

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Shaler Area Community,

As we prepare for another outstanding school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all we have accomplished together — and to thank each of you for the role you play in making Shaler Area such a special place.

The 2025–2026 academic year was filled with learning, growth, achievement, and community pride. Across every classroom, field, stage, and campus, our students inspired us with their talent, determination, kindness, and resilience. Whether through academic success, artistic performances, athletic accomplishments, or everyday acts of leadership, our Titans represented Shaler Area with excellence.

Our staff remains the heart of this district. Teachers, support professionals, administrators, and all team members in between work tirelessly each day to create safe, welcoming, and engaging environments where students can thrive. Their commitment is what makes our schools truly exceptional.

I invite you to review this annual report and see the incredible things happening in our district every day — from empowering students with hands-on professional skills at A.W. Beattie, to an annual celebration of community and kindness, to innovative instruction models that engage our students in meaningful ways. The work reflected in these pages is a testament to what this community makes possible together.

We are also proud to have been recognized this year as a Great Pennsylvania School and one of the Best Communities for Music Education — honors that reflect the dedication of our educators and the strength of our community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to welcoming our Titan community back for the 2026–27 school year as we continue to Engage, Empower, and Excel.

Warm regards,



Dr. Bryan O'Black
Superintendent, Shaler Area School District

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT



Dear Shaler Area Community,

As we begin a new school year, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to the Shaler Area community — the families, neighbors, local businesses, and dedicated staff who make this district truly exceptional. The strength of

Shaler Area has never rested solely within the walls of our schools. It lives in the connections we share, the pride we carry, and the unwavering support this community extends to our students every single day. We are fortunate to be part of a place where schools and community are not separate — they are one.

I hope you will join us in celebrating exactly that spirit at this year's Homecoming on Saturday, October 3rd. Homecoming is so much more than a football game — it is a reminder of who we are as a community. It is a night when alumni, families, students, staff, and neighbors all come together under the lights to celebrate Shaler Area and show what Titan Pride truly looks like. I cannot think of a better way to kick off the year.

I am heading into this school year with high hopes and a full heart. With the talent in our classrooms, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the incredible community behind them, I have every reason to believe this will be an outstanding year for Shaler Area. Thank you for everything you do — let's make it a great one.

Sincerely,



James Tunstall
President, Shaler Area School District Board of Directors



Photo by Josh Milteer



BUILT ON KINDNESS

In May, our community came together for something truly special: 143 Day of Kindness! Named for Mister Rogers' code for "I love you" based on the number of letters in each word, 143 Day is an annual celebration of connection.

This year's theme, Built on Kindness, couldn't ring more true — and the 5th Annual event brought that theme to life in more ways than ever before. A brand-new Touch a Job experience, developed in partnership with A.W. Beattie Career Center and community professionals, gave our youngest learners a hands-on look at the world of work. Nineteen interactive stations, alongside the Community Expo and Touch-A-Truck, offered engaging experiences for every age and interest. Live performances by ensembles featuring students in grades 5-12 highlighted the depth of Shaler Area's music program — a place where so many students find a true sense of belonging. The 2nd Annual Upstanders Awards, presented by students from Shaler Area Middle School, honored members of the district and community who have made lasting, positive contributions to Shaler Area. Throughout the evening, community partnerships and family engagement reminded us all why these moments matter.

"The 5th Annual Shaler Area 143 Day of Kindness reflects what makes our district and community so special. By creating opportunities for everyone to feel welcomed, valued, and engaged in experiences that celebrate a variety of interests, we strengthen the culture of kindness, creativity, and connection that defines Shaler Area every day."

