



# Muhlenberg News

August/September 2010

Muhlenberg School District • Laureldale, Pennsylvania



## From the Superintendent ...

Welcome to the new school year!

I am anticipating that great things will be accomplished in the Muhlenberg School District during 2010-11, and invite you to be a part of making it happen.

The faculty, staff, and administration are devoted to making this a successful year for students and we need your support to accomplish our goal. Please become involved in your child's education by attending school functions, conferencing with teachers, and knowing what is happening in your child's school career.

There are some new faces in the school administrative offices this year. Mr. Michael Mish replaces Mr. Scott Schwenk as High School Principal and Mr. Steve Baylor replaces Mrs. Barbara Moyer as Elementary Center Principal. Best wishes to Mr. Schwenk and Mrs. Moyer in their retirement! Mr. Michael Kelly will fill Mr. Baylor's Assistant Principal position at the Middle School. Stop by and meet these new building administrators at the fall Open Houses.

The Middle School building project is completed. This has allowed us to house ninth grade at the Middle School and alleviate crowding at the High School. Our grade configurations are: Elementary Center (Grades K-4), Cole Intermediate School (Grades 5-6), Middle School (Grades 7-9), and High School (Grades 10-12).

I am so proud of our students, staff, programs, and campus. Thank you for your continued support of the Muhlenberg School District.

Best wishes for a wonderful year!

Dr. Theresa D. Haught

## Town Hall Meeting

*When:* Thursday, October 28, 2010

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Where:* Berks County Intermediate Unit (Room 111 ABC)  
1111 Commons Boulevard  
Reading, PA 19605

*Directions:* North on Rt. 61 to Tuckerton Road. Turn left on Tuckerton Road. Proceed straight for .7 mile. Turn right at the mini-mart onto Commons Blvd. The BCIU is on the left.

Please join the Muhlenberg School Board for an update of the Muhlenberg School District plus an open forum for your questions.

We hope you can attend this informational session.

## Muhlenberg teacher wins educational excellence award

Matthew Horst, student assistance coordinator for Muhlenberg High School, has been awarded the Sister M. Pacelli Staskiel Educational Excellence Award from the Caron Foundation.

Through his teaching role, Mr. Horst has integrated the SAP culture into the school for students and teachers alike. He constantly communicates with the school's administration, which understands the importance of the Student Assistance Program. Teachers are comfortable in making referrals for at-risk students. Mr. Horst works hard to ensure that students see SAP as an opportunity to succeed and not a punishment to be endured. Students and teachers understand the importance of the groups and they are well attended.

Mr. Horst is also the wrestling coach at Muhlenberg High School. While every coach strives for a winning season, Mr. Horst sees the wrestling program as more than just an opportunity to win a county title, but also an opportunity to engage students who might otherwise have too much time on their hands.

Mr. Horst has made a positive impact on the self-esteem, self-concept and personal motivation of many students who otherwise would not allow the assessment process to work or attend SAP groups.

## The Nora Eichlin Memorial Garden

The area outside the Muhlenberg Community Library has been greatly enhanced by the addition of "The Nora Eichlin Memorial Garden." The library staff has long wished for an area near the building that would supply seating for the use of patrons and students who congregate outside their doors. The garden has been praised and appreciated by staff, patrons, and board members.

Nora graduated from Muhlenberg High School in 1986. She enjoyed school and was actively involved. Her passion was softball and was chosen the varsity team's most valuable player and all county second baseman her senior year. At the time of her death, she was a junior at Elizabethtown College. Her creativity, sense of humor and love of kids led her to major in Occupational Therapy. Her goal was to work with special needs children.

The garden is a result of a bequeath from Nora's grandmother (MomMom), Grace Reider. The garden has been designed for year round interest with a generous selection of evergreens. Plants were chosen to present a blue and gold color theme. The teak benches, donated by family members are expected to last 70 to 100 years. The work was done by Centerton Nursery.



*Photo by: Ralph F. Paparella*



Nora Eichlin

# District NEWS

## Savings through multi sports tickets

Multiple events sports' tickets are available in the Athletic Office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Cost is \$20 for students and \$40 for adults. These tickets can be used for any ten (10) Muhlenberg home athletic contests throughout the school year. Regular admission prices are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Stop by the Athletic Office to pick up your MULTIPLE EVENT SPORTS' TICKET and enjoy the savings!

## Golden Age passes

Golden Age Passes are available in the Athletic Office between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Passes are available to any Muhlenberg School District resident who is 62 years old or older upon verification at the time of distribution. This pass can be used for any MUHLENBERG HOME contest during the regular season, playoffs excluded.

