

OCTOBER 2021 ISSUE

SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

A Message from Superintendent Anthony Suozzo



"The South Hunterdon Regional School District is truly a special place due to our committed staff, amazing students and supportive parents. This year we look forward to full days of instruction providing a rigorous academic experience for our students while supporting their social emotional needs."

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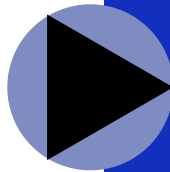
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SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Your
**OCTOBER
UPDATE**



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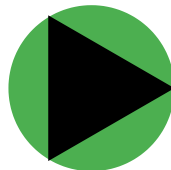
Each month, Superintendent of Schools Anthony J. Suozzo will share a brief video message.

Click the icon to watch!

{ Watch Video }

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY FOR SCHOOLS

South Hunterdon Regional High School has earned Sustainable Jersey for Schools 2021 Bronze Certification.



{ Watch Video }

Lambertville Public School 1st Grade Teacher Chelsea Gardiner reflects on the district's recent green accomplishment in this video interview.



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

*Important Reminders
from the Counseling Department*

- ▶ The Start Strong Assessments are taking place **October 4th & 5th** for math, **October 6th & 7th** for English language arts, and **October 8th** for science. (Grades 9 and 12 only will be tested for science.) Make-ups will take place the following week.
- ▶ The PSAT is scheduled to be administered to 10th & 11th graders, and select 12th graders, during school the morning of **October 13th**.
- ▶ The next SAT administration at South will take place on **December 4th**. The October SAT was given on **October 2nd**.



2021 SHRSD REFERENDUM



The State will pay 40% of allowable costs associated with our project.

Interest rates remain historically low. We also have existing debt that will be expiring making it a good time to borrow additional funds for these critical needs of the district.

LPS repairs have been delayed and are long overdue while WAS has structural issues and site challenges. We can't wait any longer to address these issues.

We have land that we can use for our projects that is not going to cost the taxpayer any money to purchase.

Our students and staff deserve 21st century learning spaces.

SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



Mark Your Calendar!



S M T W T F S

- Oct. 1** Homecoming Football Game vs. Highland Park at 7 PM
- Oct. 2** SAT @ South 8 AM
Homecoming Dance @ South
- Oct. 4** LAEF Golf Outing @ Heron Glen
- Oct. 8** College Fair during school
- Oct. 9** Marching Band Competition @ South 11 AM
- Oct. 12** Referendum Mtg. in South Library @ 9 AM and 7 PM
- Oct. 13** PSAT during school
- Oct. 14** Senior Citizen Community Informational Luncheon @
South 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
- Oct. 25** School Board Mtg. @ South HS Commons 7 PM
- Oct. 28** Picture Retakes for grades 7-11
- Oct. 30** Middle School Halloween Dance @ South

"I am looking forward to having everyone back in the building. It is such a joy to see so many faces in the hallways. My hope for my students this year is for them to learn and grow as much as possible. For them to feel good about coming to school each day and for them to enjoy the learning process."

**JEN MACKNIGHT
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE
ON NOVEMBER 2ND.**

Middle/High School

ATHLETICS



Winter Sports Registration Deadline:

October 29th, 2021 ←

Homecoming Heroes

Freshmen:

Olivia Nemeth and Liam Sirak

Sophomores:

Natalie Roberts and Aaron Zalescik

Juniors:

Araceli Torres and Thomas Warms

Seniors:

Julia Hess and Donald Gallagher



TEAM RECORDS:

as of Thursday, October 7th

Football: 4-1

HS Girls Soccer: 4-5-1

HS Boys Soccer 4-3

HS Field Hockey: 5-3-1

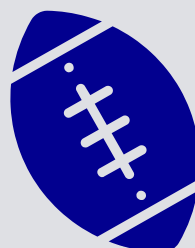
MS Field Hockey: 0-0-1

MS Co-ed Soccer 2-0-1

INDIVIDUAL HONORS:

Tanner McCaffrey

*Courier News
Big Central Football
Athlete of the Week*



Bode Dunn

*Trenton Times
Offensive
Player of the Week*

Middle/High School

ATHLETICS

THE ANTONIO'S SHR

Athlete of the Week



The SHR Athletic Department has teamed up with Antonio's Pizzeria in West Amwell to acknowledge and celebrate our athletes for their accomplishments.

