



# BUZZ FROM THE HIVE

A newsletter of the Ferndale Area School District

SUMMER

“Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care”

2016

## Saying Good-Bye

Two Ferndale Area School District employees will be leaving the hive at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Congratulations and best wishes.



*Susan Layton*  
Kindergarten Teacher  
30 years



*Eileen Zankey*  
Elementary Guidance Counselor  
12 years



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**District Adopts 2016-2017 Budget**

The Ferndale Area School Board adopted the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget on June 15, 2016. Real estate millage was set at 78 mills, which was an increase of 2.8 mills. After review, the Pennsylvania Department of Education approved the tax rate. The increase was less than the 2016-2017 index of 3.8% which was required by Act 1 participating districts.



**School Board Meetings**

The Ferndale Area School District Board of Directors meets on the third Wednesday of each month in the Elementary School Board Room at 6:00 p.m. except for the months of May and December, unless otherwise advertised. Meetings are not scheduled for the month of July.

 Congratulations Graduates

Cassie Mae Antesberger

Grace Elizabeth Bailey

Brad Michael Boring

Travis Joseph Boyd

Marysa Chenel Bukata

Leah Rose Cenko

Ryleigh Beth Chuha

Samantha Jewel Collins

Darius Alan Daily

Gavin Ty Daily

Tyler Scott Emery

Alexander Don Geiser

Raymond Michael Gorham

Bradley Nathan Harrison

Ra Kwon DaShaun Hinton

Mikayla June Hoffman

Tiffani Nicole Irvin

Latasha Sandra Jenkins

Jaquien Phajja Johnson

McKenna Marie Kachmar

Shallyne LaRae King

Hannah Rae Korenoski

Luc Ian Kulback

Sara Jean Maines

Corey John McCombie

Trey Scott McGough

Kierstyn Marie Middler

Claudia Ann Mikulsky

Erin Nicole Mills

Ceara Jordan Ohler

Lauren Madison Olshewsky

Daniel Joseph Parisi

Muhammad Mustafa Quraishy

Alexander Eugene Reese

Taylor James Rhoades

Anthony Paul Rhoads

Jason Matthew Sabo

Bryan Keith Sechrengost

Chyanne Nancy Shaffer

Michael Robert Shaffer

Tiffany Ann Shank

Skylynn Marie Shroyer

Faith Bethany Slater

Preston Edward Speicher

Emily Catherine Szekeresh

Madison Lenae Thomas

Katelyn Rose Thompson

Candyce Mackenzie Vannatter

Timothy Joshua Weaver



## 2016-2017 K-12 School Calendar

The calendar for the 2016-2017 school year was adopted by the Ferndale Area Board of School Directors on April 20, 2016. The first day of school for students is August 24, 2016; the last day is May 26, 2017.



Teacher in-service days and Act 80 Days are scheduled for August 22, August 23, September 2, October 19, November 11, January 16, March 24, and May 30.

Scheduled make-up days are February 20, and April 13. If additional days are used for emergency reasons, the make-up days will be added at the end of the school term in June.

August 22 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
August 23 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
<b>August 24.....</b>	<b>First Day for Students</b>
September 2.....	Act 80 Day for Faculty
September 5 .....	Labor Day (No School)
September 13.....	Open House (HS)
September 14.....	Open House (Elem)
September 15.....	Open House (Elem)
October 10.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
October 19.....	Act 80 Day for Faculty
November 11 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
November 24 - Nov 28.....	Thanksgiving (No School)
December 23 - January 2.....	Christmas (No School)
January 16 .....	Act 80 Day for Faculty
February 20 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
March 24 .....	In-Service Day for Faculty
April 13 .....	Make-Up Day (No School)
April 14 - April 17.....	Easter (No School)
May 26 .....	<b>Last Day of School</b>
May 29 .....	Memorial Day (No School)
May 30 .....	In-Service Day (No School)



### Marking Period Ends

October 27	(45)
January 13	(45)
March 20	(45)
May 26	(45)

## Greeting the Students



Both the former Elementary Principal (new Director of Education), Dr. William Brotz and the new Elementary Principal, Mrs. Rachelle Hrabosky, greet the students as they entered the building.

## What a School, What a Year!

As I reflect back on my first year as an elementary principal, I am filled with such pride and love. Throughout the building, each and every day, there was a “buzz” of learning going on, but more importantly, there was a love of learning here in the Hive. From the teachers, to the support staff and paraprofessionals, to the students, it did not go unnoticed that there were smiles on faces as they walked through the front door. There were hugs and good mornings from the very young K4s to the very mature sixth graders. These are the memories that I will hold the dearest.