## Contributions made to Muhlenberg School District

On behalf of the School Board and Administration, we are most grateful to recognize individuals as well as organizations and businesses who have made donations to our district this past school year.

*Named below are some of the many contributors:*

Muhlenberg Athletic Baseball Club – \$11,832.30 for purchase of an infield rake

Muhlenberg Athletic Baseball Club – 11,000.00 for repairs to outfield

Junior Women's Club of Muhlenberg – \$1,600 for school libraries

Dr. Keith Kiefer – donation of dental chair and light to the Middle School

Mr. Dan Smith – donation of musical instruments for the Music Department

WalMart – gift of ten \$100 gift cards for Elementary School teachers to purchase teaching supplies

Target's Take Charge of Education Program: Elementary Center - \$523.04; Middle School - \$95.46; High School - \$136.26

Muhlenberg PTO - \$800 for Elementary art teachers to purchase supplies

Mrs. Karen Wolfe – Visual Enlarger

Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. – donation to High School \$112.36

Mr. David Shalter, donation of King Trombone for Cole Intermediate School Music Program, value of \$100

Mr. Tony Papola, donation of Verve Percussion Snare Drum for Elementary Music Program

Mr. Otto Voit, III – donation of musical instruments and accessories

Mr. Fred Moreadith – donation of musical instruments

Alvernia University – donation of \$50 gift card for Barnes & Noble to purchase books for Elementary Center Library

Alvernia University - \$50 gift card for C. E. Cole Intermediate School

Mayer Pollock Steel Corp. – \$1,000 for *Fuel for Families Program*

Jimbos' Steaks and Hoagies - \$289 for HS LifeSkills Class

Junior Woman's Club of Muhlenberg - \$75 for Middle School *Restoring Academic Potential Program*

Junior Woman's Club of Muhlenberg - \$75 for High School Renaissance Club

Colonial Hills Fitness – donation of fitness and weight room equipment

Muhlenberg PTO – donation of \$800 to the HS Renaissance Committee

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Kuehne – donation of \$1,000 for landscape improvements for Kent Street Property

Mr. Scott Schwenk – engineering and architectural drafting textbooks for the Technology Education Department at the High School

Should you wish to make a contribution to the school district, please contact the building principal with your interest to make a donation.

## 2010 honored retirees

The close of the 2009-2010 school year brought with it the recognition of staff members who retired. Congratulations to the following retirees:

Debra Barnshaw, kindergarten teacher; Eileen Campbell, 4th grade teacher; Michael Eben, music teacher; Virginia Fitzpatrick, foreign language teacher; Erna Haas, clerical assistant; Cynthia Herb, supervisor of accounts; Richard Heydt, mathematics teacher; Dorothy Krize, 2nd grade teacher; Carol Kulp, security monitor; Patricia Morse, social studies teacher; Barbara Moyer, principal, Elementary Center; April Richards, foreign language teacher, Scott Schwenk, principal, High School; Donald Stoltzfus, technology education teacher; Randy Sweigart, custodian; Larry Swoyer, custodian.

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## Alumni news articles accepted

Alumni news articles may be e-mailed to [steinb@mail.muhsdk12.org](mailto:steinb@mail.muhsdk12.org) or mailed to: Brenda Stein, Muhlenberg School District Administrative Office, 801 Bellevue Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605

## Best of Luck to our 2010 Scholar-Athletes!

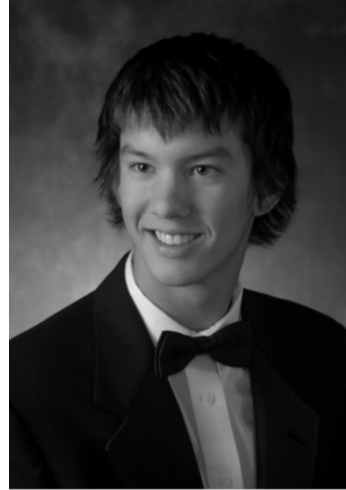
The following 2010 graduates will be playing a sport at their respective colleges. Best of luck to these student athletes!



