

# December 2016 Newsletter



Dear SCASD Community Member,

Rush, rush, rush: It's the rhythm of the holiday season. Take a break from all the hustle and bustle to read about our district's amazing students, teachers, staff and alumni. We've got a new look — more mobile-friendly now — but the contents are as enjoyable as before.

Sincerely,  
Chris Rosenblum & Nabil K. Mark  
SCASD Communications



## Run for the hills

Seven district teachers last month traveled 50 miles the hard way — by running. Elementary music teacher Carol Gardner ran the entire Tussey Mountainback 50 Mile Ultramarathon herself, and a relay team of six State High teachers completed the race among the top finishers. [Read More](#)



## Veterans Day homecoming

Ferguson Township Elementary alumnus Sgt. Adam Hartswick, an Army veteran, speaks to students at the school during a Veterans Day assembly. [Read More](#)



## "How my Buddies and I Recycle."

SCASD truly can claim poster children for recycling and other environmental efforts.

Four elementary school students were among the 12 finalists in a scholastic poster contest co-sponsored by the Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority and Weis Markets. [Read More](#)



## Poetic license in elementary schools

"I always thought being an author or poet would be boring until I met Douglas Florian and now I think it would be fun!" [Read More](#)



## From State High to LSU and the Steelers: Our own Mike Archer

Mike isn't coaching this fall — it's one of only two non-coaching seasons in his last 40 years. So it's a good time to reflect on the past with this 1971 graduate of State College Area High School. [Read More](#)

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## International Baccalaureate (IB) Program under consideration



The State College Area School District is currently exploring the possibility of including the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) as a choice offering within the K-12 district programming.

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## Elementary school projects update

Complete summary of the current status of our elementary school projects. [Read More](#)

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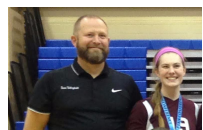
## Athletic coaches garner awards



State High football coach Matt Lintal was named Mid Penn Conference Commonwealth Division Coach of the Year by the league's coaches.



The U.S. Professional Tennis Association selected State High tennis coach Jane Borden as its High School Coach of the Year for the association's Middle States Section (Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware).



State High volleyball coach Chad Weight was named Mid Penn Conference Commonwealth Division Coach of the Year by the league's coaches.

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## Welcome new administrators!



Jacqueline Wynkoop has joined the district as the Director of Gifted and Learning Enrichment. [Read More](#)



Laura Tobias has joined the district as an Assistant Principal at State College Area High School. [Read More](#)

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## Winter Concert Series

[Click here for a complete list of our events](#)

Our district continually has events happening at all grade levels.  
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