

#BLUDEDEVILNATION



SHARPSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS

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A Word from the Principal

I remember the first batch of students I said goodbye to. I was a second grade teacher in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and I was moving back home to care for my father. I spent the last few weeks spending time at picnics on invitation from their parents, playing with them outside at recess, and trying to make those final lessons as memorable as I could. Those students are graduating from college this spring and there are a few that have actually reached out to me over the years. I always tell them, "Once you are one of my students, you are ALWAYS on of my kids."

The month of May is an interesting time for me. While most members of this school community are getting ready for the year to end I have already started planning for the following year. The end always seems to sneak up on me and before I know it, that time comes around once again – the time to say farewell

to a group of students I have come to care for as if they were my very own children.

So, as I contend with the mix of emotions I will feel over the next few weeks, the joy and pride that comes with seeing my students receive their diploma and the sadness in knowing I may never see them again, I want to leave them with this message:

Welcome to your world. It is not perfect, but it is for you. I am sorry we may not have left it in the prime condition it should be, but I know you are more than prepared to make it what it should be. This world is yours and most things you set your mind to can become a reality. It will not be easy and time will move faster than it ever has in your short lifetime.

Stay focused on your dreams and make sure you put in the effort necessary to take those 'dreams' to the next level. If you feel entitled to

something, then let that feeling go right now – you are entitled to nothing and the world will let you know that each and every single day of your existence.

Remember and honor your roots, but do not cling to them because we will always be there for you. You are scared, but I promise you that you are ready - I see it in your eyes.

It is time to spread your wings.

Remember these three things

1. *Once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil*
2. *Once you are one of my students, you are forever one of my kids.*
3. *The key to immortality is living a life worth remembering.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Dadich". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "T" and a cursive "Dadich".

Timothy J. Dadich,

From the Classroom

SCIENCE

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith's Human Anatomy & Physiology students completed a dissection of the sheep kidney this week. Next week they will complete a culminating dissection of the fetal pig. This laboratory activity will cover all of the major organ system and take several days to finish.

All Biology classes are busy preparing for their Keystone Biology Exam. Students were assessed individually with an online diagnostic tool to determine their strengths and weakness in the 9 topics covered by the Keystone. They will be able to tailor their reviewing strategies to focus on their most needed areas.

Environmental Science continues to work on their greenhouse projects. The different soil mixes tested by the groups are yielding surprising and varying results regarding plant growth, health and color.

Ms. Saeler

The students have recently finished their final topic of study for the Keystone Biology exam; Ecology. As of the first week in May we have begun our review sessions. Each student took the CDT, which is a practice exam that is given online to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses by topic. Upon

completion each student is given a series of review packets tailored to meet their needs based on the CDT results. Class time for the week before the Keystone exam is dedicated to a whole class review of all of the topics learned this year.

Mr. Ference

Honors Physics:

Honors Physics students are completing a unit on electricity. They are investigating the properties and applications of simple, series, parallel, and combination circuits.

Physics:

Physics students are completing a unit on light. They recently completed a project in which they used the primary pigments (cyan, magenta, and yellow crayons) to color a picture on tracing paper. In addition to these three colors, they had to produce blue, green, and red by combining the primary pigments. The pictures were then framed and could be placed in a window to show off the colors. The next part of the unit involves the properties of reflection and refraction and their applications (mirrors, lenses, and total internal reflection).



LITERATURE

Ms. Weingartner

Lit/Comp IV will be completing *Macbeth* by Wednesday. We will do an in-class review on the day before the test, which should be on Friday, May 13th. All students have access to detailed summaries of the play as well as study questions. The test will focus on characters, plot, setting, and theme, and it will include basic questions about Shakespeare, the Renaissance, and the Globe Theater, which students have already reviewed in handouts and activities. Students have watched the Roman Polanski version of the play, which should reinforce their knowledge.

AP Composition will be taking their AP test on Wednesday, May 11th. They will begin reading a

novel as a model for their summer assignments.

AP Literature is reading a mystery novel and working on a project related to this as their final.

Ms. Weingartner will be meeting with students signed up for next year's AP Composition class before the end of May; announcements will be made in advance, and signs will be posted outside of Room 88. We will discuss class interests and review tentative summer assignments, so this is a required meeting that will last about 30 minutes. Volunteers from the current AP Lit and AP Comp classes will join the meeting to answer student questions, too. Summer assignment packets must be picked up in Ms. W's room before June 3rd.

