

FARRELL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT **STEELER NATION**

Winter 2022



**FARRELL AREA MIDDLE-
HIGH SCHOOL**

Farrell Staff and Students Thankful

By JaMauri Jones

As faculty and students were preparing for the holiday break, many shared what they are most grateful for this time of year. After a recent in-school study the students and staff proudly proclaimed their love for this holiday for the time they get to spend with family and friends.

Talking with Farrell student, Jermaine Jackson, he stated he loves this holiday and wanted "to give thanks to his fellow brothers of the Farrell football team and his lovely family." Kabron Smith reported that he loves this holiday because he gets a chance to show how grateful he is for all the God- given opportunities that have been afforded to him.

Thanksgiving, a national holiday in the United States, falls on the last Thursday of November can be traced back to 1621 with the Plymouth Colonists and the Wampanoag Tribe. During this autumnal celebration many American families celebrate by giving thanks and spending time with families. Thanksgiving also marks the beginning of the holiday season with the following Friday named one of the biggest shopping days of the year.

Take time this holiday season to reflect upon all that you are grateful for and remember to give thanks. To kick off the Holiday season, Mrs. Tota sent a slideshow to the district showing the full in-school survey conducted by the Journalism class.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Break-Schools Closed
December 22-January 2
End of Quarter 2 January 23
MLK Day January 16
Teacher Professional
Development February 17

Farrell MS/HS County Chorus Takes Center Stage



County Chorus

November 3 at Mercer High School auditorium in Mercer, PA, Farrell Area Middle-High School students among other area school district choirs sang in front of a packed house.

Our talented 7-12 grade choir were joined by Greenville, West Middlesex, Sharon, Hickory, Sharpville, Commodore Perry, Grove City, Lakeview, Mercer, and Reynolds school districts.

Farrell Choir students sang "In Flanders Field," "The Water is Wide," "Bonse Aba," and "Come Travel with Me."

It was a night remembered by all. In the upcoming semesters, look for more special events such as this from our Choir students and Music Director, Mrs. Henry.



Photo Credit: Rachel Henry



Drop and Give Me 3,000?

While the month of November is known for giving thanks and Black Friday deals, St. Jude's Research Hospital challenged everyone to push-up awareness for research for Childhood Cancer.

Mrs. Kladitis and many of our very own Farrell middle and high school students embraced the challenge.

Schools and other businesses across America participated in this month-long challenge to raise awareness and funds for St. Jude's Hospital.

Farrell's drive for excellence pushed us up over the 3,000 push-up mark to crush this challenge. Farrell Area staff and students know how to take on a challenge.



Math Teacher, Mrs. Sharon Hlusko

by Ryonna Jefferson

After 32 years of teaching, Mrs. Hlusko is ready to retire. Teaching at Farrell for 26 years, many current students' parents have had Hlusko as their math teacher. She is a favorite among many at Farrell Area School District; always holding students to a higher standard.

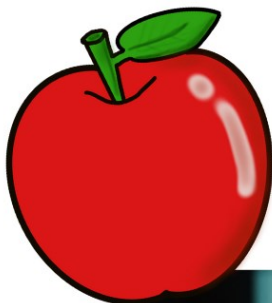
As a kid growing up, Mrs. Hlusko attended Wilmington Area Middle School in New Wilmington, PA, from there she attended many colleges, but started in high school at Westminster College. Then onto Youngstown State University in Youngstown, OH where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Science and Accounting. And Indiana University in Bloomington, IN where she earned another B.S in Mathematics. Finally, she attended the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania for her Masters in Theoretical Mathematics.

A Master Gardener in Venango County. Hlusko also spends time quilting. She is currently renovating a home she recently purchased. While she loves basketball, she intends on spending next summer visiting all of the baseball parks east of the Mississippi River.

She has four children. Her two oldest sons are John and Gary. Her middle child, Laura, and her youngest son David.



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English Teacher, Mr. Tim Dye

by Ta'Leah Johnson

Introducing Mr. Dye, English teacher at the Farrell High School Area School District for over 25 years. Beginning his education journey at Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA, then later earning a Master's degree from Gannon University, Erie, PA.

It's no mystery that Mr. Dye's favorite subjects in school were English and Art. Topping his list of all-time favorite lessons to teach is anything Edgar Allen Poe related.

What Mr. Dye loves most about teaching is helping students learn new information and becoming life-long learners.

Mr. Dye's favorite memory is watching Mr. Fowler and Melissa Fowler produce the school plays.

Outside of school Mr. Dye enjoys playing golf, playing music (solo and in a band) and spending time with his family.

His favorite movies and shows are *Breaking Bad*, *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*, *Purple Rain*, and anything about the study of animals.

