



Registration procedures announced for 2009-2010 school term

We are pleased to announce the registration procedures for Kindergarten and new first grade students for the 2009-2010 school term. Parents of children who will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2009 and who are not presently enrolled in the Muhlenberg School District will follow a three-step kindergarten registration procedure.

1. Return a completed census report form to Mrs. Barbara Moyer at Muhlenberg Elementary Center (see page 2). A copy can be obtained by calling the elementary center office (610-921-8028). A "registration packet" containing all of the necessary forms will be mailed in early April to families who have listed a Kindergarten-age child on their census form. ***If we have not received your census form by March 16, 2009, a registration packet will not be mailed to you.*** Please call our school office if you have completed the census form and have not received your "registration packet" by April 13.

2. Complete the registration forms at home before April 22.

3. With your child, attend a registration / kindergarten screening session at Muhlenberg Elementary Center. Be sure to bring your completed registration forms with you. During this session, the registration process will be completed and information regarding school policies and procedures will be shared with parents, while the children participate in small group activities led by kindergarten staff members. The registration/screening sessions have been scheduled for April 22, 23, and 24, 2009. Specific information regarding session times and participants will be published in upcoming issues of the Muhlenberg Newsletter.

Parents of children who have completed kindergarten elsewhere and will be enrolling as first grade students may stop by the Muhlenberg Elementary Center office to complete registration forms at their convenience.

The following documents are required at the time of registration:

- Birth certificate issued by a state government, baptismal certificate, or other legal proof of age

- Record of required immunizations: four DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) with fourth injection being given on or after the child's fourth birthday; three polio; two MMR (measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)) with first injection being given on or after the child's first birthday; three Hepatitis B; and two Varicella (chicken pox vaccine) or proof that the child has had Varicella (chicken pox)

- Two proofs of residency, one of which must be a lease, mortgage statement, or tax bill. Acceptable items for the second proof include a utility bill bearing name and address, or check statement from wages, public assistance or social security.

HS students receive scholar awards

Four Muhlenberg High School seniors have been named commended students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program: **Alexandra Casper, Sarah Garner, George Jonas and Rachel Lee**. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Congratulations to 2008 graduates

Seven Muhlenberg High School graduates have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the AP Exams. Five graduates qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP exams with grades of 3 or higher: **Paige Cooperstein, Karla Dalious, Alicia Krug, Tamera Lobb and Alyssa Sweigert**.

Two graduates qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more exams: **Ashley Reichardt and Christopher Zimmerman**.

ConnectEd

The Superintendent will be sending messages to parents and guardians through use of the ConnectEd program again this school year for emergency school closings. Parents and guardians please update your current contact information to the office where your child attends school.

Census needed for pre-school age children

Please return this form to Mrs. Barbara Moyer, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, Kutztown Road and Sharp Avenue, Laureldale, PA 19605

CENSUS REPORT

Please help the school plan for our school district's future staffing and facility needs. Accurate completion of this survey will be greatly appreciated and allow us to plan for your children's education.

CHILDREN - BIRTH TO AGE 6

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	SEX	DATE OF BIRTH (M/F) mo/day/yr	ADDRESS

Check one **Anticipated school** **Public** **Private**

Grants received from area businesses

Mulhenberg School District has received grants from Giant and Target retail stores which recently opened businesses in our district. Giant presented the district with a gift of \$1,000 and Target presented the district with a gift of \$2,000 to purchase school supplies for the High School.

On behalf of the School Board and Administration, the district recognizes these area businesses for their support of our schools.

Muhlenberg Wellness Fair

Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Elementary Center (Snow Date, January 20). • Community vendors including the Bloodmobile will be there • Door prizes will be awarded! • Nutritious food snacks and fun activities will also be available to children!

Wellness tip!

One more reason children should eat healthy ...

