



Muhlenberg Hall of Fame seeking nominations

In order to have an outstanding cross section of Muhlenberg's finest, the Hall of Fame Committee needs your help.

Structure • The Hall of Fame is divided into three categories: Athletic, scholastic and career. The Athletic will be open to athletes, coaches, administrators and others. The Scholastic will be open to those who have excelled in academics, in the arts or in the vocational area. The Career will be open to those who have excelled in the area of service or those who have achieved noteworthy accomplishments or prominence.

Qualifications • Individuals will be considered as nominees for the Hall of Fame only after five years have passed since their graduation from high school or the termination of their coaching or employment with Muhlenberg High School.

Athletic • Athlete – An athlete who has achieved recognition at the national, state or district level; or who won a championship at the national, state or district level; or who has been a dominant athlete during his/her period of competition. A Muhlenberg graduate who has achieved intercollegiate or national prominence in athletics.

- Coach/Administrator – A former coach or administrator who contributed immeasurably to the Muhlenberg School District athletic program.

- Other – An individual who has contributed immeasurably to the Muhlenberg School District athletic program.

surably to the Muhlenberg School District athletic program. This person need not be a Muhlenberg graduate or resident.

Scholastic • Any Muhlenberg graduate who has contributed to the pride of the school through his/her achievements of high honors in the areas of academic, vocational, art or music and has continued to achieve honor or recognition through post-secondary institutions or his/her vocation.

Career • Any person who has been distinguished in a post-secondary achievement or who has contributed immeasurably to the Muhlenberg School District through his/her contribution or act of altruism.

Nomination Process • Individuals may be nominated by themselves, by a Muhlenberg graduate, by a resident of the community or by a member of the Hall of Fame Governing Committee.

Selection Process • Nominees will be considered by the Hall of Fame Committee only after the above described nomination process has been followed. Committee members will determine the procedures for selection, as well as the number of selections to be made, based on the number of nominations being considered for each of the three branches.

Please use the nomination form on page 2.

Kindergarten Registration

Registration packets will be mailed in early April to families who listed a Kindergarten age child on their census report forms. If you have a child who is eligible for Kindergarten (five years of age on or before August 31, 2007) and you have not received a registration packet by April 16, 2007, please call the MEC office at 921-8028 to request that one be mailed to you.

To complete the registration process, kindergarten age students and their parents must attend one of six

registration/kindergarten screening sessions. Please call the MEC office before April 23 to sign up for your session.

Dates: April 25, 26, and 27, 2007

Times: 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Location: C. E. Cole Cafeteria

Mrs. Tobey will be available on April 26 at the 1:00 p.m. session and April 27 at the 9:30 a.m. session to assist second language families and their children.

Muhlenberg High School Hall of Fame

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Circle Category of Nominee

Athletic

Scholastic

Career

(please print or type all information)

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Please list in detail 7 special awards or accomplishments by the nominee: Further explanation or resume may be attached.

This nomination is submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Please complete and return this form to:

*Muhlenberg High School
Attention: Barrett Oxenreider
Sharp Avenue and Frances Street
Laureldale, Pa 19605*

Act 1 – Ballot Tax Question

Shifting Real Estate Tax to an Additional Earned Income Tax

By: Jean Hornberger, MBA, Business Manager

Before casting your vote in the May 15, 2007 primary election, you should take a moment to calculate the impact of Act 1 legislation on your personal household budget. Voters in the Muhlenberg School District will be asked to vote on a ballot question (front end referendum) that, if approved, will increase their Earned Income Tax (EIT) by 1%. The money generated from this tax increase will be used to reduce the property taxes on all approved homestead and farmstead properties.

Each owner will be given the same assessment reduction on their property resulting in a tax deduction of approximately \$261 for the 2007 school tax. This will be tax relief for some homeowners, but for those homeowners with earned income around \$26,000, it will be an even tax shift; dollar for dollar. And, for those homeowners with earned income in excess of \$26,000, it will be an overall increased tax burden. Earned income includes wages, tips and bonuses.

As part of Act 1 legislation, Muhlenberg's Board of Directors appointed a Tax Study Commission in September 2006. The Commission members studied the historic and present sources of revenue for the district and considered the demographics of community (age, income, employment, etc). In December 2006, after months of research and discussion, the Commission recommended to the Board that the current levels of taxation be maintained. The Commission reasoned that 70% of Muhlenberg's households would have a higher overall tax burden while only 30% would potentially have a decrease in taxes. They felt this would "create a massive divide within the Muhlenberg Community".

The Board of Directors is, however, mandated to propose a question to the voters in the May primary. The wording of the ballot question will be:

Do you favor Muhlenberg School District imposing an additional 1% earned income tax? The revenue generated from the increased tax rate will be used to reduce taxes on each qualified residential and farm property by approximately \$261. The School District's current earned income tax rate is .5%. The proposed increase, together with the .5% already attributed to the municipality in which you reside, will result in a total earned income tax rate of 2%.

