**

**REGISTRATION FEE  
T-SHIRT INCLUDED  
ALL PROCEEDS GO  
WILL SUPPORT  
AUTISM SPEAKS**

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### **REGISTRATION**

Early Bird Registration  
Mail Payment and Form to:  
Sharpsville High School  
Autism Walk  
Sharpsville, PA 16150

Race Day – Saturday April 30th  
@ 4:00pm in HS Lobby

**TEAMS OF 10 OR MORE  
RECEIVE \$20 OFF  
REGISTRATION**



**SHARPSVILLE, PA**

**REGISTRATION: 4:00 PM**

**KICK OFF: 5:00 PM**



# **SHARPSVILLE**

## **AREA HIGH SCHOOL**



## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism**

### **Race Information:**

**When:** Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

I know that running a road race is a hazardous activity which could cause injury or death. I should not run unless I am medically able, and by my signature, I certify that I am medically able to perform this event and am in good health. I assume all risks associated with running in this event, including but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, effects of weather, and traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the Sharpsville Area School District, the city of Sharpsville, the Autisms Speaks Organization, and all their sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures, recordings, or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Parent or Guardian must sign for participants under 18 years of age\*

### **Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ | Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size (circle one): Youth Large Small Medium Large X-Large 2XL

- Pre-Registration forms are due by April 15, 2016.
- Fee will be \$15 per person, and includes a t-shirt – Checks made payable to Sharpsville LEAD Team. Please include the phrase 'Autism Speaks' in the memo.
- Please mail entries to Sharpsville School District, 1 Blue Devil Way, Sharpsville, PA 16150\*
- Check in will be in the high school lobby prior to the race. You will receive your shirt at that time.
- Please send group registration in one mailing. Each person must fill out a separate form. Each group of ten (10) will receive a \$20.00 discount for registration.
- Groups are encouraged to design and wear team shirts if they wish to do so.