According to a new study published in the American Journal of Epidemiology, people who are overweight as adolescents are at greater risk of dying from a number of causes in early adulthood and middle age. Men and women who were obese as teenagers were more than twice as likely to die than their non-obese peers from endocrine, nutritional or metabolic disease (most commonly diabetes), heart or blood disease, cancer and respiratory disease. For more on this, please visit: <http://aje.oxfordjournals.org>

From our Food Service Coordinator

Hello. My name is Anthony Brochu, and I am your new Food Service Coordinator. I formerly worked as a Kitchen Manager and Director's Assistant at Twin Valley so I am aware of the food service program from both administrative and managerial points of view. I am very excited about this school year and the new menu choices for our

students. Watch our upcoming calendars for new offerings. Also, we have initiated a program to advise families when their child's account is below \$2. Students in elementary and middle schools are permitted to charge up to the cost of two lunches. Many accounts are in the negative, and we cannot permit the child to continue charging and the student therefore receives the alternate lunch. This is upsetting and embarrassing to the student. To try to avoid this situation Muhlenberg School District has instituted an automated system, Connect Ed, to telephone the family when cafeteria accounts are below \$2. If there is a hardship or extenuating circumstances we should be advised. We will continue to send an envelope home when accounts are below \$5. Our focus has changed with the next set of phone calls to only include the elementary through middle schools. I look forward to working with you and welcome your suggestions.



Anthony Brochu

2008 Hall of Fame recipients

A dinner was held November 28 to honor the following 2008 Muhlenberg Hall of Fame recipients:



Paul Baker (1975)
 Stu. Council - Nat. Hon. Soc. • XC • Capt./All Section ('74) • Tr - Sch. Rec. 2 Mile Relay • LVC - '79- Journalism • Mgr. Ed.-Lebanon Daily News • 2003-Keystone Press Award • Lay Assisting Minister



Bruce D. Fies (1941)
 Soccer, Bask., Base., Track • Soccer League: Unscored On Goalie • '40 Berks Cty. & Dist. III Champs • US Marine Corps - 1942-46 • USMC Multiple Medal Recipient • Central Fire Co. - Socc., Bask., SB • 7 Ind. Bowling Trophies



George Billy Miller (1947)
 All Conference: FB-Bask.-Base. • '47 Bask: Berks Champs (22-1) • Div. Scoring Rec.-225 Pts. • MHS - "Top Athlete" • Base-Minors: Cardinals/Phillies • Base: Berks Rec. League - BA-.414 • Bask: Cent. Fire Co.-"MVP"- '50/'51



Donald Delp
 (Teacher-Coach-Admin. '52-84) • BS-Ed.-E. Stroudsburg St.-'52 • Masters-Ed.-Temple-'58 • Dept. Head - Health/Phys. Ed • 1st Full Time Athletic Director • Pres.-Berks Cty. H.S Ath. Assoc. • Org.-"Operation Homecoming"



Roger L. Gallo
 Teacher-Coach-Admin. (1970-2003) • BS-Albright '70/MD: KU '75/MD:LU '92 • G.Bask: 2 Time "Coach of Year" • B.Bask: 3 Time "Coach of Year" • Dist. III Finals: '89 & '90 • HS Principal: 1995-2003 • Wilson HS/Berks Cty. Halls of Fame



Helen Schoener Gilde (1952)
 Nat. Honor Soc./Valedictorian • Albright Merit Scholarship • BA-Psych-Albright-cum laude '56 • Centennial Class Co-Valedictorian • Masters-Educ./L.D.-Ohio Univ.'83 • 25 Yrs -Marietta Sch. District • Martha Jennings Scholar



Arthur James Dojan (1947)
 Sr. Class VP -Nat. Hon. Society • Base.-4 Yrs. -BC Champs-'46-'47 • '47-"Outstanding Player Award" • Bask.-BC Champs - '46-'47 • Bus. Deg.-Lafayette Coll. - '51 • Baseball -Minors -ChiSox - '51 • Career- Acct., Bus. Mgr., VP, Pres.



