

# #BLUDEDEVILNATION



SHARPSVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL

# HOME OF THE BLUE DEVILS

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## A Word from the Principal

I remember the first batch of students I said goodbye to. I was a second grade teacher in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and I was moving back home to care for my father. I spent the last few weeks spending time at picnics on invitation from their parents, playing with them outside at recess, and trying to make those final lessons as memorable as I could. Those students are graduating from college this spring and there are a few that have actually reached out to me over the years. I always tell them, "Once you are one of my students, you are ALWAYS on of my kids."

The month of May is an interesting time for me. While most members of this school community are getting ready for the year to end I have already started planning for the following year. The end always seems to sneak up on me and before I know it, that time comes around once again – the time to say farewell

to a group of students I have come to care for as if they were my very own children.

So, as I contend with the mix of emotions I will feel over the next few weeks, the joy and pride that comes with seeing my students receive their diploma and the sadness in knowing I may never see them again, I want to leave them with this message:

*Welcome to your world. It is not perfect, but it is for you. I am sorry we may not have left it in the prime condition it should be, but I know you are more than prepared to make it what it should be. This world is yours and most things you set your mind to can become a reality. It will not be easy and time will move faster than it ever has in your short lifetime.*

*Stay focused on your dreams and make sure you put in the effort necessary to take those 'dreams' to the next level. If you feel entitled to*

*something, then let that feeling go right now – you are entitled to nothing and the world will let you know that each and every single day of your existence.*

*Remember and honor your roots, but do not cling to them because we will always be there for you. You are scared, but I promise you that you are ready - I see it in your eyes.*

*It is time to spread your wings.*

*Remember these three things*

- 1. Once a Blue Devil, Always a Blue Devil*
- 2. Once you are one of my students, you are forever one of my kids.*
- 3. The key to immortality is living a life worth remembering.*

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy J. Dadich".

Timothy J. Dadich,

## From the Classroom

### SCIENCE

#### *Mrs. Smith*

Mrs. Smith's Human Anatomy & Physiology students completed a dissection of the sheep kidney this week. Next week they will complete a culminating dissection of the fetal pig. This laboratory activity will cover all of the major organ system and take several days to finish.

All Biology classes are busy preparing for their Keystone Biology Exam. Students were assessed individually with an online diagnostic tool to determine their strengths and weakness in the 9 topics covered by the Keystone. They will be able to tailor their reviewing strategies to focus on their most needed areas.

Environmental Science continues to work on their greenhouse projects. The different soil mixes tested by the groups are yielding surprising and varying results regarding plant growth, health and color.

#### *Ms. Saeler*

The students have recently finished their final topic of study for the Keystone Biology exam; Ecology. As of the first week in May we have begun our review sessions. Each student took the CDT, which is a practice exam that is given online to identify a student's strengths and weaknesses by topic. Upon

completion each student is given a series of review packets tailored to meet their needs based on the CDT results. Class time for the week before the Keystone exam is dedicated to a whole class review of all of the topics learned this year.

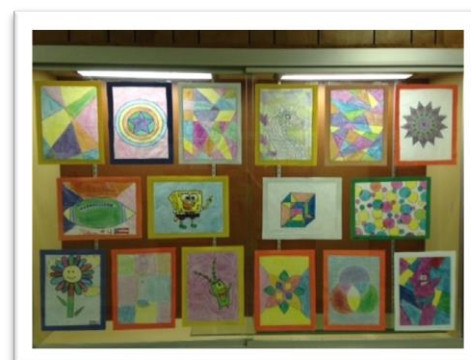
#### *Mr. Ference*

#### **Honors Physics:**

Honors Physics students are completing a unit on electricity. They are investigating the properties and applications of simple, series, parallel, and combination circuits.

#### **Physics:**

Physics students are completing a unit on light. They recently completed a project in which they used the primary pigments (cyan, magenta, and yellow crayons) to color a picture on tracing paper. In addition to these three colors, they had to produce blue, green, and red by combining the primary pigments. The pictures were then framed and could be placed in a window to show off the colors. The next part of the unit involves the properties of reflection and refraction and their applications (mirrors, lenses, and total internal reflection).



