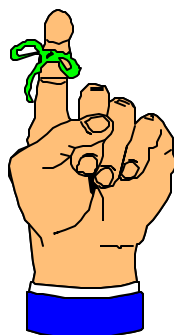


BOLT BULLETIN

WINTER 2005

CALENDAR UPDATE



December 20, 2004	High School Band & Chorus Christmas Concert 7:00 PM
December 24 - January 3, 2005	Christmas Vacation
January 10, 2005	School Board Study Session 7:30 PM
January 12, 2005	Seniors will be ordering Cap, Gown & Diploma
January 17, 2005	School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
January 13, 14, 18 19, 2005	Mid-Terms Exams (Tentative)
January 17, 2005	In-Service Day NO SCHOOL
February 9, 2005	FULL ACT 80 DAY Senior Graduation Project Presentations

February 14, 2005 School Board Study Session 7:30
PM

February 21, 2005 School Board Meeting 7:30 PM

February 21, 2005 President's Day
NO SCHOOL

SAVE FOR COLLEGE NOW!

UPROMISE

Upromise is a nationwide program that allows families to save for college by purchasing the products of participating manufacturers. Upon creating an account, individuals can register shopper's club cards from grocery and pharmacy chains and also register their credit cards. When they shop and use these cards, a portion of the purchase price of various products is credited to their account. The network of participating companies now includes thousands of manufacturers and retailers, meaning **Upromise** account holders can accumulate college savings nearly anywhere they shop. In addition, through an exclusive agreement between **Upromise** and AES/PHEAA, individuals with outstanding student or parent loans can use their **Upromise** savings toward payments on their outstanding balances. Each time at least \$50.00 has accumulated in the account, the funds are transferred to AES/PHEAA as a loan payment. This allows borrowers to use spending as a means of paying off their loans. Both components of **Upromise** - savings and loan repayment - have a "Friends and Family" option that allows the account holder to have the savings of others added to their account. This is a

fantastic way for parents of young children to accumulate greater savings for future college expenses, and for parents of college graduates to help their children pay off their student loans. For more information on **Upromise**, visit the website at www.upromise.com/aes.

TAP

TAP529 is Pennsylvania's Tuition Saving Plan. It is administered by the Treasury Department and is an effective way for families to save for college. TAP's status as an approved Section 529 plan allows savings to grow tax-free as long as the funds are used for college expenses. Greatly expanded investment options now give families more control over how their funds are invested and managed based on the length of time they have to save for future college expenses. For more information, visit the TAP 529 Program's website at www.TAP529.com.

EDUCATION PLANNER

This new website is AES/PHEAA's college and career planning online resource. The site, developed in cooperation with Thomson Peterson, a worldwide leader in educational information, is designed to help students develop their lifelong educational plans from middle and high school to higher education and beyond.

EducationalPlanner offers 24-hours online access to the tools students need to plan their higher education. The site helps students learn more about themselves, research careers, search for schools, apply online for admission and financial aid and prepare for life after high school.

Educational Planner includes a career key personality assessment, information on hundreds of careers, including national and state-level salary data and test prep assistance for the PSAT, SAT and ACT which includes sample questions and practice test. There are tips on identifying the right school and choosing a major, a comprehensive scholarship database listing awards worth more than \$3 billion, nationwide college searches including distance education and information for athletes with links to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Information is available for adult students and Spanish language information for students and parents, tips for applying for college, a student resume builder and a comprehensive essay writing module, as well as online applications for financial aid and online admissions applications to

more than 2,000 U. S. colleges. You can access the EducationalPlanner module at www.aseSuccess.org or at www.EducationalPlanner.org.

KRISTAL BENTZEL TURN AROUND ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

by Mrs. Mauck

Need a last minute stocking stuffer? Purchase a ticket for the Boyd's Bear-A-Day Raffle to benefit the Kristal Bentzel Turn Around Achievement Scholarship. This \$500 memorial scholarship was established by Kristal's family in 2003. It is given to a senior who, like Kristal, demonstrates a "turn around" in his/her life during high school.

Twenty bears have been donated by Boyd's Bear Country in Gettysburg where Kristal had worked. A special bear has been designated for each day.

For a \$10.00 donation, you can purchase a chance to win one of 20 bears to be given away on each week day in February. For a \$5.00 donation, you can purchase a "Last Chance" ticket which gives you a chance to win one of 10 bears given away during the last two weeks of the month. A drawing will take place daily.

Tickets are available at the high school office through the end of January. Last Chance tickets will be available through February 12, 2005.

SPORTSMANSHIP DEFINED

by Mr. Jake Slagle
Athletic Director

Sportsmanship, according to Merriam-Webster is defined as "conduct (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing) becoming to one participating in a sport." It became apparent to me that many of our fans have a great understanding of what this means as evidenced by the compliment I received from the Annville-Cleona athletic director following our District III Class AA semifinal victory against his school in football. He stated that many of their fans enjoyed the positive interaction that they received from our fans and stated, "We didn't mind losing to a team or school that conducted themselves in the manner that (our fans, players, coaches, etc.) did."

Prior to the start of each Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) contest, officials are required to read a message that states the purpose for participating in interscholastic athletics as well as several behaviors that will not be tolerated from anyone directly involved in the contest. Our league, the York-Adams Interscholastic Athletic Association (YAIAA), has gone a step further when it comes to sportsmanship and recommends that the following be read to everyone prior to the start of an athletic event:

“This athletic contest is scheduled for the benefit of the student athletes and student bodies of these two schools. Any individual whose actions or conduct interferes with this contest or violates the YAIAA Code of Conduct will be removed from the playing site.”