— Angela Evans, Shaler Area Music Teacher and event organizer

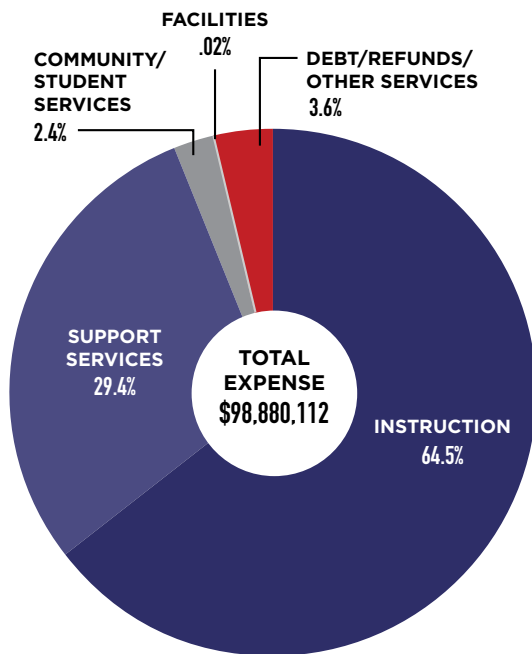
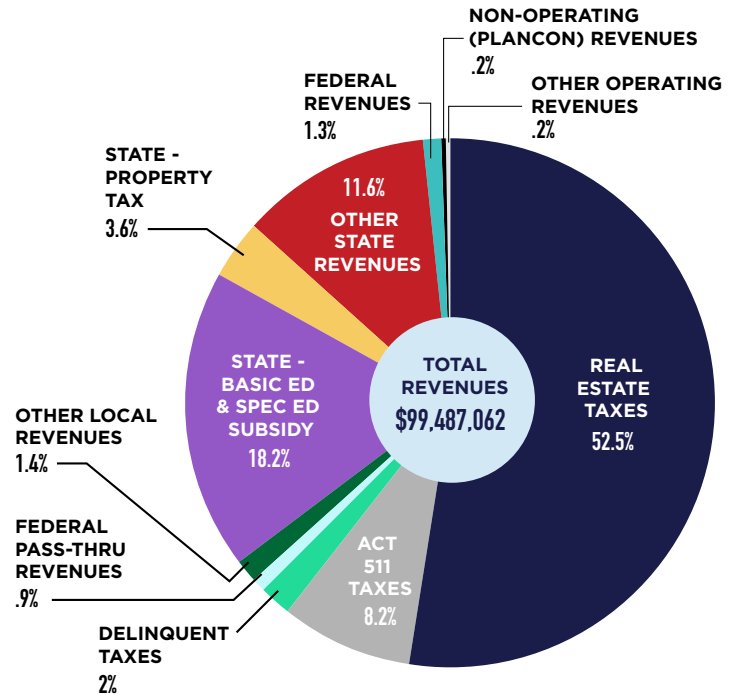


2026–2027 BUDGET

The Shaler Area School District is committed to providing an exceptional learning environment for students with academic rigor, creative opportunities, and career readiness, while being trustworthy stewards of taxpayer resources.

Total Revenues: \$99,487,062

Real Estate Taxes	\$52,237,716
Act 511 Taxes	\$8,185,800
Delinquent Taxes	\$1,975,000
Federal Pass-Thru Revenues	\$848,573
Other Local Revenues	\$1,398,608
State - Basic Ed & Spec Ed Subsidy	\$18,133,863
State - Property Tax	\$3,557,118
Other State Revenues	\$11,514,873
Federal Revenues	\$1,248,192
Non-Operating (PlanCon) Revenues	\$152,599
Other Revenues - Operating	\$234,720

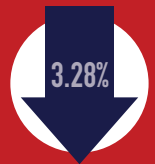


Instruction:	\$63,819,072
Support Services:	\$29,105,482
Community/Student Services:	\$2,384,947
Facilities:	\$21,650
Debt/Refunds/Other Services:	\$3,548,961

Total Expense: \$98,880,112

THE 2026-2027 BUDGET INCLUDED NO TAX INCREASE AND A

3.28% EXPENDITURES DECREASE
FROM PRIOR BUDGET YEAR.



HOMESTEAD

11,705 APPROVED, TAXABLE PROPERTIES

\$304.43 REDUCTION FROM TAX BILL



Titans Softball Captures 2026 PIAA Class 5A State Championship



What a season to remember! The Shaler Area Titans softball team made history on June 15, capturing the 2026 PIAA Class 5A State Championship with a dominant 10-0 victory over Abington Heights at Penn State University — the program's third state title and the culmination of a remarkable 22-game winning streak. Haley Machajewski delivered an unforgettable walk-off grand slam to seal the win, while Bria Bosiljevac was untouchable in the circle, allowing just one hit and striking out eight batters. From start to finish, our student-athletes represented Shaler Area with determination, resilience, and class both on and off the field. The outpouring of support from families, staff, alumni, and community members who traveled to cheer them on was a powerful reminder of what makes this community so special.

Congratulations to our players, and to Head Coach Tom Sorce and the entire coaching staff on building a championship culture worthy of state gold. Titan Pride runs deep — and this one is for the whole community!