### LITERATURE

#### *Ms. Weingartner*

**Lit/Comp IV** will be completing *Macbeth* by Wednesday. We will do an in-class review on the day before the test, which should be on Friday, May 13th. All students have access to detailed summaries of the play as well as study questions. The test will focus on characters, plot, setting, and theme, and it will include basic questions about Shakespeare, the Renaissance, and the Globe Theater, which students have already reviewed in handouts and activities. Students have watched the Roman Polanski version of the play, which should reinforce their knowledge.

**AP Composition** will be taking their AP test on Wednesday, May 11th. They will begin reading a

novel as a model for their summer assignments.

**AP Literature** is reading a mystery novel and working on a project related to this as their final.

Ms. Weingartner will be meeting with students signed up for next year's AP Composition class before the end of May; announcements will be made in advance, and signs will be posted outside of Room 88. We will discuss class interests and review tentative summer assignments, so this is a required meeting that will last about 30 minutes. Volunteers from the current AP Lit and AP Comp classes will join the meeting to answer student questions, too. Summer assignment packets must be picked up in Ms. W's room before June 3rd.

### **Mrs. Oliver**

For sophomores, we just completed the non-fiction novel, *Unbroken*. We will be spending more time on Keystone Preparaton and starting Julius Caesar. Honors classes will be

attending the play, "The Lion" has part of our work with City Theatre of Pittsburgh. All honors students submitted plays and are waiting to see if they are winners for the City Theatre Playwright Program. If chosen, winners will have their plays performed next year by professional actors.

Juniors spent time analyzing Poe short stories and poems. They are working on grammar reviews for SAT preparation and Keystone reviews for the Keystone tests. We are also reading and discussing the novel, *Lord of the Flies*.

### **SPANISH**

#### **Ms. Stoner**

Spanish four recently created an invention of the future, designed it, and described what it will do in Spanish. Inventions included a pillow that records dreams, a pill that changes you into whosever DNA is inside of it for an hour, and a wardrobe that folds clothes and picks out outfits. They will continue to practice the future with a discussion about their futures in Spanish.

Spanish one students learned the verb "ser" and adjective agreement. They also recently learned about what cinco de mayo is and a bit of the history of Mexican-US relations. They looked up information about the Mexican-American War and Mexican "bracero" workers of the mid-1900s. Soon, they will be completing their final conversation of the year and presenting it for the class

#### **Mrs. Toth**

Spanish 3 - Spanish 3 students were involved in a review lesson on a very important Spanish grammar topic. Since it was review for them, they taught it to each other in a group project setting. Some groups make booklets, some did posters, some did Google presentations. It was a nice was for them to review together.

Spanish 2 - Spanish 2 students completed a comparison lesson with a personal creative comparison poster demonstrating their favorite things.

