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ACHIEVEMENT REPORT BELLWOOD-ANTIS



THE NEW DIRECTIONS OF A SCHOOL YEAR



A MESSAGE FROM THE BELLWOOD ANTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Foundation is to develop and promote financial support for the activities, ideas, and projects that are of value and importance to the teachers and students of the Bellwood-Antis School District. With personal and business contributions, along with Foundation fundraisers, we have been able to sponsor many projects, such as:

Teacher/Student Grants

From 1994 through 2022, a total of 230 grants totaling more than \$164,928 have been awarded.

2021/2022 GRANTS

- James Mackereth Grades 5-8 & 12 Portable Cook Stove for Senior Seminar Course & BAMS Scout Club
- Brent Hughes Grades 5-8 Adapted Physical Education Table Tennis
- Kerry Naylor Grades 9-12 Summer Reading
- Kerry Naylor Grades 9-12 English Department Motivation & Promote Reading
- Matthew Webreck Grades 9-12 Agriculture Education Program Meat Smoking Laboratory (which will also be used in Miss Harris Home Economics Courses)
- Shannon Elder Grades 9-12 Autistic Support Games
- Julie Berliner Grades 3rd & 4th "Play" Studio Choices Curriculum
- Susan Nycum & Crystal Himes K-12 BA Blue Angels

**2021-2022 Grants totaled \$3,728.29 with 2 Grants being tabled until after the Foundations fundraiser in June.

In addition to our Grants, we provide the following each year:

- A free Christmas luncheon to all students in the district
- Hygiene kits to be used at the school for 4th & 5th grade students each year
- Distribute teacher appreciation snacks two times a year
- Actively pursue and promote senior scholarships for the Scholarship Banquet
- Two teacher luncheons during the year

The Foundation board had several new members for 2021-2022. We would like to welcome Betsy Mallon with M&T Bank and Karen Padula with Martin Oil Company

THE BELLWOOD-ANTIS SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

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CLASS OF 2022

In the classroom, on the playing surfaces, on the stage, the Bellwood-Antis Class of 2022 established itself as a distinguished group during the nine months it sat atop the B-A hierarchy throughout 2021 and 2022. Members of the group led charitable initiatives, won tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships, earned recognition in competitions the regional, statewide, and national level, and above all represented the Bellwood-Antis School District with pride and dignity. B-A's seniors also set a tone for achievement throughout the district that was mirrored by their counterparts in the grades below them, one that reached all the way to the hallways of Myers Elementary, up through the middle school, all the way to the high school itself. This report will attempt to account all of the notable achievements made by not only the senior class but by all members of the Bellwood-Antis School District over the past academic year, and to shine a light on a district that grows stronger with every graduating class.