Mrs. Oliver

For sophomores, we just completed the non-fiction novel, *Unbroken*. We will be spending more time on Keystone Preparaton and starting Julius Caesar. Honors classes will be

attending the play, "The Lion" has part of our work with City Theatre of Pittsburgh. All honors students submitted plays and are waiting to see if they are winners for the City Theatre Playwright Program. If chosen, winners will have their plays performed next year by professional actors.

Juniors spent time analyzing Poe short stories and poems. They are working on grammar reviews for SAT preparation and Keystone reviews for the Keystone tests. We are also reading and discussing the novel, *Lord of the Flies*.

SPANISH

Ms. Stoner

Spanish four recently created an invention of the future, designed it, and described what it will do in Spanish. Inventions included a pillow that records dreams, a pill that changes you into whosever DNA is inside of it for an hour, and a wardrobe that folds clothes and picks out outfits. They will continue to practice the future with a discussion about their futures in Spanish.

Spanish one students learned the verb "ser" and adjective agreement. They also recently learned about what cinco de mayo is and a bit of the history of Mexican-US relations. They looked up information about the Mexican-American War and Mexican "bracero" workers of the mid-1900s. Soon, they will be completing their final conversation of the year and presenting it for the class

Mrs. Toth

Spanish 3 - Spanish 3 students were involved in a review lesson on a very important Spanish grammar topic. Since it was review for them, they taught it to each other in a group project setting. Some groups make booklets, some did posters, some did Google presentations. It was a nice was for them to review together.

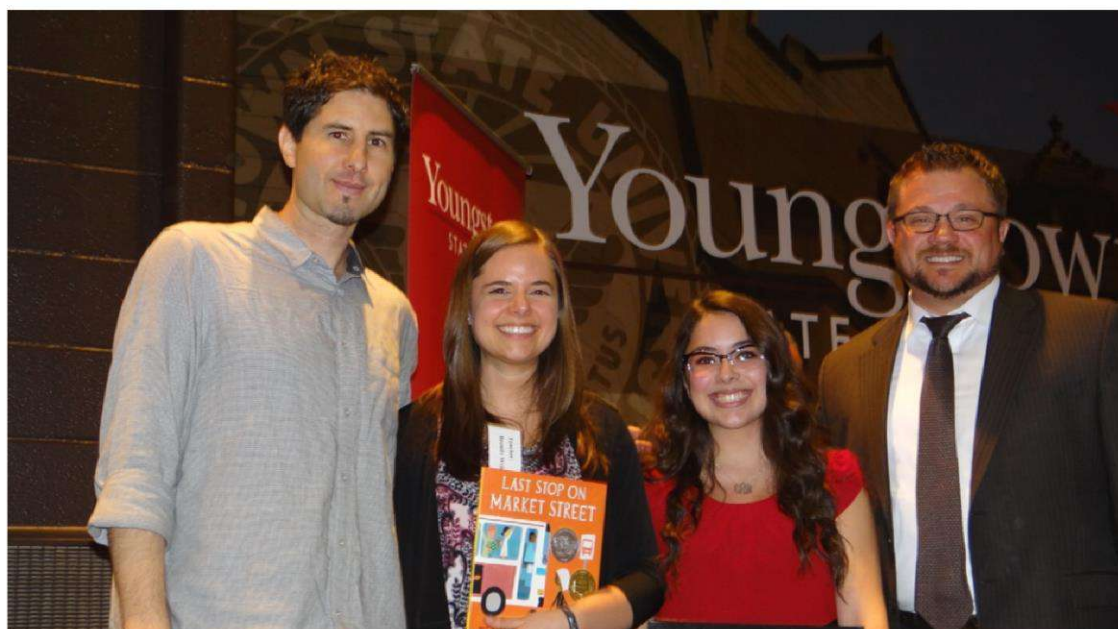
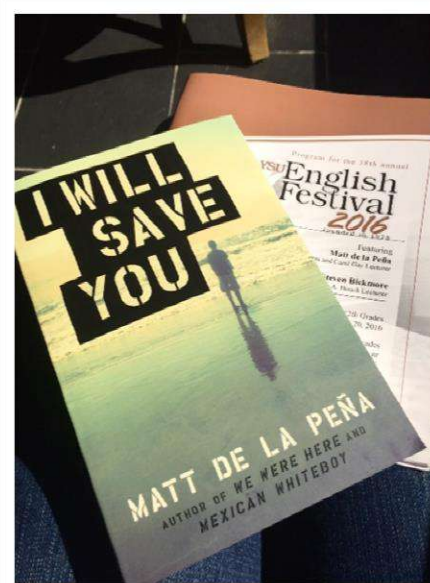
Spanish 2 - Spanish 2 students completed a comparison lesson with a personal creative comparison poster demonstrating their favorite things.



