



South Hunterdon Regional School District

Issue: December 2020

From the Desk of the Superintendent

Update on our District Equity Goal

Goal 4: Identifying and removing institutional barriers, and creating access and opportunities to foster the success of our students. Promote equality of educational opportunities and reduce the disparity of results between diverse groups of students.

I am extremely happy with the progress we have been making in our Equity work despite dealing with the pandemic. The district has put together a Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) team made up of 20 staff members throughout the district. The committee meets one time per month. In October the CRT team did equity training with [Dr. Lauren Kelly](#) from Rutgers University. In January Dr. Kelly will be training the entire South Hunterdon teaching staff on how to have conversations with students that revolve around race and equity. The CRT team will then be facilitating additional activities with staff in February that focus on equity. We have also established sub-committees for the CRT team that are focusing on the following:

- Professional Development for staff
- Curriculum Review using the [CRE](#) scorecard
- Data team - create performance indicators, methods to measure the impact of our work.

The team is also working on a professional library for staff that will increase knowledge, awareness and instructional practices in the area of equity.

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Our district recently joined [CJPRIDE](#) (Central Jersey Program for the Recruitment of Diverse Educators) as we focus on diversifying our teaching population by attracting candidates of color to our district. We will be participating in a job fair in the spring focused on recruiting diverse candidates.

Student Work

We implemented this year a new Social Justice elective course for 11th and 12th grade students. We are planning some additional student programs in the 2nd half of the school year specifically around the use of the N word; however, we feel strongly that this programming needs to be in person rather than virtual. We are planning for September 2021 so that all 9th grade history classes will have a component that focuses on race and racial literacy.



South Hunterdon Middle/High School

We are proud to announce SHRHS/MS Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year. With a staff full of talented, dedicated, hardworking professionals, this honor is truly remarkable.

- This year's SHR Educator of the Year is **DAN RUVOLO!**
- This year's SHR Educational Services Professional of the Year is **LORETTA TRUPPELLI!**

Book Fair

SHR Library will host its first online Book Fair on December 2nd through December 9th.

This easy format allows you to safely shop online and ship to your home! Books are targeted to school-age children and are high-quality picks from JLG.

Check out the book picks by the Library Squad, our library ambassadors club. Look for more information coming soon!

[Book Fair Squad Advertisement - without Names.pdf](#)

FFA Ultimate Sports Wrap Fundraiser

Looking for the perfect last minute gift for your sports or outdoor enthusiasts? Look no further! **The ULTIMATE SPORTS WRAP** is just what you need. This is great for any outdoor activity including sports, concerts, picnics and more!

Features include: Compact/portable design, hood, lined pockets, weatherproof outer shell with fleece inside, 70 inches x 58 inches (WxH), machine washable, South Hunterdon Logo and school colors.

*** Dates to Remember ***

December 21 - Board of Education Virtual Meeting - 7:00 PM

December 24 - January 3 - Winter Recess - School Closed

January 4 - School Resumes

January 11- MS/HS Winter Sports Begin

Please open the attached sale flyer for more information or go to:
<https://shrsdwinter2020.itemorder.com/sale> to order yours today!
Time to order is limited as the sale ends Sunday, December 13th.

All sales are conducted in the online store (please use the link above).

Orders can be picked up at Special T's Located at 6 Kings Ct., Flemington, NJ **OR** (for an added fee) delivered directly to your home.

Pick up will start December 17th.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Hayes at
amanda.hayes@shrsd.org

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Spring Internship Opportunity

A spring internship opportunity is available in Princeton for a South graduate currently a junior or senior in college in one of the following majors:

Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Humanities, Education, Nonprofit Management, Fundraising, Event Planning, Business Administration, Operations Management, Project Management, Marketing, Communications, Public Relations or other relevant major

Contact Susan Laird at susan.laird@shrsd.org if interested.

Transition Team Meetings

Thursday, December 10th will be our first Middle School Transition Team meeting. Initial discussion on goals for transition to the middle school, successes in the past and needs based on conversation with elementary and middle school teachers.

Thursday, December 17th, middle school and high school teachers will discuss goals for helping our 8th graders transition to 9th graders as part of the High School Transition Team meeting.