Each athlete selected as The Antonio's SHR Athlete of the Week will receive a choice of sandwich, fries and a drink courtesy of the staff at Antonio's.

September's Athletes of the Week:

Erin Marley: Cross Country
Sept 6th-11th

Tanner McCaffrey: Football
Sept 6th-11th

Julia Voorhees: Girls Soccer
Sept 13th-18th

Bode Dunn: Football
Sept 13th-18th

Eve Durkee-Neumann: Girls Soccer
Sept 20th-25th

Bode Dunn: Football
Sept 20th-25th



New ESports Gaming Team

South Hunterdon's ESports fall season is underway!

Coach Hallinan and his team of gamers are ready to play: Rocket League.

Learn more about our school's new team in this video feature.



{Watch Video}

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Trunk or Treat!

Friday, October 29th 6-7:30 pm
 at the West Amwell School.
 Mega 50/50 \$10 per ticket.
 All proceeds to benefit the West Amwell School PTO.
 Drawing date Oct. 29, 2021 at 7 pm.
 (Winners do not have to be present).
 Go [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

CRAZY 8'S MATH CLUB

West Amwell has begun a new season of Crazy 8's Math Club for grades 4 and 5. This club is all about just having fun with math! There are no tests, no quizzes, just fun and laughs. We learn new math games and concepts that we haven't seen before. The first week we built shapes out of glow sticks. We lit up the room!



"Working with the WAS staff is so rewarding because, just like our students, everyone is always looking to learn and grow. We excel at sharing ideas, improving our practices, and having fun each day. As Principal, I get to celebrate all our accomplishments with our school community and spend each day with such fantastic professionals."

David Miller
 West Amwell School Principal

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Budding Historians



6TH GRADE

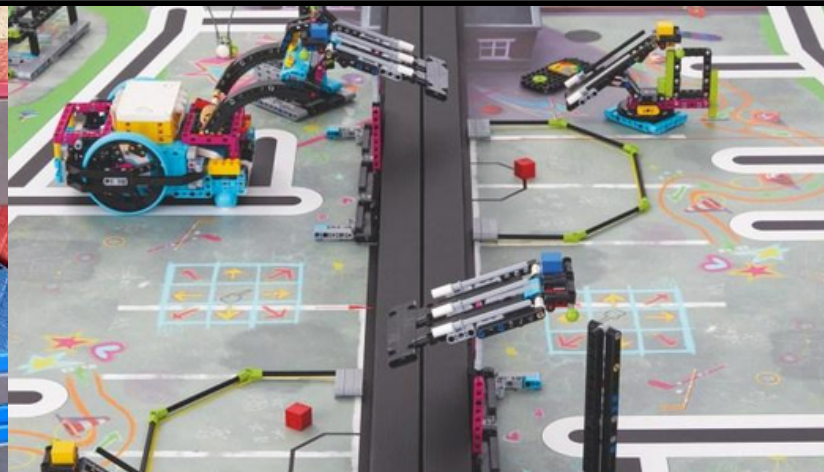
In Mrs. Sargeant's sixth grade social studies/science classes students have been learning that archaeologists study the past by excavating grid squares, analyzing the artifacts/fossils that they find, and writing theories about life long ago. They acted like archaeologists and had a great time digging in at our "ancient site" in the courtyard outside of the classroom!



3RD GRADE

Third grade has been learning about government in Social Studies, and we had a "guest speaker" via Zoom. Mr. Bergenfeld, the mayor of West Amwell, joined us to talk about the roles and responsibilities of government at the local level. He also took us on a tour of West Amwell's municipal building.

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Students Design Lunch Boxes

Students in 1st and 2nd grade at LPS and WAS have been using their engineering brains to design their very own lunch boxes. Students used the engineering design process and knowledge of materials to make a lunch box for their teacher! The students were so excited to build and share with their classmates! They will be bringing them home in a few short weeks. Be sure to ask them all about their hard work!

