



BETHEL PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2018!



- 425 seniors graduated on June 7, 2018.
- 217 graduated with a QPA of 3.5 or higher.
- The Class of 2018's combined SAT score of 1122 was 49 points higher than the State average and 52 points higher than the National average.
- 81% of this year's graduates will attend a 4-year college or university; 11% will attend a 2-year college; 5% will attend a trade or technical school; 1% will go into the workforce and 1% will enter the military.
- The Class of 2018 earned over \$2.1 million in scholarships.

5 HONORED BY NATIONAL MERIT CORPORATION

- 1 National Merit Scholar— **Grace Evans**; 4 Commended Students—**Evan Aronhalt, Elise Bermudez, Emily Clarvit** and **Emily Cowser**.

96 INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- 96 students—1 senior, 19 juniors and 76 sophomores—were inducted into the National Honor Society. Inductees must maintain a minimum 3.85 QPA and spend at least 35 hours annually performing community service.

41 NAMED AP SCHOLARS

- **Rachel McClaine** — National AP Scholar.
- **Kyle Coplan, Emily Cowser, Jordan Hare, Elizabeth Jensen, Rachel McClaine, Ryan Pfab, Jessica Viehman, Kevin Yost, Natalia Young** and **John Veltum** — AP Scholars with Distinction.
- **Jeffrey Hoffmann, Hannah Hutton, Delaney Lacey, Megan McClary, Adriane Slater, Todd Ackerman, Kayla Armstrong, Evan Aronhalt, Noah Gearhart** and **Greydon Tomkowitz** — AP Scholars with Honor.
- **Tanush Bahl, James Fleckenstein, Zachary Gorman, Zephyr Griffore, Sarah Kauffman, Jennifer Klara, Jacob Marcovecchio, Tyler Smith, Brendan Troesch, Emily Wagner, Heather Walker, Alexandria Zallo, Natalia Antkowiak, Jacob Cunningham, Grace Evans,**

Mex McKittrick, Madison Newman, Haley Radcliffe, Jessica Scarlett, Brianna Shannon and **Shoulammite Sokou**— AP Scholars.

BPMS ACHIEVEMENTS



- Computer Integrated Manufacturing Students partnered with students from Upper St. Clair High School to work on a series of real-world problems for the EAFab Corp and presented their findings to company management at Cal U.
- Biology students worked with UPMC researchers to extract GMO DNA from snack foods.
- 31 Anatomy and Physiology students observed Open Heart Surgery at Allegheny General Hospital and participated in some hands-on activities in the Pre-Clinical Surgery Lab.
- Students from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy visited BPHS Physics, Biology and AP Chemistry students to talk about careers in Pharmacy and let the students participate in an ER simulation exercise with a high tech robotic patient.
- 14 BPHS Big Data and Computer Science students toured the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center.
- Big Data/Data Analytics Class students **Elise Bermudez, Alaina Cerro** and **Sean Conroy** were selected as the winners in the Best Use of External Data category in the first-ever National Police Data Challenge, sponsored by the American Statistical Association.
- The Mock Trial Team (**Madison Newman, Elizabeth Hartnett, Christian McClaine, Mara Niccoli, Edric Craven, Greydon Tomkowitz, Caleb Shook, John Veltum, Isabella Kanzius** and **Blake Melchert**) advanced to the Finals of the Allegheny County Mock Trial Championship.
- **Jerry Varghese** was selected to attend the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences.
- **Arhat Pradhan** earned a Third Place Award at the Regional Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science.
- 6 students earned three awards at the Science Olympiad: **Sarah Gilliam** and **Sarah Long** (*First Place*); **Grace Evans** and **Jordan Mehalko** (*Third Place*), and **Todd**



Ackerman and Max McKittrick (*Fourth Place*).

