

Event Dates

May

- 1 Awards Ceremony for 9th Grade 6:00pm
- 2 Awards Ceremony for 7th Grade 6:00pm
- 2, 3 Science PSSA 8th Grade
- 3 Awards Ceremony for 8th Grade 6:00pm
- 9 7th Grade Chorus and Orchestra Concert 7:30pm
- 16 Science Finals 7th Grade
- 16 Symphonic & Chamber Orchestra Concert 7:30pm
- 16,17 Keystone Exams for 9th Grade Biology
- 17 Math Finals 7th & 8th Grade (Anyone not taking Algebra I or Biology)
- 18 National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony 7:00pm
- 18 Social Studies Finals
- 19 English, Reading and World Language Finals
- 23,24 Keystone Exams for select 8th and 9th Grade Algebra I
- 26 8th Grade Recess Day
- 26 9th Grade Social 7:00-9:30pm
- 30 7th Grade Recess Day
- 30 Locker Cleanout
- 31 9th Grade Recess Day

June

- 2 Student Last Day of School Report Cards go home



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From the Principal

Parents:

As we look back over our school year we are very pleased with our students and their successes academically as well as in the arts and athletics. I want to take this opportunity to thank students for all of their dedication and hard work during the school year as well as you the parents for your cooperation and efforts to help make these successes. We look forward to recognizing students for all of their academic accomplishments at our **annual award ceremonies; grade 9 Monday, May 1; grade 8 Wednesday, May 3; and grade 7 Tuesday, May 2.** All award ceremonies begin at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see you all there!

Should this be your last year with us at the Junior High as parents, I wish you and your child continued success as the education journey continues at the High School. To seventh and eighth grade parents, I look forward to seeing you all again next school year. For future planning please know that **Meet the Teacher Night is Thursday, August 24 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.** with the **first student day being Monday, August 28,** more information will follow in our newsletter this summer.

Good luck and best wishes for a great summer! Again thank you for all of your support this school year.

Sincerely,

Lori H. Mangan
Principal



PBS

This month PBS went crazzyyyy! Students earned Lion Loot by participating in our “Crazy Hair Day” & “Crazy Sock Day.” On April 21st three students (one winner per grade level) won a PBS prize pack full of Lion Loot, lollipops, Sweet Frog coupons, free “Recess Day” passes, homework passes, and “Outside Lunch” passes. We must have been crazy to give all that away in our monthly drawing!

In the month of May the PBS committee will be hosting our annual “Recess Day” during the last week of school. Students who show their ROAR can pay ten Lion Loot to spend the day outside in the fresh air. We will have snacks for purchase, wiffle ball, soccer, volleyball and much more! Don’t miss out on the chance to challenge your favorite teacher to a round of Ultimate Frisbee. In addition to the games, students will have the opportunity to put the Lion Loot into a raffle for prizes like all-summer pool passes, Delgrosso’s season passes, Curve tickets, and Meadows coupons. Students, continue to show your ROAR this month and earn Lion Loot in order to participate in these fun upcoming activities.

The Lion Pledge

I have the ROAR of a Mountain Lion.

To **RESPECT** myself, others, and the communities to which I belong.

To take **OWNERSHIP** in being prepared, being organized, and putting forth 100% effort in all that I do.

To take **ACTIONS** to maintain a clean work environment, and an “I will achieve” attitude.

To hold my **RELATIONSHIPS** with peers, teachers, and parents as valuable in order for me to succeed in school and life.



Spotlight Reader



Jason Carr-Keefe

Our final Spotlight Reader of the month is 7th grader Jason Carr-Keefe. Jason’s favorite literary genre is fiction because even though it’s not real, he likes to imagine himself as the character in the book. If Jason became an author, he would write fiction books. He enjoys being taken to imaginary lands with characters that can do impossible acts!

Other than reading, Jason enjoys playing video games and chess. Jason’s advice for a struggling reader is to reread something that doesn’t make sense to you the first time. If you still don’t understand it, it might be too difficult for you and perhaps you should get another book. One rule we have as readers is that if you don’t know what 5 or more words on the first page are, then chances are that book is above your reading level and you should choose another. This is called the Rule of 5 and it helps us choose appropriate books that we will be able to enjoy.

