

RED LAND HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD REPORT
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GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS, ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE WEST SHORE COMMUNITY. My name is Nate Edwards and I am pleased and honored to report to you this evening.

May is a busy month. It is an exciting time to watch as the school year winds down. It is also time to celebrate accomplishments, share memories, and look into the future.

Next year I plan to attend West Virginia University on a full Army ROTC Scholarship. I am studying Aerospace engineering to make a career as a pilot or engineer in the Army. I have always wanted to serve my country and have decided I want to attend a four year school as well as train for a future in the military. In my opinion, Red Land has done a great job in introducing me to career options and colleges. There are so many opportunities for students to explore paths for the future. Personally, I have attended many meetings with different college admission counselors, figuring out which college sounded best for me. Red Land also offers career readiness class and out of school opportunities, allowing students to explore jobs and colleges outside of school.

Students and faculty at Red Land are gearing up for the end of the school year as we are wrapping up finals and Keystone testing. We are all starting to look back at the amazing year that we had. We have had so many great things going on lately at Red Land.

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, Student Council provided each teacher with a coffee and tea Keurig cup, while Building Administration sponsored a teacher lunch that served baked ziti and garlic knots from Patriot Pizza, and put together student videos on Twitter that highlighted students thanking teachers.

Art Department:
Living Arts Festival

The Living Arts Festival is scheduled for May 21, 2019, from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Our arts students have been diligently working to prepare for this night. Ten Senior Honors Art students will have their portfolios showcased in the lobby, and numerous student works will be displayed throughout the art hallways and classrooms. Please come and see this fantastic display of talent and support our students!

Business Department:
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

On April 8, 9, and 10, 2019, twenty-three (23) students from the Red Land Chapter of FBLA travelled to the Hershey Lodge to compete and participate in the State Leadership Conference. All of the students were able

to attend workshops, network with students from across the state, and observe students from all over Pennsylvania compete in over 70 events! They also competed in 13 different events, either as individuals or on a team.

All 23 students who attended the conference with Mrs. Trish Klinger and Mrs. Taylor Wiggins were going strong from the early morning hours until 10:00 PM or 11:00 PM on both days. Students rose to the challenge in the competitions, worked tirelessly to fill their daily schedules with informative sessions, and enjoyed the amenities at the hotel, especially the indoor pool.

Mrs. Wiggins and Mrs. Klinger along with FBLA Members and Business Students attended the Business Side of Baseball at the Harrisburg Senators! Students learned what really goes into successfully running and operating a minor league baseball team- from grounds-keeping, ticket sales, merchandise sales to promotions and marketing. The students networked with other Central Pennsylvania schools and worked through a series of stations to learn more about what it takes to put a minor league team on the field all season. The students were able to stay to see 4.5 innings of the game against the Altoona Curve. Everyone enjoyed the day learning about all aspects of professional sports and they also learned the two most important words in baseball- Play Ball!!

English Language Arts Department: Leadership and Communication

Mrs. Karen Martin's grade 12 English classes are completing a final personalized learning project for their high school career on leadership and communication. When they are finished, each student will have a portfolio with a resume, cover letter, personal narrative, thoughtful answers to possible interview questions, an essay on the qualities of a leader, as well as other items of their choosing (from a list given to them in class). The project has many options from which the students may choose, and has examples and further instructions laid out for them in Schoology. Each student is excitedly working towards the May 23, 2019, due date!

Empowering Our Voices Through Verse

April was National Poetry Month and Ms. Julie Swartz's freshmen English students were finding voices of their own. Ms. Swartz has been substitute teaching for Ms. Stacy Epler who is out on medical leave. In a weekly Poetry Slam, the students chose a poem to perform for the class. Either an original verse or a favorite poem or lyric, each student was responsible for reading his or her poem in traditional spoken word style, and through the use of pacing, expression and intonation, effectively convey the emotions of the poem. The freedom to speak others' words for the purpose of relaying meaning and dramatic impact allowed the students to practice such valuable skills as eye contact, confident posture, and clear speech when presenting, and gave them a trial run before their upcoming research presentations. All the students participated, several of them volunteering to perform multiple poems, and even more students reading an original verse. Ms. Swartz even performed a few that are near and dear to her heart. Speaking words aloud gives them weight, and for many students, the first time they had heard poetry expressed in quite that way. The act of listening is a lost art on this age group and is just as important in developing an authentic voice as speaking. The use of spoken word helped Ms. Swartz's students breed confidence and discover their self-identities through the art of the poem.

