



Sharon Middle/High School Accepts Rachel's Challenge and Vows to Change Lives

By: Dawn Blair

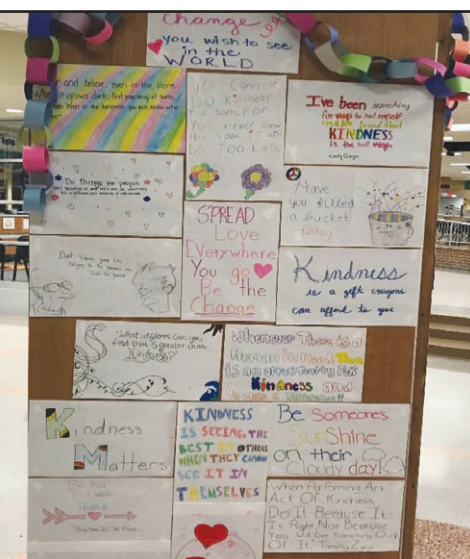
On October 2, 2019, the students and faculty of Sharon Middle/High School began a chain reaction of kindness and took a pledge to, "Accept Rachel's Challenge," "change mindsets, and be kind to ourselves and to others in order to change the climate both in the building and the community. On this day dedicated to kindness, students in grades 7-12 along with adults joined together to become centered on reflection and recognition of our own actions and how those actions affect others, both positive and negative. Those in attendance were also shown how telling someone "I am sorry" can change relationships for the better.

Students at Sharon were fortunate enough to listen and to interact with speaker Chris Mowery, from the *Rachel's Challenge* organization, who told the story of Rachel Joy Scott, the first student who was killed in the Columbine School shooting, on April 20, 1999, but it was her story of kindness and looking out for others before she died, that changed the hearts and minds of the students at Sharon Middle/High School forever. During the presentation, students and adults were challenged with four goals moving forward within this movement: 1. Look for the best in others 2. Dream big 3. Choose positive influences 4. Speak with

kindness 5. Start your own chain reaction. In the evening of October 2nd, the community was invited to attend the Live Community Event to hear Rachel's story and for the community to understand that we all must come together to promote kindness for our world to truly change forever.

Presently, students are starting their own chain reaction within the building and many students have now formed the *Friends of Rachel Club*, whose mission is spreading kindness throughout the school and community and serve as ambassadors of kindness for others. We are all grateful for the *Rachel's Challenge* experience and the message that it promotes. The students and faculty at Sharon Middle/High School would like to thank Sharon City School District Board of Education and Mr. Michael Calla, Superintendent, for allowing us to bring this program to our school, for it has truly opened our hearts. We would also like to thank SM/HS teacher Kevin Burns for donating t-shirts to our FOR Club students and Tom Roberts and the HopeCat Center for providing our FOR Club students with experiences at the center in design, production and donation of t-shirts for the live community event.

Let us all never forget that kindness does matter and can change the lives of others forever!



Sharon Little Hoopers

By: Zach Sarver

Attention First and Second grade boys!
The Lil' Hoopers basketball program will begin Sunday, January 5 at 12:45 until 1:45 at the Case Avenue Gym. All subsequent sessions will also be at the Case Avenue Gymnasium.

The full schedule is as follows:
1/5/20 from 12:45 to 1:45
1/12/20 from 12:45 to 1:45
1/19/20 from 12:45 to 1:45
2/26/20 from 12:45 to 1:45
2/2/20 from 12:45 to 1:45

For updates text @lilhoopers to 81010. Any questions can be directed to Coach Sarver at (724) 355-4301.
Go Tigers!

Sharon Middle/High School Holiday Food Drive

Sponsored by the Freshman Academy

Students can place their canned and non-perishable food items in boxes by the front office prior to the start of the school day or drop them off during their lunch period.

Students can also bring their food items to 1st period and a member of our Freshman Academy will pick them up and put them into the collection.

Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted from November 1-25, 2019.

All items collected will be donated to the Community Food Warehouse of Mercer County.

Help feed our community!



