

The Newsletter of the Sharon City School District

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EXPRESSIONS



Middle School Career Fair

By: Diane Pastorkovich

On January 15, 2020 the entire 8th grade class traveled to Thiel College to attend the Mercer County Eighth Grade Career Awareness Fair. The fair was a cooperative effort between the Middle/High School's Guidance

Office, Thiel College, Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce and Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce. Sharon students along with 8th graders from surrounding districts had the opportunity to interview a variety of career field representatives regarding career acquisition, retention and advancement.



Sharon High Robotics

By: Emma Barborak, Sharon High Junior & Robotics Team Member

The Sharon High Robotics team competes regionally through the First Tech Challenge program (FTC). FTC is a head to head robotics competition where students design, build and program a robot to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Members of the community have been truly supportive of our team, especially our team sponsor, the Sharon Rotary, our engineering sponsor, the Sharon American Legion and our two mentors, Mr. John Ackley and Mr. Bill Dodd. Our team has been very busy since the robotics season started in September, competing in one scrimmage and three tournaments. We are excited to announce that for the second year in a row, we will be advancing to the Pennsylvania State

Tournament in Red Lion, Pennsylvania! We would like to thank the Shenango Valley Chamber of Commerce for awarding the Sharon Robotics Teams collectively the Organization of the Year. What an exciting honor and a wonderful way for us to demonstrate our robot to the business community. We also had two high schools reach out to us to assist them with the start of their own FTC programs. Since the FTC core values include gracious professionalism, our team members graciously invited them into our robotics lab, showed them our robot and programming and talked about the best way to get their teams started.

We are excited to represent our school and community in the state tournament on February 29th and March 1st. Go Tigers!



Tiger Techs Team Orange and Team Black take a moment to celebrate after a weekend of competing at the Western Pennsylvania FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Championship at Sewickley Academy, Pittsburgh. The Techs earned the top two awards, First and Second place Champions Award, qualifying both teams to advance to two world events. Pictured from left to right; bottom row- Camryn Tanageri, Ian Fischer, Katelyn Powell, Dani Currie, Tony Gaggini, Matthew Schimp; back row (left to right) Bodhi Paknis, Lucas Province, Mary Brown, Warren Hackett, Keegan Widmyer, Ben Pollock, Jack Hynes, Kaytlen Moroney, Abbey Baron, Kayden Moroney, and John Stanek.

Tiger Techs Robotics Teams Advance to World Events

By: Dave Tomko, Coach

Three Tiger Techs Robotics Teams will be advancing to world competition events after placing first and second at the Western Pennsylvania FIRST LEGO League Championship and first at the Erie FIRST LEGO League Championship. The teams, comprised of Tiger Techs Team Orange, Tiger Techs Team Black, and West Hill Tiger Techs, are made up of 4th-9th grade students in the Sharon City School District.

While at the Pittsburgh championship, Tiger Techs Team Black received the First Place Champions Award. In addition, West Hill Tiger Techs who competed at the Erie championship captured the First Place Champions Award. Both Tiger Techs Team Black and West Hill Tiger Techs will be advancing to the World Festival in April. Both Techs will compete with 108 of the top teams from around the world. Tiger Techs Team Orange, who competed in Pittsburgh received the Second Place Champions Award advancing them to an international event to be held in May. Tiger Techs Team Orange also received the Global Innovation Award for their research project solution. The award allows them to research and develop their handicap parking solution further with possible advancement to the international level. In addition, the C.M. Musser Tiger Techs received the first-place robot game score at the Erie championship.

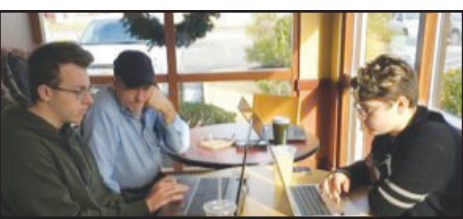
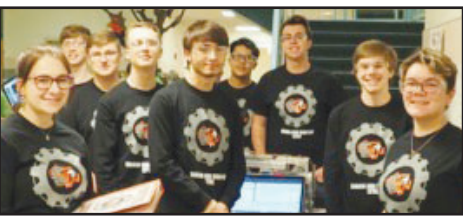
The theme for this year's robotics challenge, "City Shaper," centered on problems associated with cities and is universal in all three components of the competition: robotics, research, and core values. In robotics, the team completed missions during two and a half minutes of game time. The mission models relate to cities and buildings. Missions include raising a structure, releasing a supply load from a crane, to delivering payloads to specific areas on the