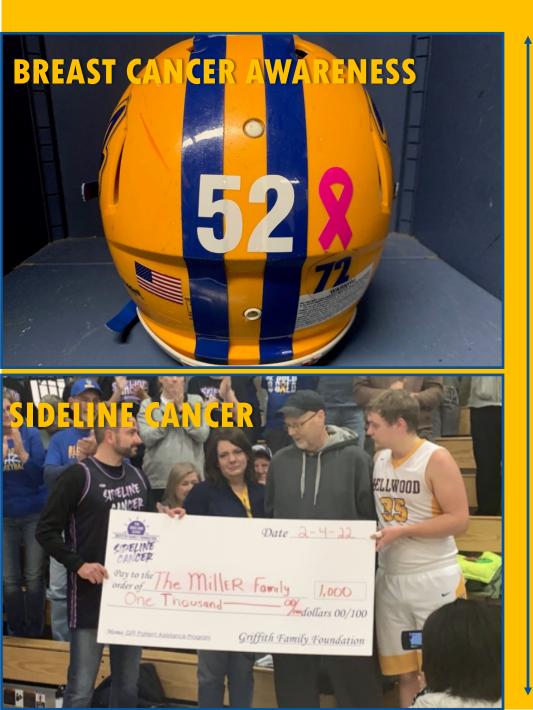


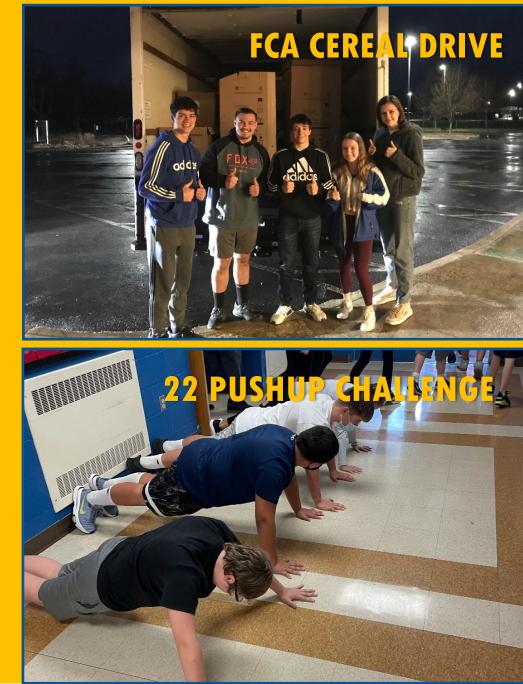
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OUTREACH



Charity and community outreach have become pillars of what it means to be an active student at Bellwood-Antis, and that continued in 2021-2022. Students contributed in many ways, none bigger than the Polar Pop in March, which helped the B-A unified bocce team reach its fundraising goal of \$2,000. The Blue Devil football team continued its support of a variety of causes, including elementary literacy (players visited Myers to read to students during the school year), inclusion (players teamed with Mrs. Elder's life skills classes), and Girls Night Out, which raises money for Breast Cancer Awareness. The FCA once again held a successful cereal drive, collecting 1,000 boxes to donate to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. In February, the basketball teams raised \$1,000 for the family of Dawson Miller with its Sideline Cancer game. In September, B-A Middle School teachers and students participated in the 22 Pushup Challenge to raise awareness for veterans' mental health issues.





AWARDS

THE BABLUEPRINT



The online newspaper for the Bellwood-Antis student body, the BA BluePrint, garnered several accolades early in 2022 at the same time individual writers were being recognized in statewide contests. In February the BluePrint learned it received a second place finish among all high school websites at the Keystone Media awards. It was the fifth top-two finish for the site in the last seven years. Two months later, the BluePrint earned an eighth consecutive Distinguished Site award from Student Newspapers Online. In May, senior Julius Diossa was honored by the PA Press Club at its statewide media awards when his piece on classmate Dominic Caracciolo's football injury was named the top sports story of the year. The Press Club also gave an honorable mention to freshmen Hayliana Shumac and Isabell Kelley for their video series "Forgotten Bellwood: Voices from the Past."



Three *BluePrint* writers had their work featured on Best of SNO, a national online showcase for student writing. Those students were Halee Young, Julius Diossa, and Tyler Mercer. Because of their efforts, the *BluePrint* was able to achieve a Best in Writing badge from SNO. 2021-2022 ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

AWARDS



2022 NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES







A number of B-A students earned recognition outside of the traditional high school and middle school settings. Few received an honor quite as high as the five students who were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society in March through their performance at the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. Those students included:

- Arrhen Gathagan 12th Grade, Computer Programming
- Michael Kienzle 12th Grade, Engineering Design Technology
- Ashlyn Holby 12th Grade, Cosmetology
- Gabriella Musselman 12th Grade, Health Occupations
- Lauren Rodland 11th Grade, Dental Assistant

According to its website, the NTHS honors the achievements of top CTE students, provides close to \$300,000 in scholarships annually, and strives to help connect education and industry to build a highly skilled workforce.

In April, eighth grader Chloe Stoltzfus wrote the winning essay for the middle school division of the Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. Her essay was on what The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier meant to her. She was honored at a luncheon at the Hollidaysburg Library.

AWARDS



In December, the Bellwood-Antis chapter of the FFA learned it would have two Keystone Award winners at its annual convention in January. Seniors Aarron Laird and Crisinda Miller each earned the recognition after meeting high standards of achievement in areas like leadership, community service, and knowledge of agriculture. At the same convention, freshman Brady Brown earned his FFA jacket.

Away from academic programs, three young men became Eagle Scouts during the 2021-2022 school year. Those students-Joey Balsamo, Ben Carr, and Patrick Coakley—are all scouts in Bellwood's Boy Scout Troop 28.

Scouts have to work their way through 7 different ranks to become an Eagle Scout .