Youngstown State Literature Festival

Ms. Gross

Each year, Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio, sponsors the YSU English Festival. This program reaches out to about 3,000 middle and high school students of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The YSU English Festival is so large that it takes three days to complete. Each year, YSU invites an author to feature at the festival. This year's author was the 2016 Newberry winner Matt de la Peña. Students had the opportunity to meet the author and have their books signed. Grades 10 through 12 attended on April 20, and grades 7-9 attended on April 21. Some of our own SHS students participated in this contest, and the results came out very well. Lily AbiNader took first place in the Candace Gay Memorial Essay contest, the grand prize of the English festival. Lily submitted her essay in February, and at the festival, Mr. Dadich and Ms. Gross had the honor of announcing her as the winner. In addition, Madeline Lauther received honorable mention in the writing games, Shannon O'Brien received 2nd place in Not So Trivial Pursuit, and Jazmine Caldwell took 2nd place in the Renga Riot. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this celebration of reading and writing.



1st Annual Sharpsville Area High School

5K Run - 1 Mile Walk for Autism Awareness

Sponsored by the Sharpsville High School LEAD Team



The Sharpsville LEAD Team, in cooperation with the community of Sharpsville and support of the Sharpsville Area School District and local businesses including: Mehler Insurance, Herrmann's Water, Lowes, Valley Silk Screening, Smiley Miles, Home Depot, Grimm Heating and Cooling, Meadville Credit Union, Sharon Paving, T-Squared Site Services, Lock Stock and Barrel, and New Leaf Residential

Were able to raise over \$3000.00 for Autism Speaks and their ongoing research into the cause, treatment, and lifetime support of those diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Thank you to the over 150 people who participated! We hope to see even more come out for the 5K in April 2017.



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FRONT ROW: Maggie Robertson, Rachel Kocis, Gillian Demofonte

BACK ROW: Juliana Stanko, Max Frazer

NOT PICTURED: Carly Roesch

BLUE DEVIL NATION

A large blue arrow pointing downwards and to the right, starting from the end of the "BLUE DEVIL NATION" text.

Welcome to the Class of 2016

Projected Graduates of Sharpville Area High School

Noah Babcock
Kelsey Barber
Nina Barnes
Ceara Bartosh
Jacob Boyd
Matthew Brant
Vincent Buell
Jenna Bush
Samuel Carlin
Christopher Chalupka
Jiyeon Choi
Rebecca Chuba
Jacob Clepper
Alexis Collins
Haleigh Coryea
Tyler Daugherty
Eugena Davies
Kristin Deeter
Robert Demofonte
Jinchen Ding
Megan Donato
JohnPaul Elliott
Cory Everetts
Kaitlyn Falconi
Sophia Fennell
Abigail Ferlin
Brittany Fitzgerald
Dustin Fuchs
Emma Gerasimek
Nathan Goodnight
Madison Harris
Kacey Heemer
Braden Hogue
James Hogue
Ryan Hogue
Jin Wu
Adam Jones
Andrew Jones
Brandon Joyce

Evan Kapusta
Donald Keck
Sarah Kocis
Benjamin Kolbrich
Kevin Kolesar
Kaylee Kondos
Leah LaRocca
Shandi LaRocca
Sean Loedding
Abigail Lombardo
Brennan Manning
Zakkary Mariottie
Michael Mellott
Emma Messett
Shawna Metzger
Travis Miller
Erin Miller
Maison Millero
Michaela Minner
Taylor Miodrag
Hallie Moore
Justin Morris
Christopher Miller
Delaney Murray
Alec Myers
Douglas Nashtock
Alexander Obrien
Sabrina Oehmichen
Johnathan Parry
Tyrin Peavy
Roberta Pegg
Destyne Peppard
Nicholas Piccirilli
Zachary Pisarcik
Ryan Polochak
Corey Powell
Khaliq Ragster
Ryan Ramsey
Jacon Ranelli

Brady Reefer
Joseph Rice
Ariella Richards
Andrew Ryan
Skyler Salvatore
Francesca Santell
Isabella Schell
Zachary Schooley Halloran
Casie Scott
Abigael Serafin
Chase Serafin
Jared Sherman
Sage Sherman
Alivia Shuttleworth
Abigail Sickafus
Katherine Slaterry
Madison Sloan
Micah Smith
Emily Spatara
Ashley Spears
Christian Stainbrook
Mitchell Swartz
Logan Thompson
Kent Traylor
Aaron Trontel
Travis Walsh
Joshua Weaver
Marissa Wiesen
Matthew Wiesen
John Womer