It cannot be said that we do not stand behind our mission statement, “Big Enough to Challenge, Small Enough to Care.” Our elementary became a unified force and reached out to those in need in ways including donations for Childhood Cancer, Looking Good, Feeling Good Campaign for Breast Cancer, Trick or Treat for Unicef, our Veteran’s Day Appreciation Luncheon, the Kickoff for Cuddles for Kids Drive, Angels in Shelter Campaign, a canned food drive for a local food bank, Jump for Heart Campaign, and the Police Appreciation Luncheon, just to name a few.

And then, there were the ways that we, as a community, came together to help out our own school. Chuck E. Cheese Night, Pie the Principal, McTeacher’s Night, and March Madness are great memories! It feels good to be able to do so much for such a little school.

As we walk away from the 2015-2016 school year, let’s all try to remember that another school year is around the corner. I look forward to the coming year and many more to come. We are a school, but we are also a family; a family that takes care of its own and through compassion, is there to lend a hand.

With pride and gratitude, Mrs. Rachelle Hrabosky, Elementary Principal.

## What's Been Happening in Elementary Art

This year was our first ever **Poetry and Painting Party** for Parent Involvement Night. The theme was snowmen, and the instructors were Irene Olson and Michelle Sendek. Students, as well as the parents, came and created a Haiku under the direction of Mrs. Olson. They then created a painting together directed by Mrs. Sendek. It was a huge success and a great way to spend family time together.

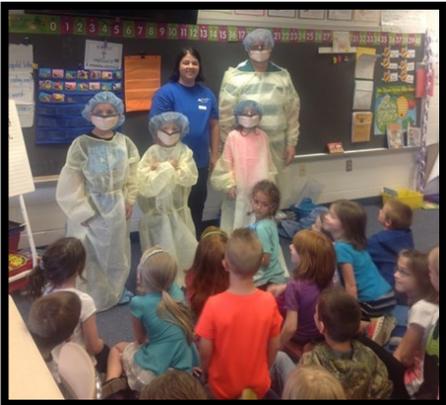
The **Talent Show and Art Exhibit** was held on May 14 and was met with much enthusiasm. There were over 85 works in the Art Show and 22 performers in the Talent Show. All students that participated received a small token of appreciation. Thanks again to everyone that came out to support the arts! It was such a fantastic and memorable night for our students.



## Our Future Looks Bright

First Graders finished the year studying about different careers. As an extension to learning, several parent volunteers were willing to share their expertise with our young learners. First graders listened intently to the wide range of professions as they gained a better understanding about workers in our community.

Each guest speaker discussed daily responsibilities, job training, college experience, challenges, and most importantly the determination and work ethic needed to succeed in their chosen path. It is our hope that this experience provided knowledge of career paths and inspired our students to work hard to achieve their goals. Thank you to our presenters for helping us to engage our young learners in a meaningful way while learning about COOL JOBS!



## Poetry Contest

Mrs. Olson is proud to announce that the following students won the National Young American Poetry contest:

5th graders: *Andrew Ambroe, Kaitlyn Baxendale, Kaeleigh Cooper, Thaddeus Collins, Austin Midile, Memoree McGough, and Gabrielle Riffle*

6th graders: *Maxwell Dewitt, David Herring, Jamil Martin, Marcelo Smith and Jason Zoodie*

The students' poems were judged on creativity, age appropriate language, figurative images, structure and poetic techniques. Their Haiku poems will be published in the fall edition of Poetry Digest 2016. Congratulations to our young authors!



## Published Authors

Our elementary students were published authors this year! The following teachers' classes participated: Mr. Beckner, Mrs. Dryer, Miss Uhlig, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Mino, Mrs. Riffle, Mrs. Priest, Miss Koshute, and Mrs. Olson. The students had the opportunity to create books through a company called Student Treasures. They worked very hard throughout the year creating pre-writes, rough drafts, and editing their work. The students then created their final copies and sent them to be turned into hardback books. At a scheduled special "Young Author's Night," we presented their books to the students and their families. All of the creations were amazing books, and the students learned a lot from this experience!