ATHLETICS



THE MORE THINGS CHANGE

Bellwood-Antis athletes learned in 2022 that the upcoming school year would be their last competing as members of the ICC after the school board approved a move the Laurel Highlands Athletic Conference starting in 2023-2024. However, despite the blowing winds of change, many aspects of athletic at B-A remained the same, none more so than the girls basketball program, which kept right on rolling and building on a tradition of winning with a group of plucky and talented underclassmen. Similarly, the Blue Devil football team continued to plow through the conference, as did the track and field teams, which once again shined on district and statewide levels. The golf and cross country teams proved that recent successes in the ICC were no fluke, and individual athletes once again made commitments to take their skills to the next level playing in college.



GIRLS HOOPS

For anyone who thought the girls basketball team's recent runs deep into the state playoffs were only a product of the Alli Campbell phenomenon, 2022 showed them to think again. The Lady Devils, starting four underclassmen along with senior Jaidyn McCracken, won the ICC North and played in the conference championship game, and then, despite losing in the District 6 semifinals, went on a magical run through the PIAA playoffs. The Lady Devils marched all the way to the 2A final four. It was the program's fifth foray to the state semifinals and the fourth under head coach Jim Swaney.



CHANGING THE NARRATIVE

Is Bellwood-Antis a football school or a girls basketball school? Ask the members of either of those teams and you might get a different answer, but over the last two years members of the golf and cross country teams have changed the narrative. It began in September, when the golf team won its second consecutive ICC championship after winning the conference tournament at the Sinking Valley Country Club. One month later, the boys cross country team completed an undefeated season and captured its second straight ICC championship when it edged by second place finisher Mount Union at the ICC meet. Both teams found success by establishing consistency up and down their lineups rather than riding the dominance of one individual performer.

CROSS COUNTRY

GRIDIRON GLORY





B-A football teams capped the fall sports seasons in triumphant fashion. The Blue Devil varsity team tore through the regular season with just one loss, including a win in the Backyard Brawl over Tyrone for the third straight season. B-A's finished its ICC season 9-1, placing second to Juniata Valley, which was also 9-1 but held the tie-breaker over the Devils. The team would end its season 10 -2. The junior high team, meanwhile, went undefeated, capping an ICC championship in a season in which it was rarely challenged. It was the eighth ICC championship for the Little Devils in the last 10 seasons. The unblemished record was the twelfth for Coach Charlie Burch in his 25 seasons leading the junior high squad.

ICC CHAMPIONS



SHEER DOMINANCE





Both the boys and girls track and field teams turned in championship seasons, with each squad earning in ICC championship after navigating 11-0 seasons. The Blue Devils then went on to capture the ICC championship meet title, while the Lady Devils placed second. After a monster regular season, B-A athletes went on to shine in invitationals, the District 6 championships, and the PIAA track and field meet.





After dominating the regular season, Bellwood-Antis track and field athletes continued to shine in the postseason, sending seven athletes to the PIAA track and field championships in Shippensburg. Three athletes captured championships at the District 6 2A track and field meet, including junior Lydia Worthing, who was a repeat winner in the pole vault. On the boys side, senior Hunter Shawley was the winner in the 300 meter hurdles, while classmate Sean Mallon ran to a first-place finish in the 400 meter run. All of those athletes qualified for the state meet. Senior Sophia Nelson punched her ticket to states by placing third in the 300 meter hurdles. The Blue Devils pushed a pair of relay teams through to Shippensburg, thanks to the workhorse performances of Mallon, Shawley, Cooper Keen, and Daniel Weeden, who ran both the 400 and 1600 meter relays, each of which earned bronze medals. Junior Dylan Andrews was the Devils' final qualifier, claiming his spot at states with a third-place finish at Districts.





MORE SPORTS WINNERS

The Bellwood-Antis unified bocce team, which pairs athletes with and without intellectual disabilities, continued to build on the tradition it forged when the team was first formed in 2018, playing a full schedule and competing in Districts. Just a few months before the bocce team's District appearance, the Tyrone/ Bellwood-Antis girls soccer team made one of its own, marching all the way to the 3A championship game before falling to Hollidaysburg in overtime.

THE OLD COLLEGE TRY



Bellwood-Antis is never short on aspiring college athletes, and in 2022, five members of Blue Devils sports teams inked commitments to play their sports on the next level. In February, gridiron stars Cooper Guyer and Dominic Caracciolo signed their letters of intent to continue playing football next fall, with Guyer heading to IUP and Caracciolo going to Seton Hill. In March, three more athletes made their college choices known. Hunter Shawley committed to Thaddeus Stevens, where he will run track; Sophia Nelson signed on with Penn State Altoona for soccer; and Ethan Brown formalized his plans to attend Juniata College and compete on the golf team. Good luck to all!





