

News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo
As We Educate Remotely

Re-Cap of WEEK 14: June 18, 2020



LAST DAY!

BOE Meetings

Due to COVID-19, Board of Education meetings are held remotely. Live stream info is provided on the district website.

6 PM, JUN 18Special Meeting

6:30 PM, JUN 23

Public Hearing on 2020-2021

District Safety Plan

7 PM, JUN 23
Regular Meeting

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Will be on hiatus next week. Returning in July! Well, everyone, we made it.

We have survived, and often thrived, over 14 weeks of remote instruction in the most unprecedented year in our careers. Countless Google Hangouts. Thousands of grab-and-go meals and online meetings. Masks galore. And, of course, the toilet paper. Who still has 20 or so rolls stacked away ... just in case?

We emerged in June with a fantastic Senior Parade organized by dedicated parents whose efforts inspired us all. We have more than 200 seniors receiving diplomas on June 27th. We have a passed budget and have approval to purchase school buses, and we have two outstanding returning Board members.

Clearly, we can declare victory on many counts but we can't call it a day just yet. Over these months of shut downs, sanitizing, masks and social distancing we have managed to calm COVID-19—but the beast is still very much among us.

Thus, a reminder as our administrators, clerical, computer technicians, laborers, custodians, grounds, courier, and maintenance staff return to our buildings on Monday. For everyone's safety, face masks are recommended at all times and they are REQUIRED when the 6 foot distancing cannot be met. Entry will be denied to anyone not wearing a mask. Visitors should be kept to an absolute minimum. The school buildings themselves do not reopen in our region until Phase 4.

We have much to celebrate, much to be grateful for and much to look forward to. With that in mind, as you enjoy the summer, please remain vigilant of your own health and the health of those around you. We will continue to work on plans for safe resumption of school in the Fall.

Meanwhile, stay safe and well and, fingers crossed, see you in September!
Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo

1. Samantha Lynn Donovan



4. Jenna Claire Kowal



Class of 2020 Top 10

5. Mary Alice Kromer



6. Jacob William Pregitzer



2. Hanna Marie Donovan



7. Nicole Elizabeth Logan



8. Logan Edward Wray



9. Alexandria Rose Zuidema



3. Sierra Lynn Alioto



10. Stephanie Rheanna Mruk





Here's the MUD Video! SHORELINES 2020

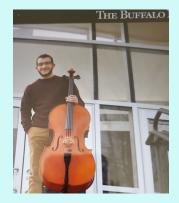
is brought to you by the Yearbook staff and footage contributed by students.

This year's Moving Up Day video chronicles highlights from what began as a typical school year until it was abruptly upended by COVID-19 ... and then returning to some semblance of "normal" as the school year drew to a close.

Take a look **HERE** for some memories of a most unusual year.

Click to see our kids featured in the BN Salute to Seniors!

Nicholas Chiapetta
Faith Mikolajczyk
Daniel Slotman
Jadyn Jones









"Way of the Waves," Dye on Cloth, by Hailey Haynes.

Enjoy the entire exhibit **HERE!**



Acrylic on Canvas, by Nicole Logan.

High School Art Exhibit

Portfolios Represent Students' Best Work Over 4 Years

Welcome to the <u>Senior Art</u> <u>Show</u> which, in this unique year, is in pdf format.

"Circumstances require us to hold our exhibition virtually," says High School art teacher Katie Zittel. "With that being said, it is our pleasure to present to you our amazing art students and their portfolios."

These portfolios consist of the students' best artwork created over the span of their high school careers.

"Throughout the past four years, we have been witness to the incredible artwork they have created and shared with our school-community," said Mrs. Zittel. "We are also very fortunate to have a dedicated K-12 art staff who have nurtured the talents of our students throughout the years, as well as an administration and Board of Education who support the Arts Education program in our District."



Sharing Board ...

On Race, Equity & Social Justice

From Wakelet Community Week

Join TedX Speaker and Equity Specialist Ken Shelton for a "town hall" type discussion about the challenges we face around inequality, social justice, and systemic racism.

Resources are HERE.

Direct Webinar Replay Link is

HERE.

FlipgridLIVE 2020 A Celebration of Community

It's The Big Event! On Monday, June 29, join our virtual celebration as we

share stories of inspiration

from the #FlipgridForAll community and unveil the all-new Flipgrid! Register here

More Parade Photos

Shared by Amy VanNote Photography HERE. *If asked for a code, use 5668.*

5 minutes

spent here can make your life a lot easier!
Mike D. explains how to SHARE your Google
Drive files **HERE**.

A sneak peek at

restoration in progress of the High School gym floor

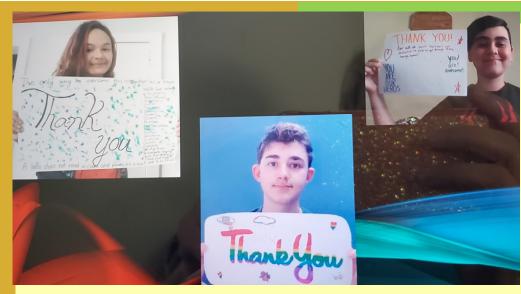
in time-lapse photos as seen from the scoreboard!

Watch it **HERE**.

'One of the best school gyms around.' - Juan Grabriel on FB.

Q. HOW do I submit items to News & Notes?

A • Email your story, photos, links, etc., to jane.burzynski@lscsd.org ... news items also may be used on the District website, Facebook page and Twitter, as appropriate.



To Our Heroes: A Tribute in Music & Art

During this unprecedented time, we have been made more aware and more appreciative of the heroes around us every day. The 6th, 7th

and 8th grade band musicians, under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Kenny and Mr. John Kresse, have worked very hard on artwork and performances to honor and say "Thank You" to their heroes.

Click **HERE** for their performance.

THANK YOU for your N&N responses!

We've received 110 responses to the News & Notes survey and we will be reading more as they come in. Meanwhile, here is what we have learned so far:

84.5% of respondents say they read N&N all the time, 15.5% read it occasionally.

DURING REMOTE INSTRUCTION:

- 58.2% liked the more frequent distribution, 20.9% prefer bi-weekly, 14.5% had no opinion.
- 69.1% liked seeing the increased number of pages, 16.4% said 2 pages is sufficient. 14.5% had no opinion.

The TOP 3 read items in N&N:

92.7%: photos & articles about students;

89.1%: Superintendent's Message;

PRETTY MUCH A TIE: Photos & articles about staff (85.5%) and info about upcoming events (84.5%)

54.5% use the hotlinks some of the time, 22.7% use them all the time and 22.7% don't use them.

Respondents said what they like best about N&N is keeping updated and connected with everyone across the district, loved seeing kids and staff, appreciated communication from the Superintendent. (There were many compliments, thank you!)

Among the suggestions: More news about student achievement, news from each building, share with the community, use student writers. (There were many suggestions, thank you!)