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SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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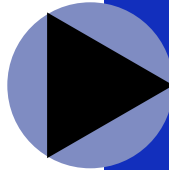
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SOUTH HUNTERDON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Your
**NOVEMBER
UPDATE**



District Parent Council

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

Click the icon to watch!

{Watch Video}

WHY CHOOSE SOUTH HUNTERDON?

The South Hunterdon Regional School District participates in the Interdistrict School Choice Program. Small class sizes, unique extra-curricular offerings and a tight-knit community drive many families to choose South.

Watch [this video feature](#) to learn more about what makes SHRSD such a special place.

Go [HERE](#) to check out SHRSD's School Choice Profile.

Choice applications are due **Wednesday, 12.1.21.**



{Video Feature}



SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

*Important Reminders
from the Counseling Department*

▶ The SAT will be given at South on **Saturday, December 4th**. Students should be sure to register by **November 4th**, with a late registration deadline of **November 23rd**.

▶ On Wednesday, **November 3rd**, sophomore and junior students attended a presentation outlining the programming and course offerings at Hunterdon County Polytech for the 2022-2023 school year.

▶ On **Wednesday, November 10 at 6 pm**, the high school counseling department along with Jane O'Brien from TCNJ presented information about how to apply for Federal and State aid for continuing education.

Topics covered by the Associate Director of Financial Aid included:

- Sources and types of financial aid.
- How to apply for aid.
- Types of scholarships, grants and loans.
- Changes and updates for the 2021-2022 cycle.

A recording of the presentation, as well as a PDF of the slide deck, can be found on the SHRSB website. Parents of juniors and seniors, be sure to keep an eye out for emails containing this information, as well.

Join us in Celebrating SHR Sophomore, Walter "Iggy" Mokriski on the debut of his composition!

Sunday, November 14th at 3:00pm in the SHR Auditorium.

Walter's composition, Symphony No. 4 "Truimfante" Mvt. 1 will be performed by local orchestra, The Hunterdon Symphony.

Tickets Available at the Door.

General: \$20 * Seniors (65+) \$15 * Students (18 & Under) \$10



**STUDENT
SPOTLIGHT**

SOUTH HUNTERDON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

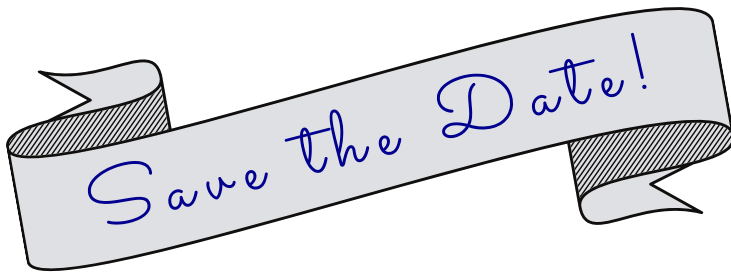


Mark Your Calendar!



S M T W T F S

- Nov 1** Teacher In Service
- Nov 4-5** NJEA Teacher Convention - No school
- Nov 17-19** Camp Fairview
- Nov 24** Early Dismissal
- Nov 25-26** Thanksgiving Holiday - No school



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 17

AT 7PM IN THE HS COMMONS

EQUITY, INCLUSION AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY

Presenters:

Geoff Hewitt, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Tony Suozzo, Superintendent



Parents are invited to attend in-person or watch the presentation from home as it will be livestreamed. Link will be sent out on Monday, November 15th.



"I am really excited to be back in-person and have the opportunity for students and staff to be able to interact with one another face to face. My hope for the students is that they can socially interact, engage with various learning experiences, and get back to exploring both curricular and extracurricular opportunities."

Geoff Hewitt

SHRSD Director of Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction
South Hunterdon Regional School District

Middle/High School

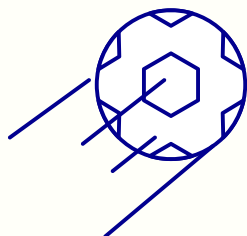
ATHLETICS



Time to register for middle and high school winter sports teams!
Use [this link](#) to register or go our Athletics page for information.

Thomas Warms

Named one of the top 100 juniors in NJ boys soccer.



Tiernan Swayhoover

Named one of the top 100 seniors in NJ field hockey.

Boys Soccer Team

Named Area Team of the Week.

TEAM RECORDS:

as of Thursday, November 11th

Football: 7-2

HS Girls Soccer: 4-5-1

HS Boys Soccer 12-5

HS Field Hockey: 8-7-1

THE ANTONIO'S SHR

October's Athletes 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.

Sept. 27 - Oct. 2

Kylie Hendricks: Cheer
Thomas Warms: Soccer



Oct. 4 - Oct. 9

Bianca Gambino: Field Hockey
Jordy Ruiz-Rodriguez: Soccer



Oct. 11 - Oct. 16

Annie Spreen: Soccer
Nick Venettone: Football

Oct. 18 - Oct. 23

Sophia May: Cross Country
Alex Romano: Soccer

Middle/High School ATHLETICS

Signing Day!



