



State College Area School District

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

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October Newsletter



Greetings!

October brings Halloween, but we have an early treat for you - our latest newsletter. It's stuffed with lots of stories and news from the first month of school, a sweet deal. There's no trick to it; we're sure you'll be delighted.

Sincerely,
Chris Rosenblum & Nabil Mark
SCASD communications office

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 6 - Homecoming Parade 6 p.m.
- Oct. 7 - Homecoming game 7 p.m.
- Oct. 8 - Homecoming Dance 8 p.m.
- Oct. 17 - Facilities Master Plan Discussion 7 p.m.
- Oct. 18 - Straight Talk 8 p.m.
- Oct. 20 & 21 No School - Inservice

***See each school's home page calendar for their back-to-school events, meetings, and orientations.**

School Board Meetings:
Oct. 10 - 7 p.m.
Oct. 24 - 7 p.m.

For a listing of upcoming events, please see our calendar:
www.scasd.org/events

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Our Star Slate list highlights student

State High choir director uplifts students

Erik Clayton craves "the moment."

As the State High choir director, he strives to feel it, that point when everything clicks during a concert and dozens of voices magically blend into a rich sonic tapestry. It inspires him forward, and he'll do everything he can to help his students experience the same thrill.



"The feeling of it, it's almost a larger collective consciousness, all at once, towards the same purpose and the same emotional expression," he said. "It still gives me chills. It's what makes every concert for me a fantastic experience." [Read More](#)

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- The State High Project is in its 10th month of a 40-month project and remains on schedule and within budget.
- Work continues on the four main classroom units (A, B, C and D) to bring them up to their full three-story height, with structural steel girders, masonry walls and floors being installed. The goal is to have a roof in place by the end of the year to proceed with interior finishing.
- Crews are finishing as much site utility work, such as underground pipes and electrical conduits, as possible in advance of winter.
- Preliminary site and foundation work has started on the central sections and



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corridor that will connect the four classroom wings with the upper portion of the school.

- Modular classrooms for the North Building have been cleared for classes. Ones for the South Building await inspection approval.
- Construction news is available [here](#).
- [Sign up](#) for project updates via e-mail and/or SMS text to stay informed.

First Annual State High Football Alumni Night



Seven decades of players attended

It was a night for the ages Friday, Sept. 16, as the State College Area School District hosted the first Annual Football Alumni evening at the Little Lions' home opener.

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Bethany Irwin is retiring after coaching the girls' basketball team for the last 23 years.

Irwin finished with a State High record of 399-187. She won eight District 6 titles, five league crowns and two PIAA semi-finals appearances, and sent 30 players to college programs.



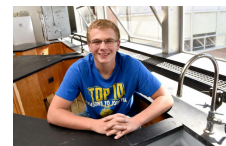
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In response to the severe flooding this summer in Louisiana, SCASD teachers and staff raised \$1,000 to help damaged school districts recover. [Read More](#)



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During the Pennsylvania School of Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences summer program, Kurtz helped carry out an experiment analyzing State College's water supply for lead and organic carbon contamination. [Read More](#)



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The PSU hoops coach stood in the middle of Mount Nittany Middle School's gym and gave the rows of students a proven winning formula: ROAR = success. [Read More](#)

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State High geometry students used yarn bombing, an urban art form, to decorate school fences with yarn designs while learning math principles. [Read More](#)



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