By using the worksheet printed at right you can calculate the net effect of the proposed tax shift between your earned income tax increase and your school real estate tax deduction. The millage rate on Line H is a proposed preliminary rate and may change when the final general fund budget is approved by the Board in June 2007. A positive number on Line N means a net savings while a negative number means additional tax responsibilities. By using the worksheet printed on the reverse page, you can calculate your net results.

This same worksheet can be found on our District website www.muhsdk12.org where it will automatically calculate your net results.

Foundation celebrates Mardi Gras with fundraising event

On Saturday, February 10 the Muhlenberg School District Foundation held its second fund raising event at the former Agere plant. The theme for this year's event was the Mardi Gras complete with king cake, masks, beads, and over 50 silent auction items donated by our community of supporters.

A special thank you for their donation goes to Fred Giorgi of Giorgio Foods, Inc., Mike Lawrence of All-Star Distributing, and Mark Rozzi of Rozzi Brothers. After a delicious meal, the Dixie Land Jazz Band, under the direction of Bill

Sandel, provided the music while John Raven, a mentalist and magician, provided some interesting entertainment. Ron DeLuca, former CEO of Bozel, Inc., gave the invocation. Through the efforts of school district retirees Dolores Johnson, Linda McCrae, Marleen Schwambach, Diana Rae Sterner, and Donna DeLuca, this evening was a huge success.

MSD supports Habitat for Humanity



Pictured at the Mardi Gras are left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rowley, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Heckman, Dr. Terry & Mr. Randy Haught, Atty. & Mrs. Timothy Rowley, Attorney Timothy Bitting



The first-ever "Hats on for Habitat" campaign raised over \$3,000 from the participating schools. Muhlenberg contributed \$262.68 and was recognized on two billboards.

**Muhlenberg School District
TAX PAYER ACT 1 WORKSHEET**

Shifting Real Estate Tax to an Additional Earned Income Tax

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|
| A | Current Annual Earned Income | _____ | <i>**Household Annual Earned Income</i> | |
| B | Current MSD EIT Rate | _____ 0.50% | <i>Current MSD Rate - shared half of 1% with municipality</i> | |
| C | Current MSD EIT Paid | \$ _____ - | <i>Current Income x Current EIT</i> | (A x B) |
| D | Act 1 EIT Exclusion % | _____ 1.00% | <i>Based on 1% Exclusion</i> | |
| E | Additional EIT Due | \$ _____ - | <i>Current Income x Act 1 EIT</i> | (A x D) |
| F | Total ACT 1 Earned Income Tax | \$ _____ - | <i>Current EIT Paid + Add'l EIT Due</i> | (C + E) |
| G | Total Assessment | _____ | <i>** From Tax Bill</i> | |
| H | Total Millage Rate | _____ 0.02511 | <i>Preliminary Budget Millage Rate</i> | |
| I | Current MSD Real Estate Paid | \$ _____ - | <i>Total Assessment x Total Millage Rate</i> | (G x H) |
| J | Yr. 1 Tax Bill Reduction | _____ 261.00 | <i>Based On 1% Exclusion Calculation</i> | |
| K | Total Act 1 Real Estate Tax | _____ (261.00) | <i>Current Real Estate - Reduction</i> | (I - J) |
| L | Total Current Taxes | \$ _____ - | <i>Current EIT Paid + Current Real Estate Paid</i> | (C + I) |
| M | Total Paid Under Act 1 | _____ (261.00) | <i>Total EIT Paid + Total Act 1 Real Estate</i> | (E + K) |
| N | Total Net Tax Relief | _____ 261.00 | <i>Total Current Real Estate-Total Paid Under Act 1</i> | (L - M) |

**** indicates data input required**

For more information on this worksheet see "Tax Payer Act I Worksheet" on previous page

Muhlenberg School District 2007 Summer Aquatics Program

Registration for all Spring classes will be held **Monday May 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.** in the **Pool Lobby** at the high school. Please bring identification of district residency to registration. You may register for classes **AFTER** these dates by phone as long as spaces are still available.

Swimming Lessons – \$35 per session

June 18 to June 29 or July 9 to July 20 or July 23 to August 3.

Parent/Tot Swim Classes – \$35

June 19 to July 26

Recreational Swimming

Family Membership – \$70 • Individual Membership – \$35
• Daily – \$3 • June 4 to August 31

Water Aerobics – \$40 (2 days per week)

June 4 to July 19

Water Walking – \$30 (2 days per week)

June 5th to July 19th
(Combine with water aerobics for \$65.00 for both classes)

District NEWS

2007-2008 School Calendar

August

24 Teacher/Clerical Day
27 Teacher In-Service Day
28 First Day of School (students)
31 Holiday – Labor Day

September

3 Holiday – Labor Day

October

8 Teacher In-Service Day

November

22 Holiday – Thanksgiving
23 Holiday – Thanksgiving
26 Holiday – Thanksgiving

December

24 Holiday – Winter Break
25 Holiday – Winter Break
26 Holiday – Winter Break
27 Holiday – Winter Break
28 Holiday – Winter Break
31 Holiday – Winter Break