Excelling in Education – *Recognition for our Schools*

Shaler Area School District is earning recognition as a leader in education — not just locally, but across the commonwealth and the nation. These honors reflect a community-wide commitment to doing what is best for every student, and a district culture rooted in the belief that when students are supported, challenged, and celebrated, there is no limit to what they can achieve. From our primary schools to the middle school to the high school, the work happening inside our buildings is being seen, validated, and celebrated at the highest levels. This is what it looks like when a district truly strives to engage, empower, and excel.

Great Pennsylvania School Recognition

Shaler Area School District was officially recognized as a Great Pennsylvania School by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) in partnership with Great PA Schools — a distinction reserved for districts that demonstrate outstanding commitment to student achievement, effective governance, and strong community engagement. The recognition reflects not only the academic outcomes students are reaching, but the culture, leadership, and collaborative spirit that make those outcomes possible. This achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Shaler Area's students, staff, families, and board members, whose collective efforts have shaped a district worthy of statewide recognition.



Shaler Area Middle School: Schools to Watch



Shaler Area Middle School was named to the PA Don Eichhorn Schools: Schools to Watch program, joining an elite list of 39 Pennsylvania middle-grades schools recognized for demonstrating best practices in education. The designation was awarded based on the school's Academic Excellence, Developmental Responsiveness, Social Equity, and Organizational Structures and Processes — criteria evaluated through a rigorous review that includes classroom observations, interviews, and an examination of student achievement data. This recognition affirms the extraordinary work taking place at SAMS to support academic growth, social-emotional development, and the unique needs of adolescent learners, positioning the school as a model for districts across Pennsylvania.

Best Communities for Music Education



Shaler Area School District was honored with the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) Award from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding support and commitment to music education. This is the ninth time Shaler Area has received the award, a remarkable milestone that speaks to the district's enduring dedication to arts programming. We are proud to offer a comprehensive music program spanning grades K-12, with access to general music instruction, chorus, band, orchestra, and specialized ensembles, proving that the performing arts community continues to be a celebrated and defining part of the Shaler Area experience.

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A. W. BEATTIE: WORKING TOGETHER TO TRAIN TOMORROW’S TRADESPEOPLE

Every year, dozens of Shaler Area High School students spend part of their week learning hands-on trade skills at A.W. Beattie Career Center. This arrangement, which has been in place since the 1970s, has enabled thousands of SAHS graduates to learn the skills they need to earn rewarding careers in fields ranging from culinary arts to auto repair — and much, much more!



Beattie offers SAHS students the opportunity to train in **19 different career programs**, from Pastry Arts, Robotics, and Cosmetology to Automotive Technology, Dentistry, and Early Childhood Education!

The programs Beattie offers train students for career paths that **typically DON’T require a traditional 4-year college degree**

Seniors who attend Beattie participate in the NOCTI exam, which awards industry **certifications and college credits** based on test results

Beattie’s programs **fulfill elective credit requirements** for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students.

SASD students spend 3-4 school periods learning at Beattie, or **around 2.5 hours per week**

About 120 to 150 SAHS students train at Beattie each year



Students who excel at Beattie and their high school programs are able to be inducted each year into the **National Technical Honor Society**

SAHS counselor Mathew Anselmino has been the school’s Beattie liaison for 21 years, and counselor Tony Indovina was the Beattie liaison for about 30 years before him. That’s **over 50 years of A. W. Beattie and SAHS working together** to train Pittsburgh’s trade workers of the future!



~10,000 SAHS STUDENTS During those 50+ years, **around 10,000 SAHS students** have taken classes at Beattie!

New Program Helps Students’ Reading and Writing Skills Soar!

Shaler Area recently adopted **HMH Into Reading**, a language arts program based on award-winning literature that enhances knowledge of science, social studies, and the arts. The program helps students learn the reading, writing, and discussion skills they need to better understand and retain information, and then apply that knowledge both in writing and conversation.