Barbara Rittenhouse Goda (1955)
 Nat. Honor Soc./Valedictorian • BA-History-Albright- cum laude '59 • 30 Yrs.-Social Studies-SV HS • PYEA Adv./Pres. SV Educ. Assoc. • Writer/Editor/Publisher/Lecturer • Past Pres. Berks Cty. Hist. Soc. • Heister Manuscript Aw. Recipient



Robert Stull (1958)
 Class Pres./Stu. Council VP • FB-Sr. Capt./All Conf./All Berks • Base-Sr. Capt./Berks Champs/All BC • LVC: FB-MAC Div. Champs/All ECAC • FB/Base-Outstanding Player Aw. • ASTD "Exemplary Leadership Aw." • LVC H.O.F.'04-Alumni Citation '07



Neil R. Dreibelbis (1958)
 BS- Art Ed. Kutztown-'62 • PA Masters Equiv.-'91 • Artist/Art Instructor/Art Coordinator • 1967-69: MHS-Muhltohi Adv. • Columbia Univ. Sch. Press Award • "Outstanding Sec. Educ. of Amer." • Featured Collections/Exhibitions



Christopher Hartman (1979)
 Sr. Class Pres./NHS/SAA • Lead Roles-School Musicals • Schmehl Aw./Rothermel Mem. Aw. • BA-Univ. of VA/JD-UofP Law Sch. • Solicitor: Berks Cty Boroughs/Twps • Member: Berks/PA Bar Assoc. • Board Dir.-Berks Cty. Conservancy

1940 Muhlenberg Soccer Team

Undefeated-Untied-Unscored Upon
 Berks County Champions:
 Muhlenberg 8 Wyomissing 0
 District III Champions:
 Muhlenberg 3 Jonestown 0



Boys Cross Country

The 2008 boys cross country team earned a regular season record of 4 wins and 11 losses. The inexperienced group struggled for dual meet wins, but showed improvement and promise of good things to come. There were myriad first year runner mistakes; however, the team demonstrated individual potential at invitational meets and the county championships. Tim Boyer was the top runner for the boys' team. Tim earned a medal at all three invitational meets and was selected to the all-division county team for the second year in a row. The team is optimistic that their energy and budding talent will provide greater team success in 2009.

Girls Cross Country

Inspired by senior team captain Emily Vogel, the girls cross country team achieved a record of 8 wins and 7 losses for the 2008 season. The girls placed seventh out of 16 schools at the county championship race contested at Kutztown University. The winning record earned the girls a trip to the District III championships, where valuable racing experience was gained. At the District III meet, Kelsy Rushing attained a District III showing and a trip to the PIAA state championships. Kelsy also earned All County honors for the second year in a row. Freshman Aubrey Douglas was named to the All-Division team as a result of her performance at



the County Championships. Every girl contributed to the success of this winning team and the group looks to achieve even more in 2009.

Water Polo

Congratulations to **Lauren Bauer** for making the Girls All State Honorable Mention for

Water Polo and to **Gabby Schaffer** and **Haley Hoxsie** for making the Girls All State Freshman Team for Water Polo.

Golf Team wrap up

The golf team completed the 2008 season with a 7 - 5 record. Finishing in a first place tie in Division II, the Muhls earned a berth in the Berks County Team Championship. This year's squad was led by senior **Jason Sanders**, juniors **Shane Hafer**, **James May**, **T.J. Mersinger** and **Alex Phillips**. Senior **Kira Knechtle** won a medal for the third straight year at the Berks County Girls Individual Championship earning her a spot at the District III Girls Championship in York. This was Kira's second trip to districts during her four year career.

Field Hockey Thanks

The Muhlenberg Field Hockey team thanks all the individuals who purchased baked goods and donated money at the Daniel Boone football game on Friday, October 24. The team raised nearly \$600 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Thank you for all your support!

Recreational Swimming

Recreational swimming will be held Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and Friday from 7:30 to 9 pm from November 10 through March 13. There will be no Rec swim on the following dates due to school holidays or age group diving meets: 12/22-1/4, 1/19, 1/30, 2/13, 2/16.

The cost is \$70 for a Family Membership; \$35 for an Individual Membership; or \$3 for a Daily drop in.

