

SCHOOL

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ents who want to become school volunteers will take place at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3 and at 9:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10. Attendance at one session is required by board policy for all new volunteers.

Parents who were oriented in previous years and who will continue as school volunteers this year and do not have to attend.

Back-to-School Night for grades four and five is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10. An open Parent Teacher Organization meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on the same night. All parents are invited to attend.

Dallas Middle School

Two new teachers will come to Dallas Middle School this year. They are Lorie Carmody, who will teach special education, and Kristen Andrews, who will teach eighth-grade English.

Principal Thomas Duffy says the school is taking a new approach toward gifted education using a push-in model in which students will have unique extension activities in their regular education classroom.

The school has received a new edition upgrade of the SRA Corrective Reading Program, aimed at helping children become proficient readers.

They have also added 14 promethium boards with LCD projectors mounted in the ceiling. The boards serve as 4' X 6' computer monitors on the classroom wall where teachers can display Web pages, online textbooks, or anything from their classroom computer.

The equipment features touch-screen technology and other tools to enhance instruction.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Despite summer storms and rain, parents and children arrive at Wycallis Elementary School for a "Meet the Teachers" night.

Abraham Simon has been named principal of Gate of Heaven School in Dallas beginning this school year. Simon has been at Gate of Heaven for 26 years, most of which he served as a math teacher in grades five through eight.

There are also new traffic patterns on campus due to the new high school construction project. Parents are strongly encouraged to allow students to ride buses to school to alleviate parent drop-off traffic.

Dallas High School

A student-run credit union is the newest feature at Dallas High School, says Principal Jeffrey Shaffer.

The credit union will utilize a curriculum called "Knowledge Matters." The curriculum deals with banking, money management, finance and personal credit.

The school's English department will be using a differentiated instruction model to develop lessons that accommodate both accelerated and slower learners

simultaneously.

A peer coaching model will be used in the social science department so faculty can assist one another with the best practice in instruction and assessment.

This involves teachers learning from one another by observing each other's lessons.

The following new courses have been added: English - Communication for the 21st Century, workplace and reading-focused composition and literature classes; computer/information Technology/business departments - 3D Studio Max, Adobe Photoshop, Visual Basic and Sports Management; Science - Forensics; Social Science - Comparative Religions, Film in History and Native American Studies.

New teachers include Meredith Ohl, social science; Crys Jennings, a long-term substitute filling in for Angela Pacini, English; and Danielle West, a long-term special education substitute filling in for Shannon Forrer, learning support.

Lake-Noxen Elementary School

Principal Nancy Edkins says a new life skills class and classroom is coming to Lake-Noxen Elementary School this year. The classroom will have students in grades three, four and five with a teacher, Liz Gallagher, and an aide, Tammy Casterline.

The school is also adding a fourth-grade teacher. Five new elementary teachers



Abe Simon, a math teacher at Gate of Heaven Middle School and assistant principal, will replace Mary Jane Kozick as principal.

were hired at the district's August board meeting but Superintendent James McGovern said he does not yet know in which schools the teachers will be placed.

Kate Cronin will also return after a maternity leave.

Lake-Noxen is implementing a Response to Intervention (RTI) initiative and will also begin recycling building-wide.

Lehman-Jackson Elementary School

Lehman-Jackson Elementary School will implement an elementary assistance program (SAP) for the first time this year, says Principal Marilyn Glogowski. The program will target children having a difficult time at school or home and will bring the case to a panel consisting of a counselor, school principal, nurse, two teachers and a social service organization. The panel will try to help the children and offer solutions to their parents.

Alicia Scalzo will join the faculty as a second-grade teacher.

The school will also add the Bullies to Buddies Program which teaches children how to deal with being bullied; Resource to Intervention, a multi-step approach to provide services and intervention to students

struggling with learning; and the Promoting to Alternative Thinking Strategies Program which promotes emotional and social competencies and reduces aggression and behavior problems in children while enhancing the educational process.

Ross Elementary School

The expansion program at Ross Elementary School is underway. According to Principal Donald James, students will have more classroom space, a new library and computer lab and a new playground once the project is complete. The expansion is expected to be finished in November.

Four new teachers will also join the staff at Ross Elementary School. Five new elementary teachers were hired at the district's August board meeting but McGovern does not yet know in which schools the teachers will be placed.

"Our staff only averages about four years of experience, but our PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) scores continue to be above the state average," James said. "We're looking forward to starting even though the grounds look like a war zone!"

Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School

Three new teachers will be at Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School this school year. Kristin Barrick will be the music and band director, Elena Pellegrini will teach social studies and Megan Kuffa will teach English.

Principal Tracey Halowich says the entire building now has wireless internet. The school is getting two more laptop carts and every classroom is now "smart," meaning it is technology-savvy.

A new class for juniors called "Junior Seminar" is also in place to help students better prepare for transition to careers and college.