January

1 Holiday – Winter Break
21 Teacher In-Service Day/
Snow Make up Day

February

18 Teacher In-Service Day/
Snow Make up Day

March

17 Holiday – Spring Break
18 Holiday – Spring Break
19 Holiday – Spring Break
20 Holiday – Spring Break
21 Holiday – Spring Break
24 Holiday – Spring Break
(Note: 17, 18, 19, 20 & 24 are snow make-up days)

May

26 Holiday – Memorial Day

June

4 Pupils' Last Day
5 Teacher/Clerical Day

Competitive Swim Practice – \$60

June 11 to August 10 • (For Advanced Competitive Swimmers Only) Ages: going to 8th grade thru college

Competitive Diving Practice – \$60

June 11th thru August 10th (Competitive Divers, All Ages)
(Combine with the swim practice the cost is \$100)

Pool Rentals – \$125 per hour

For more specific information on classes, times, etc. visit the website – www.muhsdk12.org – or contact the pool office at 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 or e-mail Mike Stambaugh at stambaughm@mail.muhsd.berksiu.k12.pa.us.

Volunteers welcome

The Muhlenberg School District Foundation welcomes tutoring volunteers for our 'wake-up' program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Muhlenberg Community Library. Anyone interested in helping out with the foundation or for more information, please call Nate DeLuca at 610-921-0419.

If you do not have access to a commercial or home gym, you can still do a strength training workout. You can do squats, lunges, chin ups, and push ups using your body weight for strength training. You can also add weight with heavy books, weighted dumbbells, ankle weights, backpacks filled with books, and buckets filled with water. The possibilities are endless with a little imagination! Whenever you workout, always have a warm up and cool down session. Also, check with your physician before starting a workout routine.

MEC awarded second grant

Muhlenberg Elementary Center recently was awarded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant for a second school year (2007-2008). This grant provides fresh fruits and

Wellness TIP

vegetables daily to all the elementary students. The grant also provides nutrition education through special activities for the students.

It also was announced that Muhlenberg Elementary Center won first prize for the Pennsylvania Advocates for Nutrition and Activity (PANA) Apple Crunch Activity! MEC was chosen for the top prize of \$200 for the nutrition activity held October 25. Students formed a circle around the outside of the elementary school and all took a bite of a fresh apple at the same time. They were given nutrition facts on apples and enjoyed eating the rest of their apple outside on a beautiful autumn morning. The prize money will be used to promote more health and wellness activities for the district.

Dodgeball tournament raises funds for American Cancer Society

The Muhlenberg Middle School Student Council held a Dodgeball Tournament on Monday, February 5 to raise money for the American Cancer Society. The tournament had 200 students and 40 staff members participate in the three-and-a-half hour event after school.

The students organized eight-person teams and each team member was responsible to collect donations for the worthy cause. A total of 26 student teams and two faculty teams participated in the event. There also was an exhibition game between the MMS Women's Faculty Team vs. the Women's National Bulgarian Dodgeball Team (which was really ten of MMS's own male faculty members dressed

up as women). All participants received a T-shirt printed up from the event, a Muhlenberg water bottle, pizza, snacks, drinks, and trophies were given to all of the bracket winners and the tournament champions.

MMS Student Council thanks Domino's Pizza, Papa John's Pizza, Pizza Hut, Margarita's Pizza, Clover Farms, Bachman Snacks, Weikel Sportswear and R.S. Trophies for their donations, which helped make the event a success. Thanks all to all the hard work by students and staff. Student Council made a \$4,200 donation to the American Cancer Society. The Dodgeball Tournament was a fantastic event and Student Council plans to hold the event annually.

MATHCOUNTS team posts successful effort at county meet

Eight Muhlenberg Middle School students represented the district in the annual Berks County competition of MATHCOUNTS. Out of 16 county middle schools competing, the Muhlenberg team placed fifth in the competition.

Team members include: **Jake Whitehead** (captain), **Julia Cornelius**, **Bethany Gilbert**, **Sean Slater**, **Abbie Ganas**,

Matt Christmas, **Taylor Selders** and **Zach Worley**.

In addition to the outstanding team performance, two members obtained outstanding personal scores. Out of the nearly 100 middle school students who competed, Julia Cornelius was ranked ninth and Jake Whitehead was ranked 22.

Congratulations to these Mathletes.

Assembly caps off "No Place For Hate" programs at MHS

Muhlenberg High School students participated in an assembly program Wednesday, March 7 featuring motivational speaker Scott Greenberg. Mr. Greenberg spoke to the students about his personal struggle to overcome cancer at an early age. He described how students can use inner courage and the strength from relationships with family, friends, and others to overcome obstacles faced on a daily basis. Mr. Greenberg related numerous experiences from his youth that helped define his personality and shape his positive outlook on life. Mr. Greenberg was entertaining and enlightening as he encouraged the audience to face their own adversities with determination and vitality.

After the program, several students remained in the auditorium for a workshop led by Mr. Greenberg. The assembly and workshop were part of Student Council's Diversity Week. Other activities included sampling ethnic foods at lunch, hearing music from cultures throughout the world, and participating in other activities planned by

the student council members. The week was part of a statewide "No Place for Hate" program developed in conjunction with the Anti-Defamation League to encourage students to celebrate diversity as a means of coming together as a school community. Muhlenberg

High School is one of 100 schools across the state taking part in this initiative.