## PMEA District Band



On April 8, 2016 Ferndale Area Elementary was well represented at the PMEA District Band by these 6 sixth grade students: *Madison Harkness, Anastasia Sidor, Makenzie Jerin, Jordan Morack, Allie Gray and Nathan Beckman.*

## Lego League

The 2015-2016 school year was the first that Ferndale Area Elementary was involved in the Lego League Competition. The team won the Innovation Core Value Award. Members of the team were: (front row left to right) *Jaedyn Hoffman, Allie Gray, Noah Hendershot, Coach Mr. Burkett, Nathan Beckman, Elijah Minahan and Ian Conway.* (second row) *Coaches Mrs. Lavan and Mrs. Sendek.*



## Flags at Grandview Cemetery

Fourth grade capped off our show of appreciation to veterans by placing flags on veterans' graves at Grandview Cemetery. VFW Post 155 provides flags each year for us to participate in this very worthwhile project. It is a great learning experience for our children. They enjoy looking at the grave markers to see when the person served and if it was during wartime. One of the highlights is when we placed a flag on the grave of a veteran who served in the Civil War. What an awesome experience for our kids to honor these heroes while learning about our United States history! As an added learning experience, they also learned about proper behavior in a cemetery and respecting those who might be visiting the grave of a loved one. We are honored to participate in this annual project.

## Police Appreciation Luncheon

On May 17, 2016, Ferndale Area Elementary hosted a Police Appreciation Luncheon to celebrate National Police Week. Officers were invited from all the police departments that serve and protect the municipalities that make up FASD. Invitations were also sent home with students to invite any of their relatives that are active or retired police officers. A total of 11 officers were able to attend: Chief Jim Rigby, Officers Junior Berkebile, Deanna Lehman, Joe Stopko and Beth Edwards from the Ferndale PD; Officers Tom Dowdell and Andy Havas (retired) of the West Hills Regional PD; Officers Andy Litvin and Patrick Goggin from the Johnstown PD; Officer Scott Conahan from Richland PD and Officer Rick Stiles from Windber PD. Not only did the officers enjoy lunch, they also walked among the students talking with them. Students and officers all seemed to enjoy the time spent together.



## Sled Hockey



Ferndale Area Elementary Principal Mrs. Hrabosky gladly volunteered her time, at the request of 5th grade student Gabrielle Riffle, to play in a celebrity sled hockey game against the Sitting Bulls Sled Hockey team. Gabrielle is a member of the Sitting Bulls Team. The game was held on March 13, 2016 at Planet Ice.

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Ferndale Area School District is to be **“Big Enough To Challenge”** all students, but **“Small Enough to Care”** about each student. To accomplish this mission, the Ferndale Area School District will strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for excellent teaching and learning experiences where students prepare for a life of continual learning, and acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to solve problems, communicate effectively and be a responsible citizen.

## Eat Your Vegetables

Nicole Babik, Health & Physical Education Teacher

“Ice Cream, You Scream, We All Scream for ... VEGETABLES?!” You got it! Students at Ferndale Area Elementary School are screaming for fresh fruits and vegetables! With help from the Highmark Foundation’s Creating a Healthy School Environment Grant, FAES cafeteria is now home to a brand new salad bar. Each week after finishing lunch, students are able to peruse the salad bar for cool healthy treats. Peppers, celery, carrots, cucumbers, bananas, and pears are no longer safe once set out on the salad bar! Students have been lining up to eat extra fruits and veggies. Our biggest complaint? Not being open enough. The kids love being able to choose what to eat, and believe it or not, really enjoy the healthy options!

Mary Clawson and her awesome staff in the cafeteria prep the table with a variety of fresh produce for students to try. The teachers in the lunch room organize the line and remind students of proper etiquette when using the salad bar. Together, we were able to make the salad bar a huge success and are looking forward to creating more options next year. As a final hurrah, the cafeteria staff is going to prep the table with fresh seasonal fruits, in addition to vanilla yogurt and granola during Field Day. If all goes well, we hope to add the yogurt bar as an option throughout the school year. So YES, at FAES, the students are screaming for VEGETABLES!



Students line up at the salad bar to fill up on some fresh fruits and vegetables.



### Summer Food Service Program

Please find information (at any of the methods below) regarding summer food service programs available for students.

- Call 211
- Call 1.866.3Hungry or 1.877.8Hambre
- Text “MEALPA” to 877877 during the summer months
- Visit the website: [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks)
- Use the site locator for smartphones - [Rangeapp.org](http://Rangeapp.org)



## From the Desk of the Junior-Senior High School Principals...

Whew, it has been a blur around the Junior-Senior High School for a few weeks. I began my tenure here at Ferndale Area on April 18. I arrived just in time to be a part of the PSSA Mathematics for both 7th and 8th graders, as well as PSSA Science for the 8th graders the following week. With a few weeks of respite from testing, the staff and faculty were busy working on their coursework and preparing for the end of the school year. April being concluded with testing brought May which brought another round of testing modules to the building. Ms. Livesey's AP English students demonstrated their mastery of the course content through the AP English Exam, while Mr. Lasko's students likewise demonstrated their proficiency on the AP History Exam. Meanwhile, on May 4, ten students and Mr. Dan Endler attended the SuperConference 23 at Mount Aloysius College. SuperConference is a leadership conference involving many local schools in an effort to elicit those leadership qualities from the students.