Shenango Valley Shuttle Service to West Hill Elementary School

By: Mike Gay & Amy Hammond

During the last school year, through the combined efforts of the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service and West Hill Elementary School, a plan was developed that allowed West Hill Elementary School students to ride public transportation to school every day in the morning and afternoon.

Being a walking school district, it can be difficult in the morning to get the kids up, dressed, fed and taken to school every morning. This becomes even more difficult when the weather conditions are poor and for families who may have newborn or infant siblings. Public transportation to school will mean that families can save time by not having to walk with their child to school and it will save money on

gas. This effort will also ensure that children have an additional resource to get to and from school every day.

We have over 20 students whom are taking advantage of this service. For more information please visit our school website at www.sharon.k12.pa.us. Click on Schools at the top tabs, then on West Hill Elementary, Documents and then on Parent Bussing information to help with the bus route.

Parents please note that it is a good idea to show your child where they are to get off and possibly ride the shuttle with them so they understand what to do and how to behave. This bus is NOT run by the school. It is also a good idea to review stranger danger and have your child know their address and your phone numbers for safety reasons.



From left to right: Muath Maani, Journ e Barnett, Sean Burns, Caleb Childs, Brihauna Wilson, Marin McLaughlin, Ava McLaughlin, Savannah Franklin, Madame Nelson, Heaven Jacoway, Emma Miller, Abby Wallace, Jacque Flower, Ella Paknis, Cara Kightlinger, Anastasia Stonebraker, Lilly Pullman

French Sensations

By: Courtney Nelson

The students of Sharon High School's French Club enjoyed their yearly tradition, a taste of the Caribbean, with an after school meal at Haitian Sensation Caf . There, they were able to enjoy Haitian specialties such as Makawoni ak Fwomaj (Haitian mac and cheese) and Poul Diri ak Pwa (chicken, rice, and beans).

Fire Prevention Activities

By: Mike Gay & Amy Hammond

As part of Fire Prevention Week, West Hill Elementary students participated in fire prevention lessons presented by the City of Sharon Fire Department. This included a presentation by Firefighter Nick Sampson.

The key points from Firefighter Nick Sampson's presentation were:

1. Every house should have a working smoke detector and fresh batteries.
2. Every house should have an evacuation plan and an outside meeting place in the event of a fire.
3. Stay low and go when there is smoke.

Additionally, students were able to see a firefighter get dressed in all of his firefighter gear. Therefore, if they ever encountered a situation where they may



see a firefighter in their gear they would not be afraid. All students were able to tour a mock house and practice what they were taught to do in case a fire ignited if they were asleep in their bedrooms. They had a tour of a fire truck and asked the firefighters several interesting questions.

We want to thank Firefighter Nick Sampson and all of the other Sharon Firefighters who came and presented to our students.

Middle School Students Of The Month

By: Erin Borowicz & Matt Vannoy

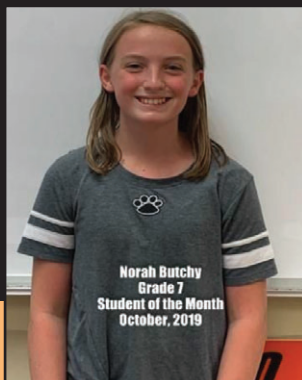
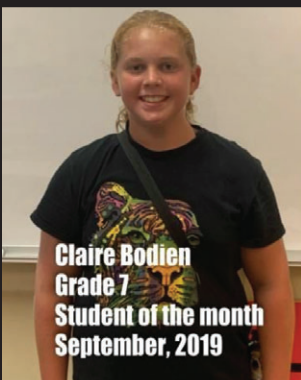
The Sharon Middle School has selected students of the month for the months of September and October. Students are nominated by the faculty based upon: kindness, goodwill, integrity, cooperation, and school spirit. The Middle School faculty then votes for the students whom they feel best fit those qualities.

September's winners:

Grade 8: Heriberto Munoz and Timia Gavin
Grade 7: John Stanek and Claire Bodie

October's winners :

Grade 8: Keegan Widmeyer and Destany Lary
Grade 7 : Cody Templeton and Norah Butchy



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