The assembly program featuring Mr. Greenberg was funded by the MHS Student Council along with a grant provided by the Muhlenberg Education Foundation.

SAT registration deadlines:

May 5 SAT (Muhlenberg HS) - registration deadline
March 29 • June 2 SAT (at other Berks HS) - registration deadline
April 27 • June 9 ACT (at other Berks HS) - registration deadline
May 18

SAT website - www.collegeboard.com

ACT website - www.ACT.org

Middle School
NEWS

High School
NEWS

Swim championship results

GE group diving championships

9 & 10: Tyler Velez 73.15 - 5th **11 & 12:** Emily Kemmerling 134.60 - 1st; Bailey Gibson 102.50

- 3rd **13 & 14:** Lenae Parzanese 161.50 - 2nd

Age group swimming championships

8 & UNDER: Tyler Christ 25 breast 23.92 - 4th •

Christopher Hilty 25 back

20.64 - 4th, 25 free 17.45 - 1st • Sean Hnath 25 back

21.49 - 6th • Kohl Kerchner 25 fly 21.65 - 5th, 25 free

17.54 - 2nd, 25 breast 24.70 - 5th • Bryce Schaffer 25 fly

18.59 - 2nd, 25 back 20.50 - 3rd • Mackenzie Gring 25 fly

18.53 - 2nd, 25 back 19.31 - 1st, 25 free 16.73 - 3rd

9 & 10: Vincent Filippini 50 fly 34.75 - 1st, 50 back

37.02 - 2nd, 50 free 31.07 - 1st • Emily Zaorski 50 free

30.80 - 2nd, 50 breast 38.06 - 1st

11 & 12: Michael Boyer 100 I.M 1:23.70 - 5th, 50

breast 39.70 - 3rd • Adam Huber 50 fly 31.18 - 1st, 50

back 31.59 - 2nd, 50 free 27.01 - 2nd • Chris Short 100

free 1:10.38 - 3rd • Haley Hoxsie 50 free 31.07 - 6th, 50

breast 37.58 - 3rd • Ashley Puhlman 50 back 35.23 - 5th,

50 breast 36.66 - 1st • Jillian Roth 50 fly 31.59 - 3rd, 100

free 1:04.79 - 3rd • Gaby Schaffer 50 fly 30.56 - 2nd, 50

back 32.96 - 1st • Allison Wade 50 breast 37.72 - 4th

13 & 14: Lauren Bauer 100 free 1:02.03 - 5th, 50 free

27.27 - 5th • Katie Collins 100 fly 1:10.60 - 5th • Katie

Yeity 100 free 1:01.32 - 3rd, 100 breast 1:20.09 - 5th

Relays: Girls 11 & 12 medley Ashley Puhlman, Haley Hoxsie, Gaby Schaffer, Jillian Roth 2:11.71 - 3rd • Girls 11 & 12 free Allison Wade, Courtney Christ, Kristen Geras, Courtney Pelker 2:06.27 - 5th

Muhlenberg Bowling:

Patricia Christman qualified for the state bowling tournament. She had an 8 block total of 1108 in the SCIAA bowling tournament and finished 13th in the District.

In the state tournament Trish competed with 111 other girls throughout Eastern Pennsylvania and had a 6 game total of 985. Trish was the MVP winner for the girl's varsity bowling team.

In boys bowling, **George Wentzel** had a high average of 183 and was named the MVP for the boys bowling.

Muhlenberg girls swimmers, divers

The Muhlenberg girls swimming and diving team won their tenth District Championship on March 3 at Cumberland Valley High School. Representing the Muhls were seniors **Megan Bauer, Allison Fies**; juniors **Aimee Snyder, Jena Marrinucci, Amanda Frees**; sophomores **Ashley Bauer, Kelly Geras, Caitlin DeAngelo, Brianne Huber, Tiffany Strunk**; and freshman **Emily Gibson, Kristina Ciatto, Carli Rapp** and **Brianna Sieck**. The girls 200

and 400 Free Relays took home the gold along with Kelly Geras in the 500 Freestyle event. Included in the 200 free relay were Megan Bauer, Amanda Frees, Allison Fies and Jena Marrinucci. Kelly Geras joined Jena, Megan and Allie to win the 400 Free Relay. Other medal winners included Megan Bauer placing 2nd in the 50 free and 3rd in the 100 free. Jena Marrinucci placing 2nd in the 100 back and 8th in the 50 free. Allison Fies was 3rd in the 500 freestyle and 5th in the 200 freestyle. Kelly Geras was 6th in the 200 freestyle helped the 200 Medley Relay team of Aimee Snyder, Kristina Ciatto and Amanda Frees to a 4th place finish. Amanda Frees also placed 7th in the 100 butterfly and 8th in the 200 IM. Ashley Bauer placed 6th in the 500 freestyle.

District diving championship took place at Big Spring High School on Wednesday, February 21, Emily Gibson dove to a 7th place finish.

Congratulations to everyone who made this season and the District Championship a success.