The National Honor Society was held on May 4 and the Induction Ceremony was well received by all in attendance. Mr. Rainey's choir and band students performed for a packed house with classical and contemporary selections that had quite a few toes tapping, including my own, and a few audience members singing along with the performers. The Junior-Senior Prom was another event that was attended by many students, chaperones, and faculty members. Some say that the chaperones and faculty had just as much fun as the students in attendance. Additionally, the 6th Grade Orientation was held on May 10, giving the incoming 7th graders a chance to orient themselves with the school and prepare for their transition from elementary to junior high school.

Both the Spanish and French classes enjoyed field trips in May, as did students for the Family Consumer Science, Art, Early Childhood, and the Healthcare Career Field Trip. All of the field trips were an extension of the classroom and provided a real-world experience that tied in concepts and big ideas learned in class. Seniors presented their graduation projects for faculty and staff members on May 11 through May 13. This is a requirement for graduation for this school year.

Another event that was well attended was the annual awards ceremony. I was impressed by the amount of awards given, and the diversity of the awardees. I was honored to be a part of the event, and I look forward to many more events as educationally rewarding as this event turned out to be for all involved.

Testing resumed again with the Keystone exams in Algebra, Biology, and Literature, which will be closely followed by the final exams for the individual courses at

Ferndale Area. After the testing, students will have thoroughly demonstrated their mastery of materials from their schedules this year.

Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center held their annual awards ceremony where 11 seniors received acknowledgement of their accomplishments towards a technical career and prepared them to either enter the workforce or continue into a further phase of their educational preparation.

Graduation occurred on May 27 for the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School seniors. This is the capstone event for their careers here at Ferndale Area, and they will be missed by faculty, staff, and administration who have come to know and grow with each one of these students.

Summer break brings this school year to an end, but also begins preparation for yet another school year that will be as busy and exciting as they always are it seems. We will be looking forward to additional courses available to the students, as well as alignment and coordination to ensure that the education that the students at the Ferndale Area Junior-Senior High School receive continues to be the best possible. Faculty and staff have already scheduled an exhaustive list of projects, professional development, and tasks to ensure that the school and its staff are ready for the students to come back in August.

Don't blink, August will be here sooner than you can imagine, and we will be in the process of preparing yet another group of students to engage in their future by seizing their opportunities through education, personal growth, and self-awareness that evolves from the enriched curriculum and schedule that each student will experience here at the Hive!

In the coming weeks, additional communication regarding student and teacher schedules, as well as documents required for the beginning of the school year will find their way to your email inbox or your postal mailbox. Please feel free to call or email with any questions you may have for the administration, the guidance staff, or the teaching professionals that may arise over the school year. But first, make sure you check out our website, [www.fasdk12.org](http://www.fasdk12.org) to see if there are any announcements, postings, or documents that may help to keep you informed of your students education and activities.

Sincerely,

Travis Robison, Junior-Senior High School Principal

Molly O'Neil, Assistant Junior-Senior High School Principal

### Senior High Reading Team



The Senior High Reading Team had two competitions this year, one on November 17 and one on April 5.

In November, they received a second place ribbon at Bellwood Antis. In April, they competed at Forest Hills and received a third place ribbon.

First row: *Noah Moschgat, Paige Leftwich, Hannah Bailey*

Second row: *Anthony McFeaters, Joseph Chobany, Brittany Fitz, Grace Bailey, Taylor Beneke, Haley Bennett, Lynn Bennett (Advisor)*

Absent: *Sara Kowalewski*

Jazz Band



Concert



Chorus



## Post Prom

*Rachel Livesey, National Honor Society Advisor*

Prom night is a milestone in many teenagers' lives. It is a night of magic and wonder, a night of love and friendship, a night of dancing and laughter. However, with its celebration lurks the temptation to indulge in risky behaviors that can quickly turn a joyous evening into tragedy. Such tragedy can be thwarted when the school and community unite to provide positive activities for students following the prom.

On Friday, May 13, 2016, the Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society hosted a post-prom celebration for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. From 10:45 PM until 5:00 AM, students participated in a number of activities including an ice-cream party thrown by Cambria County Dairy Princess, Jessica New, and a comedy-based hypnotist show performed by Jason Christopher. Students also enjoyed a 60' inflatable obstacle course with climbing wall, pedestal joust, and velcro wall. They played yard games, ping pong, basketball, and table games. A number of students formed teams and chose to be "locked" in a classroom where they were given one hour to solve a series of puzzles in an attempt to "escape" the prom-themed room. They competed in individual and team mini-challenges. They ate. They laughed. But most importantly, they chose to celebrate in a drug- and alcohol- free environment where they could make memories that will last well beyond our hallowed halls.

