



CAMP HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Educational Excellence

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA S. CRAIG

Dear Community Members,

Can you picture where you were and what you were doing the afternoon of March 13, 2020? At approximately 3:00 p.m. that day Pennsylvania Superintendents received a press release from the Governor's office announcing the closure of all public schools due to the escalating number of cases of COVID-19. On March 13, 2020, the world of public education across the commonwealth was turned upside down. Despite the fact that many of us were anticipating some type of announcement earlier that morning, it was certainly a difficult one to read and to act upon. Prior to dismissal, an announcement was hastily made in our schools asking students and staff to take their educational resources and any personal belongings home with them. "Why?" many students and staff members asked. We could not have predicted at that time that March 13, 2020 would be the last time many of us would walk into our learning and working spaces for the remainder of the school year.

The subsequent and final closure announcements were equally difficult and especially disappointing to the Class of 2020. Our hearts go out to this class who has not been able to fully participate in and enjoy the culminating milestones of senior year. I believe I can speak for our entire staff that we are mourning the daily personal interactions that are critical to the work we do every day for our students. Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking take on a whole new look and feel in a remote learning and working environment. We truly miss our students, our families and each other.

In the days following the March 13 announcement, District staff worked diligently to successfully implement a structured remote learning plan by grade level, subject or course. On April 6, teachers began posting Learn at Home plans that can be accessed on our District website through teacher webpages. The plans offer review and enrichment activities as well as essential new learning for all of our K-12 students. Because our Learn at Home plans include the use of digital platforms and educational resources, it was critical for the District to survey families to determine their level of access to devices and ensure equity. After reviewing the data, we were able to schedule multiple Chromebook distribution dates from two of our buildings based on the needs assessment.

Despite the challenges of implementing a new and unfamiliar model of learning within a very short period of time, the CHSD staff has not wavered from their ongoing commitment to doing the very best for our students. The bottom line is that we are all learning. Teachers and staff have embraced and ramped up their own professional learning in order to utilize effective digital tools, coupled with best practices, to ensure that our students are engaged in meaningful learning activities during this last marking period.

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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT PATRICIA S. CRAIG (CONT.)

During this pandemic, the Camp Hill Community has come together in unprecedented ways to support each other, spread joy, and demonstrate that the sense of belonging in our community is second to none. I am confident that we are going to continue to do great things in the Camp Hill School District. I know that we will push through to the other side of this experience where we can look back at March 13, 2020 and see that we have become stronger, wiser and closer as a community. On behalf of the entire District and the Camp Hill Board of Directors, we extend our best wishes for the health of our entire community. We thank you for your continued support, for partnering with us to empower our students to achieve their full potential, and for helping us to make every day a great day to have Lion PRIDE!

SENIOR STRONG

The announcement that Pennsylvania schools would be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year was difficult to hear but especially for our Senior Class. In an effort to recognize the Class of 2020, High School Principal, Mark Ziegler, and Athletic Director, Sarah Fanus, coordinated a senior signs project. Yard signs were made and distributed to each student in the Class of 2020 to display at their house. Principal Mark Ziegler commented that this is a hardworking and creative group of students and this is one way that we can show our support. To view a video with details about the project, visit <https://youtu.be/celiHlyZtrE>.

Yard signs were also placed near the Middle/High School along Chestnut Street for each senior athlete involved in a spring sport. In addition, Senior Spotlights were posted on the Camp Hill Athletics Twitter page (@GoCHAthletics) to recognize these students.

Thank you to Sara Kaplaniak, Alison Goodwin, Haas Printing, the Lion Foundation, and the volunteers who made this project possible! To the Class of 2020, thank you for your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. We are proud of you and appreciate your contributions to the Camp Hill Community!