BOMBERS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP



The Wyoming Valley Bombers captured the 14+ Wyoming Valley Teener League championship recently with a 10-3 victory over Sweet Valley at the Dallas High School baseball field.

After going undefeated in the regular season, the Bombers defeated Plymouth and Wilkes-Barre to advance to the championship game.

Craig Skudalski got the win, giving up two runs in five innings while striking out five. Kyle Razawich and Matt Doggett provided two innings of one-run relief. Justin Okun led the Bombers offense, going 4-4 while Ryan Zapoticky added three hits and three RBI. Jon Strausser doubled and had two RBI while Doggett added two hits and two RBI.

GOH Youth Choir performs at Yankees game

The Gate of Heaven Youth Choir, directed by Anthony J. Kubasek, recently sang the National Anthem at a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees game at

PNC Field, Moosic.

Students who participated are Emily Banta, Gabriella Soper, Joanna Wallace, Rachel DeCesaris, Matthew Roberts, Jonathan

Wallace, Nicole Sweeney, Rebecca Darling, Michelle Leonard, Jestead Adams, Kathryn Roberts and Anthony J. Kubasek.

Misericordia ranked by U.S. News & World

Misericordia University ranks in the top tier, 45 out of 179 colleges and universities, in the Best Universities Master's North category of U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges, which includes institutions of higher education in the northern United States that offer master's degrees.

Misericordia's graduation

rate (69 percent) - a key factor in the rankings - equals or exceeds that of other colleges and universities with overall higher rankings.

Other Misericordia data used to calculate the rankings that match or exceed other highly-ranked colleges and universities include the percent of classes under 20 students (58 percent), student faculty ratio (12 to 1)

and the percentage of alumni giving (27 percent).

Misericordia University also holds for 2010 a "Best Northeastern College" designation by the Princeton Review, a student-survey based measure of quality colleges and universities. MU is one of 218 institutions recommended in the "Best in the Northeast" section of a PrincetonReview.com feature.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

KHS Class of 1959 will meet on Aug. 23

Members of Kingston High School Class of 1959 will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today, Aug. 23, at Norm's Pizza and Eatery, Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre.

This will be the final meeting before the reunion weekend events. An icebreaker is set for 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, at the Fairfield Inn-TGI Friday complex, Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre.

Anyone interested in touring the former high school and football field is asked to meet at the school at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29. The reunion dinner and dance will be held from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Fairfield Inn-TGI Friday complex, Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre.

MU announces speaker for convocation

Mary Beth McNamara Sullivan, senior vice president and portfolio manager for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in New York City, will be the keynote speaker at Misericordia University's annual Convocation ceremony at 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 28, at the Wachovia Amphitheater on campus.

Sullivan earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Misericordia in 1971 and a Master of Education in business and distributive education from Trenton State College in 1978. She has been a financial consultant for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney since 1981.

Convocation is the official start of the new academic year

at Misericordia University. For more information, call 674-6400.

PARSE plans breakfast seminar

The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PASR) will sponsor a health options breakfast seminar for all school retirees on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Pickett's Charge restaurant, Route 415, Dallas.

Those attending are requested to arrive at 8:45 a.m. as a breakfast buffet will be served at 9 a.m. followed by the workshop. A speaker from PSERS will present the Health Options Program (HOP) available for school retirees. There will also be a short program on retirement living options.

Total cost of the program is \$7.50 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling June Seely at 384-4407.

LLHS Class of 1989 plans reunion

The Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1989 will hold its 20th anniversary class reunion on Friday, Nov. 27, at Irem Temple Country Club.

Classmates are asked to e-mail their contact information to LLHS1989@frontier.com even if they are not planning to attend the event. For further information, contact Renee Hillman Raspen at 477-3077.

LL Class of 1984 hosts event

Lake-Lehman High School Class of 1984 will host a

Lake-Lehman alumni get together at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

Please RSVP to Judy McGovern at 762-3201 or fourms-judy@yahoo.com

Friedman Art Gallery opens

A grand opening exhibit, "Guiding Light," of the new Pauly Friedman Art Gallery at Misericordia University will feature an exhibition of large and extraordinary pieces by legendary artist Christopher Ries from August 22 through October 25.

A meet-the-artist champagne reception is set for 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22, with a gallery talk by Ries immediately following in the 2,700-square-foot art gallery in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall on campus.

The event is open free to gallery members.

The two-month exhibit will feature a myriad of original pieces ranging in size, scope and color and a talk with the Tunkhannock-based artist.

Hanover Class of 1949 plans reunion

The 60th anniversary celebration of the Class of 1949 of Hanover High School will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Wyoming Valley Country Club, 1695 S. Main St., Hanover Township.

For more information, contact Louise (Tryba) Raab, 806 Freedom Circle, Harleysville, PA 19438, call 215-368-4866 or by e-mail at Luise520@verizon.net.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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King Crossword - Answers

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