



# BEARCAT NEWS

## Meet the New Addition to HASD!



### Sharon Conaway — HS Biology

After graduating from York Suburban High School, I attended Juniata College to be certified as a medical technologist. I worked in health care for several years as a healthcare professional, sales representative, and regional trainer before returning to Millersville University and Elizabethtown College to be certified in Biology and General Science. I am thrilled to be teaching biology and environmental science at the Huntingdon Area High School. Both of our children are Huntingdon graduates so

our family has always felt like true Bearcats since arriving here in Oct. of 2001. Outside of school, I enjoy gardening, being outside, and spending time with family and friends.

### Mr. Treece — MS Assistant Principal

My name is Zachary Robert Treece. I bring passion, charisma, and dedication to all facets of my life. I am a people person. I believe possessing the ability to effectively communicate with all stakeholders is essential as a school leader. I make the most of each and every day of my life. I am a family man and I bring that sense of family with me in the school setting. I am a caring and compassionate person. I also have a sense of humor and I think it is important to laugh, feel comfortable and enjoy life. I have the ability to adapt to any and all situations that are presented before me. I can think quickly on my feet and make effective decisions.

I am a 2002 graduate of Tussey Mountain High School. I graduated from Shippensburg University in 2006 with a BS in Elementary Education, and a minor in Early Childhood. I graduated with a Master's Degree in School Administration from Shippensburg University in 2013. I was born and raised in Saxton, PA, and continue to call it my home.

I taught in the Tussey Mountain School District for seven years. I had the opportunity to teach Preschool, Kindergarten, Third Grade, and Sixth Grade. I was the Junior High Principal at Tussey Mountain Junior/Senior High School for the previous two years.

I am an avid sports fan. I love anything that has to do with sports. I love all the Pittsburgh sports teams, however, the Steelers and Pirates are my favorite teams. In the summer time, I like to travel to PNC Park to watch the Pirates.

In my spare time I enjoy going to the movies, spending time with my wife and loved ones, exercising, playing sports, and trying to keep up with my pets. My wife and I enjoy traveling to the beach, and taking hikes with our dogs.



Dates  
To  
Remember:

**Jan. 2**

**No School**

**Jan. 9 to 13**

**HS Mid-terms Testing**

**Jan. 16**

**Act 80 Day—No School for Students**

**Jan. 17**

**End of Marking Period 2**

**Jan. 21**

**HS Semi-Formal Dance**

**Jan. 25**

**HS Scheduling Night 6 pm**

## HS Mid-term Testing Schedule

Huntingdon Area High School will be holding mid-semester testing on January 9th to 13th. We will be using a similar schedule for midterms as we have in the past for finals with double periods for administering the midterm exams. **There will be NO early dismissals.**

### Mid-term Schedule 2016-2017

Times	January 9 <sup>th</sup>	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	January 11 <sup>th</sup>	January 12 <sup>th</sup>	January 13 <sup>th</sup>
7:58-8:48	1	2	3	4	1
8:51-9:41					2
9:44-10:07	2	1	1	1	3
10:10-10:34	3	3	2	2	
10:37-12:05	4	4	4	3	4
12:08-12:58	5	6	7	5	5
1:01-1:51				6	6
1:54-2:17	6	5	5	7	7
2:20-2:45	7	7	6		

\*\*A Special Lunch Schedule will be sent out for Period 3 on January 12<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*January 12<sup>th</sup> is the ONLY day CT will have to remain all day at HAHS. AM CT students should report to the auditorium during period 1, 2 and 3.

If you have any questions, please call the High School office.

## SCHEDULING NIGHT AT HAHS FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR!

Parents and Students are invited to come to Scheduling Night on **January 25th at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium** for all incoming 9th graders (current 8th graders) through current 11th graders. Scheduling Night is an opportunity for parents and students to hear from teachers about the different content areas and the course sequence for specific disciplines. Attendees will be placed in small groups for teacher sessions and hear about the expectations for each course and prerequisites needed for particular courses. Please plan on attending this great event if your son or daughter is a member of the Class of 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021!!!!

If you have any questions, please call the High School Guidance office at 641-2156.