**Tad Barton**  
Millersville University  
Baseball



**Christa Breidenstein**  
Gwynedd Mercy College  
Field Hockey



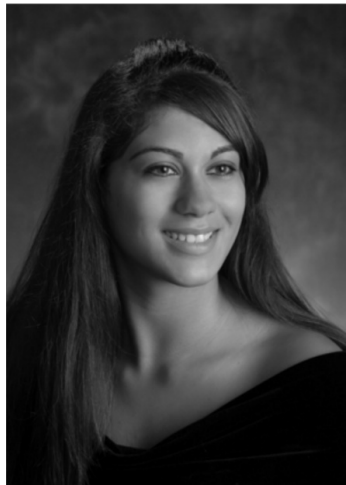
**Zach Chow**  
West Virginia University  
Swimming



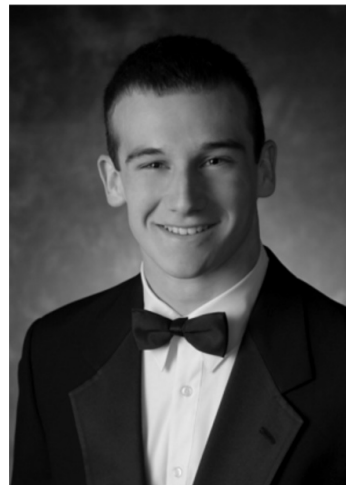
**Kristina Ciatto**  
West Chester University  
Swimming



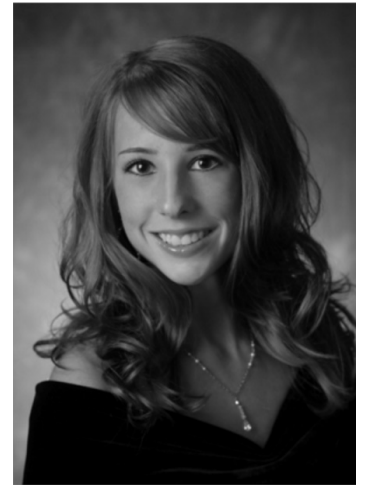
**Janelle Florida**  
Clarion University  
Swimming



**Leala Godinet**  
Kutztown University  
Track and Field



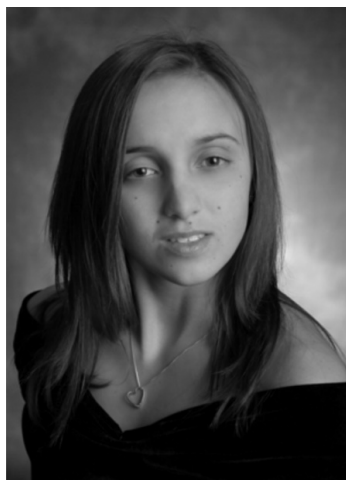
**Sean Hagen**  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Baseball



**Savannah Hahn**  
Grove City College  
Cross Country & Track



**Jenna Hess**  
Kutztown University  
Bowling



**Liz Hornberger**  
Youngstown State University  
Basketball



**Brittany Jacobs**  
Drexel University  
Cheerleading



**Colleen Klusewitz**  
Alvernia University  
Soccer

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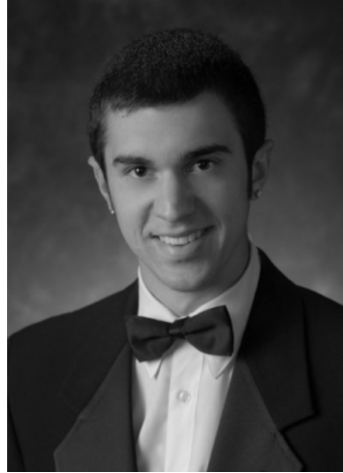
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**Trevor Lenart**  
Delaware Valley College  
Football



**Andy Lesagonicz**  
Shippensburg University  
Football



**John Marchiano**  
Kutztown University  
Baseball



**Laura Mauroschatd**  
Alvernia University  
Soccer



**Carli Rapp**  
Widener University  
Swimming



**Kelsy Rushing**  
East Stroudsburg University  
Cross Country & Track



**Kate Shaub**  
Shippensburg University  
Softball



**Brianna Sieck**  
Wheeling Jesuit University  
Swimming



**Eric Thomas**  
Bloomsburg University  
Football & Track



**Rachael Trupp**  
Lafayette College  
Softball



**Ben Wallace**  
Monmouth University  
Football



**Chad Wisniewski**  
Delaware Valley College  
Football & Baseball

## Class of 2013 has an amazing day on Baltimore class trip



On Saturday May 15, the Muhlenberg Class of 2013 took a class trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor. Students explored the Inner Harbor for a few hours and then the group headed to a Baltimore Orioles vs. Cleveland Indians Baseball Game at the Orioles stadium.

The class had a great day and is looking forward to many more fun and enjoyable class trips.