Boys swim team results

The boys swimming and diving team had a remarkable season. The boys finished the regular season with an overall record of 7-6. The highlight of the season came against backyard rival Schuylkill Valley. The meet came down to the final event, in which the Muhls prevailed while also breaking the school record in the 400 Free Relay.

The following nine boys qualified for Districts: **Alan Snyder, Steve Santangelo, Derek Lupia, Dave Short, Shane Puhlman, Zach Chow, Andrew Savalti, Tony Florida, and Matt Kleckner**. The boys placed fourth as a team. The boys 200 Free Relay team of Alan Snyder, Steve Santangelo, Zach Chow, and Tony Florida won a gold medal. Those four boys represented Muhlenberg March 14 and 15 at the state meet.



•Cheerleading try-outs • 2007-2008

Try-outs for Muhlenberg School District cheerleaders will be held Thursday May 24 in the Muhlenberg High School Gym. Junior High tryouts will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and high school tryouts will be 4:30 to 6 p.m. **All participants must leave following their tryout. Participants will be contacted with results.**

Mandatory practice for tryouts will be held Monday, May 21, Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. each day. At the practices, participants will be taught one cheer, two chants, one short dance and two jumps (a toe touch and a jump of her choice).

The following grades are eligible:

- Junior High Football and Basketball – 7, 8 and 9
- Fall Cheerleading (Football, Soccer) – 10 – 12
- Winter Cheerleading (Basketball, Wrestling) – 10 – 12

This may change due to sign-up numbers!!

All participants named to the squad and their parents are required to attend a mandatory *Camp Meeting and Shoe Fitting*: Wednesday, May 30, 7 p.m.

Boys basketball

The Muhlenberg high school boy's basketball team had a memorable 2006-2007 season.

The team has made its first appearance in the Pennsylvania State Basketball Championships since 1990. The Muhls won the Berks County Section II championship for the first time since the 2000-2001 season with a 7-5 league record and a 14-9 overall regular season record. They also won the division and avenged an early season loss to section rival Twin Valley by beating the Raiders 51-43 at Twin Valley High School on the last game of the regular season.

The Muhls reached the District 3AAA semi-finals as a seven seed with victories over the ten seed Dover (55-54), and an upset win over the number two seed York Suburban (48-42 in OT). The Muhls lost a hard fought semi-final game against Susquehanna Township (53-40) and the third place game versus James Buchanan (63-61). The Muhls entered the state championships as the number four seeded team from District 3AAA.

The 2006-2007 Muhlenberg boys' varsity basketball team included: seniors **Adam Skoczen** (captain), **Thomas McFarlin**; juniors **Danny Vallejo** (captain), **Derek Zeller**, **Nick Heck**, **Vaughn Carraway**, **Kevin Botch**, **Travis Ely**, **Anthony Born** (manager); sophomores **Taylor Graeff**, **Jason Reber**, **Tyrell Ellison**; freshman, **Ben Wallace**.

School sports plan fall season try-outs, sign-ups

High School Fall Sports Sign-ups

High School fall sports sign-ups will take place Monday, May 21 during eighth period. Sign-ups for each sport will take place in the following locations:

Football – A-117 1st floor lecture hall (*Mrs. Martin, Pd 8 will be moved to B100*) • Soccer – A-231 • Field Hockey – Auditorium • Cross Country – A-130 • Golf – A-124 • Girls' Tennis – A-138 • Volleyball – A-202 • Water Polo – Pool

• Junior High fall sports sign-ups

Junior High fall sports sign-ups will be held in the auditorium of the middle school during eighth period on Wednesday, May 23.

Wrestling posts great numbers

The 2006-2007 wrestling season ended up one of the most successful in the history of Muhlenberg wrestling. The team compiled an overall dual meet record of 13-7.

The team also finished strong in tournaments: fifth in both the BCIAA Individual Tournament and the Newport Christmas tournament; fourth at the Section tournament; third at the LaSalle Tournament and Muhlenberg Duals; and a championship finish at Eastern York High School.

Individually **Cain Quinter** and **Brett Czarnecki** finished fourth and second, respectively, at the LaSalle Tournament while **Bo Candelaria**, **Mike Kellum** and **Nick Lutz** brought home championships. At Newport, **Kody Frank** finished fourth, **Bo Candelaria** and **Lee Quinter** finished third, **Cody Smith** finished second, and **Mike Kellum** and **Nick Lutz** brought home gold once again.

Muhlenberg placed seven wrestlers in the top five of their weight class: **Cody Smith**, fifth; **Kyle Eckert**, **Brett Czarnecki** and **Bo Candelaria**, fourth; **Lee Quinter** and **Mike Schrift**, third; and **Nick Lutz**, second.

The team sent five wrestlers to the district tournament (finish in the top three of the weight class): third place finishes **Brett Czarnecki** and **Lee Quinter**; **Mike Schrift** and **Bo Candelaria** finished second; **Nick Lutz** became a two-time sectional champion by finishing first. Nick also was the 45th person in Berks County history to achieve 100 (110 in all) career wins.

Letter of Intent

Michael Schrift signed a Division I letter of intent to play football at the College of William and Mary.