## Standing Stone FFA—We've been busy!

The Standing Stone FFA chapter has been busy this year traveling, selling, and learning about agriculture in every aspect. They kicked off their year with officer inaugurations, each student had to provide 3 paragraphs about what the FFA means to them, why they want to be an officer, and why they would be good at their office. Hunter Einodshofer was elected president, Rachel Householder vice president, Sydney Barnett secretary, Lissy Kinder treasurer, Katie Shultz assistant treasurer, Madison Buckley reporter, Taylor Wertz chaplain, and Owen Kauffman sentinel. Soon after elections, these officers started their leadership roles by taking a weekend trip to the lake with a neighboring chapter's officers to get ideas and establish expectations for the upcoming year. As for the members of Standing Stone FFA, they studied hard and tested their knowledge at this year's state convention held at Penn State University. They were pleased with their results especially since their agronomy team placed first and won a trip to national convention where they would compete against teams from all over the U.S.



Though every member's favorite time of the year is fair time and this year's team of FFA members took "the W." Each student spent their summer expanding their herd sizes and preparing their animals for show day which in the end paid off when many members took home grand champion. Also, Dana Myers and Rachel Householder who are members of Standing Stone FFA were crowned Fair Queen and Alternate Fair Queen.

Come fall, FFA members kicked off the school year with their traditional fall sandwich sale which brings members together as a team to assemble the 365 sandwiches sold. This fundraiser helped students to pay for fall field trips like Career Development Events, and Ag in the Classroom at the fairgrounds. At Ag in the Classroom, students get the chance to prepare a fifteen minute presentation about anything that relates to agriculture which they presented to fourth graders from Standing Stone, Southside, and Juniata Valley Elementary schools. This fall, ten dedicated members drove to Indianapolis for National convention where the Agronomy team would compete and others would learn about what kind of roles agriculture has in today's society. Our new members and officers were able to learn more about what the FFA organization stands for and how to take advantage of the many opportunities FFA has to offer at the annual Fall Leadership Conference. FFA members were able to test their athletic abilities at Juniata FFA's annual volleyball tournament though they lacked hand-eye coordination; their team learned to step out of their comfort zone and work as a team. Recently, Standing Stone FFA members finished their famous fruit and poinsettia sale where they sold over 1300 items. Members even came together to sell some extra fruit at Tractor Supply while taking donations for the Huntingdon County Humane Society. Standing Stone FFA chapter has been very busy this year and even though the holidays are coming up, students are already hard at work planning more fundraisers, field trips, and community service projects for when their break is over.



## HAHS State Wrestling Champ Signs for Edinboro College!

Huntingdon's Senior Jacob Oliver, State Wrestling Champion at 170, signed his national letter of intent for Edinboro College on November 10th at 3 pm. A small reception was held in Jacob's honor after the signing.

## STEM Classrooms at HAMS!

The middle school students have been busy in STEM this year! Sixth grade started off the year with a two-part flight unit. During this unit, our students learned about the different forces that affect flight, calculated speed using their measured distance and flight time, and re-researched famous astronauts. With a small group of their peers, students designed, built, and tested a water bottle rocket and a paper airplane. Continuing with the space travel theme, our sixth grade students started learning about heat



in order to design a heat shield that would protect an egg-stronaut. This unit was modeled after the heat shield tiles that NASA uses to protect astronauts as their space shuttles return to Earth. Before designing and building their heat shields, the students learned how to convert between the three temperature scales, Fahrenheit, Celsius, and Kelvin, and how heat moves through conduction, convection, and radiation. Using what they had learned, the students created a heat shield out of materials like aluminum foil, wire mesh, felt, steel, and spackle.



Seventh and eighth grade began the year learning about electricity and magnetism. They explored the relationship between electric currents and magnetic fields and learned how to create a circuit. Using this information, the students designed an electromagnetic apparatus that allowed a pop-up card to open itself. Thanks to the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant, our students also designed and built a float for the Homecoming Parade during this time. Next, the seventh and eighth grade students started a plant unit where they learned about the different characteristics of plants, the various adaptations of invasive plants that allow them to survive and thrive anywhere in the world, and how to design something in three-dimensions using CAD. The students designed a trail sign that will be 3D printed and placed along a local nature trail in the spring. Students also participated in a maple seed design challenge and created an original invasive plant that contained several adap-



# Middle School News!!

Exploration of High School and Post-Secondary Options

## 8th Grade Tour—

All 8th grade students toured the Huntingdon County Career and Technology Center in Mill Creek, PA. on Thursday, December 22, 2016. HCCTC provides an educational environment emphasizing integration of academic and technical experiences. After completion of select programs, graduates can seek immediate employment in the challenging, competitive world of work. Others may pursue post-secondary education at institutions of higher learning. Students will view programs including automotive mechanics, carpentry, electrical occupations, precision machining, welding, cosmetology, culinary arts, health occupations, heating, ventilation & air conditioning, collision repair, and public health & safety. The excursion to HCCTC will be a positive experience that will allow students to ponder life beyond the Huntingdon Middle School and learn about post-secondary options.