A special thank you goes out to the Cambria County Prevention Coalition (Reduce Alcohol Violence and Experimentation) and the Cambria County Drug and Alcohol Program for awarding mini-grants that largely funded the post-prom event, as well as, prevention information to our students. Without these organizations, NHS would not have been able to provide this safe haven for our students.

The National Honor Society would also like to express its gratitude to the Cambria County Dairy Princess Jessica New, Ferndale Area Education Association, Galliker's, Giant Eagle, Jones Party Magic Inc., Market Basket, and U.S. Foods for making generous donations to ensure the success of our post-prom event. In addition, NHS appreciates the Band Boosters, Basketball Boosters, Football Boosters, Volleyball Boosters, Superintendent Kakabar, and the Clawsons for donating prizes to the event.

Lastly, NHS would like to thank the parents, community, administration, faculty, chaperones, Family and Consumer Science department, Technology Education department, kitchen staff, secretarial staff, custodial staff, and the Ferndale Police Department for going above and beyond to make certain that our students enjoyed a safe, fun-filled post-prom that promoted positive behavior while unifying the student body. Thank you all for Protecting the Hive!

## North Division Champion

The FAHS Boys' Varsity Basketball Team ended the 2015-2016 season as the North Division Champion of the WestPAC Conference and the Runner-Up Champion of the overall WestPac conference. The Varsity team ended with an overall record of 19 – 5. The Junior Varsity team ended the season undefeated.

The members of the Boys' Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams are: *Seniors Ray Hinton, Corey McCombie and Muhammad Quraishy; Juniors Julius Thomas, Roemello Shirey, and Bruce Shaffer; Sophomores Nate Pudliner, Nate Barrett, Jared Ohler, and Hunter Kinsey; Freshmen Hunter Thomas and D.J. Chatman. Coaches are Ryan Durham and Paul Byer.*



## National Honor Society

Rachel Livesey, National Honor Society Advisor

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, the Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted thirteen new members. These thirteen students demonstrate superior scholarship by maintaining a GPA of 3.5% or higher, and possess the qualities of character, leadership, and service. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony marks the continued emphasis on excellence that its members represent for Ferndale Area High School. Throughout the year, members act as role models for other students and serve the school and surrounding communities. The Ferndale Area Chapter of the National Honor Society welcomes these new members who bring new energy to our chapter. We are very proud of the inductees' achievements and look forward to a productive 2016-2017 school year. Members and inductees, holding their membership certificates, are pictured to the right.



Bottom Row: Elizabeth Szekeresh, Treasurer Terra Holsopple, Secretary Lana Maniakhina, Brenae Kelly, President Ceara Ohler, Vice President Trey McGough. Middle Row: Jenny Wallace, Nathaniel Pudliner, Jocelyn McFeaters, Anthony McFeaters, Paige Leftwich, Grace Bailey. Top Row: Carrigan Koontz, Izabella Hauger, Brynne Geisel, Brittany Fitz, Joseph Chobany, Haley Bennett, Hannah Bailey, and Alexia Bier. Absent from the Photo: Kaitlin Louder

## Senior Exit Survey Results

For the past couple years, during graduation practice, seniors have taken an exit survey. Questions on the survey are meant to provide information about services, programs, and preparedness for life after graduation. Following are some results of this year's survey:

- 26% will continue schooling at a 2 year college or trade school
- 46% will continue schooling at a 4 year college
- 20% will enter the job market
- 9% are entering the military
- 91% report getting their 1st choice in what they want to do after graduation
- 85% felt supported and respected by their teachers and principals
- 72% felt safe and secure at school
- 91% felt their time at school was well spent
- 35% said if we could get rid of just a few people (bullies), our school climate would be much better
- 37% felt the discipline policy needs updated/some revisions

We are doing a great job, but there is always room for improvements, as the survey results indicate.