Music Association hosts another successful Music Festival

On Saturday, March 3, the Muhlenberg Music Association and the Muhlenberg Music Department presented the annual *Muhlenberg Music-In-Our-Schools Festival*. The festival featured all of the music performing groups in the entire school district from grades five through twelve. Each group performed a 15-minute concert in the gym, while a Chicken Bar-B-Q dinner was held in the adjacent cafeteria. Over 800 Chicken Bar-B-Q meals were served.

The festival began at 4 p.m. with the Muhlenberg Elementary Gold Band (fifth grade) and ended with the Muhlenberg HS Spoilers Jazz Band at 8:30 p.m. In between, all bands and choruses from MEC, MMS and MHS performed. A highlight of the evening was a performance by the combined choruses of all three schools, which included over 400 students!

Along with the concerts and chicken dinner, the Muhlenberg Music Association held many raffle drawings for prizes donated by many area businesses including Remcon Plastics, Snyder Insurance, CrossKeys Insurance, First Energy Berks Jazz Fest and Berks Arts Council, Dawn Tadash, KidzFirst, Muhlenberg Music Assn., Boscov's, Joyce Haines, Loser's Music, Dave Mathews, Carmike Cinemas, Reading Phillies, Sam's Club, Weis Markets, Arner's, Berks Lanes, Chef Alan's American Bistro, Ruby Tuesday's, Outback Steakhouse, TGI Friday's, Pizzeria Uno Chicago Bar + Grill, Olive Garden, and Applebee's. The grand prize, a kayak donated by Remcon Plastics, was won by Julie Roth.

Winter Track breaks records

Over 50 athletes braved the winter winds and participated in the winter track & field program. During the season, the teams traveled to Albright College, Dickinson College, Franklin & Marshall, Kutztown University, and Lebanon Valley College to compete in large track & field invitational meets. Throughout the season many class records were set. Freshman class records were set by **Tim Boyer** and **Savannah Hahn** in the 3200 meter run, and **Kelsy Rushing** in the 1600 meter run. Sophomore sensation **Macy Piontek** set class records in the high jump, long jump and triple jump. Junior class record setters were **Max Hettrick** in the 400 meter dash and **Lauren O'Brien** in the 800 and 3200 meter runs. **Amanda Kopetsky** finished out her senior season with another class record in the 400 meter dash. Amanda is also the school record holder in that event and was selected by the coaches as team MVP for the 2006-07 season.

Annual Jazz Band Festival slated

On Friday evening, March 30 the Muhlenberg Music Association will sponsor the 30th annual Henry "Hank" Hoffman High School Jazz Band Festival at Muhlenberg High School. The festival will feature six jazz bands from area high schools, including Wilson High School, Pottsville High School, Parkland High School, Hamburg High School, Saucon Valley High School, Palmerton High School, as well as Muhlenberg's own middle school jazz band, the MHS "Blue Groove" jazz band, the MHS "Spoilers" and the MHS Jazz Chorus. The admission price is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students. Money raised from the festival goes towards scholarships and helps fund other jazz oriented activities here in Muhlenberg.

To commemorate the 30th edition of the festival - one of the longest running jazz band festivals in Berks County - the "Spoilers Alumni Reunion Band" will play. Musicians who played in the "Spoilers" dating back over five decades will participate. Many of the performers are professional or active amateur musicians, and/or music teachers, all of whom got their musical start here at Muhlenberg. The festival is named in honor of long time band director Henry "Hank" Hoffman who taught music in Muhlenberg from 1946 to 1980. Hank was the founding director of the "Spoilers" jazz band and started the jazz band festival in 1978.

Girls basketball post great season

The 2006-2007 Muhlenberg girls basketball season turned out to be one of the best in recent history. The Muhls finished the regular season with a 19-3 record 10-2 in league play to win the Berks II title for the second straight year. Head coach Reggie Weiss lead the Muhls to the Berks County title game for the first time since 1978.

Muhlenberg reached the District playoffs for the third straight season and won their first playoff game in 13 years. The Muhls went 2-2 in the playoffs beating Mechanicsburg 41-34 and Shippensburg 61-35, reaching the state tournament as the #7 seed. The Muhls entered the state tournament with a record of 23-6, looking to win their first state game in over 20 years.

The team included seniors **Ashley Duuffy**, **Rachel Graeff** (the school's all-time leading scorer with over 1,400 in her career), **Courtney Papola**, **Courtney Shaub**; junior **Tamm Lobb**; sophomores **Kayla Hracho**, **Patiana Marseille**, **Amanda Mikatavage**, **Ellen Polynink**, **Michele Schrift**; freshmen **Kylie Feeney**, **Liz Hornberger**, **Laura Mauroschtadt**, **Shelby Rarick**, **Katie Shaub**, **Corve Steele**, **Lindsay Tomasi**, **Racheal Trupp**, **Allie Wrobel**.