The West Hill Tiger Techs celebrate their First Place Champions Award after competing in the Erie FLL Championship. Pictured from left to right: Aubrianna Vasconi-Perrine, Cody Templeton, Marissa Butler, Marin McLaughlin, and Mia Clemons. Not in picture: Stella Blair and Alexis Weber.

competition field using an EV3 Mindstorm Robot. In research, the Tiger Techs had the goal to improve a problem in cities. The teams focused on solving problems with abandoned properties and handicap parking placard abuse. Tiger Techs were also judged according to how they display the FLL Core Values. The Core Values focus on teamwork; Gracious Professionalism; and Cooperation, the ability to cooperate and compete in a professional manner.

The robotics teams are part of the FIRST Lego League organization. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." They are under the leadership of Dave Tomko, Kelly Roys, Darcy Wiesen, Lewis Kellar and Brian Weigle. The teams are funded by community sponsors from the Shenango Valley and the Sharon City School District.



Spanish Club Caroling

By: Nora Songer, Advisor

On December 20th, members of the Sharon High Spanish Club spread some "Felicidad Navideña" (Christmas Cheer) throughout the Sharon and Hermitage neighborhoods near the high school. After "un almuerzo navideño" (Christmas Lunch) at La Isla

Restaurante, the Spanish club visited several local businesses, including Philadelphia Candies, Tangled Up Salon, and The Keg, to sing "villancicos" (carols) to the patrons there. From there, the students visited the ESC and Case Avenue Elementary School. All of the students agreed that they had a very "buen tiempo" (good time).

Cold and Flu Season is Here!

By: Lisa Fox, School Nurse

Reasons to keep your child home from school:

1. Fever 99.6 or greater you should keep your child home. They should be fever free for 24 hours without taking medication (Tylenol or Advil) before returning to school.
2. Vomiting and/or diarrhea and is usually accompanied by a viral infection and dehydration is the concern. If your child has these symptoms through the night or in the morning keep them home. Also, if they are not using the bathroom every 6-8 hours they may be dehydrated and you should call your doctor.
3. Coughing accompanied by wheezing or either of the above symptoms is a reason to keep your child home and definitely needs a trip to the doctor.
4. Rashes accompanied by a fever should be kept home and a trip to the doctor is needed.

As always please remember to call your child off from school if they will be absent for any of the above reasons. When in doubt call and talk to the school nurse and she can give you advice on if your child should stay home or come to school.

Simple Influenza Prevention Measures:

1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. Stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.
3. Cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, or cough and sneeze into your elbow. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. Clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth.
6. Practice other good health habits. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food.

Please remember the nurses are here to work with you but also have to follow district and state policies on illness in the school setting.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Sharon City School District will be holding Kindergarten registration in March of this spring. Please clip this schedule as a reminder to register your child. By registering this spring, the school district can begin planning for the fall classes. We hope to see you there!!

To be eligible for the 2020-21 kindergarten class, a child must be five years old before September 1, 2020

PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD TO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

C. M. Musser School

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9:00am - 11:00am, Noon-2:00pm, and 5:00pm - 7:00pm

West Hill School

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

9:00am - 11:00am, Noon - 2:00pm, and 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Case Avenue School

Thursday, March 26, 2020 - 9:00am - 11:00am, Noon - 2:00pm, 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday, March 27, 2020 - 9:00am - 11:00am, Noon - 2:00pm

You will need to bring:

Your child's State Issued Birth Certificate and Social Security Card - Proof of Residency (mortgage statement, lease agreement, utility bill) - Complete Immunization Records - Medical Assistance Cards (if eligible) - Proof of Guardianship/custody if applicable

*** Your child must attend registration with you***

The Sharon City School District continues its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of race, age, sex, religion, national origin, handicap or disability, as applicable in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies. This policy is as required by Title IX of the 1962 Educational Amendments, Title V of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 Regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and all other applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

For information regarding Title IX compliance, contact the district's Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Service Center, 215 Forker Blvd., Sharon, PA 16146, 724-983-4029.

For more information on Section 504 Compliance, contact the district's Special Education Supervisor, Educational Service Center, 215 Forker Blvd., Sharon, PA 16146, 724-983-4029.

For more information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the district's Business Manager, Educational Service Center, 215 Forker Blvd., Sharon, PA 16146, 724-983-4029.