- **Madison Newman** and **Caleb Shook** finished among the top 25% of competitors at the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand Tournament in Washington, D.C.
- **Tanush Bahl** was a Finalist at the State Forensics Championships. **Greydon Tomkowitz** and **Jillian Sullivan** finished as Quarterfinalists at States.
- 17 juniors were selected to participate in the Westinghouse Science Honors Institute.
- 49 DECA students qualified for the State Competition by placing at the District Competition. At States, 39 students were named Finalists and 28 qualified to compete at the International Competition. Also at States, 12 students earned Medallion Awards. At the International Competition, 12 students received Awards of Excellence and **Greydon Tomkowitz** was one of the Top 20 Finalists in his event.
- 7 students earned 5 Medals at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) State Competition: **Kelly Katilius** (*Gold*); **Mikaela Narr**, **Alyssa Vetere**, **Caitlin Chichwak** and **Jessica Toogood** (*Silver*); and **Makayla Carter** and **Caley Richards** (*Bronze*).
- At the National FCCLA competition, **Alyssa Vetere** earned a Silver Medal.
- The BPHS Hometown Hi-Q Team (**Todd Ackerman**, **Evan Aronhalt** and **Jake Cunningham**) won their first round match and advanced to the Playoffs of KDKA-TV's Hometown Hi-Q Academic Quiz Program.
- The BPHS Chess Team (**Tanush Bahl**, **Matt Casaldi**, **Kobe Coleman**, **Adam Collier**, **Sebastian DiPrampero**, **Alex DiPrampero** and **Nic Minshall**) won the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Chess League Section Championship with an undefeated season.
- **Morgan Kiefer**, **Natalie Myers**, **Erin Rutherford**, **Morgan Saunders** and **Delany Nagy** had their work selected for exhibit in the 2018 High School Student Exhibition at the Clay Place.
- **Elizabeth Costanzo** and **Brandon Furniss** received the SHASDA Award from the South Hills Area School Districts Association.
- **Alyssa George** and **Sabrina Tatalias** represented BPHS at the SHASDA Student Forum and presented their Big Data Projects.
- German students earned 6 Gold Medals, 6 Silver Medals, 1 Bronze Medal and 10 Honorable Mention Awards on the National German Exams.
- **Lily Wilson** received the Millersville Summer Study Scholarship to study German.
- German students earned 2 First Place, 3 Second Place and 1 Third Place Awards at the German Day Competition.
- 19 German students were inducted into the German National Honor Society.
- French students earned 2 Gold Medals, 8 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals and 19 Honorable Mentions on the National French Exams.
- 19 French students were inducted into the French National Honor Society.
- Latin Students earned 1 Magna Cum Laude Certificate¹ and 1 Cum Laude Certificate on the National Latin Exams.
- 27 Latin students were inducted into the Latin National Honor Society.
 - Spanish Students earned 1 Gold Medal, 6 Silver Medals, 3 Bronze Medals and 24 Honorable Mentions on National Spanish Exams.
 - 15 students were inducted into the Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists.
- 6 students (**Grace Evans**, **Jessica Scarlett**, **Garrett Hoffman**, **Veronica Johns**, **Luke Webb** and **John Gummo**) were honored at the Allegheny County Youth Achievement Dinner, sponsored by the American Legion.
- 21 students participated in Apprenticeship Programs offered by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.
- DECA students teamed up with students in the Clothing Construction Class to raise money and make memory boxes and blankets that were donated to The Still Remembered Project.
- **Ellie McGregor** earned the Outstanding Achiever Award from Goodwill.
- Bethel Park High School Life Skills and Autistic Support students invited students from five area high schools to join them in the South Gym for the Rock Your Holiday Sweater Dance.
- 3 students (**Kara Maerkle**, **Payton Yeager** and **Anthony Stephon**) were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society.
- 5 students (**Rachel Yannayon**, **Haley Richert**, **Cameron McGill**, **Delaney Gregorius** and **Randon Allsopp**) earned awards at the SkillsUSA District Competition. Rachel finished in First Place and qualified for the State Competition.
- 11 students (**Jersey Penrod**, **Blaze Wheeler**, **Julia Hayes**, **Diane Krebs**, **Ethan Oczkowski**, **Menzie Althoff**, **Nathan Askins**, **Abigail Barry**, **Brandon Hartman**, **Anthony Stephon** and **Riley Sullivan**) received the Extra Effort Award from the Steel Center



for Career and Technical Education.