Health and Physical Education Department: Weather Challenges

Throughout the Junior/Senior Physical Education course, students have been learning about and engaging in Lifetime Physical Activities, which includes Tennis, Archery, and Badminton. Recently, students have been participating in the Golf Unit. The recent weather has provided a challenge for the PE department, but it has allowed the teachers and students to break down the necessary swinging cues at a slower pace. Most students have never tried to play golf before, but they have been surprisingly excited to learn. Students learned how to chip and pitch indoor wiffle golf balls, and then real golf balls using sand wedges and irons. A "chip shot" in golf is a shot played from close to the green, usually within a few yards of the putting surface. The result is the ball popping briefly into the air, hitting the ground, and rolling forward toward the hole. The point is to get the ball up and over some sort of obstacle such as a little bit of rough that prevents you from just putting. On the other hand, a "pitch shot" is a shot played with a highly lofted club that is designed to go a relatively short distance with a steep incline or decline. Students have been trying to chip and pitch balls into random hula hoops that we arranged outside on the grass to simulate "holes." Many students have successfully chipped and pitched balls into these hoops.

Music Department: Music Honors

The Red Land High School Music Department travelled to Niagara Falls in May and performed in both Ontario and Toronto. Highlights included touring the Historical Glass Museum in Corning, New York, performing at and visiting the Toronto Science Museum, attending the show "Come From Away" at the beautiful Elgin Theater, and of course, touring the gorgeous city of Toronto and its diverse architecture. Students were able to dine high above Niagara Falls at the Skylon Tower which rotates hourly around the American and Canadian side of the falls. A performance at a garden across from the falls was given. Many diverse tourists stopped to listen and compliment our students' efforts. A visit was also made to the Niagara Butterfly Conservatory which houses thousands of exotic butterflies. Before departing Canada, a stop was made at the Antique Whirlpool Aero Car which carried us across the whitewater rapids of the Niagara River. Students enjoyed four days great days packed full of musical and educational experiences !

Mathematics Department: Keystone Exam Approach

For the fourth marking period, Mrs. Heather Wolfe's Algebra students have been preparing for the Keystone exam, with a new approach. Each student has a predicted score that is calculated from PDE. Mrs. Wolfe takes those scores and the students test scores from the course and has designed individualized paths for every student. For example, if a student is weak in Anchor 2, she has made videos that walk the student through specific examples. The student is then required to complete questions or tasks to show they have mastered that particular content. Furthermore, the students are all required to complete certain Algebra Keystone materials. With each student receiving personalized instruction in their weakness, she is hoping to bolster their Keystone scores and their overall knowledge of Algebra.

Once Mrs. Wolfe made all these materials, she created and shared all her videos, instructional materials and assessments with the middle schools through Schoology. Thus, allowing all students and teacher in the district access to individualized review materials.

Science Department:

Persuasive Essays in Astronomy

Mr. James Beebe's Astronomy classes have spent an entire school year of studying "far-out" galaxies, quasars, black holes, and the very fabric of the universe itself. Students are finishing in our own backyard- our solar system. The largest challenge when studying the solar system is understanding its scale. Every image students have seen of the solar system is incorrect in regards to either the sizes or distances of the planets. Our goal is to bring the solar system into the human scale so that we aren't merely memorizing planets and moons, but understanding the workings of the solar system itself.