You may register for recreational swimming by phone 610-921-8078 x4223 or stop by the pool during business hours. Recreational swimming is only offered to residents of the Muhlenberg School District. Children 12 years of age or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Pool Rentals

The pool is available on most Saturday afternoons to hold birthday parties and or pool rentals. You can rent one hour, two hour, or three hour time slots. Cost is \$100 per hour.

**More information and details of our programs can be found by visiting the Muhlenberg website www.muhsdk12.org and click on the Aquatics page. Any questions regarding our programs please feel free to contact the pool office at 610-921-8078 ext. 4223 or e-mail stambaughm@mail.muhsdk12.org

Winter Sports Schedule

Basketball

Boys Junior High

Head Coach Lou Benedict; Asst Coach Thomas Faust

12/11	Holy Name HS	Home	3:45 pm
12/15	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	3:45 pm
12/18	Reading Southern MS	Away	3:45 pm
12/22	Wyomissing Area	Home	3:45 pm
1/5	Governor Mifflin HS	Away	3:45 pm
1/8	Exeter JH	Away	3:45 pm
1/12	Wilson Southern JH	Home	3:45 pm
1/14	Pottstown HS	Away	3:30 pm
1/15	Reading Northwest MS	Away	3:45 pm
1/19	Wilson Central JH	Home	3:45 pm
1/22	Reading Central Catholic HS	Home	3:45 pm
1/26	Holy Name HS	Away	3:45 pm
1/29	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	3:45 pm
2/2	Reading Southern MS	Home	3:45 pm
2/5	Wyomissing Area	Away	3:45 pm
2/7	Hamburg Tournament	Away	TBA

Boys Varsity and JV

Head Coach Tom Sload;

Asst Coaches Matt Flowers, Anthony Geddio

12/5	Exeter Tournament	Away	TBA
12/6	Exeter Tournament	Away	TBA
12/8	Hamburg	Away	6 pm
12/10	Pottsville Area HS	Away	6 pm
12/12	Twin Valley High School	Away	6 pm
12/16	Fleetwood HS	Home	6:15 pm
12/19	Conrad Weiser	Home	6:15 pm
12/23	Wilson	Away	6:15 pm
12/26	Eastern York Tournament	Away	6 pm
12/27	Eastern York Tournament	Away	6 pm
12/27	Eastern York Tournament	Away	7:30 pm
1/3	Boyertown Area HS	Away	6 pm
1/6	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/8	Reading HS	Away	6:15 pm
1/14	Schuylkill Valley HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/16	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/17	Owen J Roberts HS	Away	6 pm
1/20	Fleetwood HS	Away	6:15 pm
1/23	Conrad Weiser	Away	6:15 pm
1/24	Oley Valley HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/27	Exeter Township HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/30	Daniel Boone HS	Away	6:15 pm
2/3	Twin Valley HS	Home	6:15 pm
2/9	BCIAA Boys Quarter Finals	Away	TBA
2/11	BCIAA Boys Semi Finals	Away	TBA
2/13	BCIAA Finals	Away	TBA

Girls Junior High

Head Coach Daniel Hornberger; Asst Coach William Lobb

12/12	Governor Mifflin HS	Away	3:45 pm
12/16	Wilson Central JH	Away	3:45 pm
12/19	Wilson Southern JS	Home	3:45 pm
12/29	Penn Manor Christmas Tourney	Away	1 pm
12/29	Penn Manor Christmas Tourney	Away	2:30 pm
1/6	Governor Mifflin HS	Away	3:45 pm

1/9	Reading Northwest MS	Home	3:45 pm
1/13	Exeter Township HS	Home	3:45 pm
1/14	Pottstown HS	Home	3:45 pm
1/16	Reading Northeast MS	Away	3:45 pm
1/20	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	3:45 pm
1/23	Wilson Center JH	Home	3:45 pm
1/27	Wilson Southern JH	Away	3:45 pm
1/30	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	3:45 pm
1/31	Hamburg Tournament	Away	TBA
2/3	Reading Northwest MS	Away	3:45 pm