NJHS MINI-THON

For the National Junior Honor Society group community service project this year, the fourth annual mini-thon was held to raise money for the Mt. Lion Backpack Program. This program provides backpacks to local elementary students filled with two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and two snacks. This program was developed to assist families suffering from financial hardships. At the mini-thon, students had their choice of dancing, playing basketball, jumping rope, walking, playing ping pong or playing badminton. The students collected pledge donations to remain active for four hours from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. T-shirts were also sold prior to the event with all proceeds benefiting the backpack program. The students were able to raise \$5861 for the Mountain Lion Backpack Program!

Joe Saylor dominated both 4v4 badminton tournaments. In the first tournament, he teamed up with Shannon Schmitt, Dom Fasolo and Kaden Hileman. In the second tournament, he still couldn't be beat with the help of Tyler Long, Sean Stuttard and Mason Criswell. In the other gym was an intense 1v1 ping pong tournament with Dom Fasolo as the winner. Throughout the night, Stevie Webber jumped her way to the top to win the jump rope contest. Connor Bradley won the limbo contest. Bre Mesmer and Dom Fasolo knocked out their competition in two games of Knock-Out, and Jolee Smith out hula-ed everyone to win the hula hoop contest! The students had a great time while helping a worthy cause!



9th Grade Social - May 26th 7:00-9:30pm

- The dress code is casual formal – gentlemen should wear a dress shirt and dress pants. Ladies' dresses can be short or long, with or without straps. **The length of the short dresses must follow the Student Code of Conduct, meaning that they must reach the knee area. REMEMBER, NO CUT OUTS OR 2-PIECE DRESSES.**
- No limousines or flowers/corsages permitted.
- Pizza, cake, soda and snacks will be served throughout the night.
- Only Altoona Area Junior High School **ninth graders** are permitted to attend this dance.
- Students on current suspension, have five demerits, and/or are on extracurricular probation at the time of the dance are not permitted to attend.

Also, any student who owes a fine cannot attend the 9th Grade Social. **Fines must be cleared up in order to purchase a ticket.**

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ID TO ATTEND THE DANCE.

Tickets will go on sale starting the morning of Wednesday, May 24th for students' last name A-K, Thursday, May 25th for students' last name L-Z. Tickets will be sold on Friday, May 26th for any students that were absent. The tickets will be sold on the first floor near the auditorium from 7:20 to 7:45 AM. The cost of the ticket will be \$10.00. Anyone who sold candy will receive their **FREE** ticket in homeroom on Wednesday, May 24th.

Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door!



Counselor's Corner: Sexting

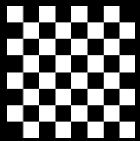
Pennsylvania's Teen Sexting Law

In 2012, Pennsylvania enacted a law criminalizing the transmission of sexually explicit images by minors. Under the state's sexting law, it is a crime for a minor (a person under the age of 18) to:

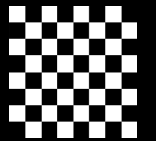
- ♦ transmit, distribute, or disseminate (share) an electronic communication (such as a text message or instant message) containing a nude image of him or herself or any other person age 12 or older, but younger than 18, or
- ♦ possess a nude photo of another person between the ages of 12 and 17.

For example, both a teen who sends a photo of a nude classmate and one who receives the photo could be prosecuted under Pennsylvania law.

Teen sexting is punished more severely if the defendant takes or shares a nude photo of another teen without the teen's permission, and in order to harass that person or cause him or her emotional distress. For example, a boy who shares nude photos of his ex-girlfriend after they break up could be charged with a more serious crime.



Chess Club



Spring Chess Tournament Results

1st Place: Tyler Long (9th Grade)
2nd Place: Milo Wikis (7th Grade)
3rd Place: Joey Hallinan (7th Grade)

Thanks to all students who participated in the club this year!

We had a great year!