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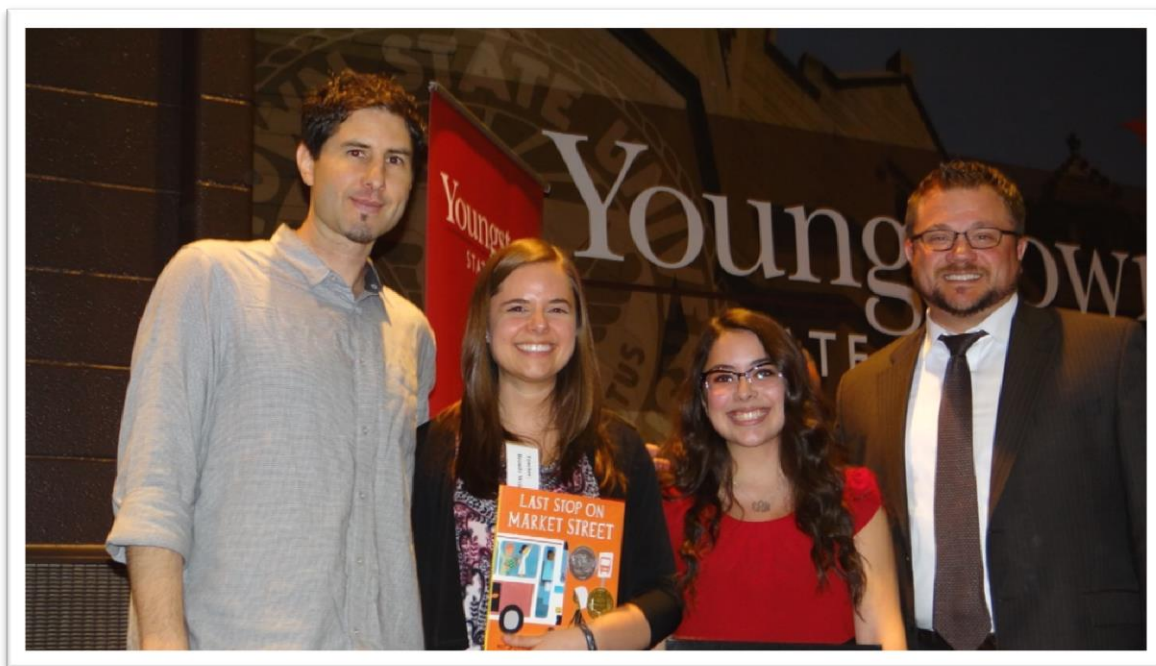
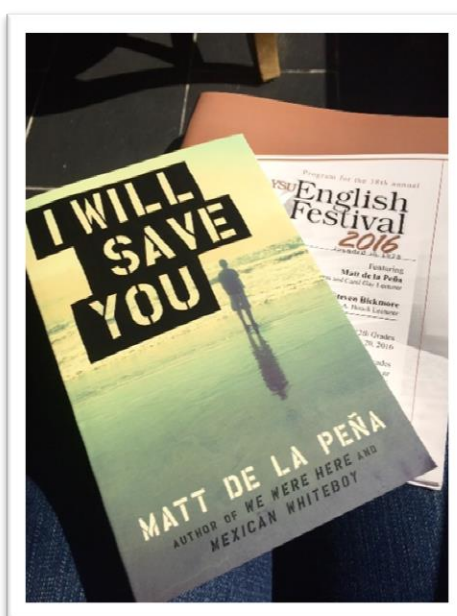
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## Youngstown State Literature Festival

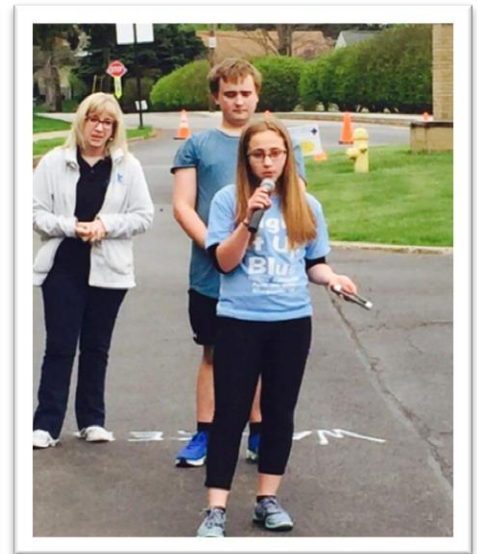
### Ms. Gross

Each year, Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio, sponsors the YSU English Festival. This program reaches out to about 3,000 middle and high school students of Ohio and Pennsylvania. The YSU English Festival is so large that it takes three days to complete. Each year, YSU invites an author to feature at the festival. This year's author was the 2016 Newberry winner Matt de la Peña. Students had the opportunity to meet the author and have their books signed. Grades 10 through 12 attended on April 20, and grades 7-9 attended on April 21. Some of our own SHS students participated in this contest, and the results came out very well. Lily AbiNader took first place in the Candace Gay Memorial Essay contest, the grand prize of the English festival. Lily submitted her essay in February, and at the festival, Mr. Dadich and Ms. Gross had the honor of announcing her as the winner. In addition, Madeline Lauther received honorable mention in the writing games, Shannon O'Brien received 2nd place in Not So Trivial Pursuit, and Jazmine Caldwell took 2nd place in the Renga Riot. Congratulations to all of our students who participated in this celebration of reading and writing.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sharpsville Area High School 5K Run - 1 Mile Walk for Autism Awareness