## Elementary School Special Recognition Awards

### American Citizenship Award

**K4**

Gianna Louder  
Jacob Meyers

**Kindergarten**

Nathaniel Denhard  
Ava Deskevich  
Cadence Murray

**Grade 1**

Alexis Blough  
Emma Regan  
Geonna Riffle

**Grade 2**

Kara Bagley  
Connor Hrivnak  
Addason Reffner

**Grade 3**

Kylee Headrick  
Joshua Mitchell  
Audrey Murray

**Grade 4**

Alex Deskevich  
Aedan Hrivnak

**Grade 5**

Gavin Arone  
Noah Hendershot  
Elleyana Johnson

**Grade 6**

David Herring  
Tyler McKinley

### Perfect Attendance

**K4**

Oren Kosakowski

**Grade 1**

Geonna Riffle  
Justin Robine  
Hayden Stiles  
Michael Zahurak

**Grade 2**

Kira Calpin

**Grade 6**

David Herring  
Jason Zoodie

### Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

Nathan Beckman  
Allie Gray  
Madison Harkness

Samantha Himes  
Elijah Minahan

### Presidential Award for Educational Achievement

Aaron Alt  
Hailey Berg  
Selena Bier  
Zachary Borischak  
Isabelle Buksa  
Trent Davis  
Samantha Forgas  
Kaileb Ghezzi

Hunter Hanson  
Makenzie Jerin  
Riley Maldet  
Liana Mitchell  
Logan Peterson  
Anastasia Sidor  
Alec Way

### 35th Senatorial District “Good Citizenship Award”

Nathan Beckman  
Tyler Dowdell

Samantha Forgas  
Lyric Mason

### Peer Leaders

Nathan Beckman  
Selena Bier  
Isabelle Buksa  
Samantha Forgas  
Kaileb Ghezzi  
Allie Gray  
Madison Harkness

Samantha Himes  
Makenzie Jerin  
Riley Maldet  
Elijah Minahan  
Logan Peterson  
Alec Way

### **Ferndale Area School District is a Smoke-Free District**

It is the policy of the Ferndale Area School District that all buildings, property (including sidewalks and parking areas), outdoor fixed seating areas, vehicles owned or contracted and other designated areas of the Ferndale Area School District are designated to be tobacco free environments.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

### WestPAC All-Conference Team Selections

Varsity Golf – Marshall Kurchak

Varsity Volleyball – Lana Maniakhina

Varsity Football – Brad Boring and Anthony Rhoads

Varsity Boys’ Basketball – Ray Hinton and Corey McCombie

Varsity Girls’ Basketball – Leah Cenko

Varsity Baseball – Trey McGough, Luc Kulback, Matt Teplica, and Hunter Kinsey

Varsity Softball – Leah Cenko and Mikayla Hoffman



## Scholarships and Awards

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athletes .....	<i>Lana Maniakina</i> <i>Julius Thomas</i>	WestPAC All-Conference Team	
U.S. Navy Awards		Varsity Golf .....	<i>Marshall Kurchak</i>
Scholarship .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>	Varsity Volleyball .....	<i>Lana Maniakina</i>
Leadership .....	<i>Trey McGough</i>	Varsity Football.....	<i>Brad Boring</i> <i>Anthony Rhoads</i>
Athletic .....	<i>Ray Hinton</i>	Varsity Boys' Basketball.....	<i>Ray Hinton</i> <i>Corey McCombie</i>
Excellence in English Language Arts .....	<i>Jocelyn McFeaters</i>	Varsity Girls' Basketball.....	<i>Leah Cenko</i>
Challenge Program Senior Awards		Varsity Baseball .....	<i>Hunter Kinsey</i> <i>Luc Kulback</i> <i>Trey McGough</i> <i>Matt Teplica</i>
Academic Excellence .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>	Varsity Softball .....	<i>Leah Cenko</i> <i>Mikayla Hoffman</i>
Academic Improvement .....	<i>Brad Boring</i>	Outstanding Male Athlete .....	<i>Trey McGough</i>
Attendance.....	<i>Madison Thomas</i>	Outstanding Female Athlete.....	<i>Leah Cenko</i>
Community Service.....	<i>Justin King</i>	National Honor Society Awards.....	<i>Grace Bailey</i> <i>Trey McGough</i> <i>Ceara Ohler</i>
S.T.E.M.....	<i>Trey McGough</i>	Drama Award.....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
Class of 1973 Scholarships.....	<i>Travis Boyd</i> <i>Trey McGough</i>	Audio/Visual Productions .....	<i>Alex Reese</i>
CBM Ameriserv Scholarship.....	<i>Latasha Jenkins</i>	Student Council Award .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
Journey Award Scholarships .....	<i>Cassie Antesberger</i> <i>Lauren Olszewsky</i>	Making a Difference Educational Scholarship	
Polish National Alliance Citizenship Scholarship .....	<i>Anthony Rhoads</i>	Provided by Red Cross.....	<i>Alex Reese</i>
Drs. William and Nancy Grove Scholarship.....	<i>Ceara Ohler</i>	Outstanding Senior Band Member .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
UPJ Merit Scholarships .....	<i>Ray Hinton</i> <i>Emily Szekeresh</i>	Outstanding Senior Chorus Member .....	<i>Tiffani Irvin</i>
UPJ Basketball Scholarship.....	<i>Ray Hinton</i>	District and Regional Band .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i> <i>Haley Bennett</i> <i>Paige Leftwich</i> <i>Nicole Pellow</i>
UPJ Presidential Scholarship.....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>	District Chorus .....	<i>Matthew Clawson</i>
UPJ Sara Jane Torquato Scholarship.....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>	Accounting .....	<i>Samantha Collins</i>
Mount Aloysius College Merit Scholarships .....	<i>Darius Daily</i> <i>Madison Thomas</i> <i>Katelyn Thompson</i> <i>Candyce Vannatter</i>	Art .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
Saint Francis University Presidential Scholarship .....	<i>Travis Boyd</i>	Biological Sciences .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
Thiel College Scholarship .....	<i>Brad Boring</i>	Chemistry .....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
La Roche College Merit Scholarship.....	<i>Leah Cenko</i>	Mathematics.....	<i>Trey McGough</i>
Mount St. Mary's Dean's Scholarship.....	<i>Trey McGough</i>	Social Studies.....	<i>Preston Speicher</i>
Mount St. Mary's Baseball Scholarship .....	<i>Trey McGough</i>	Citizenship .....	<i>Cassie Antesberger</i> <i>Anthony Rhoads</i>
Speicher Award .....	<i>Brad Boring</i>	Valedictorian.....	<i>Grace Bailey</i>
Hamer Award .....	<i>Anthony Rhoads</i>	Salutatorian .....	<i>Trey McGough</i>
District VI Sportsmanship Awards .....	<i>Samantha Collins</i> <i>Tim Weaver</i>		