ATHLETICS

The NJSIAA has released new guidance on the upcoming winter season.

1. **Basketball and Bowling Start Dates:** First practice will be **January 11th** with games beginning on **January 26th**. The season will conclude on **March 6th**.
2. **Games:** Teams will be allowed a max of 15 games. No games against out-of-state opponents will be permitted.
3. **Tournament:** The NJSIAA **will not** sponsor post-season play this winter.
4. **Spectators:** Spectators will be **prohibited** during the winter season. High school home games will be live streamed (more information to come).
5. **Middle School Basketball:** Our previously announced plan will remain in place allowing middle school boys and girls to practice on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games will not be played at the middle school level.

November Athletes of the Week:

Nov 2nd - 7th: Christina Baggitt (Cross-Country), Kendy Gonzalez (Soccer), Ryan Hinman (Football), Angel Martinez (Soccer), Alyssa Schmidt (Cheerleading), Tiernan Swayhoover (Field Hockey)

Nov 9th - 14th: Jimmy Hagman (Cross Country), Ryan Hinman (Football),

Zoe Horan (Field Hockey), Emily Stoff (Soccer), Ethan Sutton (Soccer), Kelsey Tulley (Cheerleading)

Nov 16th - 21st: Elio Ambrosino (Cross Country), Skyler Badessa (Field Hockey), Logan Conner (Football), Annie Spreen (Soccer), Jason Sutton (Soccer)

2020 All-County Boys Soccer Team

South Hunterdon Athletics would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following members of the boys' soccer team for being named to the 2020 Hunterdon All-County Boys Soccer Team:

First Team:

Danny Ingersoll- Senior, Midfielder
Angel Martinez- Junior, Defender/Forward
Thomas Warms- Sophomore, Goalkeeper

Second Team:

Ryan Barrett- Senior, Defender
Ethan Sutton- Senior, Midfielder

2020 Boys and Girls Skyland All-Conference Teams

Girls First Team:

Eve Durkee-Neumann- Sophomore, Forward
Emily Stoff- Senior Defender

Boys First Team:

Danny Ingersoll- Senior, Midfielder
Angel Martinez- Junior, Forward
Jason Sutton- Senior, Forward

Girls Second Team:

Annie Spreen- Junior, Defender
Emma Coffey- Junior, Defender

Boys Second Team:

Ethan Sutton- Senior, Midfielder
Ryan Barrett- Senior, Defender
Thomas Warms- Sophomore, Goalkeeper

Girls Honorable Mention:

Eve Voorhees- Senior, Midfielder

Boys Honorable Mention:

Cole Warms- Junior, Defender
Jared Kreider- Senior, Defender

Congratulations to the SHR Field Hockey Team on winning the Skylands Conference Mountain Division for the 3rd year in a row!

Please click [here](#) to read the article.

Congratulations to Rebecca Phillips for being named nj.com Skyland Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week!

Please click
<https://www.nj.com/highschoolsports/2020/11/players-of-the-week-in-all-12-nj-field-hockey-conferences-nov-12.html> to read the article!

South Hunterdon Athletics would like to congratulate Rebecca Phillips as she officially signed with Franklin Pierce University taking part in National Signing Day!

Please click on the link to see the photo: [IMG_4229.JPG](#)

Go Eagles!!



Lambertville Public School

LPS Governor's Educator and Education Services Professional of the Year

We are proud to announce the LPS Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year. With a staff full of talented, dedicated, hardworking professionals, this honor is truly remarkable!

- This year's LPS Educator of the Year is **Alexa Kinney!**
- This year's LPS Educational Services Professional of the Year is **Kellen Mears!**

LPS Insider

The November edition by Ms. Hart focussed on the Character Word of the Month GRATITUDE. <https://youtu.be/n5ce6TyMz3k>

Message from the School Nurse

Nurse Berls thanks everyone for taking the following helpful precautions while we are out of the school building. We want to always practice safety.

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash Hands

LPS Counselors News

Each month all LPS learners will have an opportunity to sign up for a virtual Lunch Bunch, hosted by the school counselor, Ms. Isabella. These Lunch Bunch meetings will provide a space for students to come together to interact with grade level peers through conversation starters, activities, and games.