- 6 students (**Amanda Len, Cameron McGill, Anthony Samarco, Vincente Capozzi, Jesse Gregg** and **Julia Hayes**) were named Top of the Shop by the Steel Center for Career and Technical Education.
- 11 students (**Christine Dunlap (3 times), Shyhelle Jones, Mackenzie Kellington (3 times), Julie Montanez (3 times), Randon Allsopp, Kaia Bachman, Ellis Bott (3 times), Emma Smith (3 times), Sierra Tessari (3 times), Madison Cochran (3 times), Kyle Minter** and **Bryan Sharp**) were named to the Directors List of Honors Students at the Parkway West Career and Technology Center.
- BPHS DECA, Latin Club and History students raised over \$1,300 and collected supplies to help hurricane victims.
- BPHS Hockey Team members spent a morning skating with BPSD Life Skills students and having lunch with them at the YMCA.
- The Central Blood Bank recognized Bethel Park High School as one of the top 20 donor organizations in 2017.

MUSIC HONORS

- The Bethel Park School District was named one of the 2018 Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation.
- 4 musicians (**Kobe Coleman, William May, Abigail Phillips** and **Jenelle Wu**) played in the PMEA Honors String Orchestra.
- 3 musicians (**Bruce Deal, Noah Gearhart** and **Kathryn Kimes**) played in the PMEA Honors Jazz Band.
- 8 musicians (**Bruce Deal, Jonathan dePoutiloff, Kathryn Kimes, Anthony Lucchitti, Shayaan Meyers, Tyler Petrossi, Connor Remington** and **Theresa Stolpa**) played in the PMEA Honors Band.
- 7 musicians (**Bruce Deal, Jonathan dePoutiloff, Kirsten Haddox, Kathryn Kimes, Shayaan Meyers, Connor Remington** and **Theresa Stolpa**) played in the PMEA District Band.
- 5 musicians (**Kobe Coleman, Anthony Lucchitti, Connor Remington, Theresa Stolpa** and **Jenelle Wu**) played in the PMEA District Orchestra.
- 24 vocalists (**Natalia Antkowiak, William Brusoski, James Counihan, Kayla Dell, John Gummo, Garrett Hoffman, Molly Hoffman, Michaela Isenberg, Zach Janus, Abby Kauric, Jaden Knight, Abilash Krishnachand, Anthony Lucchitti, Katelyn Marcovecchio, Geoff McKain, Olivia Neil, Brian Pauley, Tyler Petrossi, Connor Remington, Sarah Russell,**



Cameron Sillman, Julianne Stein, Jerry Varghese and **Evan Welsh**) sang in the PMEA District Chorus. **Jenelle Wu** served as the first student accompanist selected for this concert.