Ms. Jenkins :)

LEGO ROBOTICS

The 4th through 6th grade LEGO Robotics Team members from WAS and LPS are happy to announce that the LEGO First Robotics Competition is back this year with a theme called "Cargo Connect". You can learn all about the game by watching [this video](#).

Book Fair



*Monday, October 18 through
Thursday, October 21:*

The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming! It will be held outside between LPS and Ely Park.

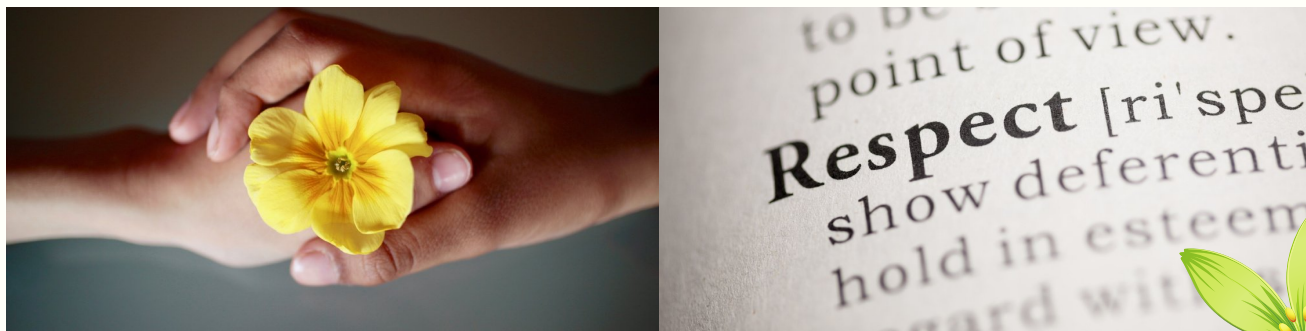
"I am honored to be the LPS Principal working with such outstanding educators that not only teach content but they also teach children to think."

Wanda Quinones

Lambertville Public School Principal



LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



The Week of Respect

The first week in October (October 4th-8th) is recognized as the **Week of Respect** in New Jersey schools. It is an opportunity for all LPS students to show and feel a sense of belonging in our learning community. Our school is excited to be observing this week with your child by providing age-appropriate activities and instruction focused on character building and bullying prevention.

In addition to school-wide lessons and activities, the Week of Respect will include themed dress up days:

Mon.

OCT. 4

"Be a fan of respect."



Wear your favorite team jersey or sports attire.

Tues.

OCT. 5

"Respect brings peace."



Wear bright colored, rainbow or tie-dye clothing.

Wed.

OCT. 6

"Respect Yourself-Be Comfortable with Who You Are"



Wear your favorite pajamas or sweatpants.

Thurs.

OCT. 7

"LPS is Wild about Respect"



Wear LPS gear or any animal print/clothing with an animal.

Fri.

OCT. 8

"LPS Spirit of Respect"



Show your leopard spirit by wearing school colors (green and gold).

LAMBERTVILLE

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hispanic Heritage Month



This October, LPS is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month by incorporating lessons about this diverse culture into their daily routine, including fun facts in our daily morning announcements and practicing our Spanish as well!



HALLOWEEN

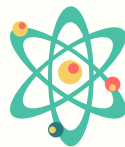
To end the month, on **October 29th**, we will be having a HALLOWEEN PARADE around town to show off our fabulous costumes and then return to class to enjoy a fun celebration with our friends.

FAMILY STEM NIGHT

Focus: What is STEM? How can I think creatively?

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Alanna Jenkins, our Elementary STEM Educator, will be sharing some highlights of our STEM program. Everyone will have the opportunity to use their imaginations to build and create something awesome! Hope to see you there!

October 27, 2021, 6-7 PM at
Lambertville Public School



RSVP by October 22, 2021 here:
[Family STEM Night RSVP](#)

This event is geared towards students in Pre-K to 6th grade, however, all are welcome!

Spanish translation will be available.

This is a family night and all students need to be accompanied by an adult for the evening (this is not a “drop off” event).