Katelyn Carrier
James Madison University
Softball



Delaney Baker
Mercy College
Softball



Skyler Badessa
Belmont Abbey College
Field Hockey

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Spanish

From September 15-October 15 at WAS we honored National Hispanic Heritage Month. Our Spanish classes learned about this celebration in the U.S. and we made connections to math and social studies classes along with creating a bulletin board that exhibited some students' work.

El Dia de los Muertos

During the last week of October students learned about El Día de los Muertos in comparison with our Halloween celebration in the U.S. They also learned about the interconnections of the monarch butterflies' yearly migration to Michoacán, Mexico during the month of October.



Second grade has been studying the types of matter, how to classify matter by its properties, and changes to matter in Science. We are very excited to explore the states of matter and changes to matter at the Crayola Factory, where we will be able to create our own crayons, watch how they mold and melt down crayons, and explore so much more with hands-on activities. We cannot wait to visit the Crayola Factory!



GRATITUDE



The character trait we will be highlighting this coming month is Gratitude. For our school-wide activity, we will be working together to create a gratitude tree.

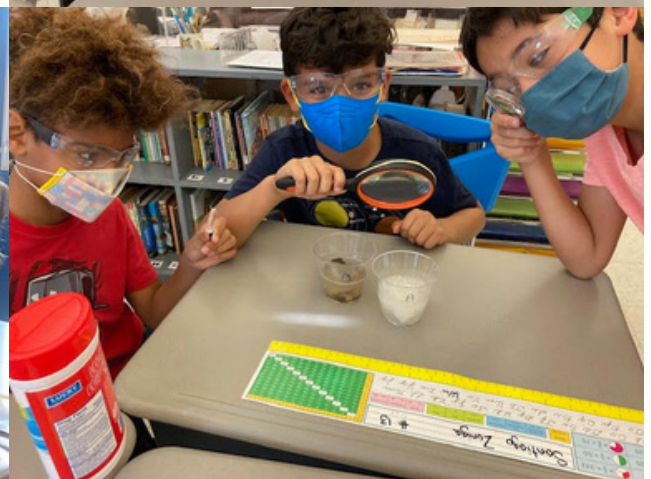
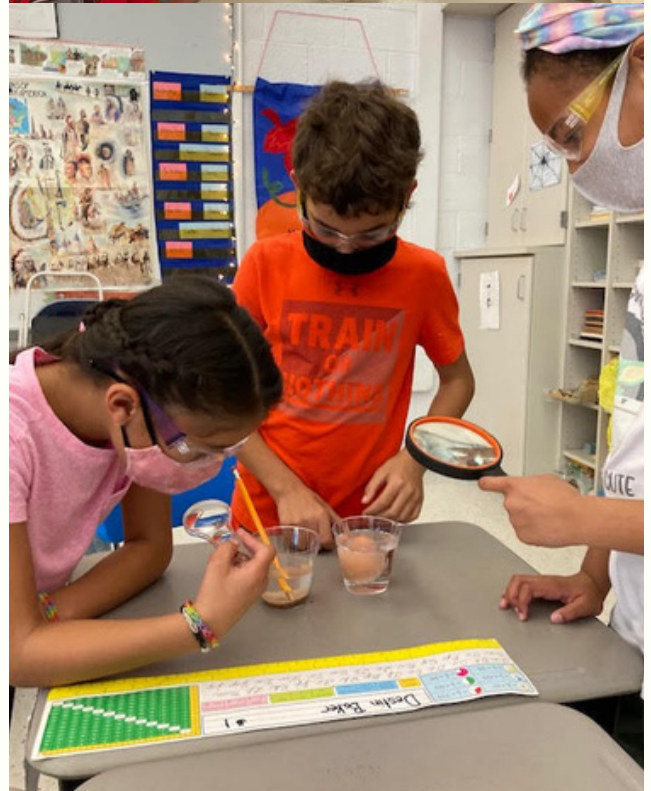
WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Secrets of Soil 4TH GRADE

Mr. Holohan's 4th Grade students are working with Mrs. Kubik to discover the secrets of soil. The students spent time hypothesizing the components of soil, observing soil, and sketching samples of soil.

They also tested a number of objects like rocks, sand, chalk, seashells and a raw egg by placing them in vinegar. They observed and noted the changes and concluded that salt is lost in this CHEMICAL REACTION and helped explain why the ocean is salty.

They will continue the exercise by testing the PH of a number of samples, continue making hypotheses, and expressing their thoughts in a logical and open-minded fashion.



WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

News from Ms. Sulahian's Music Room

In Music Class this month, students have been building self-confidence and aural skills through call and response rhythm and tonal patterns. Every week at the beginning of class, students stand in a circle and listen as I sing patterns that they sing back. These patterns get harder and harder as the group grows each week. I have seen so many students who came in unsure of their singing voice flourishing as our warmup has become routine and part of their life.

In K-2, students have been focusing on movement, bodily awareness, and musical opposites. In 3rd grade, students have taken their try at the recorder, learning the notes B, A, and G! Our 4th-6th graders have been dissecting popular music, and will be starting their music history unit very soon, where they will learn about music from the beginning of time to 2021.

West Amwell's Band is strong, with most students participating in some capacity. The enthusiasm to learn is contagious, with students seeking extra practice time at lunch and students practicing their instruments at home. We have been able to move quickly, with each student challenging themselves to grow in every lesson. I am excited to show you the fruits of their labor in the future!

Music is a part of everyone's lives, and I love learning about each of your children's interests. If you or your child has any musical interests, passions, or just wants to talk about their favorite song, feel free to reach out to me at kimberly.sulahian@shrsd.org.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Sulahian

LPS



Important Dates

- Nov 1 School Closed - Staff In-Service
- Nov 4-5 School Closed - Teachers Convention
- Nov 9-11 Early Dismissal 12:50pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov 10 Picture Retakes for LPS
- Nov 24 Early Dismissal 12:50pm Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov 25-26 School Closed - Thanksgiving Recess

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL & THE LAMBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Family Stem Night

On Wednesday, October 27, over 50 children and their families enjoyed a night full of collaborative teamwork, smiles, curiosity and fun thanks to PreK-6 STEM teacher Alanna Jenkins' hard work and planning.

Ms. Jenkins led and created thought-provoking activity stations where students could explore and showcase their problem-solving skills.

With the help of Amanda McPherson, Carlie Horton and Taylor LaBau who helped facilitate the event, and LPS night custodian Jessica Fabiano who meticulously set up the LPS All-Purpose Room, students experienced a well-rounded and thoughtful hands-on science, technology, engineering and math lesson.



"I checked in with many students and parents, all of which mentioned to me how it is events like this that make our community great. This was truly above-and-beyond, and is exactly what a successful STEM program looks like."

Adam Leaman

*PreK-12 Supervisor of STEM and District Projects
South Hunterdon Regional School District*

Be on the lookout for our next Family STEM Night as well as our 2nd to 6th grade Coding Club this winter!

South Hunterdon

COMMUNITY

Connections

LAEF

The Lambertville Area Education Foundation, or LAEF, is an independent non-profit organization that has been inspiring unique educational experiences and supporting South Hunterdon schools for more than 25 years. Fueled by the passion and dedication of an all-volunteer board of community members, LAEF provides grants in the arts, technology, science and health to the students of the Lambertville Public School, the West Amwell Township School, and South Hunterdon Regional High School.

“The mission of LAEF is to support innovative programs that enhance and build upon the educational experience of the students, to pursue excellence in all aspects of education, and to build community involvement in the South Hunterdon Regional School District,” said LAEF Board President Johnelle Whipple.

Whipple has been local to the Lambertville and Bucks County area for over 15 years, and she currently has two children who currently attend West Amwell Elementary.

To date, LAEF has raised \$800,000 to support thoughtful learning experiences where students can build their knowledge in and outside of the classroom. Most programs are awarded based on grant requests submitted by teachers of the district, and any teacher or administrator is eligible to apply for a grant from LAEF.

“Grant requests often originate from the ideas of the students and parents as well,” Whipple said. “In a typical, non-pandemic, year the LAEF typically supports about 20 or more grants, spanning pre-K to 12th grade.”



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COMMUNITY

Connections



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Some previously awarded grants include: Supporting all teachers in the district with a computer monitor during the pandemic to enhance their ability to teach remotely, bringing a Broadway artist to the students of the drama club virtually during the pandemic to assist with vocal coaching, an original score of music produced for the high school music program, supporting gaps in the elementary library collection, and trips to museums such as the Museum of Jewish Heritage and Newseum.

“We hope that students gain more from their education through us supporting incremental programs that enhance the basic curriculum and subject matter,” Whipple said. “In addition to grants, the LAEF is proud to support annual awards for summer programs and senior programs that high school students apply for.”

The LAEF reflects the impact a community can make when coming together in support of a common goal. This entirely volunteer-run, 501c3 non-profit operates solely on donations from the community.

“In order to continue to provide these services, we graciously accept support through our numerous fundraising events and programs,” Whipple said. “The annual giving campaign takes place during November, and we will be humbly requesting families in the district to support our mission through monetary donations.”

Donations can be made at any time by visiting the organization’s website www.TheLaef.org.

Honoring Veterans Day

November 11th, 2021

“We thank all those who continue to serve our country all around the world. We remember all those who lost their lives serving our country and fighting for our freedom.”

Anthony J. Suozzo
Superintendent of Schools