Girls Varsity and JV

Head Coach Reggie Weiss

Asst Coaches Josh Ressler, Kristin Yeasted

12/5	Tipoff Tournament	Home	6 pm
12/5	Tipoff Tournament	Home	7:30 pm
12/6	Tipoff Tournament	Home	6 pm
12/6	Tipoff Tournament	Home	7:30 pm
12/9	ELCO	Away	6:30 pm
12/11	Twin Valley HS	Home	6:15 pm
12/13	Holy Name HS	Away	12 noon
12/15	Fleetwood HS	Away	6:15 pm
12/18	Conrad Weiser	Away	6:15 pm
12/22	Wilson	Home	6:15 pm
12/26	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	4:30 pm
12/26	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	6 pm
12/26	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	7:30 pm
12/27	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	12 noon
12/27	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	1:30 pm
12/27	Muhlenberg Holiday Tournament	Home	3 pm
1/2	Hamburg	Away	6 pm
1/5	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	6:15 pm
1/8	Reading High School	Home	6:15 pm
1/10	Wyomissing Area	Away	1 pm
1/15	Governor Mifflin Senior HS	Away	6:15 pm
1/19	Fleetwood HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/22	Conrad Weiser	Home	6:15 pm
1/26	Exeter Township HS	Away	6:15 pm
1/29	Daniel Boone Area HS	Home	6:15 pm
1/31	Brandywine Heights	Home	1 pm
2/2	Twin Valley HS	Away	6:15 pm
2/7	BCIAA Girls Quarter Finals	Away	TBA
2/10	BCIAA Girls Semi Finals	Away	TBA
2/13	BCIAA Finals	Away	TBA

Indoor Track

Boys/Girls Varsity

Head Coach Robert Dudek

Asst Coaches John Winand, Chris Young

12/5	Franklin and Marshall	Away	4 pm
1/10	Lebanaon Valley College	Away	9:30 am
1/17	Albright College	Away	TBA
2/4	Albright College	Away	TBA

**More sports schedule
on next page**

Winter Sports Schedule

Wrestling

Boys Junior High

Head Coach Mark Frymoyer Asst Coach Dennis Frymoyer

12/10	Conrad Weiser	Home	5 pm
12/17	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	5:30 pm
12/20	Wyomissing JH tournament	Away	9:15 am
1/3	Schuylkill Valley Tournament	Away	10 am
1/7	Twin Valley HS	Home	5:30 pm
1/14	Hamburg/SV/Tulpehocken	Home	4 pm
1/21	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	5 pm
1/24	Exeter, Weiser, Twin Valley	Home	10 am
1/31	Lower Dauphin HS	Away	9 am
2/6	Wilson Tournament WI@2-3:30	Away	4 pm
2/7	Wilson Tournament	Away	9 am

Boys Varsity and JV

Head Coach Matthew Horst

Asst Coaches Shane Bennett, Dave Ruth

Volunteer Asst Justin Vallone

12/6	Upper Dauphin Tournament	Away	TBA
12/10	Conrad Weiser	Home	6:30 pm
12/13	Muhlenberg Duals	Home	9:30 am
12/17	Daniel Boone Area HS	Away	6:30 pm
12/27	Newport Wrestling Tournament	Away	9 am
1/3	Hamburg Tournament	Away	8 am
1/6	Reading HS	Away	6:30 pm
1/7	Twin Valley HS	Home	6:30 pm
1/9	BCIAA Individual Tournament	Away	TBA
1/10	BCIAA Individual Tournament	Away	TBA
1/14	Wilson	Away	6:30 pm
1/17	Exeter Township HS	Away	6:30 pm
1/21	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	6:30 pm
1/24-24	BCIAA Team Tournament	Away	
1/26	Kutztown Area HS	Away	6:30 pm
1/31	Eastern York	Away	
2/14	Sectionals	Away	TBA