District art shows scheduled

The **High School** will be the first building to exhibit student work in their Art Show on **Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** The first floor halls will be filled with the work of Art Major I, II and III students and our advanced placement (AP) senior students will be creating their own personal installations of their AP Portfolio concentration pieces. In addition, look for the “Muhlenberg Advertising Agency’s” hallway display of the work from our new Graphic Arts elective course and travel around the world while looking at the work from our Multicultural Art course.

The **AP Art History** students also have an exciting date of their own to advertise. They will be presenting their year-long, in-depth research of a piece from the Reading Museum’s art collection. They have been visiting the museum monthly to research and study their chosen work and will have the pleasure of sharing their knowledge with friends, family and administrators on **Sunday, May 20** at a lecture presentation and reception.

The Elementary Center is next with their art show scheduled for **Monday, May 14 and Tuesday, May 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** The halls will be bursting with the work of students kindergarten through grade 5 who have been studying Art History throughout the school year. Travel through time to visit the art of the cave man, an Egyptian mummy case, medieval castles, Renaissance portraits and Impressionist landscapes while marveling at the talents of our youngest artists.

Jump through time to the hustle and bustle of New York City as the **Middle School** features the Big Apple as

their Art Show theme. The show will feature a mixture of media and techniques as students explore the excitement of the art capitol of the world. Visit the city without leaving Muhlenberg by coming to the **MMS art show on Wednesday, May 16 and Thursday, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.**

Our art teachers and all our students work very hard to teach, inspire, learn and create through the visual arts. We hope you will plan to attend these exhibits and catch the art fever! We think you’ll be amazed!

HS art students recognized

Muhlenberg High School art department is proud of the following students for having artwork selected for the highly competitive Berks County Jr/Sr High Juried Art Show at the Wyomissing Insti-

tute of the Arts. **Katie Killian, Andrew Weinand, Lindsay Moyer, Alissa Boyer and Brianna Didyoung** had their work selected for the show; over 435 works were entered. In addition, Brianna was one of ten students whose work received the designation of “Honorable Mention” for her pencil still life.

An opening reception was held for these local artists on Sunday, February 11, and the work was displayed through the month of February. In addition to the Wyomissing event, our high school artists were featured in the Muhlenberg Art Gallery in the township building during the month of March. Our juniors and seniors also will be entered in the Berks County Senior High School Art Exhibit, also a juried show, scheduled to be held at the Goggleworks in downtown Reading from April 29 to May 8.



Faculty rocks Muhlenberg Middle School at Revue!

On Friday Jan. 19, the Muhlenberg Music Association and the Muhlenberg Music Department held the eighth annual Faculty/Staff Music Revue featuring members of the faculty and staff of the school district and guests. The staff concert band performed Sousa’s “El Capitan” and a medley of tunes by the famous American TV and movie composer Henry Mancini. Next the faculty chorus performed a popular Broadway number. Numerous solo and small groups performed pieces ranging from operatic arias to Broadway tunes and acapella doo-wap.

The finale to the evening was a set performed by Muhlenberg’s own garage band “The Faculty.” They rocked

the middle school like never before with some great tunes, by Bruce Springstein, Christina Aguilera, James Brown and Wilson Picket. The enthusiastic audience was on their feet dancing in the aisles.

The event raised over \$2200 for the Muhlenberg Music Association’s Scholarship Fund which helps pay for students to attend summer music camps.

The members of the music department wish to thank the Muhlenberg Music Association for hosting the event. Also a big thank you goes out to all the great students and parents who attended the concert and who actively support music in Muhlenberg! THANK YOU!!!

The curtain goes down on “Fiddler on the Roof” but memories live on

On March 16 and 17, Muhlenberg High School presented *Fiddler on the Roof*. The story of Tevye and his struggle to maintain the traditions of his village during the Russian Revolution was emotionally brought to life by more than 135 cast, crew, orchestra, and staff members.

But after the lights go down for the last time, what does it mean to the students who commit nearly three months of their lives to this activity? Several of our seniors were willing to share their thoughts. “Being in the musical has been such an experience,” shared **Andrea Sauer**, who played the part of Yente the Matchmaker. “To be part of a production as big as ‘Fiddler’ and to see everyone (performers, set designers, stage crew, pit orchestra, production team, and the directors) all working together to make it work, has been fun and rewarding.”

Ali Levy made the decision to become a part of our chorus during her last year at Muhlenberg. “This is my first year participating in any type of theater production,” said Ali. “I am a senior, and for the last three years of high school, my parents had been pushing me to try out. I’m so glad I finally did. I definitely wish I had listened to them a lot sooner. Participating in the play is a lot of fun and I’ve met people who I would never have had the opportunity to become friends with.”

Theatre NEWS

Finally, **Mel Shuker**, who played Tevye’s wife, Golde, summed it up this way, “To me, being in the musical has meant new friends and new beginnings. It helps you to make friends and get along with the ones you’ve lost touch with. I feel like the musical has given me the opportunity to use my talents and prepare me for what I want to do when I am older.