## Athletic Highlights

*Stephen Clawson, Athletic Director*

### FALL SPORTS

The Varsity Football team was unable to break into the win column this year, but had many exciting games. The youthful Jackets gave North Star, Windber, Conemaugh Township, and Blacklick Valley all they could handle. The team was led by Seniors Anthony Rhoads and Brad Boring, whose hard work and dedication led to them both being selected All Conference. The Jackets also had several underclassmen that look like future stars, including Hunter Kinsey who was named Second team Honorable Mention by the Tribune Democrat along with Brad Boring. The future seems bright as the Jackets will return 17 lettermen for next year's squad.

The Junior High Football team had a great year going 2-6, but the key is that they got better each week. The team was led by 8th grader Noah Korenoski, who was the main player on Offense and Defense. We had a lot of young kids step up through the year, and we are hoping they will be more experienced for the upcoming season.

The Varsity Volleyball team opened the season with some challenging issues such as low numbers, no seniors and a very young and inexperienced team. However, the girls put forth tremendous effort and dedication throughout the entire season. They played as a team and maintained composure while facing highly talented opponents. It certainly is and will be a learning and rebuilding stage for our volleyball program, but we're looking forward to working with the girls next year.

The Varsity Golf team finished the season with a record of 2-5. The team continued to make improvements throughout the season, and we are excited to compete this coming fall for a WestPAC Championship. Jackets Golf will lose Seniors Travis Boyd and Josh Pentrack, but we are excited to have four lettermen returning (Alec Alt, Marshall Kurchak, Julius Thomas, and Joseph Chobany). Several first year players will be expected to contribute. The members of the team enjoy the sport and have a great admiration and respect for the game. We would like to thank the School Board and members of the Ferndale Area community for their commitment to this "life time" sport.

The cheerleaders have had another great year. The girls cheered for the football teams as well as boys and girls basketball teams. The girls also helped to plan as well as participate in many other activities. Both squads played a big part in the Community Pep Rally as they helped to plan it and practiced with the Junior Jackets in order to include them. The girls played a big part in helping several area families for Christmas. The 4th Annual Yellow Jackets "Pink Out" was another event the girls helped to organize. This year the girls from both squads were able to deliver a check, for \$1000.00, to the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center. "Pride in the Hive" is alive and well!

### WINTER SPORTS

The 2015-2016 Varsity Boys' Basketball season was one for the record books. The Yellow Jackets finished with a final record of 19-5 and for the first time in Ferndale Area history captured the WestPAC North with a perfect 12-0 record. We were unable to capture a WestPAC Championship losing a heart breaker to Shanksville in OT 41-39. After receiving a first round bye and earning a #4 seed in the D6 playoffs, Ferndale Area was knocked off by Bishop Guilfoyle. Ray Hinton received a full basketball scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and was selected on the Single A all-state team. He was also selected to play in 3 all-star games. He was only the second player from Johnstown to ever make the Pittsburgh Round Ball Classic. Ray also was the MVP in the AmeriServ Classic scoring an all-star game record 29 points. Corey McCombie was also selected to play in the AmeriServ All Star game. We look forward to the challenge of repeating as WestPAC North champs.