Swimming

Boys/Girls Varsity

Head Boys Coach Todd Eisenhofer

Head Girls Coach Julie McCarthy

Asst Coach Steve Stambaugh

12/5	Downingtown HS West Campus	Home	4 pm
12/9	Reading HS	Away	6 pm
12/13	Manheim Central York Suburban	Home	1 pm
12/16	Wilson	Home	4 pm
12/20	Bucknell Invitational	Away	11 am
1/6	Governor Mifflin HS	Away	4:30 pm
1/10	Muhlenberg Mayhem Invite	Home	10 am
1/13	Wyomissing Area	Home	4 pm
1/15	Lower Dauphin HS	Home	4 pm
1/21	Boyertown Area HS	Away	3:45 pm
1/27	Blue Mountain HS	Home	4 pm
1/29	Owen J Roberts HS	Home	4 pm
2/3	Schuylkill Valley HS	Home	4 pm
2/14	CPL Swimming Championships	Away	TBA
2/27	District III AA Championships	Away	TBA
2/28	District III AA Championships	Away	TBA

Diving

Boys/Girls Varsity

Head Coach Cori Entler

2/7	CPL Diving Championships	Away	TBA
2/19	District III AA Championships	Away	TBA

Bowling

Boys/Girls Varsity

Head Coach George Becker

12/8	Exeter Township HS	Home	4 pm
12/10	Governor Mifflin HS	Home	4 pm
12/12	Wilson	Away	3:45 pm
12/15	Reading HS	Home	3:45 pm
12/16	Reading Central Catholic HS	Away	4 pm
12/17	Reading HS	Home	4 pm
12/18	Wyomissing Area	Home	4 pm
1/5	Antietam HS	Away	4 pm
1/6	Schuylkill Valley HS	Away	4 pm
1/8	Oley Valley HS	Away	4 pm
1/12	Hamburg	Away	4 pm
1/13	Daniel Boone HS	Home	4 pm
1/20	Twin Valley HS	Away	4 pm
1/22	Conrad Weiser	Home	4 pm
1/26	Hamburg	Home	4 pm
1/27	Daniel Boone HS	Away	4 pm
2/2	Twin Valley High School	Home	4 pm
2/3	Conrad Weiser	Away	4 pm
2/9	BCIAA Boys Singles	Away	TBA
2/10	BCIAA Boys Singles	Away	TBA
2/11	BCIAA Girls Singles	Away	TBA
2/12	BCIAA Girls Singles	Away	TBA
2/27	Eastern Regional Championships	Away	TBA
2/28	Eastern Regional Championships	Away	TBA

Kyle Burkert, class of 2007, auditioned and was accepted at Berklee College of Music, Boston. He begins his studies there in January 2009 and will be majoring in Music Production and Engineering.

Kristen Wetzell Ladd graduated in May 2008 from Temple

University

with a Juris

Doctorate.

She has passed

the Pennsylva-

nia and New Jersey BAR Exam and is employed as a lawyer in the Philadelphia area.

Muhlenberg High School Class of 1993 will be holding its 15 year class reunion on December 27 at the Third and Spruce Cafe beginning at 8 p.m. Contact Jill (Schlegel) Wineberg for more information. phitjilly@yahoo.com, or (610) 626-6649.



Highschool NEWS

Leo Club wins award

The Muhlenberg Leo Club has been named as the top club in its district, which include both Berks and Chester Counties. The award is based on membership, activities, and participation. There are approximately 160 members under the leadership of Mrs. Lori Spohn and the sponsorship of the Muhlenberg Lions Club.

Scholarship opportunities

Berks County Community Foundation administers more than 100 scholarship funds for Berks County students. Most of the scholarships have very specific eligibility criteria. The complete list of scholarships administered by Berks County Community Foundation is available online at www.bccf.org. Interested students should review available scholarships online now. With a few exceptions, most applications will be accepted beginning January 15, 2009 through April 1, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Students attend annual symposium



The students above attended the Young Women Symposium: Ryley Behm, Mariah Burton, Amanda Eager, Mrs. Burnham, Catherine Kelley, Leala Godinet, and Breland Moore.