You may ask: What exactly is the YAIAA Code of Conduct? The answer to that would be as follows:

Interscholastic athletics should exhibit the highest standards of conduct. It is the responsibility of every person connected with athletics to exemplify these principles in his own actions and to advocate them before others.

Visiting teams and spectators are to be treated as honored guests of the home team.

Remember that the student spectator represents his school the same as does the athlete.

The practice of “booing,” “baiting” of players, “riding” officials, and general name-calling is regarded as discourteous and unsportsmanlike.

Any spectator, student or adult, who continually evidences poor sportsmanship, should be requested by the proper authorities to refrain from attending future contests as determined by member school policy.

Only authorized personnel of the schools involved shall be permitted into the locker rooms and officials’ quarters; specifically, athletic director and administration shall be allowed in the officials’ quarters and both participants’ quarters, and coaches of the sport shall be allowed into their respective team locker rooms.

There shall be no visits made to a school prior to a game for the purpose of displaying school spirit or to ridicule and deride opponents.

There shall be no destruction or defacing of school property or collecting of “souvenirs” such as basketball nets, goal posts, and other similar items.

Bands and athletic teams shall adhere to the rule which specifies the time they may be on the field or playing surface.

Inside the gym, no sirens, whistles, or artificial noisemakers will be permitted. No banners, signs, shakers, or pom-poms shall be in the stands. Cheerleaders may use pom-poms as part of their cheerleading equipment. Confetti or any similar material shall not be brought into the building. There should be no leaving the stands during play except for emergencies. When emergencies occur, spectators should attempt to leave the gym during “time out” in order not to interfere with the playing or viewing of the game. Spectators shall remain in their seats until the game is completed. When leaving the gym, spectators should avoid walking on the playing court whenever this is possible.

Signs displayed in the gym shall be of a positive nature and refer only to the home team.

Each school should designate an area for the cheerleaders to warm up prior to the beginning of the events. Such area should be as private as possible with limited or no access to the fans.

The YAIAA endorses the concept of cheerleaders being as the name implies, “leaders of cheers.” Their efforts to involve the spectator in possible cheering will eliminate spontaneous and potentially disruptive cheers originating in the crowd

From this day forward, you can no longer say that you are not aware of the YAIAA code of conduct. Calling out at officials is not going to change the call that they’ve made. Booing should not be viewed as acceptable as student-athletes will give the best that they can and should be awarded by nothing but our praises from the stands. The NFL has fined players on numerous occasions for their actions, and colleges have suspended players as well when it comes to acts considered unsportsmanlike in nature.

At Littlestown, we will take the lead when it comes to sportsmanlike actions. We want games to be an enjoyable experience for all and will continue to allow fans to have a good time so long as it stays within the guidelines outlined above. Simply put: keep your comments and cheers positive and directed toward the players on the floor only. Student-athletes will

continue to be held accountable for exemplifying good sportsmanship in either a winning or a losing effort. As fans, let's do the same.

FFA NEWS

As the holidays approach the FFA has just finished with the annual fruit sale. The FFA is happy to report that their goal to sell 400 cases was met. Many thanks go out to the community for contributing to our fundraiser. All of the money that has been raised will be given out in scholarships to active FFA members. We also have 100 poinsettias left for sale. They are \$5.50 each. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Pick up for the poinsettias will be on Friday, December 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To reserve your poinsettias or if you have any questions please call Jesse Brant, 359-4146, ext. 2274.

FFA's next activity will be will be Farm Show Landscape, coming up in January. Plenty of time is being put into the display, and we hope that some of you can make it to the Farm Show to see it.

The FFA also has many fun activities coming up for all members to participate in, including a volleyball night and a floor hockey night. The FFA hopes that these activities will help members get to know each other better. The FFA is continuing to help all members strive towards better leadership and helping in their community.

MUSIC NOTES

by Mr. Sterner and Mr. Welch

The L.H.S. music department is busy again preparing for the December 20, 2004, Holiday Concert. The concert will take place in the high school auditorium at seven o'clock featuring the High School Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Voices of Thunder Show Choir. The concert is free and open to anyone interested in watching and listening to a variety of music ranging from traditional and multi-cultural Christmas carols to music and dance.

The music department would also like to congratulate Amanda Mohlhenrich on her selection to the District 7 Chorus Festival to be held in February and would like to wish the Band students good luck on their District 7 Band Festival auditions on December 4, 2004, at Dallastown. Congratulation and good luck!

Littlestown High School will also be hosting the Adams County Chorus Festival on February 11 and 12, 2004. The guest conductor for the high school portion of the concert will be Mr. Antonino Bennici.

We look forward to having all the schools from Adams County here in Littlestown and a public performance will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 2:30 P.M.. Anyone interested in helping with the festival, please contact Mr. Thomas Welch at the high school.

We, in the music department, wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Concert!

CHRISTMAS BASKET AUCTION

by Mr. Staub

The annual Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Basket Auction will begin December 10 and last through December 23. Proceeds from the basket auction will be donated to the PA FBLA state project: Special Olympics. Littlestown's FBLA chapter hopes to raise over \$1,000 for Special Olympics this year. Tickets will be sold at high school lunches, high school sporting events, and Christmas concerts. The costs of tickets will be 3 tickets for \$1 or 20 tickets for \$5. Come visit the high school lobby to view the wonderful baskets up for auction this year.

Season's Greetings