The 2015-2016 season was another rough one for the Lady Jackets. While the season did not produce the wins we would have hoped, the girls showed improvements each game. Our statistics in every recorded category improved from the previous season. We are looking forward to a productive summer with a lot of girls in the gym and continuing the improvement into next season. We would like to wish our two seniors, Ceara Ohler and Leah Cenko, good luck as they move on from Ferndale Area.

The 2015-2016 Junior High Boys' team played 22 games this year from the previous 12 game schedule, participating in 18 West PAC games, and two tournaments that counted towards their record of 7-15. On the offensive end, the team was led by 7th grader Seth Coleman's 305 points and 9th grader Nick Irvin's 269 points. Players demonstrated their skills at the Somerset Tournament with Nick Irvin winning the foul shooting contest, Loghan Furfari finishing 2nd in the 3-Point Shooting Contest and Chance Kelly placing in the Dribble-Layup contest. In the final event, the Shade 7th-8th Tournament, Seth Coleman received the Hustle Award. The players will be participating in off season workouts and look to rebound from the record last year.

The 2015-2016 Junior High Girls' Basketball season was a learning experience for both the coaches and the girls. This year was the return to coaching for Coach Rhodes after a 12 year "retirement". It was also the first try at coaching with Assistant Coach Yaworski. With only one win, some might think that it was a terrible season. However, the girls did learn that they had to hustle and play as a team for the entire game. The best complement for the girls would be that several opposing coaches said to them after the game that they have improved so much from the first time they played. With that being said we are proud of the girls and are very much looking forward to the new season.

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*Athletic Highlights (Continued from page 15)*

In August of 2015 the school board approved a new PIAA sport at the high school level. Competitive Spirit, also known as competitive cheerleading, has taken the nation by storm, and we are proud to say the Hive has joined in. With a squad consisting of 15 members, they placed at multiple local competitions in their inaugural year. In December of 2015 the "Queen Bees" won the title of Small Lettermen Varsity Regional Champions at the Allegheny Regional held at Slippery Rock University. The team received a bid from this win to the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando Florida. Thanks to the financial contributions from the Yellow Jacket community, nine members of the inaugural squad attended the Championships where they were semi-finalists. The squad is already anxious for their second season and strives for continued success.

**SPRING SPORTS**

This year's Varsity Baseball team finished the 2016 season with a 15-5 record. The team won the WestPAC North title for the second consecutive year to advance to the WestPAC Championship game where they met opponent Meyersdale yet again, this time winning by the score of 10-6. This is the first WestPAC title for the Varsity Baseball team since the inception of the WestPAC Conference in 2001. The team was the #2 seed in the District 6 playoffs, but lost in the Quarterfinals to Juniata Valley by the score of 5-3. The coaching staff would like to thank the team for another memorable season and for all of your hard work and dedication. In addition, Trey McGough will move on to play for Division I Mount St. Mary's Baseball team this coming fall. We would like to wish all of our outgoing

Seniors the best of luck with their future endeavors: Luc Kulback, Corey McCombie, Trey McGough, and Tim Weaver.

The Softball team went 0-19 for the season. Leah Cenko led the team with a .670 batting average with five doubles, four triples and 2 homeruns. Jacklyn Himes had a .303 batting average with two doubles. Jacklyn also had 30 strikeouts on the season. Although the season was tough, the coaching staff would like to thank the girls for staying together through it all. We look forward to a new start next year.

The Junior High Baseball team had a good season this year with a record of 6 wins and 7 losses. After an 0-3 start to the season, the team swept two double headers in the same week against Johnstown and Harmony. Three of the losses were by 3 runs or less. The Jackets ended the season with a doubleheader at Bedford. The Jackets stayed close with the Bisons throughout the first game. During the second game of the doubleheader, the Jackets did something that the Junior High programs have never done...beat Bedford. The coaching staff believes that the team has a solid foundation for a successful squad for the next few years.

The Junior High Volleyball team finished with the record of JV 8-7 and Varsity 1-14. As the season went on, the players showed improvement in their skills and knowledge of the game. The girls are going to play in the Roxbury Volleyball League this summer, and we are looking forward to the 2016-2017 season. We would like to thank our scorekeepers Gabi, Jenna and Abbey. We would also like to thank Lana and Haley for all of their help throughout this season.