Benefits of Into Reading include:

- Comprehensive, research-based K-5 ELA curriculum aligned to Pennsylvania academic standards
- Consistent, structured literacy instruction across all elementary grade levels supports smoother transitions between grades
- Supports the science of reading by integrating phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension instruction
- Clear lesson structure and pacing allows teachers to focus on responsive instruction rather than curriculum-building
- Built-in assessment tools to monitor student progress and inform small-group instruction
- Embedded differentiation tools to support struggling readers and challenge advanced learners

“Language Arts is an area where our students perform exceptionally well. Nearly 75% of the Class of 2026 was proficient or advanced on the Language Arts Keystone exam. That’s a testament to the time, energy, and resources the district has invested in providing our elementary teachers with extensive training on the Science of Reading and the incredible reading specialists we have supporting our students,” said Dr. Brian Brown, Shaler Area Assistant Superintendent.





Congratulations Class of 2026

On May 29th, we celebrated the Shaler Area High School Class of 2026. Your dedication and perseverance have brought you to this milestone, and the entire Shaler community cheers you on. Carry your Titan Pride with you wherever life takes you next. We're proud of you, graduates!





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Senior Exit Survey: Post-graduation plans

4-YEAR
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

161
(55.5%)

2-YEAR / TRAINING /
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

47
(16.2%)

FULL-TIME
EMPLOYMENT

45
(15.5%)

MILITARY

3
(1.0%)

GAP YEAR / UNDECIDED

34
(11.8%)

Titan Triumphs

From the playing field to the classroom and the community to the competition stage, Shaler Area students are achieving at an extraordinary level. Across every grade, every discipline, and every arena, our Titans are demonstrating what it means to lead with purpose, compete with heart, and represent their school and community with pride. The accomplishments highlighted here are a reflection of the incredible talent, dedication, and character that define the Shaler Area student experience — and a reminder of why this district continues to be a place where students engage, empower, and excel.



▲ Civic Leadership

Shaler Area High School student Kori Wilson has been named winner of Allegheny County Council's inaugural Civic Engagement Competition.

Kori was nominated by Shaler Area High School Teacher Abbey Nilson, who shares, "Kori has been a leader in the sustainability club throughout high school, and is currently the co-president. She is kind, caring, and takes leadership in so many community projects. I'm so incredibly proud of her!"



▲ Historic Champions

In its inaugural season, the Shaler Area Flag Football Team made history by capturing the WPIAL Championship with a dominant 34-0 victory over Plum. Their extraordinary accomplishment speaks to the culture Head Coach Robby Heinrich, who was named Giant Eagle Girls Flag Football Coach of the Year, has built from the ground up in year one. The team represented Shaler Area at the highest levels of good sportsmanship and competitive excellence all season, giving our entire community a truly historic reason to celebrate!



◀ Serving Community and Country

Jocelyn Hartz received the Air Force Reserve Courageous Kids Contest Winner from Our Military Kids. A member of the Shaler Area Class of 2026, Jocelyn serves her community as a volunteer firefighter, following the example of her father, an Air Force reservist.



▲ Silver Strides

The Shaler Area High School girls' 4x100m relay team earned silver medals at the 2026 WPIAL Championships. Congratulations to Octavia Dixon, Bella Filo, Lucy McClean, and Lilly Trgovic!

► Journalistic Accolade NFPW

Shaler Area High School student Cassandra Schneck earned national recognition this spring, taking second place in the Opinion category of the annual journalism contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women. Schneck's piece, "Not a Stereotypical Family..." was selected from entries submitted by high school journalists across the country.



▲ Four-peat

The Shaler Area Boys Volleyball Team claimed the 2A WPIAL Championship — the program's fourth consecutive title and a testament to the culture of excellence that Head Coach Paul Stadelman and his staff have built over the years. Our student-athletes competed with determination, pride, and sportsmanship throughout the season to yield an incredible fourth championship in a row!

▲ Record-Shattering

Kendall Craig set two school records at Shaler Area Elementary School's 26th Annual Titan Decathlon Championship. Kendall made SAES history with her discus throw and an incredible softball throw of 168.8 feet, which shattered the previous record by over 20 feet!



► Standout in STEM

Shaler Area High School student Aubrey Cox earned a Certificate Of Merit from The Society Of Women Engineers. This well-deserved recognition is a direct reflection of the dedication, skill, and hard work that Aubrey has invested into her academic pursuits.



► Culinary Competition

Shaler Area High School senior Connor Bauer earned the Pennsylvania State Championship in the Baking and Pastry competition through the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), showcasing the incredible skills he's developed as a second-year student in A.W. Beattie's Pastry Arts program!