- 3 musicians (**Kirsten Haddox, Kathryn Kimes** and **Connor Remington**) played in the PMEA Region Band.
- 5 musicians (**Kobe Coleman, Anthony Lucchitti, Connor Remington, Theresa Stolpa** and **Jenelle Wu**) played in the PMEA Region Orchestra.
- 21 vocalists (**Natalia Antkowiak, William Brusoski, Kayla Dell, Garrett Hoffman, Molly Hoffman, Michaela Isenberg, Abby Kauric, Jaden Knight, Abilash Krishnachand, Anthony Lucchitti, Katelyn Marcovecchio, Geoff McKain, Olivia Neil, Brian Pauley, Tyler Petrossi, Connor Remington, Sarah Russell, Cameron Sillman, Julianne Stein, Jerry Varghese** and **Evan Welsh**) sang in the PMEA Region Chorus. **Jenelle Wu** was the first student accompanist selected for this concert.
- 11 vocalists (**Natalia Antkowiak, William Brusoski, Kayla Dell, Garrett Hoffman, Molly Hoffman, Michaela Isenberg, Anthony Lucchitti, Geoff McKain, Brian Pauley, Tyler Petrossi** and **Cameron Sillman**) sang in the PMEA All-State Chorus.
- 3 musicians (**Kobe Coleman, Theresa Stolpa** and **Jenelle Wu**) played in the PMEA All-State Orchestra.
- 1 musician (**Connor Remington**) played in the PMEA All-State Band.
- The BPHS Music Department earned 27 awards, including 10 First Place Awards, 11 Superior Ratings, 4 Best Overall Awards, 1 Outstanding Award and 1 Second Place Award at the Festivals of Music in Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Ninth Graders earned 2 Superior Ratings and 1 Excellent Rating at the Music Showcase Festival in Hershey, PA.
- **Garrett Hoffman** won the 2017-2018 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's Composition Contest in the High School category.
- The Bethel Park Marching Band Festival celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2017.
- The BPHS Marching Band performed the Pre-Game and Half-Time Shows for the December 10 Pittsburgh Steelers/Baltimore Ravens Game at Heinz Field.
- BPHS String Musicians and IMS 8th Grade String Musicians had a great time performing with professional rock violinist Hadyn Vitera as part of the Electrify Your Strings Program.
- 5 musicians (**Jeremy Blocklin, Declan Brusoski, Grace Gealey, Zoe Knight** and **Samantha Wolf**) played in the



PMEA Junior High District Orchestra.

- 7 Neil Armstrong musicians (**Samuel Basile, Aava Chalfont, Julia Hoppe, Ethan Hrycko, Luke Myers, Cassandra Robinson** and **Louis Williams**) played in the PMEA Elementary District Band Fest West.
- 5 NAMS Musicians (**Bryce Clancy, Sam Pellis, Larissa Shepard, Lily Spence** and **Angelina Velisaris**) played in the PMEA Elementary String Fest West.
- 5 NAMS Vocalists (**Alexis Dorfner, Ava Knight, Dylan Lawton, Clara McGough** and **Kylie Urian-Moorcroft**) sang in the PMEA Elementary Sing Fest West.
- A combined NAMS Sixth Grade and IMS Eighth Grade Band performed the National Anthem for the June 6 Pittsburgh Pirates game at PNC Park.

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PIAA PLAYOFFS

- Cheerleading (*Runners-Up*)
- Girls Basketball (*Quarterfinalists*)
- Boys Volleyball

WPIAL CHAMPIONS

- Cheerleading

WPIAL FINALISTS

- Boys Volleyball

WPIAL SEMIFINALISTS

- Girls Basketball

WPIAL QUARTERFINALISTS

- Baseball
- Boys Lacrosse

SECTION CHAMPIONS

- Football
- Boys Volleyball
- Baseball
- **Jason Montgomery** (*Wrestling*)

WPIAL PLAYOFF TEAMS

- Football
- Rifle
- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Cross Country
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Softball
- Girls Lacrosse
- Girls Swimming
- Boys Swimming

OTHER ACCOLADES

- **Inline Hockey Team**—PIRHL Finalists
- **Ice Hockey** – Penguin Cup Playoffs
- **Anna McLinden** received the KDKA-TV/Allegheny Health Network's Extra Effort Award for her outstanding accomplishments on the athletic fields and

in the classroom.