On the closing night of “Fiddler on the Roof,” the students quickly handed in their costumes, removed their make-up, and assembled in the high school lobby for the yearly cast party. It was a time to celebrate their accomplishments and relax after much hard work. Mr. White, as always, shared his thoughts through a clever adaptation of the song “Thanks for the Memories,” a song in which he wished our seniors a fond “Adieu” and reminded everyone else “we will be seeing you!” After enjoying food, awards, dancing and lots of fun, everyone’s attention turned to long time DJ Mike DeAcosta who played his final song. Like a well-rehearsed final production number, everyone gathered in the center of the lobby, arm in arm, and through smiles and tears, and sang along with “That’s What Friends Are For.” You can’t help leaving this wonderful event without knowing what the Muhlenberg Musical is really all about.

“Aladdin Jr.” soars middle musical to new heights



This year’s middle school musical was the most successful to date. With a full auditorium, 65 of Muhlenberg’s most talented young adults serenaded the audience to some Disney classics in their performance of “Aladdin Jr.”

First time performers, seventh grader **Josh Nanna** and seventh grader **Lindsay Carl**, at right, took everyone to a “Whole New World” as Aladdin and Jasmine. The dreaded Jafar and his sidekick, Iago, played by seventh grader **Drew Leib** and sixth grader **Nate Rojas**, brought fear to everyone as they plotted to take over the Sultan’s (played by seventh grader **Adrian Stanton**) kingdom. But, with the help of the energetic genie and his pal the carpet (played by seventh grader **Jon Weaver**; eighth graders **Kathleen Kissinger** and **Sydney Domaglaski**), order was restored to the Arabian Nights.

CALENDAR

April

- 2-3 Snow Make-up Days
- 4-6,9 No School; Spring Break
- 11 Graduation Project Mtg.
School Board Mtg., HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 MS Spring Picture Day
- 25-27 Kindergarten Registration,
CE Cole Cafeteria
- 26 Renaissance Talent Show, HS
- 27 June SAT Registration Deadline

May

- 1-2 HS Art Show, 7-8:30 p.m.
- 1-3 5th Gr. Student Orientation
- 2 Music Assoc., HS, 7 p.m
Committee-of-the-Whole,
HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 3 5th Gr. Parent Orientation, 7 p.m.
- 7 Muhlenberg Jazz Concert,
HS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
- 8 6th Gr., Spring Concert,
MS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
- 9 School Board Meeting, HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Jr/Sr Prom, Sheraton, 5 p.m.

- 14-15 EC Art Show, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 16 Renaissance/Leo Club/Tutor
Appreciation Luncheon
HS Choral Spring Concert,
HS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
- 16-17 MS Art Show, 7-9 p.m.
- 17 7th & 8th Gr. Spring Concert,
MS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
Title III ESL Parent/Child
Workshop, EC, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Title I Morning Workshop,
EC, 9 a.m.
HS Band Spring Concert,
HS Aud., 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Senior Appreciation Luncheon
HS Awards Assembly
Title I Parent/Child Workshop,
EC, 7 p.m.
- 24 EC Spring Concert,
HS Aud, 7:30 p.m.
- 25 High Note Music Festival - MS Band
& Showstoppers, Hershey
- 30 Muhlenberg Retirement &
Recognition Dinner
- 31 EC Volunteer Recognition Dinner,
EC, 6:30 p.m.

Heads UP!

**Don't miss Muhlenberg's talented students!
May is full of concerts featuring students
from elementary, middle and high school.
See the calendar above for specific dates.**

MuhTime

Don't miss MuhTime to learn the latest about Muhlenberg School District! MuhTime can be viewed on Comcast channel 22. Check your TV schedule for details.

Newsletter

Deadline for next newsletter: May 7

Published for citizens of the Muhlenberg School District, **Newsletter** is printed at Key Printing, Reading, Pa. Submit news of school or community interest to Diane Gibson, Newsletter, at return address. Include your name and phone number for verification purposes. Timely articles will be used as space allows.

<http://www.muhsdk12.org>

MISSION

The Muhlenberg school community is dedicated to preparing students for a changing world through educational excellence while supporting the diverse needs of each learner and respecting the human dignity of all.

BELIEFS

*All people can learn.
People learn best with support and encouragement.
Education prepares people for lifelong learning.
The school and community benefit from working together.
Higher expectations yield higher achievement.
Feeling good about oneself encourages success.
The home and school working together build a positive learning environment*

SCHOOL BOARD

*Mark J. Nelson, president
Terry L. Heckman, vice president
K. Scott Long, secretary
Richard E. Hoffmaster, treasurer
R. Daniel Krize
Chris W. Okonski
Donald B. Raifsnider Jr.
Lee R. Reiniger
Otto W. Voit III*

ADMINISTRATION

*Theresa D. Haught, Ed.D., Superintendent
Nancy L. King, Ed.D., Asst. Superintendent*

Muhlenberg School District
801 Bellevue Avenue
Laureldale, PA 19605
(610) 921-8000

Non-Profit Organization
CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Reading, PA
PERMIT NUMBER 69

Resident

It is the policy of the Muhlenberg School District not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, and national origin in its education programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX should be directed to office of the assistant superintendent, Title IX Coordinator, Muhlenberg School District, 801 Bellevue Ave., Laureldale, PA 19605, telephone (610) 921-8073, or to the Director of Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, DC.