### First Semester Calendar

#### August

- 25 - Clerical Day for Teachers
- 26 - Teacher In-Service Day
- 30 - First Day of School

#### September

- 3 - Holiday - Labor Day
- 6 - Holiday - Labor Day
- 22 - Act 80 Day - Early Dismissal

#### October

- 11 - Teacher In-Service

#### November

- 2 - Teacher In-Service Day
- 4 - End of 1st Quarter
- 22 - Parent Teacher Conference Gr K-6
- 22 - Early Dismissal Gr K-6
- 23 - Parent Teacher Conference Gr K-6
- 23 - Early Dismissal Gr K-6
- 24 - Parent Teacher Conference Gr K-8
- 24 - Early Dismissal Gr K-8
- 25-26, 29 - Holiday - Thanksgiving

#### December

- 23-24, 27-31 - Holiday - Winter Break

#### January

- 14 - Act 80 Day Early Dismissal
- 17 - Teacher In-Service Day
- 21 - Early Dismissal Gr 9-12
- 21 - End of 2nd Quarter

## MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOL RENAISSANCE PARTNERS

(confirmed 3/15/2010)

"3001" The Hair Connection • Aeropostale • AMC Entertainment • AMF Hiester Lanes • Appleby's • Blair's Sweet Spot • Blockbuster Video • Borders • Brookstone • Buca Di Beppo • Can Do Karate, Inc. • Captain D's • Carvel's Ice Cream Store • Cedar Fair Entertainment Company • Ce Gee's Drive In • Cindy's Bridal & Tailor Shop • Cinnabon • Cliffhangers • Deb • Dick's Sporting Goods • Domino's Pizza • Ebags • Fairground Square Mall • Fantasy Skating Center • Fashion Bug • Finish Line • Four J's Electronics • Goodman Vending Service • Dr. Theresa Haught, Superintendent • Hollywood Video • Innovative Hair Designs • Jack Frost Big Boulder • Jack O'Reilly Tuxedos • JC Penney Optical • Jr. Women's Club of Muhlenberg • Laureldale Garden Club • Steve Little, World Boxing Champion (Deceased) • L'official Family Hair Care Centers • Microplay Video • Muhlenberg High School Athletic Department • Movie Gallery • Mrs. Fields •

Muhlenberg Athletic Boosters Club • Muhlenberg Community Partnership • Muhlenberg PTO • New York & Company • Ourhubbub • Ozzy's Sports Fun Center • Pennsylvania Army National Guard • Pinnacle Sports • Pizza Como USA • Pizza Hut • Rainbow • Reading Phillies Baseball Club • Regal Entertainment Group • Riverview Nursery & Landscaping • Salon JP • Schell's Dairy Swirl • Mr. Scott D. Schwenk, Principal • Sheetz • Starbucks Coffee • Steak 'N Shake • Target • Target.com • United Artists, Inc. • United States Army • The Water Guy • Wendy's • Wetseal • Ms. Denise Hasenauer Zielinski, Renaissance Coordinator

### Make A Difference In Our Teenager's Lives!

Please Call Denise Hasenauer Zielinski at 610-921-8078 to find out how you can contribute to our nationally known incentive program!

# 2010 FALL AQUATICS PROGRAM

**REGISTRATION:** Tuesday September 7 and Wednesday September 8, from 6 to 8 pm in the Pool Lobby at the High School. All activities require a minimum number of participants. Please bring identification of District Residency. There is an additional \$5 fee for Non-Residents interested in any classes except Recreational Swimming, which is only offered to residents of the Muhlenberg School District. **\*\*PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\***



## SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be “three” two-week sessions to choose from: September 20 to October 28. Classes are held Monday thru Thursday from 6 to 6:30 pm or 6:30 to 7 pm. There are a limited number of spaces available. Minimum age requirement is 4 years old. COST: \$40 per Session

## PARENTS & TOTS SWIM CLASSES

This will be a seven-week class from: September 16 to October 26. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:20-5:50 pm. Classes will be available for children 6 months up to their fourth birthday. Each child must be accompanied in the water by an adult. COST: \$40 per Session

## ADULTS LEARN TO SWIM

September 16 to October 26 Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8 pm. Class will only be held if there is enough interest. Cost \$40.

## DEEP WATER AEROBICS

September 8 to October 27 Monday & Wednesday. Classes begin at 7 pm (1 hour class). This is a 60-minute mid to high energy cardiovascular and muscular endurance class in the deep water. Water equipment is used in the toning portion of the class along with flotation belts. COST: \$50.

## SHALLOW WATER AEROBICS

September 8 to October 27 Monday & Wednesday. Classes begin at 8 pm (30 minute class). This is a 30-minute mid to high level class that offers a cardiovascular workout. COST: \$40.

## RECREATIONAL SWIMMING

September 10 to November 5 on Fridays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm (The pool will be cleared 10 minutes before closing).