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CELEBRATING LION SUCCESS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- **Quin DeCavalcante**, 7th grade, CHMS winner of the 2020 National Geography Bee.
- **Roar & Mr. Diehl** for an outstanding performance of the national anthem at a Hershey Bears' game in January.
- **Samuel Stahl**, 6th grade, who competed in the WITF Grand Championship Spelling Bee.
- **Deja Smith**, 7th grade, who participated in Penn State Harrisburg's production of *Millie D's Bar & Grill*. The play was performed to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- **Josiah Garber**, 6th grade, who swam in 19 races at the Junior Olympics.
- **Mini-THON participants** who raised \$104,310.28 to donate to Four Diamonds. Thank you everyone for your continued support!
- the **High School students** inducted into the World Language Honor Society & the National Honor Society.
- **Kristhian Acevedo-Cuevas**, 12th grade, who earned a spot in the state tournament for archery.
- **Mason Long**, 12th grade, who was named Student of the Quarter at Cumberland Perry Vo-Tech School.
- **Gus Eberlein & Matthew Gurgiolo**, 12th grade, who were named as finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition. **Gus** was selected as a winner of the National Merit \$2500 Scholarship.
- **Zach Raab, Nick Feagin, Kristhian Acevedo-Cuevas, Aidan Stever, Lisander Diaz & Jacob Shellenhamer** for graduating from the S.T.E.P. Academy at HACC. Special thanks to the Lion Foundation for their support.
- **Audrey Edwards, Kate Knepper, Sadie Schultz, Madelyn Stalter & Anjali Zumkhawala-Cook** who completed Hershey Medical Center's PULSE Program.
- **Caleb Aranos, Gurveen Batth, Hannah Brosius, Julia Dolimpio, Maya Forte, Ella Jack, Amelia Jones & Reese Rettberg** who completed the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) course through HACC & the Camp Hill Fire Department. Special thanks to the Lion Foundation for their support.
- The **Indoor Guard** for placing 1st in the KIDA show at Central Dauphin in February.
- **Matthew Gurgiolo** who is a finalist for the 2020 John Travers Award.
- the **Wrestling Team** for Camp Hill's first ever District Team Win.
- **Max Delaye & Sean Getty** who both won gold medals in wrestling at District Championships.
- **Connor Trumpy** who scored his 1000th point during the District Championship game for boys basketball.
- the **Wrestling Team** for their 4th place finish (out of 32) at the Jerry Mita Tournament in Pinellas Park, FL. **Sean Getty, Christian Doi, Ben Mullin, Parker Rice, Paul Parise, & Joe Carey** earned medals. **Sean Getty** was named most outstanding wrestler in the heavier weight's category.
- The following students who were named Mid-Penn Capital Division All Stars: Wrestling - **Max Delaye, Sean Getty, Paul Parise, Christian Doi & Parker Rice**; Girls Basketball - **Kendal McCall**; Boys Basketball - **Jake Perry & Connor Trumpy**.

NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- Hoover & Eisenhower held **One School, One Book** kick-off assemblies where they learned about sled dogs, the Iditarod & the sport of mushing. Every child received a copy of *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz. Special thanks to the Lion Foundation for their support.
- 4th grade students learned about aquatic environments using the **aquaponics cart**. They also planted lettuce and herbs.
- 11th and 12th grade students participated in Junior Achievement's **Real Life Financial Literacy program**.
- Approx. 25 CH students from elementary through high school performed as part of the **K-12 District Art Show**. Musical performances included a selection from the HS musical and solo & ensemble performances on piano, trumpet, flute, oboe, baritone, and singing.

Newsletter photos courtesy Samuel Getty, Meg Murphy, The Lion Foundation, & CHSD



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MAY

- 1-29** Learn at Home plans can be accessed on the District website through teacher webpages.
25 SCHOOL CLOSED, Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1** Last day for kindergarten & grade 12
1 School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
4 Last day for grades 1-11
8 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC

JULY

Enjoy your summer!

AUGUST

- 3** School Board Work Session, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
10 School Board Meeting, 7 PM, Green Room TPC
27 First Day of School

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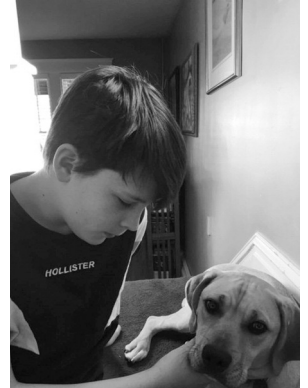
TECH DEPARTMENT COORDINATES CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION FOR CAMP HILL STUDENTS

Camp Hill School District's small but mighty Technology Department worked diligently following the announcement of school closures in March to identify access needs for students. With the introduction of Learn at Home plans and increased use of digital platforms, it was crucial to ensure students had access to digital educational resources. The Technology Department began collecting information through parent surveys for students in grades 6-12 and, as the school closures were extended, for students in grades K-5. Building administrative assistants helped with the process by contacting families who were not able to complete the survey. Following a review of the data collected from the surveys, they scheduled dates for families to pick up Chromebooks. By mid-April approximately 150 Chromebooks were distributed to Camp Hill students.

In addition to Chromebooks, the Technology Department provided information about Free/Low-Cost Internet Options for Camp Hill families which may be found at www.camphillsd.k12.pa.us under Coronavirus Updates and Resources.

Thank you to the Technology Department and district staff who coordinated these efforts!

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