



State College Area School District

Our Mission: To prepare students for lifelong success through excellence in education

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November Newsletter



Greetings!

November is the time for Thanksgiving, and we're thankful for all the great students, teachers and staff of SCASD. We're so proud to tell the inspiring stories of our wonderful district.

Sincerely,
Chris Rosenblum & Nabil Mark
SCASD communications office

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 4 No School - Inservice
- Nov. 13 Partners in Music Concert
- Nov. 15 Straight Talk
- Nov. 22 Delta Community Feast
- Nov. 23 No school inservice
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 25 No school Holiday
- Nov. 28 No school Holiday

***See each school's home page calendar for their particular events.**

School Board Meetings:

- Nov. 14 - 7 p.m.
- Nov. 28 - 7 p.m.

State High Thespians
"Feter and the Starcatcher"
Nov. 18, 19, 20
[Buy Tickets!](#)

Mount Nittany Middle School Drama Club
"Little Women"
Nov. 12, 13
[Buy Tickets!](#)

For a listing of upcoming events, please see our [District Calendar](#)

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At Mount Nittany Elementary, students literally sing the praises of their school.

Whenever all-school gatherings are held, they start with a group rendition of "Mount Nittany Elementary," a jaunty, catchy ditty courtesy of music teacher Lisa Bevan.



[Watch the video](#)

Bevan wrote the school song, continuing a personal tradition. Previously, she wrote songs for Panorama Village and Boalsburg elementary schools, sister schools that were the predecessors to Mount Nittany. At Mount Nittany's groundbreaking ceremony in 2010, students sang both tunes. [Read More](#)

Class had begun, and Kat Hamilton needed to restore order for proper learning.

"This is the part of the class where you get up!" the lead singer for the Brooklyn-based alt-rock band Manic Pixi shouted, pointing at one seated State High student after another. "And you! And you!"



Alum Marshall Biever

Everyone complied. Hamilton jumped about. Suddenly, the rehearsal room looked more like an underground club as the lights dimmed,

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Our Star Slate list highlights district achievements
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What's to UO

These days, Mary Robert stands apart from some pretty distinguished company.

Robert, a Radio Park Elementary second grade teacher, received the 2016 Penn State College of Education Alumni Society Outstanding Teaching Award - chosen from the many hundreds of graduates successfully teaching worldwide. She accepted the award at an Oct. 14 dinner.

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Homecoming royalty



Courtesy Todd Judd

David Narehood and Kristen Nodell were named 2016 Homecoming King and Queen as part of a weekend of Homecoming festivities. [Video and Photo Gallery](#)

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Chris Leazier has taken over the State High girls' basketball team following the retirement of long-time coach Bethany Irwin. Leazier has an extensive resume coaching everything from youth sports to some of the nation's best basketball players. [Read More](#)

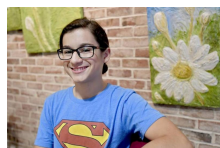


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State High, MNMS and PFMS choirs joined Penn State students to sing the South African peace hymn "Ukuthula." Under the Avoice4peace project (avoice4peace.org) PSU brought the groups together to reflect on promoting peace in our world and community. [Watch and Read More](#)

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Nico Cardenas-Miller, a student at Park Forest Middle School, made a horror film called "The Guest," which was accepted into the All-American High School Film Festival in New York. [Read More](#)

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Social studies met science recently at Corl Street Elementary, and the result was two museums rolled into one.



Fourth-grade students invited parents, teachers and other guests to visit the Native American and Nutrition Museum and check out displays and dioramas - all from a collaboration between the classes of Donna Kondash and Rich Schmidt. [Read More](#)

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We have been doing research with little success on the bell that sits at the south entrance of Memorial Field. Do you have any clues? If you know anything about its origin or history please contact Nabil Mark at nkm13@scasd.org



We hope you enjoy this news from SCASD. Let us know your comments at nkm13@scasd.org.

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