Rec Swim is provided for Muhlenberg School District Residents ONLY of all ages. Proof of residency is required at all Recreational Swims. Children 12 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times. NO NON-RESIDENT GUESTS.

**COST:** Family Membership, \$60.00

Individual Membership, \$20.00

Daily, \$3.00

## POOL RENTALS

The pool is available on most Saturday/Sunday afternoons to hold birthday parties and or pool rentals. Professional certified life-guards are provided. **COST: \$100** per Hour

## AGE GROUP STROKE CLINIC

This clinic will run the week before the official season starts. Details will be given at the age group parents’ meeting on October 18.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL WATER POLO

September 13 to October 20 Monday & Wednesday. Practice times 5 pm to 5:45 pm. Grades 5th to 8th. Games will be on Sundays.

## AGE GROUP SWIMMING & DIVING PROGRAM

October 18 7 pm parents’ meeting in the High School cafeteria.

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If you have any questions regarding any of our programs please feel free to contact the pool office at 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 or e-mail Connie Hillbish at hillbishc@muhlsdk12@org or Chuck Stricker at strickerc@muhlsdk12@org

Please check the web page [www.muhlsdk12.org](http://www.muhlsdk12.org) for updates.

## MISSION

*Muhlenberg School District is dedicated to providing a program of educational excellence that enables all students to reach their highest potential so they will lead us successfully and responsibly into the future.*

## SHARED VALUES

- All students have the potential to become responsible citizens in our society.
- The home, school and student have shared responsibility for student achievement.
- An informed and involved community is essential to the development of strong educational partnerships and quality programs.
- An effective school provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.
  - Embracing diversity and individuality within the context of mutual respect promotes a positive learning environment.
  - Outstanding programs and effective instruction produce academic excellence.
- Participation in extra-curricular activities fosters self-confidence and positive attitudes.
- Learning opportunities that integrate technology and develop higher level thinking skills empower students to succeed in a global society.
- High expectations and commitment to continuous improvement are fundamental for high achievement.

## VISION STATEMENT

*The Muhlenberg School Community will promote academic excellence in a safe and nurturing environment, while celebrating unity, respecting diversity, and empowering all students to become contributing citizens in a global society.*

## SCHOOL BOARD

*Donald B. Raifsnider, Jr, president*

*Terry L. Heckman, vice president*

*K. Scott Long, secretary*

*Richard E. Hoffmaster, treasurer*

*Cindy L. Mengle, assistant secretary*

*John A. DelCollo*

*Barbara A. Nagle*

*Lee R. Reiniger*

*Otto W. Voit, III*

## ADMINISTRATION

*Theresa D. Haught, Ed.D., Superintendent*

*Vlacia Z. Campbell, Ed.D.,  
Asst. Superintendent*

## ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

### August

- 11** - Committee of the Whole & Regular Board Mtg., HS, 6:30 pm  
**24** - EC New Student Orientation, 7 pm  
**25** - Teacher Clerical Day  
**26** - Teacher In-Service  
- Kindergarten Open House & Bus Night, 5:30 and 7 pm  
**30** - First Student Day

### September

- 1** - Committee of the Whole Mtg, HS, 7 pm  
**3** - NO SCHOOL; Holiday  
**6** - NO SCHOOL; Holiday  
**7** - Music Assoc Mtg., HS, 7 pm  
CIS Open House, 6:30 - 8 pm  
**7-10** - 4Sight Test Window (gr 3 -11)  
**8** - School Board Mtg., HS, 7 pm  
**9** - MS Open House, 7 pm  
**13** - Guidance Night for Parents of Seniors, HS, A117, 7-9 pm

- 14** - EC Open House (gr 1 & 2) and Title I Informational Mtg., 7 pm  
**15** - HS Open House, 7 pm  
**16** - EC Picture Day  
EC Open House (Gr 3 & 4) and Title I Informational Mtg., 7 pm  
**17** - Registration Deadline for 10/23 ACT Text  
EC Picture Day  
**20** - HS Picture Day  
**20/21** - Meet the Instrument Night, EC Cafeteria, 7 pm  
**22** - Early Dismissal (gr K-12), Act 80 Day  
**24** - MS Picture Day  
**27** - EC Beginning Band registration forms due  
**29** - Beginning Band Parent Mtg., EC Cafeteria, 7:30 pm  
**30** - EC Beginning Band Lessons Start

## Muhlenberg

*Excellence in Action*

**Newsletter** Deadline for next newsletter: Sept 10. Published for citizens of the Muhlenberg School District, **Newsletter** is printed at Key Printing, Reading, Pa. Submit news of school or community interest to Brenda Stein, 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>

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