College In High School Program Gives SAHS Students a Head Start on Higher Ed

This year, dozens of Shaler Area High School students took part in the University of Pittsburgh's College in High School (CHS) program, which enables high school students to take 15 different college-level courses that count toward their future college credits. In 2025-2026, this arrangement allowed 177 SAHS students to earn 1051 total college credits, saving their families a combined sum of over \$761,000 in future college tuition for those classes.

SAHS students participating in CHS can also use the university's library and enjoy a fee-free undergraduate application to Pitt. CHS also provides participating SAHS teachers with free professional development opportunities and access to Pitt's Center for Teaching and Learning.



PNC Helps SAHS Seniors Get Ready for Life After Graduation

Thanks to PNC's PartnerUp Program, seniors at Shaler Area High School received plenty of valuable real-world advice on how to choose careers and prepare for job interviews. From February to April, PartnerUp led five different educational workshops in the SAHS Light Room on topics including "Exploring Career Options," "Defining Your Brand," "Building Your Resume," and "Mastering the Interview with Confidence." This year, 20 students participated and nine completed the full program. Five of them also took part in PNC's Super Day of final round interviews for internships and development programs.

New Advisory Period Helps Middle School Students Develop Meaningful Connections

Research shows that when middle school students feel connected to at least one adult in their school, they're more likely to attend, engage in learning, and demonstrate positive behavior. With this in mind, Shaler

Area Middle School implemented a new advisory period model, in which each student is placed in a small monthly advisory group led by a teacher. Conversation topics include goal setting, growth mindset, kindness, bullying prevention, and strategies for navigating challenging situations.

"The advisory period is strengthening connections between students and staff, increasing student comfort in seeking support, and reinforcing key habits that support academic success and well-being. It provides every student with a consistent, trusted adult advocate and a small peer group where they feel known, valued, and supported, which is essential for meeting their academic, social, and emotional needs," explained SAMS Principal Dr. Shannon Howard.

Future advisory period efforts will include a wider scope of developmentally appropriate topics and more opportunities for student reflection and leadership.



Shaler Area Education Foundation Volunteer Spotlight: **Samantha Young**



The Shaler Area Education Foundation strives to cultivate the unique capability of every student in the Shaler Area School District by propelling innovative and engaging educational programs within a creative and collaborative environment. The foundation, a 501(c)(3), is made possible through dedicated volunteers.

Samantha Young, a Pre-Health Professions Advisor at the University of Pittsburgh, volunteers with Shaler Area Education Foundation in gratitude for the ways the Shaler Area community has shaped her. Young shares, “I was honored to be asked to be a part of the Foundation as I am a proud 2007 alumna of the district (Burchfield through high school). My roots in Shaler are far reaching, as my great-great grandmother started the Zoar Home (now Hearth), located on Mount Royal Boulevard.” Young was also a Glenshaw Century Club scholarship recipient, so she knows first-hand what community investment means. She reflects, “These connections and opportunities have meant a great deal and I by being a part of the Foundation, I am trying to give back to the district that gave so much to me.”

Young shares, “The people make Shaler Area, whether that be the parents, the students, the alumni or the residents. We all long for inclusion and belonging, and with the foundation, I feel that we have the opportunity to connect with individuals on a molecular level. Being the co-coordinator of the alumni committee, while in its infancy, I feel that we have the ability to make meaningful connections to allow for a more robust network of Shalerites who are proud of their schooling and long to provide assistance in a way that cultivates future Shaler generations.”

There’s a wide range of ways to get involved, including outreach, communications, events, and student-facing opportunities. Contact Mike Giazsoni, President of the foundation, at mike.giazsoni@gmail.com to learn more.



Branding Guide Now Online

Our community is full of Titan Pride! We have gathered high-quality versions of our logo for use by district schools, teams, and organizations. Find the official Shaler Area School District Branding Guide on our website.



19TH-ANNUAL SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

October 10, 2026

9AM-2PM

1810 MOUNT ROYAL BLVD

- Free admission
- Refreshment & raffles
- 60+ crafters and vendors

One Kidney Transplant, Two Lives Saved



Since November of 2023, Shaler Area High School student Deven Wilson and his family have been waiting for a medical miracle. In February of 2026, they finally received one. And along the way, their story helped save another woman's life.

Shortly before Thanksgiving in 2023, Deven suddenly went from playing in an all-day volleyball tournament to coughing up blood and being admitted to intensive care. After weeks in the ICU, doctors determined that Deven has a rare autoimmune disorder (GPA vasculitis) and a secondary disease (atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome) that was destroying his kidneys.