HOMECOMING

The Bellwood-Antis School District held its first traditional Homecoming ceremony since 2019 on October 8, 2021 at halftime of the Blue Devil football team's game against West Branch. The court consisted of Reghan Hostler, Emma Chronister, Giovanna Caracciolo, Sophia Nelson, Emilee Kensinger, and Anna Lovrich. Homecoming week kicked off with a senior high dance and continued with a spirit week led by the court and their escorts. Emilee Kensinger was ultimately crowned the 2021 Queen, and B-A went on to dominate the football game with a 49-0 victory.





MUSICAL STARS



The Bellwood-Antis choral department, under the leadership of Ms. Beth Hull, was as sharp as ever in 2021-2022. In October, the department learned that five singers qualified for PMEA District Chorus, held this year at Northern Bedford High School. The vocalists included Dallas Smithmyer, Tenor 1; Damon Mills, Bass 1; Avery Turek, Soprano 1; Sarah Berkowitz, Soprano 2; Jayce Miller Alto 2. Later in the school year, the department brought excitement back to the stage of the Bellwood-Antis auditorium when it presented the musical Beauty and the Beast on three nights in May.



In January, Raela Zuiker and Madison Brinkman both advanced from PMEA District 6 Band to Regional Band after successful auditions at Districts. Zuiker made the all-star ensemble as a clarinet while Brinkman played the trumpet. For Zuiker, her career in music is just starting. She will begin classes at Penn State this fall enrolled in the music program. Brinkman, meanwhile, will have one more year of high school performances under the direction of Mr. Patrick Sachse.

ACADEMIC TEAMS





One year removed from advancing to the District championship meet, the Bellwood-Antis Mock Trial continued on its upward trajectory under Coach Gary Rhone. With a team of almost all newcomers, the team won a meet and contended for a sot in Districts. Team members included Sarah Berkowitz, Wyatt McKendree, Aliany Lang, Andrew Crocker, Abby Eckenrod, Alexis Shratzmeier, Lauren Rodland, Madison Brinkman, Katherine Bianchini, Trinity Maines, Emily Zacker, and Kaitlyn Norris.

Similarly, the junior high speech team kept the tradition of strong orators from Bellwood-Antis moving forward. The team had frequent meet champions, led by freshmen Derek Stivers, Emily Zacker, and Briley Campbell. Stivers made his mark in the poetry category, while Zacker and Campbell dominated in the duo category. Meanwhile, classmate Ryan Marinak tried his hand in both the persuasive and informative categories and was a regular place-winner.

Perhaps the strong- est performance by a B-A academic team came from the scholastic scrimmage team. The group went 11-1 competing in the IU8 Quiz Bowl regular season before advancing to the championship round. There the team was narrowly edged by Hollidaysburg 3-2, but that didn't dampen a season Coach Kathy Taylor said was one of the best on record for junior high scholastic scrimmage. Team members included Briley Campbell, Ryan Marinak, Holden Schreier (Captain), Derek Stivers, Emily Zacker, Julien Beaver, Anthony Berardi, Marissa Cacciotti, Cooper Lovrich, Eli Moser, Lily McNelis, Eli Bianchini and Evelyn Toland.





The National Junior Honor Society inducted 22 members in May, highlighting an academic year in which the students demonstrated not only high achievement in the area of academics but as upstanding members of the student body. To gain admission into the honor society, students had to maintain honor roll status but to also show good character, citizenship, leadership, and community service. Inductees included Eli Bianchini, Jonathan Bickel, Ian Clark, Noah Cokrlic, Karley Dickinson, Noah Gulvas, Peyton Hammond, Eric Johnson, Alyssa Kennedy, Julie Kraft, Jayden Maines, Lauren Marinak, Peyton McCahan, Alexander McCartney, Cameron Nelson, Thaddeus Norton, Nika Osterhaut, Blake Pennington, Keagan Shanafelt, Curtis Shedlock, Hunter Shura, and Evelyn Toland.

Also in May, middle and elementary school students participated in the IU8 24 Game tournament at Lakemont. B-A sent 11 contestants, with four advancing to the finals. Brennan Beaver made it to semi-finals along with Tucker McCloskey and Lilly McNelis. Blake Pennington made it to finals along with Marissa Cacciotti and Sophie Lovrich.





