

HISTORY HAPPENINGS

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Department Teacher Spotlight:

Mr. Erb – AP European, Sociology, World History Carlisle High School – McGowan Building

Mr. Erb has been teaching for 20 years. He received his undergraduate degree from Lebanon Valley College and holds a masters degree in K-12 Administration from Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Erb says his favorite thing about teaching 10-12th graders is that they constantly bring new perspectives and are generally eager to understand how events directly impact their lives. Basically, they are really beginning to personalize their learning. In terms of his favorite things about teaching his courses, Mr. Erb likes the fact that they can all help us successfully navigate and make our lives more meaningful. For the history classes, the past isn't just the past, but rather still impacting and defining much of modernity. And, sociology is fascinating because learning about society not only teaches us a lot about others, but a lot about ourselves that we often fail to recognize. A fun fact for Mr. Erb – he shares a birthday with his son (8/26), and one of his previous classes surprised him prior to his birth by throwing him a baby shower! Students might be surprised to learn that Mr. Erb has a strong affinity for trains, and, as such, has amassed a fairly large model railroading collection. In elementary school he beat the school record for the fastest mile ever run at his school, only for the record to be broken by his younger brother. And before coming to CHS, Mr. Erb was a head junior high soccer coach and had a perfect record – never lost a game! If Mr. Erb could be a superhero, he would be Mister Terrific, because although he didn't possess any superhuman powers per say, he was what many would consider to be a "Renaissance man." He believes being able to understand, adapt to, and appreciate the varieties of life is more useful than any singular superpower.



Mr. Roeder – AP Government & Psychology Carlisle High School – McGowan Building

Mr. Roeder has been teaching for 26+ years with a few years of substituting. He received his undergraduate degree in secondary education/social studies from Kutztown University. He holds a masters degree in teaching and curriculum from Penn State University and also has a principal's certification. His favorite thing about teaching 11th/12th graders is he really enjoys their more mature senses of humor. He says it is also helpful that they have enough life experiences at their age to relate to the content area, especially with AP Government. As for his favorite thing about teaching AP Government, Mr. Roeder says it is enjoyable to teach mostly because of the deep dive; it allows the students to learn concepts and practices within the U.S. government policy making process which occur and matter despite not necessarily being written in the Constitution. A fun fact for Mr. Roeder – he loves to smallmouth bass fish on the Susquehanna River on his boat with his three kids. Students might be surprised to learn that he started his full-time teaching career teaching in the Lancaster County Prison for five years! Afterwards, he became a principal for three years before returning to teaching for the past 18 years at Carlisle. As for a superhero, Mr. Roeder would love to be Captain Man. He would love to be indestructible and have a man cave.



VFW Essay Winners

Recently the Carlisle VFW Post 477 honored the winners of the Patriot's Pen (6-8) and Voice of Democracy (9-12) winners. Both Madelyn Metcalf (1st place) and Dawson Becerra (2nd place) were recognized. Congratulations!



Ivy League Model United Nations Conference

Recently eight CHS students from the Model UN team had the opportunity to attend the ILMUNC program sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania in downtown Philadelphia. They spent three and a half days debating and trying to solve major world issues and problems. Students attending were Katelyn Patton, Ava Baldwin, Aroostine Lively, Dawson Becerra, Atticus Renault, Elena Rasmussen, Jack Pontious, and Boden Griffith.



Teachers Learn About Civil Discourse

During the January 12th professional development day for teachers, the English and social studies departments teamed up to learn about teaching civil discourse in the classroom. Mr. Joan Snoad from the Sphere Education Initiative in Washington, D.C. provided our teachers with some great tools and ideas to use in the classroom. Educators learned about the AWARE process that helps students apply the skills of civil discourse when participating in sensitive conversations – Assert, Wonder, Accept, Respect, and Establish. We hope to put these ideas into practice in the coming weeks and months.



Department Happenings: What's Going on in Our S.S. Classrooms?

National History Day!!!

At the time of writing this newsletter, students are gearing up for our department's BIG event of the school year – National History Day. Over 120 projects have been entered this year for the competition. To learn who the winners are (posted by February 4th), please click [HERE](#). Winners will advance to the regional competition at Messiah University on March 3, 2024.



Carlisle Organization Spotlight:

Army Heritage and Education Center

950 Soldiers Drive
Carlisle, PA 17013-5021



The Visitor and Education Center opened in May 2011 to the public. It serves as the welcome and orientation site for visitors to the facility. The building includes a 7,000-square-foot museum exhibit space, currently featuring "The Soldier Experience," a museum store, and two large multipurpose rooms for conferences and lectures.

"The Soldier Experience" is in the Visitor and Education Center (VEC) of the USAHEC campus. The exhibit also features artifacts, oral history recordings accessible from your smart phone, a movie theater, and the opportunity to write a letter to a currently serving Soldier. In addition, guests may test their marksmanship at the digital shooting range, parachute into Normandy as part of the D-Day invasion and experience a night attack during the Korean War. There is a current exhibition on "Animals in the Army" which looks at the vital role animals have played in combat. And of course, there is the mile-long Heritage Trail that highlights every era of U.S. Army history at 14 different stations.

The Army Heritage Center Foundation runs the PA state History Day competition each year.

Learn more about AHEC [HERE](#).

For the Month of February

Since other months, like January, are named after Roman gods, you would be forgiven for thinking February was named after the Roman god Februus. But the word February comes from the Roman festival of purification called Februa, during which people were ritually washed.

"Leap Year"

Little month of February,
You are small, but worthy—very!
Will you grow up like the others,
Like your sister months and brothers?
Every four years with a bound
With a leap up from the ground,
Trying to grow tall as they—
All you stretch is one small day!
Even then you're not so tall
But just the shortest month of all.

- Annette Wynne

Fun Days in February:

- February 1 – No Politics Day
- February 4 – Thank a Mailman Day
- February 9 – National Pizza Day
- February 13 – Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras!)
- February 17 – Spice Up Your Life Day
- February 22 – Be Humble Day
- February 26 – National Pistachio Day
- February 28 – National Tooth Fairy Day
- February 29 – Leap Year Day!!! (2024)

February is also:

- American Heart Month
- Black History Month
- Canned Food Month
- Grapefruit Month

Some Historical Events...

- 2/1/1960 – Four African American students sit down at the Woolworth's store in Greensboro
- 2/3/1870 – 15th Amendment ratified
- 2/3/1913 – 16th Amendment ratified
- 2/6/1933 – 20th Amendment ratified
- 2/7/1795 – 11th Amendment ratified
- 2/8/1910 – Boy Scouts of America founded
- 2/10//1967 – 25th Amendment ratified
- 2/13/1635 – Boston Latin School, the first taxpayer supported public school is established
- 2/14/1849 – First photograph of a U.S. President is taken (James Polk)
- 2/19/1942 – Internment of Japanese Americans begins during World War II
- 2/20/1962 – John Glenn becomes the first American launched into orbit
- 2/23/1991 – In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive begins
- 2/24/1867 – President Andrew Johnson becomes first U.S. president to be impeached
- 2/27/1950 – 22nd Amendment ratified
- 2/28/1994 – NATO conducts its first combat action in its 45-year history