- **Gavin Campbell** received the Most Positive Athlete Award for Boys Lacrosse in Western PA and the WPIAL Boys Lacrosse Person of the Year Award.
- **The Girls Tennis Team** received the High GPA Award.
- 39 senior athletes will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

IMS ACCOLADES

- 7 IMS students won 4 medals at the FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) State Competition: **Alyjah Carter, Shia Epperson, Anayah Hunter** and **Mia Geudtner** (*Silver*), and **Ella Morgan, Anna Marie Lorenzi** and **Ella Heubner** (*Bronze*).
- At the FCCLA National Competition, **Anayah Hunter** earned a Gold Medal and **Mia Heubner** earned a Bronze.
- 2 students (**Toyosi Egbebi** and **Allie Scarlett**) earned two Fourth Place Awards at the Science Olympiad.
- 4 students (**Allie Scarlett, Toyosi Egbebi, Alex Markunas, Alecko Fekos** and **Demetrios Fekos**) won four of six rounds at the Middle School Science Bowl Competition.
- Students in the **Innovators Club** stayed after school one night a week to build a wind turbine from bicycle parts.
- **Art Club** students worked together to make their school's auditorium more beautiful by painting a mural depicting important events during the school year.
- IMS students showed off four STEAM projects at the STEAM Showcase, hosted by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.
- 3 students (**Vincent Taormina, Ashton Newell** and **Isaac Ussia**) came to school early every day for three months to create nameplates and plaques to commemorate the donors for the Bethel Park Historical Society's renovation of the Schoolhouse Arts Center.
- **Team 7C** students held a welcome home party for a Navy sailor they have been corresponding with when he was home on leave.
- **Student Council** students hosted the annual Veterans Day Breakfast to honor local veterans.
- **Team 7B** students spent the year helping the Genre's Kids With Cancer Fund.
- Students on **Team 8A** participated in two Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful activities to spruce up the grounds around their school, BPHS and the Administration Building.
- 115 7th Graders and 140 8th Graders



earned Distinguished Honors for maintaining a 3.75 grade point average through the first three nine weeks of the 2017-2018 school year.

- 104 8th Graders received Presidential Academic Excellence Awards for maintaining a 3.5 grade point average from seventh grade through the first three nine weeks of the 2017-2018 school year, as well as scoring Advanced on either the PSSA Reading or Math Test.

NEIL ARMSTRONG AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Grace Ferency's** entry was selected as one of the winners in the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation's Holiday Card Contest.
- Sixth Grade students in **Mr. Romito's** and **Mrs. Polis'** rooms participated in a program that helped Google pilot its Google Expeditions app. NAMS was one of 20 schools selected for the pilot.
- Sixth Graders **Hailey Sable, Artemis Conaboy** and **Justin Muench** made a video for their Health Class about self-esteem and being kind to one another.
- Fifth Grade students on **Team Ranger** participated in weekly STEAM Challenges, many of them building in difficulty on the previous week's challenge.
- The students on The Spies—**Samantha Downing, Alex Burt, Kieran Banks, Megan Turske** and **Grace Skalniak**—won the Battle of the Books.
- **The Sixth Grade Chorus** performed the National Anthem before a Washington Wild Things baseball game.
- Students raised \$7,153 for the South Hills Interfaith Movement and Autism Connection of Pennsylvania at the Charity Carnival.
- Students, families and staff raised \$5,100 and purchased Christmas presents and made a cash donation to benefit the children of American military families through Operation Santa.



ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Lincoln** was the first school in the country to offer the new PBS "Play and Learn Science Program" to incoming Kindergarten students and their parents as part of the four week "Spring Into Lincoln" program.
- **Lincoln** students honed their writing skills in the newly-created Lincoln Publishing Center.
- **Lincoln** students and their families participated in an evening Family Creative Learning Program with WQED.