-SCHOOLWIDE DEBATE



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An annual tradition at Bellwood-Antis, the College in High School schoolwide debates, were held in front of a packed auditorium for the first time since 2019 in March of 2022. CHS debate is offered for college credit through the University of Pittsburgh. Students spend the year learning the fundamentals of debate and debate theory and participating in a series of classroom debates in preparation for one day of formal public forum debates in front of the student body. Pitt provides an overall theme for the debates, and this year's theme was Science is Leading Us in the Right Direction.

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The annual senior scholarship awards banquet held in May saw 41 seniors presented scholarships totaling \$69,000. The financial awards were made possible thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses, individuals, and families.

In September, seniors Brandon Cherry and Caedon Poe were named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. The program is for Commended Students placed at the top of the 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Both Cherry and Poe were members of the Bellwood-Antis National Honor Society.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In May, 41 Bellwood-Antis seniors were awarded \$69,000 in scholarships made available by the generosity of individuals and groups from the local community.

Zachary Bishop Amato

\$500 Knights of Columbus Scholarship
\$1,000 DelGrosso Food Scholarship
<u>Ashlyn Mae Ball</u>
\$500 Linette Allen Memorial Scholarship
\$2,500 B-A calss of 1994 Scholarship

Sarah Mariska Berkowitz

\$250 Music Scholarship
\$250 Chorus Scholarship
\$250 French Club Scholarship
\$500 Blue and Gold Scholarship
\$1,500 Retired B-A Administrators Scholarship

Nicole Marie Boslet

\$250 Bellwood-Antis Community Picnic Scholarship
\$500 Lion Club Scholarship
\$500 Mighty Warrior 6:12 Scholarship
\$1,000 DJB Scholarship

Ethan Barry Brown

\$1,500 David W. Lewis Family Scholarship\$2,500 McClanahan's Scholarship

Giovanna Elena Caracciolo

\$250 Blue and Gold scholarship\$750 Bellwood-Antis PTO Scholarship

Dominic Milton Caracciolo

\$250 Mighty Warrior 6:12 Scholarship\$500 RSM Scholarship\$750 Bellwood-Antis PTO scholarshipBrandon Phillip Cherry

\$500 Dunn Family Scholarship
\$500 Blue and Gold Scholarship
\$1,000 Bellwood-Antis Class of 1989 Scholarship

Emma Mae Chronister

\$250 South Hills School of Business and Technology Scholarship \$500 Linette Allen Memorial Scholarship \$500 Bud Grazier Memorial Scholarship

Claudia Dawn Engle

\$500 Bellwood Fraternal Order of the Eagles Scholarship Samantha Grace Gerwert

\$250 Mighty Warrior 6:12 Scholarship\$250 STAR Team Scholarship

\$1,000 M&T Bank Scholarship

Cooper Todd Guyer

\$250 Blue and Gold Scholarship\$1,000 Dennis L. McCellan Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Dailyn Tiffany Hampton

\$500 Beard Legal Group Scholarship \$750 Mary Jane Barr Memorial Scholarship Jack Kevin Luensmann \$2,000 Lillian Johnson Memorial Scholarship Sean Patrick Mallon \$250 Blue and Gold Scholarship \$500 Thomas Otto Family Scholarship \$500 Nothern Blair Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Harold Wagner **Brianna Nicole Markel** \$500 First Commonwealth Bank Scholarship Jacob Benjamin Martin \$500 Fostoria Farms Scholarship Sarah Nicole Mayes \$500 David Heisler Memorial Scholarship \$1,500 Mary Banks Memorial Scholarship Jaidyn Taylor McCracken \$500 B-A class of 1960 - "Whitey" Stephens Memorial Scholarship \$500 Forshey Family Scholarship Javce Marie Miller \$250 B-A Chorus Scholarship \$250 Musical Scholarship \$500 Band/Majorette Scholarship \$1,000 Darlene Carter Memorial scholarship **Dawson Glenn Miller** \$500 B-A Class of 1985 Scholarship \$500 Bellwood Fraternal Order of the Eagles Scholarship \$2,000 Madison Shura Memorial Scholarship **Crisinda Marie Miller** \$300 Sinking Valley Grange #484 Scholarship \$500 Eagle Riders Scholarship Gabriella Elizabeth-Dare Musselman \$500 Bellwood-Antis Class of 1969 Scholarship \$500 Caesar Batise Scholarship \$1,000 Thelma Fowler Memorial Scholarship Sophia Arabella Nelson \$500 Richard McEldowney Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 Polly Decker Barbosa Memorial Scholarship Caden Skye Noel \$500 Richard McEldowney Memorial Scholarship Brianna Kaitlyn Partner \$250 Blue and Gold Scholarship \$1,000 United Veterans Home Association Scholarship Zachary Nicholas Pellegrine \$250 Blue and Gold Scholarship \$1,000 United Veterans Home Association - William Sitman Memorial Scholarship **Alex Michael Perry** \$1.650 Harshman Family Scholarship Aiden Robert-Fredrick Reimer \$2,000 Tim Sissler Memorial Scholarship Hunter James Shawley