*Sponsored by the Sharpsville High School LEAD Team*



The Sharpsville LEAD Team, in cooperation with the community of Sharpsville and support of the Sharpsville Area School District and local businesses including: Mehler Insurance, Herrmann's Water, Lowes, Valley Silk Screening, Smiley Miles, Home Depot, Grimm Heating and Cooling, Meadville Credit Union, Sharon Paving, T-Squared Site Services, Lock Stock and Barrel, and New Leaf Residential

Were able to raise over \$3000.00 for Autism Speaks and their ongoing research into the cause, treatment, and lifetime support of those diagnosed on the autism spectrum. Thank you to the over 150 people who participated! We hope to see even more come out for the 5K in April 2017.



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**FRONT ROW:** Maggie Robertson, Rachel Kocis, Gillian Demofonte  
**BACK ROW:** Juliana Stanko, Max Frazer  
**NOT PICTURED:** Carly Roesch

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# Welcome to the Class of 2016

## Projected Graduates of Sharpsville Area High School

Noah Babcock  
 Kelsey Barber  
 Nina Barnes  
 Ceara Bartosh  
 Jacob Boyd  
 Matthew Brant  
 Vincent Buell  
 Jenna Bush  
 Samuel Carlin  
 Christopher Chalupka  
 Jiyeon Choi  
 Rebecca Chuba  
 Jacob Clepper  
 Alexis Collins  
 Haleigh Coryea  
 Tyler Daugherty  
 Eugena Davies  
 Kristin Deeter  
 Robert Demofonte  
 Jinchen Ding  
 Megan Donato  
 JohnPaul Elliott  
 Cory Everetts  
 Kaitlyn Falconi  
 Sophia Fennell  
 Abigail Ferlin  
 Brittany Fitzgerald  
 Dustin Fuchs  
 Emma Gerasimek  
 Nathan Goodnight  
 Madison Harris  
 Kacey Heemer  
 Braden Hogue  
 James Hogue  
 Ryan Hogue  
 Jin Wu  
 Adam Jones  
 Andrew Jones  
 Brandon Joyce

Evan Kapusta  
 Donald Keck  
 Sarah Kocis  
 Benjamin Kolbrich  
 Kevin Kolesar  
 Kaylee Kondos  
 Leah LaRocca  
 Shandi LaRocca  
 Sean Loedding  
 Abigail Lombardo  
 Brennan Manning  
 Zakkary Mariottie  
 Michael Mellott  
 Emma Messett  
 Shawna Metzger  
 Travis Miller  
 Erin Miller  
 Maison Millero  
 Michaela Minner  
 Taylor Miodrag  
 Hallie Moore  
 Justin Morris  
 Christopher Miller  
 Delaney Murray  
 Alec Myers  
 Douglas Nashtock  
 Alexander Obrien  
 Sabrina Oehmichen  
 Johnathan Parry  
 Tyrin Peavy  
 Roberta Pegg  
 Destyne Peppard  
 Nicholas Piccirilli  
 Zachary Pisarcik  
 Ryan Polochak  
 Corey Powell  
 Khaliq Ragster  
 Ryan Ramsey  
 Jacon Ranelli

Brady Reefer  
 Joseph Rice  
 Ariella Richards  
 Andrew Ryan  
 Skyler Salvatore  
 Francesca Santell  
 Isabella Schell  
 Zachary Schooley Halloran  
 Casie Scott  
 Abigael Serafin  
 Chase Serafin  
 Jared Sherman  
 Sage Sherman  
 Alivia Shuttleworth  
 Abigail Sickafus  
 Katherine Slattery  
 Madison Sloan  
 Micah Smith  
 Emily Spatara  
 Ashley Spears  
 Christian Stainbrook  
 Mitchell Swartz  
 Logan Thompson  
 Kent Traylor  
 Aaron Trontel  
 Travis Walsh  
 Joshua Weaver  
 Marissa Wiesen  
 Matthew Wiesen  
 John Womer