Although Deven would need a kidney transplant neither his parents, his twin sister Kori, nor his older siblings Rylee and Braydon were a good donor match. To find a donor, the Wilsons would have to depend on the kindness of a stranger. And in October of 2025, that almost happened, until the story took a twist.

When Hampton resident Jessica Camacho-Cook learned about Deven's situation, her process of determining whether she would be a good donor match revealed a surprise: a cyst on her left kidney. Not only could Jessica not donate it to Deven, but she needed to have it removed to prevent any cancer from growing. Fortunately, her surgery went well and she was able to celebrate Christmas at home with her son.

And then, just a few months later, it was finally Deven's turn for a miracle. On February 15th, the Wilsons were informed that a deceased kidney donor had been successfully identified as a match for Deven. A day later, Deven underwent successful kidney transplant surgery.

Now dialysis-free, Deven is once again healthy enough to play volleyball. While his conditions still need to be managed, he's working to rebuild his strength and stamina with the hope of eventually entering the police academy.

"Before the transplant, so much of our future felt uncertain. Recovery wasn't completely smooth in the beginning. There were some tougher days, but then it seemed like someone flipped a switch. Deven's energy came back, his appetite returned, and he was becoming himself again.

By the end of April, he was back at school. He got to play volleyball, go to prom, and walk at graduation, which were all huge milestones that we didn't know we would get to witness and enjoy. His new thing is pickleball, and he LOVES doing this with his friends. Watching Deven go from being so incredibly sick to embracing life again is nothing short of amazing! Just four and a half months after Deven's kidney transplant, we are enjoying seeing the new normal emerge. What's next is still in the planning stages, one step at a time. But we are so grateful and blessed for all the support Deven has received. He is a strong and special young man, and his future is bright," said Deven's father Robb.

The Wilsons realize just how lucky his situation turned out to be — not only for Deven, but also for Jessica.

Approximately 90,000 Americans just like Deven currently need kidney transplants, and the donor screening process can reveal any underlying issues that need immediate intervention, just like Jessica's. If you're interested in becoming a living kidney or partial liver donor, you can learn more at livingdonorreg.upmc.com.





Reflecting community priority for neighborhood schools, the Shaler Area School District is transitioning to a K-5 elementary model and aligning middle school programming for Grades 6-8. This enables us to enhance educational continuity, reduce student transitions, and support long-term operational sustainability.

2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

The district will implement the K-5 model across four renamed elementary schools:

Burchfield Elementary | Marzolf Elementary
Reserve Elementary | Scott Elementary

SIXTH-GRADE students will transition to Shaler Area Middle School, aligning with a 6-8 middle school model.

2026-2027 year marks the final year of operation for Shaler Area Elementary School.



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Clint Rauscher	Athletic Director	11 years of service
JoAnn Lorey	Printing & Graphics Specialist, Print Shop	16 years of service
Dr. Timothy Royall	Principal, High School	17 years of service
Eileen Wolfson	Paraprofessional, Elementary School	20 years of service
Sharon Isherwood	French Teacher, Middle School	22 years of service
Cynthia Franzer	Paraprofessional, Elementary School	23 years of service
Mary Beth Miller	School Guidance Counselor, High School	24 years of service
Paula Dobson	Administrative Guidance/Education Secretary, Middle School	26 years of service
Patti Helfrich	Administrative Secretary, Burchfield Primary	26 years of service
Betty Wesolek	Administrative Secretary, High School	26 years of service



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

with Dr. O'Black

All meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER 9, 2026:

Burchfield Primary School*

OCTOBER 7, 2026:

Shaler Area Middle School

NOVEMBER 11, 2026:

Reserve Primary School*

DECEMBER 2, 2026:

Shaler Area High School

JANUARY 6, 2027:

Shaler Area Elementary School
(Begins at 6:30 p.m.)

FEBRUARY 3, 2027:

Scott Primary School*

MARCH 3, 2027:

Marzolf Primary School*



**Shaler Area
School District**
engage • empower • excel

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND
NO RSVP IS REQUIRED.**

Scan the code for a complete schedule of dates, times, and locations for our series of Coffee & Conversation with Dr. O'Black.