\$250 B-A Boys Track Scholarship

Ethan Michael Hess

\$1,500 Corrie Fisher Memorial Scholarship Tayiah Karen Keefer

\$2,000 Lillian Johnson Memorial Scholarship \$2,500 CWC First Year Award Altoona Scholarship

Cooper James Keen

\$250 Northern Blair Kiwanis Military Service Commitment Award Michael John Kienzel

\$250 Mighty Warrior 6:12 Scholarship

\$1,000 Duane Hollen Memorial Scholarship

Alex Connor Kovac

\$500 B-A Youth Baseball Scholarship

\$500 Bellwood-Antis Class of 1983 Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 B-A Class of 1990 Brian Keiser Memorial Scholarship Anna Mae Lovrich

\$250 B-A Girls Track Scholarship

\$500 Bellwood-Antis Class of 1972

\$1,500 Tyler/Lovrich Family Scholarship

\$4,000 Bruno and Lean DelGol Family Foundation Scholarship

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Dallas Edan Smithmyer

\$500 Bellwood Fraternal Order of the Eagle Scholarship
\$500 Bud Grazier Memorial Scholarship
\$2,500 Bellwood-Antis Class of 1944 Scholarship
Abby Nicole Watters

\$500 Northern Blair Kiwanis Club Scholarship in Memory of Howard Walker

\$500 Eugene and Jean Harker Memorial scholarship

Ryley Elizabeth White

\$250 STAR Team Scholarship

\$500 Northern Blair Kiwanis Club Scholarship

Raela Therese Rose Zuiker

\$500 Bellwood-Antis Band Scholarship



MYERS STARS





In athletics, academics, and community service, students at Myers Elementary showed their B-A pride throughout the 2021-2022 school year. First grade teacher Mr. David Plummer had his students participate in a trash pick-up event as part of the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Initiative. In May, four Myers students—Samantha Fagan, Brennan Beaver, Bowen Taylor, Connor Stere—joined middle school students at the 24 Challenge in Lakemont. Meanwhile, Myers students throughout the year shined in sports ranging from girls and boys basketball to wrestling, to baseball and football.



BELLWOOD-ANTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL





Bellwood-Antis bid farewell to a veteran superintendent in 2022 and opened the door for another veteran to put his own mark on the district. In December, Dr. Thomas McInroy, who has served as B-A's superintendent since 2014, announced he would retire at the end of the school year. Dr. Tom, as he was affectionately known, had been an administrator for 24 years and a superintendent for 16. While at B-A, he spearheaded the iPad initiative that brought 1-to-1 technology to the district, increased school security, and provided leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. With free time now on his hands, Dr. Tom said he would like to dedicate time to woodworking, get back into golf, and spend time with his grandchildren. In April, the district selected Dr. Tom successor when it hired Edward DiSabato to be the next superintendent. Mr. DiSabato had spent the previous 19 years as an administrator in the Glendale School District. DiSabato has served as the superintendent of Glendale for the past eight years and has two and a half decades of experience in administration. DiSabato graduated from St. Francis University with a master's degree in education.





YEARBOOKS AND FAREWELLS



The Tuckahoe Yearbook staff has set the bar for itself extremely high under the tutelage of advisor Mrs. Alison Stinson, and yet somehow the group continues to deliver year after year. 2022 was no different. At the annual yearbook assembly in May, the staff unveiled its latest edition, but not before revealing the 2022 dedications. The male dedication went to history teacher Mr. Gary Rhone, while the female dedication was awarded to home economics teacher Ms. Valerie Harris. In what may have been the most emotional point of the yearbook assembly, the staff honored Mrs. Sally Padula, a beloved special education teacher who announced her retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Following the ceremony, yearbooks were distributed to the senior class, who then received an honorary breakfast/yearbook signing session.