Mr. Dye's favorite sports are golf, football, baseball, and basketball. Mr. Dye's favorite teams are Cleveland Guardians, Cavs, Dallas Cowboys, and Carolina TarHeels.



Math and Special Ed. Teacher, Ms. Hannah Layo

by Ky'Ashia Mitchell-Campbell

Learn more about Ms Layo, the new Math teacher. Ms Layo graduated from West Middlesex High School in West Middlesex, PA. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock University in Slippery Rock, PA. She has been working at Farrell for over a year now, and was initially hired as an extra support teacher, then later hired as a support teacher for math.

Prior to being a math teacher, Ms. Layo was a preschool teacher for eight years and her favorite subject in school was English. She stated that, "she's always loved writing and reading."

She enjoys getting to know her students through a lesson called "About Me," where students use a number of sentences to write about themselves. What she loves most about teaching is that she gets to help the students.



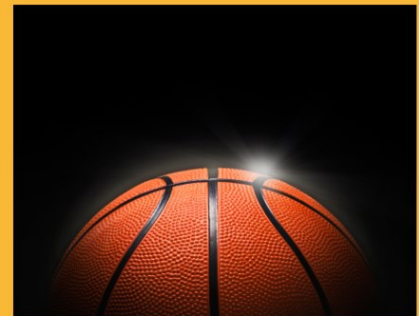
Her favorite experience with one of the students she has taught was when they had a spirited conversation about blue whales. The student argued that people have been studying blue whales for years and were in fact grey, not blue.

Outside of work, Ms Layo likes to read, spend time with her family and pets, watch tv, and travel.

Her favorite book is the "Red Rising Trilogy" by Pierce Brown, her favorite TV show is "Supernatural", and her favorite movie is the "Wizard of Oz".

"Education is not the filling of a pail but the lighting of a fire."
William Butler Yeats

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Coach Spotlight *Boys Basketball Coach,* **Myron Lowe**

Coach Myron played high school football up until his sophomore year. He played basketball for four years at Kennedy Catholic High School in Hermitage, PA.. Myron played college basketball for two years at Community College of Beaver County, located in Beaver, Pennsylvania, and also at Caper Junior College located in Allendale, Wyoming, where he was point guard.

His everyday gameplay he likes to press on defense and play up-tempo on offense. His favorite moment of being a coach is just being able to coach at his Alma Mater, but most of all trying to instill discipline and accountability to the youth.

Coach Lowe's favorite professional team and player is Lebron James; wherever Lebron goes, he goes.

Cheer on Coach Lowe and his Steelers this season.



Clubs and Organizations

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For the Love of Science

For the love of science! Great minds come together to talk about scientific things in room 221. At Farrell Area High, Mrs. Latzoo leads the Science Club on field trips, participates in enrichment programs, and lab activities. There are also some genetics workshops in coordination with Grand Valley State University of Michigan in Midway, MI. Already this year, Senior Science members participated in the first ever Trunk or Treat for the Farrell Area School District.

Senior members handed out candy and painted trunks for the teachers. The main purpose of the Trunk or Treat activity was to support the senior class, and for doing this Trunk or Treat activity the senior class got senior volunteer hours. Ms. Grills, the new history teacher, led the activity as the Senior Class Adviser.

Planned for the month of December the Science Club will conduct labs based on the phases of matter and will make candy canes from scratch. In January the club members will meet again to do another lab about volume. Celebrating Black history month in February, the Science Club will watch a movie on African American British Scientists. Celebrating Earth Day in April, members of the Science Club will volunteer at the city's clean up day and sponsor a recycling event here at the school. In May, some members will join the BIO II class at Penn State's Shenango in Sharon, PA to see a synthetic cadaver. Some very exciting opportunities for all to experience, sign up with Mrs. Latzoo today.



What's Happening in FCS Class?

Students have been in full swing baking and working on full-size quilts this semester.

Students enrolled in Mrs. Bolyard's Family Consumer Science class learn a little more than just the cooking essentials. Students conduct research on fashion design and nutrition as well.

Senior, Tymere Evans (pictured above) completed a full size quilt in pink. And Mon'aye Jacobs and Jaycion Daniels working on their pumpkins during the week of Halloween.

The FCS class is open to high school students during their freshmen, sophomore, junior, or senior year.

Photo Credit: Rebekah Bolyard



Photo Credit: Rhashaud Dunbar

BOYS BASKETBALL STARTING THE SEASON OFF RIGHT

By Rhashaud Dunbar

The Varsity Boys Basketball season began on December 7 against the New Wilmington Greyhounds. Coach Myron Lowe, Steelers coach for the past five years said, "if everyone buys into what he wants them to do, he believes they can win it all."