- **Lincoln** students stayed after school to reinforce their reading, math and STEAM skills with a program from WQED and PBS.
- **Lincoln** First Grader **Olivia Anderson** received an Honorable Mention in WQED's Young Writers Contest for her original story, "Luna's Perfect Pet."
- For the second year, **Lincoln** students planted vegetables in their school's Community Garden to benefit the South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM).
- **Lincoln** students wore crazy colored socks to school on Lots of Socks Day in March to symbolize their commitment to raising awareness and tolerance for individuals with disabilities.
- **Lincoln** students filled six buckets with school supplies and sent them to schools impacted by hurricanes.
- **Lincoln** Kindergarten students collected 171 toys for the Stuff A Bus Program at Christmas.
- **Lincoln** and **Franklin** students and their families participated in school beautification projects during Mr. Rogers Be My Neighbor Day.
- **Franklin** Third Grader **Adele Stamenov** received Second Place in WQED's Young Writers Contest for her original story, "The Broken Watch."
- **Franklin** Second Graders in **Mrs. Vescovi's** room staged an informative play called "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire—Earth Edition."
- **Franklin** Fourth Graders studied the life cycle of chickens through a hands-on Embryology Project.
- **Franklin** students learned about financial literacy from BPHS Child Development students on Junior Achievement Day at their school.
- **Franklin** Kindergarten Students invited the Veterans in their families into their classrooms for a special Veterans Day presentation/party.
- For the fifth year, **Franklin** students grew vegetables from seed and planted them in the Samuel and Anna Mae Richardson Community Garden near their school.
- **Franklin** students raised \$300 for charity with a pumpkin decorating contest.
- **Memorial** First Grader **Harris Wannous** received Third Place in WQED's Young Writers Contest for his original story, "The Fish Who Had A Wish."
- **Memorial** Third Grader **Neha Adhikari** won the BPSD Third Grade Spelling Bee, hosted by the Rotary Club of Bethel Park. **Lincoln** Third Grader **Lillian Graff** finished in Second Place and **Washington** Third Grader **Michael Hladio** finished in Third Place.
- **Memorial** Gifted Students won the Elementary Gifted Challenge Cup.
- **Memorial** Second Graders developed a Growth



Mindset through the use of STEM Fairy Tales.

- **Memorial** Fourth Graders **Gianna Fannie** and **Riley Woods** coordinated a school-wide children's book drive that collected 340 books for Children's Hospital.



- **Memorial** students created a special rock garden outside their school after reading the story, *Only One You* to promote self-confidence, self-belief and diversity.
- **Memorial** Fourth Grade students filled 61 Christmas stockings with non perishable food items for soldiers.
- **Memorial** and **Washington**

students in **Mrs. Mittner's** Art Classes made videos using Green Screen Technology.

- **Memorial** and **Washington** Art Students made a Pinwheels for Peace art installation outside their schools in celebration of National Peace Day.
- **Memorial** and **Washington** Art students participated in the Parachutes for the Planet campaign to raise awareness for an eco-friendly, sustainable lifestyle.
- **Washington** Healthy Living Life Skills Students planted a Healthy Living Garden outside their school.
- **Washington** students kept plastic bags from being deposited into landfills by collecting and recycling them during the month of May.
- **William Penn** students and their families participated in a series of evening events using the PBS Kids Scratch Jr. coding program.
- **William Penn** students stayed after school to participate in the WQED Math IQ program.
- **William Penn** Second Graders in **Mrs. Petalino's** room studied Monarch butterflies and had a release party.
- **William Penn** students learned about the importance of water conservation through classroom visits by ALCOSAN.
- **William Penn** students raised \$100 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
- **Bethel Park Elementary Students** raised \$4,934 during the month of April for the Autism Center of Pittsburgh and the Autism Society of Pittsburgh.
- **Elementary Gifted Students** researched an inventor and a specific invention, and presented their findings at the Elementary Gifted Invention Exposition.

DISTRICT/STAFF ACCOLADES

- The Bethel Park Board of School Directors passed a budget with a zero millage tax increase for the third consecutive year.
- The District was named a Pathway Partner by the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway Partners.
- The District was accepted into the Remake Learning Network.
- Bethel Park High School Social Studies Teacher **Tony Fisher** was named a Walmart/Pittsburgh Penguins Community Playmaker.
- Bethel Park High School Marketing Teacher **Emily Smoller** was named the Pennsylvania DECA Adviser of the Year.
- The District was awarded a \$40,000 PA Safe Schools Grant.
- **Lincoln** received a \$1,000 Let's Move Pittsburgh Champion Schools Grant.
- **Franklin** received a \$1,000 Burlington Adopt-A-Classroom Grant.



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