Family Math Night

We are excited to announce on Wednesday, December 16th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM we will be holding our first ever **Virtual Family Math Night**. This is also a wonderful opportunity for LPS and WAS students from grades K-6 to be able to come together virtually. This event will be geared toward students in grades K - 8 with the focus on basic math games that can be played at home and reinforce important skills. Teachers will run virtual stations that will have 2 - 3 games available for parents and students to learn and play as the teacher provides support. Further details on how games and materials will be distributed to students will be provided in the near future. Stay on the lookout for more details in December!

*** Dates to Remember ***

December 9 – Virtual PTA Zoom
7:00 PM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78297837756?pwd=Qy9FakhWUvcwdW9xTmFmU3FKYS9iUT09>

Meeting ID: 782 9783 7756 Passcode: zP513i

December 16 – Virtual Math
Night – 6:00 - 7:30 PM

December 21 – Board of
Education Virtual Meeting -
7:00 PM

December 24 – January 3 –
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West Amwell Elementary School

WAS Governor's Educator and Education Services Professional of the Year

We are proud to announce the WAS Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year. With a staff full of talented, dedicated, hardworking professionals, this honor is truly remarkable.

- This year's WAS Educator of the Year is **Kristen Huffnagle!**
- This year's WAS Educational Services Professional of the Year is **Diane Ford!**

WAS Holiday Sing-A-Long

The pandemic has impacted us all in ways great and small. Continuing to have a vibrant music program during this time requires creativity and adaptability. At WAS we are committed to following safety guidelines for COVID. Unfortunately this means a full holiday concert isn't feasible for this year; however, we would like to invite students to participate in a virtual holiday sing-a-long!

If you are interested in participating please read the instructions below and make sure you have submitted your video by Wednesday, December 9th. This is a voluntary event open to all students at WAS. The song selection for this sing-a-long is *Jingle Bells*.

Here are the guidelines for creating your video: [Jingle Bells Recording Instructions](#)

Lunch Bunch Social

Each month remote learners will have an opportunity to sign up for a virtual Lunch Bunch, hosted by the school counselor, Ms. Swingle. These Lunch Bunch meetings will provide a space for students learning from home to interact with grade level peers through conversation starters, activities, and games.

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WAS PTO

The PTO was happy to continue projects focusing on local vendors and

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community building. We recently completed events with O Wow Cow and Wax and Scent Studio. There's currently a holiday art project available with PaintParty Farm. Finally, our (early) Holiday Shoppe concluded on November 20th, giving kids the opportunity to give gifts to friends and family this holiday season.

Lego Robotics

Mr. Kowalewski will be starting the 9th edition of the ever popular Lego Robotics Club shortly. Due to COVID restrictions, the format will be different this year as the team meetings will be conducted virtually through Zoom. Students should have experience with building LEGOS, be good at following directions, and experienced with Zoom. The program will be open to all 9-14 year old students in the district. If you are interested you should email Mr. Kowalewski at przemyslaw.kowalewski@shrsd.org to receive more details. The program will be limited to 10 students.

Message from the School Nurse

Mrs. Pittore wants to once again thank everyone for taking the following helpful precautions while in and out of school that keep us all safe and healthy:

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash Hands
- Stay home if you are not feeling well

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Would you like a community activity or event added to our monthly newsletter? Email Stephanie Zorn at stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org and she will make sure it gets in the next newsletter.

The NJ Division of Human Services released information on how parents can receive additional support for childcare if their child is attending school remotely full-time or part-time. Click on this link for more information. <https://www.childcarenj.gov/COVID19>

The New Jersey Health Department releases each Thursday an update on COVID statistics throughout the state. Here is the link for the report [NJ Health Department COVID Statistics](#). Hunterdon County is in the Central West Region with Mercer and Somerset counties.

Substitute Teachers Needed:

Are you looking for part-time work that fits your child's schedule? Do you have at least 60 college credits? Apply to be a substitute teacher! No teaching experience necessary; training is provided. Flexible hours, per-diem pay, positive work environment. Work where your kids learn!

Contact: stephanie.zorn@shrsd.org or call 609-397-1888 x1216

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