On Oct. 17 six students from Muhlenberg High School attended the fourth annual Young Women Symposium: Pathway to Careers. The Symposium was held at Alvernia College with approximately 90 professionals and 100 young women in attendance. The Symposium offers the opportunity for young women to learn more about their chosen career path. The young ladies were able to interact with several professionals that related to their career choice. The symposium encourages young women to pursue their goals.

Art News

The upper level fine arts classes at the high school started the school year with a blend of science and art through a Pennsylvania Council of the Arts artist-in-residency for photography. Local photographic artist Patti Scialo spent three weeks with the students.

The high school dark room was a busy place for those weeks while students developed their photography experiments based on the physical science of light as it applies to the pinhole camera. An amazing collection of sophisticated photographic artwork was produced with these primitive cameras made with everything from oatmeal containers to film canisters to hat boxes.

The culminating activity was reserved for junior and senior art majors who created an enormous mural on photographic fabric. The students went to the football practice field and quickly arranged pre-planned objects - and themselves - on the giant fabric square. They laid perfectly still for 15 minutes while the sun did its work, developing the negative parts. Plans are being made to display the work in the high school halls.

At the end of the session, parents were invited to attend a "gallery opening" of the art majors work.

The students loved working with Ms. Scialo and they developed a heightened appreciation and interest in photography. Junior Art III major Krystal Gangaway was one student who was particularly interested with her experience, announcing in class one morning: "I finally know what I want to major in when I go to college. I researched all night looking for schools with good photography programs. I want to do this as my career."

What a great way to start the year!

Music News

Seven Muhlenberg High School music students qualified for the Music Educators of Berks County senior high school chorus. They are: **Ashley Homan, Matthew Kleckner, Mallory Kolbe, Michael Molina, Dylan Radka, Jonathan Steiner** and **Kevin Trout**. The concert is January 24 at 7:30 pm at Exeter High School.

Muhlenberg will be very well represented at this year's PMEA District 10 Chorus Festival which will be held at Southern Lehigh High School Jan 15 - 17. The following students will sing at this event: **Ashley Homan** and **Erica Ligenza** (alto 1); **Mallory Kolbe** (soprano 1); **Matthew Kleckner, Michael Molina** and **Kevin Trout** (Bass 2); **Dylan Radka** and **Jonathan Steiner** (Tenor 2).

MISSION

Muhlenberg School District is dedicated to providing a program of educational excellence that enables all students to attain their potential.

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

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ADMINISTRATION

Theresa D. Haught, Ed.D., Superintendent

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

CALENDAR

December

- 3 Special Meeting, Annual Organization, Committee-of-the-Whole, HS, 6:30 pm
- 8-12 4Sight Testing Window (grades 3-10)
- 10 School Board Mtg., HS, 7:30 pm
- 16 MS Winter Concert, MS Aud, 7:30 pm
- 18 CIS Winter Concert, MS Aud, 7:30 pm
- 24-31 Winter break

January

- 1-2 Winter Break
- 5 School Resumes
- 7 Financial Aid Night, HS Cafe, 7-9 pm
- Music Assoc, HS, 7 pm
- Committee-of-the-Whole, HS, 7 pm
- 13 HS Mid Term Exams
- 14 HS Mid Term Exams
- Financial Aid Snow Date
- School Board mtg., HS, 7 pm
- 15-17 PMEA District Chorus
- 15 Grades 9-12 early dismissal
- 16 Early Dismissal Act 80 (Gr 1-12)
- End of 2nd marking period
- 20 Sr County Orchestra rehearsal
- 21 Sr County Band rehearsal
- Parent scheduling night, Gr 9-11, HS A-117, 7-9 pm
- Concert Only A Mother Could Love EC, 7:30 pm
- 22 Scheduling Assemblies, Gr 10-11
- Concert Only A Mother Could Love (snow date)
- 23 Faculty Revue, MS Aud., 7:30 pm
- Sr County Chorus Rehearsal
- 26 Parent Scheduling Night, Gr 8, HS Aud, 7-9 pm
- 28-31 PMEA District Band Festival - MHS

**Please note:
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school board
meetings
will begin
at 7 pm**

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