Week 1 Farrell vs Wilmington, JV played the first game and stomped the Greyhounds with a 77-19 win.

Farrell Varsity dressed in their white jerseys and Wilmington in blue, showed the Greyhounds who dominated the court with a blow out win, 71-23.

In the beginning of the game Farrell won the tip off against the Greyhounds. Freshman Danny Odem III had 11 points and Juelz Johnson had 5 points, Malachi Owens, the leader with 13 points this game.

We are already in week three of the season with a perfect 3-0, record.

O'KANE PLAYER OF THE GAME

By Staff Writer

Nasir O'Kane wins O'Neil's Player of the Game after Farrell Steelers win in a close game against Aliquippa on December 17.

Nasir scored 15 points during the game with the 10 of these points in the fourth quarter of the game. Kylon Wilson also scored 15 points this game. Danny Odem with 11 points, and Malachi Owens with 10 points this game. 56-51 final score.



FARRELL STEELERS GIRLS BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Contributed by Jordan Snyder

Demarra Thomas has led the girls in scoring with 20 points against Lakeview and 21 against Sharpsville. Thomas also contributed 13 points at the season opener against Sharon while Gabby King scored 23 that game.

It is still early in the season and already there is a lot of promise from the younger players, Ja'Niya Daniels, Zaniya Thomas, Martese Beamon, Lexa Yasnowski, Noa Hammonds, Nevaeh Husband, Jordyn Jackson, Lillian Switz, Autumn Scarbrough.

Get out and cheer on our Farrell Girls this season.



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FARRELL STEELERS D-10 CHAMPS AGAIN

By Staff Writer

Farrell Steelers have done it again; shutting out the Sharpville Blue Devils 26-0 on November 18 on the Blue Devil's own field. This was the Steelers eighth straight championship title appearance.

Coach Anthony "Amp" Pegues was quoted, "Defense wins championships...They (Sharpville) came ready to play...but we were able to buckle down, play some hard-nosed defense and get the job done. If you don't give up any points you can't lose" (Close).

Steelers advanced to the next level to play Westinghouse for the Quarter Finals, but fell short. Although the football team did not go as far as they wanted to, the Coach and the team fought hard this season ending with a 8-1 record, and brought home the D-10 Championship.

Some key leaders of the 2022 football season: Kylon Wilson with 30 touchdowns; Brandon Chambers with 85.5 rushing yards per game average; Marion Norris with 9.4 tackles per game; Julius Phillips with three interceptions this year.



Quarterback Kabron Smith has some advice to give

By Anton Sharper

Junior Kabron Smith, Quarterback for the Farrell Steelers, had 1,804 passing yards with 22 touchdowns for the 22-23 season.

To get pumped up before games he listens to a variety of rappers starting with Lil Durk, Rod Wave, and Lil Baby. Eats Mike & Ikes and fruit snacks.

Kabron's favorite game moment is "being able to step on the field with his brothers." He also said he loves to lead the team as a Quarterback.

He has been playing football since he was six years old, and has been playing for Farrell since fourth grade. What he loves about playing on a Farrell's team is the brotherhood and the coaches.

His advice to younger players is: "Stay on your grades, if you're trying to go to college, stay humble, work hard and wait your turn!"

Honors

High Honor Roll:

Dharvesh Sahadeo
Kiara Wilson
Lexa Yasnowski
Kammy Dean
Hailey Golub
Maddy Harrison
Lydia Latzoo
Kai Cummings
Mon'Yae Jacobs
Dharshanie Sahadeo
Zaiden Thomas

Honor Roll:

Ja'Niya Daniels
Kevion Daniels
Jaidyn Depuy
Juelz Johnson
Ja'Mauri Jones
Darnel LaCamera
Omario Boatwright
Samaj Caddell
Dey'Mar Cain
Dorean Cain
Jada Kennedy
Quentin Odem
Khinya Ollie
Audrina Ravenscraft
Kiara Thompson
Corey Wilder
Christov Cordero
Davion Richardson
Romeo Kenan
Alexxis Lee
Taraya Sands
Delani Stewart-Wilson
Jayla Wallace
Angelina Walters

Honorable Mention

Ky'Ashia Mitchell
Daniel Odem
Zoi Phillips
RiNiia Pinkins
Shayna Bostaph
Camden Douglas
Maliyah Johnson
Amyah Moody
Giani Scott
Lamiya Briggs
Aiden Cunningham
Brielle Foore
Aareon Griffin
KyReece Michell
Jamir Odem
Mark Wilson

High Honor Roll:

Jasean Boatwright
Kilyia Broaden
Tymere Evans
Tahj'Mere Gibson
Manye' Johnson
Gabrielle King
Nikasha Marcella
Malachi Shepherd
Tamera Slater
McKenzie Ulan
Kylon Wilson
Amir Graham
Maria Harrison
Hayven Hilton
Marion Norris
Neveah Richard
Jonathan Singh
Kabron Smith
Ryan Stewart
Venicci Roger True
Ayanna Whiteside
Alec Yasnowski
Jiaada Brodie
Cevaea Day
Chaurice Ousley
Quintin Zagotti
Dharvesh Sahadeo
Kiara Wilson
Lexa Yanowski

Honor Roll:

James Harrison
Anthony Jackson
Jermaine Jackson
Nasir O'Kane
Friday Payne
Bryan Phillips
Amari Roye
Lamont Samuels
Tyleigh Steindurf
Alan Wilder
Dontaye Bell
Marcel Cheeks
Tyona Evans
Neveah Husband
Raelen Alisa Phillips
Daijah Gilbert
Ernest Latzoo
Zoe Misahata
Ja'Niya Daniels



Kevion Daniels
Jaidyn Depuy
Juelz Johnson
Ja'Mauri Jones
Darnel LaCamera

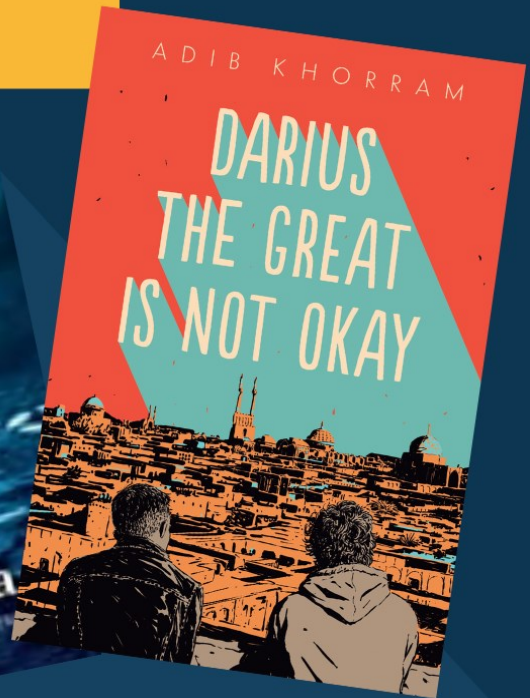
Honorable Mention:

Stephanie Montgomery
Malachi Owens
Zion Scarbough
Ja'Laija Gregory
Kennedy Johnson
Maria Norris
Khaliya Venable
Mar'Tese Arie Beamon
Janette Ontiveros
Daniel Odem
Zoi Phillips
Riniia Pinkins



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Winter 2022



GOOD READS ON THE SHELVES

If you have been to the library lately, you may have noticed some new displays. With the help of book recommendations from both students and staff and magazine subscriptions like *School Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, and *Goodreads.com*, Farrell Area Middle-High School Library has been able to purchase a lot of new books. And hopefully even more in the future. Many of the books purchased between the beginning of this school year and last school year have been award-winning and high-demand best-selling titles for middle and high school students.

My goal this year is to weed old worn out titles that are no longer relevant, and replace them with new and updated copies. I also want to diversify our library and appeal to everyone's interests as much as I can.

You can keep track of the latest titles to hit our shelves by subscribing to the Library's Google Classroom page, the class code: **ha4zyri**



MS BOOK CLUB REVIEWS

Listed below are titles that the Middle School Book Club students have read this past semester along with their star reviews.

"We Can Be Heroes"



"That's Not What Happened"



"Blue Bird"



STEELER NATION AND THE REFLECTOR

By Michele Tota, Journalism Adviser

The Steeler Nation and *The Reflector* staff would like to thank you for your continued support. We strive to be accurate and thorough with our reporting and our recording of our school year. If you see a mistake or a misspelling, please let us know right away. We will do everything we can to make a correction.

In the meantime, we hope that you enjoy your copy of *The Steeler Nation News*. The staff and journalism students are hard at work developing the yearbook, and we can't wait to share some sneak peeks with you when we return in January.

The Reflector yearbook is the history book of our school year. All grades, sports, clubs, and events are included in the yearbook. It is our goal to make sure every Farrell student is in the yearbook. Make sure to reserve your copy today at <https://yearbookforever.com>. Pay close attention to the announcements and your Google Classrooms for special offers and coupons.



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Mission Statement

We strive to educate students and to assist them in realizing their full potential as responsible, productive, contributing members of society by providing an educational environment in which students are challenged, excellence is expected and differences are valued.



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