*Followed by District Parent Council at 9:00am

A Survivor's Voice Reaches the Next Generation

On April 20, Stanley Praimnath — a survivor who was on the 81st floor of the South Tower when Flight 175 struck on September 11, 2001 — visited Shaler Area High School to share his story of faith, escape, and resilience with students born after the attacks. The visit grew from a long-standing classroom tradition by teacher Eric Schott, who had used Praimnath's story in a writing assignment for years. Rather than joining via Zoom, Praimnath chose to drive personally from Queens, New York, to speak with students face to face — a powerful reminder that lived experience cannot be replicated by textbooks or documentaries.



Cultivating Creativity

Erin Remaley has spent 12 years bringing creativity, passion, and a student-centered approach to the Shaler Area School District. As the Art Department Chair, she collaborates with colleagues to advance innovative arts programming and works with the Arts Education Collaborative to expand access to meaningful arts experiences. Most recently, she organized the April Art Show at Ruckus Cafe, giving students a vibrant community stage to showcase their talent. A practicing printmaker and watercolorist herself, Erin brings an artist's perspective to everything she does!



Marzolf Primary Honors Beloved Custodian

This spring, students and staff at Marzolf Primary School wore gray for Parkinson's Awareness Month — and to show support for their beloved custodian, Mr. Chuck. A cherished presence in the building, Mr. Chuck works tirelessly each day to keep the school running and everyone in it cared for. The simple act of wearing gray became a heartfelt gesture of solidarity, a visible reminder that small acts of community can carry profound meaning for the people who make a school feel like home.



14th Annual Run for the Titan Trail

The 14th Annual Titan Trail 5K was the event's most successful year yet, drawing 323 registered participants — a record turnout — and raising \$11,957.64. That milestone also pushed the event's all-time total past \$100,000 since its founding in 2011. Every dollar raised goes directly back to students, funding the beloved Titan Trail field trip as well as reading incentives throughout the year. What began as a bold idea from a few dedicated teachers has grown into one of our community's most cherished annual traditions.



SAMS Students Perform with PMEA

This spring, several Shaler Area Middle School instrumentalists earned the opportunity to participate in Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association (PMEA) festivals. On March 13-14, three orchestra students represented the school at the Junior High Orchestra Festival hosted by Hampton Middle School, and on April 10-11, three band students took part in the Junior High Band Festival at Trinity High School. Congratulations to all of these talented musicians on a wonderful performance!



Student-Led Activities Amplify Autism Awareness

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, OWL Squad members at Reserve Primary took a student-led approach to spreading a message of kindness and inclusion. Members visited every classroom to read books tied to the theme, and a student delivered a morning announcement encouraging peers to be patient, find common ground, respect personal space, and speak up for those who are excluded. It was a meaningful reminder that awareness starts with everyday actions, and that students can lead the way.

Burchfield Student Wins Highmark Caring Place Poster Contest

Annie J., a third grader at Burchfield Primary School, was selected as the regional winner of the Highmark Caring Place annual poster contest, which invited students to illustrate how to support a grieving friend. Annie drew on her experience as a member of Burchfield's Caring Team, a student leadership group that facilitates grief awareness programming with School Counselor Lezlie DelVecchio-Marks. She was surprised with the news during art class on April 30, where Highmark Caring Place's Lead Grief and Clinical Services Specialist presented her with a certificate and gift card.







SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION

Our mission is to create welcoming learning environments that foster academic growth, provide enhanced learning opportunities, and support career readiness, while educating the whole child for future success.

VISION

Our vision is to engage all students in meaningful learning, empower them to reach their full potential, and inspire them to excel.

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

President, James Tunstall

Vice President, Eileen Phillips

Daeja Baker

Robert Cessar

Elizabeth Dunn

Amy Goldberg

Edward Kress

Jason Machajewski

Dorothy Petrancosta

Solicitor, John Vogel



Providing a dynamic learning environment to the communities of Etna, Millvale, Reserve and Shaler.



BURCHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. Jeff Rojik

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Pittsburgh, PA 15209

Phone: 412-492-1200 x 6500



RESERVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. Rick Pelkofer

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SCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Ms. Cynthia Foht

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Glenshaw, PA 15116

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SHALER AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. Ian Miller

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Glenshaw, PA 15116

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SHALER AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal: Dr. Shannon Howard

1810 Mt. Royal Boulevard

Glenshaw, PA 15116

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SHALER AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Ms. JoAnne Townsend

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