## Visit to Juniata College—

On December 8th, a small group of students toured the campus of Juniata College. The purpose of the event was to expose young people to post-secondary options. Participants enjoyed learning about the different programs at Juniata College and the rigorous admission requirements. The students were appreciative of the opportunity and expressed enthusiasm regarding career aspirations for the future.

## Presentation by West Point Cadet—

Madeline Suba, a former graduate of HAHS and sophomore at West Point Academy, met with students regarding military life. Madeline offered valuable advice to those considering the difficult application process to a military academy. Students were encouraged to be physically active, take challenging courses, and volunteer time in service organizations. Madeline is majoring in history and plans to pursue law school.

## Career Presenter—

On December 20th, Kammy Laird, School Principal for the Department of Corrections in Smithfield, presented information about a program called Canine Partners for Life. Ms. Laird brought four labrador retriever puppies to HAMS during the lunch periods. She explained how the dogs are trained and how individuals with health impairments benefit from them. Ms. Laird also offered a list of possible careers in state correctional facilities.

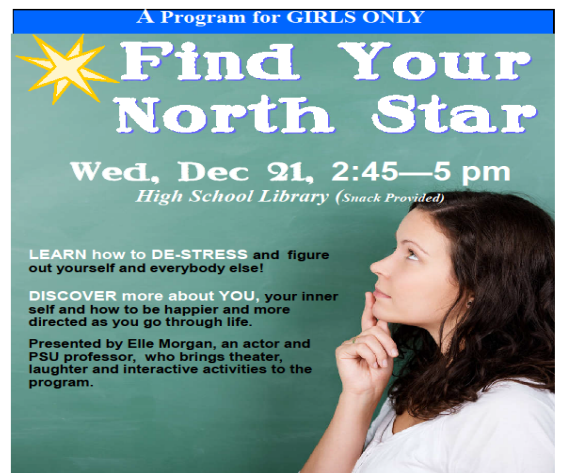
## Finding Your North Star!

The Smart Girls program was held on Wednesday, Dec. 21st after school from 2:45 - 5 pm in the HS Library.

Here is a poster describing the event and how students sign up to attend.

The Smart Girls events are held once a month to educate young girls with various aspects of life.

If your daughter would be interested in participating in these events, please contact the Guidance office.



Sign up in the Guidance Office by Tues, Dec 20.

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**A SMART GIRLS PROGRAM**  
A Collaboration between Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the HAHS Guidance Office

### ATTN: Senior Parents

If your child has not ordered their cap and gown, please contact Mrs. Bolton, Senior Class Advisor or Mitzi in the Guidance Office.

Also, they should have completed a card that stated how they would like their name on the diploma. If that was not completed, please contact Mitzi.



## Sheetz Field Trip!

On December 7th, the guidance office hosted a trip to Sheetz, Inc in Claysburg. Thirty students had the opportunity to tour the Sheetz Shwellness Center, Sheetz Distribution Center and the Sheetz Brothers Kitchen. They learned about the history of the company, from the first store opening in 1952 through their expansion to over 540 convenience stores in six different states. The main focus of the day was to expose students to the over 400 corporate positions that support the store level employees! Positions include opportunities in finance, technology, distribution, branding, energy management and more! The day was led by Sheetz Manager of Employee Programs, Earl Springer.... the inventor of the MTO! After participating in several fun group activities and the facility tours, students were treated to lunch in the Sheetz Brothers Kitchen. The students truly enjoyed the day, and there are plans to take another group of students to visit in the spring.

**Parent Points!** Important dates and information for parents to know —if you have any questions or would like to have more details, please call the HS Guidance Office at 641-2156

### COLLEGE CORNER—

**Seniors:** January is a critical time for the road to post-secondary education! If you have not yet applied to any trade schools or colleges, never fear; there is still time, but the sooner you get started, the better!

If you have already applied, make sure to fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so you can get access to financial aid. We will be having a second **FAFSA Completion Night**, so remind your senior to be listening to the school announcements in order to hear the date and how to sign up. If you're looking to apply for additional financial aid, be sure to check out the **Financial Aid section of the High School Guidance website for scholarship listings.**



Please email Miss Sarah (College Advisor) at [sscott@huntsd.org](mailto:sscott@huntsd.org) if you have any college or career questions!