

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



REINVENTING CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP

We are kicking off the 2024-2025 school year with some new and exciting additions to our school. While students were enjoying their summer break, workers have been busy renovating the Middle/High school. Some of the most noticeable changes can be seen inside the building. Our gymnasium has been renovated with very unique features. The gym floors have been completely sanded down and have acquired a sleek, gray coloring with the signature red arrowhead placed in the middle. New projectors now display arrowheads in each corner of the gym, and a showcase light will be installed later this year to light up sporting events such as wrestling matches. Outside of the gymnasium will display new trophy cases that will completely cover the lobby walls. An exciting new feature will be a polished nickel arrowhead that will be lit up for visitors and spectators to view as they enter the school. The breezeway has been upgraded from paneled walls to drywall. Throughout the school, larger lockers have been added for students. Because of their size, students can easily store their belongings such as their backpacks and sports bags. Some of the renovations go unnoticed but play a large part in the schools appearance and integrity. A new roof has been installed, along with interior lighting in both classrooms and hallways. Exterior lighting and steps have all been upgraded for aesthetics and safety. Each classroom has added new technology and the science classrooms have received brand new flooring. Through the next couple years, each science room will obtain new furniture starting with the 7th and 8th grade rooms. The auditorium is currently an ongoing project. All wood work has been painted black to create a seamless look. The balcony seating now coordinates with the first floor seating and soon, brand new sound paneling will join the new seats in the balcony. Some renovations are still underway and are highly anticipated by both students and staff here at Conemaugh Township.



Kicking off Fall Sports

BOYS SOCCER

"Hard work beats talent everyday." -Jackson Sotosky

GIRLS SOCCER

"We have a big senior group of amazing soccer players and we see ourselves going pretty far this season! Our team has bonded really well which is super important when you want to play as a team." -Jordyn Snyder

VOLLEYBALL

"I'm really excited for this season. We have a strong group of girls and we're just going to go out there and have fun! We have been working hard all summer and I think it'll pay off in the long run." -Ava Byer

FOOTBALL

"I think the season is going to go pretty good. We have a lot of talent this year. The job's not finished. We're going to keep on keeping on." -Sam Shaffer

CHEER

"This year, our squad has made major improvements in such a short period of time. Our hard work has been clear, according to the community, at the last football game. We can't wait to perform for our fans, and we thank you for all the support! -Hannah Gregorich

GOLF

"The season is going pretty good so far. We have a very talented team this year and I see us going far." -Noah Getson

MARCHING BAND

"We are so excited for our upcoming competition season. We have a lot of younger kids and we are excited to grow as a band. We have been working really hard to put our show together and the music is really fun this year." -Julia Thomas

Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Meribeth DeBarto



"Did you ever hear of a PURPLE PERSON? This is a person you met unexpectedly and instantly clicked with. A genuine, sweet, and positive person who has impacted your life as if they've always been there. They inspire you to be the best version of yourself, and their Presence and personal connection will stay with you forever. This is how I would describe Ms. Meribeth DeBarto with her students, her colleagues, and her friends. I'm blessed to call her my PURPLE PERSON. If you've ever had an experience with Ms. DeBarto, you've learned that her dedication to Conemaugh Township is immeasurable. This doesn't stop in her classroom with students, it extends to the community, and develops lasting friendships along the way. I'm blessed to have gained an amazing mentor and colleague as well as a personal friend when I got promoted to the 'big school'. This is a friendship I will cherish forever."

-Mrs. Rebecca Conn



"Ms. DeBarto always has a welcoming classroom to anyone in need. She always has a smiling face whenever I walk in the door. She always cheers me up with her humorous jokes. She is not only a teacher, but a friend to her students."

-Madee Roman

What is school spirit? Is it a lifelong dedication to a district? Is it commitment to your students far beyond the classroom? Is it a passion that has led you to be a mentor to many of your peers, supporting and guiding them to make our district better? For Conemaugh Township, one really can't think of the phrase "school spirit" without thinking of our very own Meribeth DeBarto.

Ms. DeBarto grew up locally on Somerset Pike where she attended Conemaugh Township. Her mother was a teacher, which is what first sparked her interest in teaching. After graduating in 1986, Ms. DeBarto went on to study at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown where she earned her elementary education degree. In 2001, she earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Gannon University. So far, she has been teaching for 32 years, 28 of which has been spent here at Conemaugh Township. With her time spent teaching at CT, she has taught sixth grade English Language Arts, and has served as the Senior High Student Council Advisor.

Ms. DeBarto is happily married to her husband Joe. They have two children together, Mickey and Jack. Mickey has a degree in safety, health, and environmental applied sciences and manages Jim and Jimmies. Jack also has his degree in safety, health, and environmental applied sciences and is the safety supervisor at Pro Disposal. Jack is also engaged to Jordan Miller, a former student of Ms. DeBarto and proud CT graduate. At home, Ms. DeBarto lives with her husband and mother, whom they call Oma, and their fox red labs, Gus and Maggie.

Ms. DeBarto, when asked about her favorite thing about teaching, says it would have to be teaching in her home district. Staying local has allowed her to form a relationship with the community for countless years. She enjoys being able to teach the children of her former students. She not only enjoys teaching, but finds interest in countless other activities. Ms. DeBarto loves her family, going to the beach, reading books in her free time, traveling, and watching college and professional football. We love you, "Ms. CT!" Thank you for being such a staple in this district!

"Ms. DeBarto is kind, caring, and an amazing teacher and person. The learning atmosphere she creates for her students is second to none. She is someone that I can always look up to. She is always pushing me to do better each and every day. Ms. DeBarto is always there to cheer me up when I'm down. I can always go to her and get the best advice. CT is truly lucky to have her as a teacher."

-Gracie McCall



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2 | Labor Day Vacation

Sept. 4 | Middle School / High School Open House

Sept. 7 | CT Band Goodwill Drive | 8AM - 1PM

Sept. 19 | MSHS Underclassmen Picture Day

Sept. 20 | Act 80 Early Dismissal
12:00 Middle/High School
12:30 Elementary