Questions? Contact Ms. Alanna Jenkins at (609)397-9311 Ext. 1379 or alanna.jenkins@shrsd.org

South Hunterdon

COMMUNITY

♡♡♡ Connections



Staff Member Story: Hurricane Ida

Among those in our community greatly impacted by Hurricane Ida was teacher and coach Frank Schermerhorn. Frank lost his house and everything in it including all of his clothing during the storm. Frank is an avid collector of sports memorabilia and lost a significant number of jerseys, sweatshirts and other sentimental possessions.



We recently received a call from Officer Anthony Memelo of the Lambertville Police Department. He said that he had a special delivery for Frank and wanted to bring it to the high school. Officer Memelo had gone down to the canal and fished through the silt to recover many of Frank's clothes that were lost in the storm. He took all of the clothes that were dirty and in bad shape and washed them 6 or 7 times. He presented the clothes to Frank in front of some of our students. It was an incredibly kind gesture and Frank was truly overwhelmed with joy. The students helped Frank bring the jerseys out to his car.





COAST 2 COAST 4 CANCER RIDE

From Ski Lifts to Lifting Up a Friend

Brian Claus first met high school teacher and ski club advisor Dan Ruvolo when his son joined the ski club. Brian volunteered to drive the ski equipment on the weekend trips in his pickup truck to free up space on the bus, and he volunteered as an additional chaperone on a couple of Vermont ski trips.

It was through the ski club that Brian and Dan became friends: The avid skiers shared a mutual love of skiing and had similar goals when it came to giving South Hunterdon students a great experience.

“Dan dedicates a massive amount of time and effort to the club to ensure everyone who participates has a positive experience,” Brian said. “His passion for it reminded me of my time in ski club.”

Brian’s son has since graduated, but the Claus family’s connection to South Hunterdon remains strong. This fall, Brian participated in a new physical challenge to honor his dear friend Dan and others affected by cancer. Brian and his colleagues at Bristol Myers Squibb formed cycling teams across the country in the 2021 Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer Ride to raise money for the V Foundation for Cancer Research, a charitable organization dedicated to achieving Victory Over Cancer® through research.



“It is staggering to see firsthand how many people are affected by cancer and this was an opportunity to go beyond my normal day to day activities and have a broader impact,” Brian said. “As devastating as cancer is, it also serves as a common ground for people to communicate around.”

Brian and his team rode for three days straight in September, from Rapid City, South Dakota to Sioux City, Iowa, covering a whopping 225 miles or so in the process. While his ride was of course physically challenging, the long and steep hills he took on after five months of training were emblematic of the emotional toll brought on by cancer.

“The riders on the team spent a lot of time together talking about our stories and how cancer has touched us,” Brian explained.

*Click Here to Learn More
About the 2021
Coast 2 Coast 4 Cancer Ride*

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When he first volunteered for the ride at the end of 2019, Brian had a lot of personal ties motivating him.

“At that point, both my parents were cancer survivors and Dan was still in his first twelve months since his diagnosis,” Brian explained. “Dan’s experience was crushing to me as I watched him go from one day being an avid skier looking forward to a day on the mountain to being engaged in the fight of his life.”

Having seen his parents go through their experiences first-hand, Brian knew how important it was to support Dan and let him know he wasn’t alone in his fight.

With that in mind, Brian wore a different jersey each day on his ride. On the first day, he rode with Dan’s name and his mom on his back. On day two, he wore more than a dozen names requested by his donors. The final day of riding, Brian just wore Dan’s name, and he will be presenting that Jersey to Dan as a token of support.

“I hope the ride is special for Dan simply as a statement of support from the community as well as an opportunity to use his story to inspire people and raise money to beat cancer.” Brian said.

For Brian, the most important part of the ride was the fundraising component to support the Jimmy V Foundation. In the time since he signed up to participate, Brian's mom relapsed and passed away, making his journey that much more raw and complex.

“It is difficult to express in words the level of support I received from my teammates,” Brian said. “They made the ride unforgettable.”

Brian was also touched by the donations he received in support of his goals - some from people he knew, others from strangers who wanted to help.

“The South Hunterdon community is an amazing network of people helping other people,” Brian said. “Sometimes it is for people very close to them, and sometimes it is for people they barely know, but one thing you can count on is the community always comes together to help each other.”

A great example of one of those community helpers is Brian Claus.