World Language Department:

Independent Unit of Study

Students in Señora Aubrey Graeser's Spanish 2 classes have worked hard throughout the semester to master the vocabulary and grammar concepts through a variety of activities, exercises, and performance-based assessments. To round out the semester and create a relaxed learning environment during Keystone testing, they recently began their first independent unit of study. With learning maps in hand, they are taking advantage of choice and exploring their final unit independently. Through a variety of listening, reading, writing, and speaking activities, they are choosing the activities that will most help them master the vocabulary, grammar, and culture concepts of the unit, scheduling conferences with Señora Graeser and participating in small group discussions as needed. As they dabble in the world of independent learning, they are learning to manage their time and work selections through mandatory checkins, and they are seeing how their choices in activities support their needs as learners. We've had a great year, and we're excited to finish strong!

Movin' On Up

The administration and staff at Red Land welcomed the Class of 2020 on May 7, 2019, into the Red Land Family. Upon entering the campus for the first leg of their journey through Red Land, the 8th graders from Allen, Crossroads, New Cumberland and St. Theresa's received a welcome from Mrs. Holly Sayre. Presentations followed from Mr. Ryan Edwards, Mrs. Tonya Resto, and Mr. Robert Starrett. In addition, Marah Dormuth, Key Club President, talked about getting involved in activities and Mr. Scott Slayton talked about Red Land's notable Patriot Challenge Day in August. Ms. Aubrey Graeser's and Mrs. Taylor Wiggins' Student Council organized the tour for small groups (10-15 students).

Senior Class Meeting

On May 17, 2019, Red Land will have a senior class meeting about graduation. Mrs. Holly Sayre will outline expectations for the ceremony; Ms. Heather Wolfe, senior class dean, will present a summary, timeline of activities, and being an alumna herself, what it means to have a Red Land High School diploma.

Walk in the Clouds

Juniors and seniors were all jazzed up as they boomed to one of the most anticipated events in every high school student's career- prom! This year's theme "Walk in the Clouds" was held on May 11, 2019, from 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM at the Harrisburg Holiday Inn East. Cheyenne Philips was crowned as Prom Queen, and Parker Duffie was crowned as Prom King. Pictures from Pennlive can be viewed at <https://www.pennlive.com/life/2019/05/red-land-high-school-prom-photos.html>

Talent Show

Red Land hosted the 17th Annual Talent Show from 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM on April 26, 2019

Red Land raised \$8,650 for Silence of Mary.

1st Place Honors – Jessie Rowzer

2nd Place Honors – Lance Miller, Carson Wayne, Timmy Seiferth, and Max Farling

3rd Place Honors – Trinity Bailey and Justin Hertzog

Fan Favorite: Made Stoeffler

Senior Academic Breakfast

On May 15, 2019, Seniors who have a grade point average 93 and above were invited to the annual Senior Academic Breakfast. A total of 80 students met the criteria and attended festivities along with 180 parents and loved ones.

Scores and Schedules

Athletics

We are pleased to provide for you in the Board Report an update on athletic scores and highlights of the winter sports season.

2019 Spring Sports Team Results

Tennis

Varsity 6-12

Baseball

Varsity 16-2

JV 13-6

Softball

Varsity 2-16

JV 5-11

Track and Field

Boys 0-7

Girls 3-4

Boys Lacrosse

Varsity 4-14

Girls Lacrosse

Varsity 9-10

Boys Volleyball

Varsity 4-14

For a comprehensive sports schedule, please visit www.HighSchoolSports.net.

On April 29, 2019, Red Land held a College Commitment Athletic Signing Day. A total of 21 students were recognized.

Junior Luke Wagner was also recently recognized by Major League Baseball to participate in the Prospect Development Pipeline League. Luke was one of 80 high school players from the Class of 2020 chosen to participate in the league. Last Thursday, representatives from Major League Baseball and USA Baseball presented Luke with a jersey at a ceremony in the lobby.

Remaining Senior Events

Before the alarm goes off for one last time, take a second to reflect on the remaining ticks of our clock:

- May 15, 2019- Senior Academic Breakfast
- May 21, 2019- Living Arts Festival and Concert
- May 23, 2019- Senior Award Night
- June 8, 2019- Commencement practice and Commencement Ceremony in the evening

Also, we should not forget other events such as graduation parties with family, friends and loved ones.

On behalf of the students and staff of Red Land High School, thank you for the opportunity to report to you this evening. Good night.