

# CLELIAN CONNECTION

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLELIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL?



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## A letter to the Clelian Heights School Community

Dear Clelian Heights Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many families, parents, and friends as we get into the full swing of this school year. At the annual IEP meetings and Parent Night, it was great to be able to touch base with so many families, and lay out plans that will help us do what is best for our students. I look forward to seeing the achievements and growth of each child throughout the year.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who volunteered at, attended, donated to, and otherwise supported our Twenty-Second Annual Wholey's Chicken Barbeque on September 15, 2019. It was a great time, filled with even better friends and families. Congratulations to all our basket and raffle winners!

We have many events and activities in October aimed at enriching the lives of every student and encouraging social, emotional, and academic growth. Our Special Olympics Golf team will be competing at Norvelt Golf Club on October 1st, and several classrooms will participate in You've Got a Friend Day at Twin lakes on October 2nd. Finally, at the end of the month, we will be holding our annual Halloween Dance and Scholastic Book Fair.

May God's blessings be with you! Be assured of my prayers for you -always!

*Sr. Charlene Celli, ASCG*  
Principal



Miss Brenda explores the 78 popular baskets raffled at the BBQ on 09/15/19.

## Mark Your Calendar:

- October 1 Special Olympics Golf Event at Norvelt Golf Club
- October 2 You've Got a Friend Day at Twin Lakes Park
- October 4 Early Dismissal - Staff Meeting
- October 14 No School - Staff In-Service Act 80 Day
- October 15 Classes Resume
- October 29 Parents of Graduates Meeting 7:00 PM Details to Follow
- October 31 Halloween Dance
- October 29 - November 1 Scholastic Book Fair



*Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

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# New Faces Around Clelian Heights School

## Sr. Ashley Strobel



I'm a teacher's aide in room 106, and a novice with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart. I earned my BSBA from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and have volunteered with AmeriCorps, worked as an administrative, Kindergarten, and Pre-K Aide at schools in California, Michigan, Connecticut, and New York respectively. One of my favorite things to do is ride subways, but my ultimate favorite are the cable cars in San Francisco. I love living in big cities, but the PA sunsets make up for country living!

## Pedro Pabón



My name is Pedro and I have an appetite for learning and a passion for teaching. I have been fortunate to be a part of many schools and classroom settings. I am happy and excited to be a part of the Clelian community. I call University of Puerto Rico and Seton Hill University my alma maters, with degrees in Biology and teaching. I enjoy traveling, sports, technology, and all sorts of entertainment. Plus, I can speak both Spanish and English.

## Brenda Stull



My name is Brenda Stull and I am a new teacher Clelian Heights. I have been given the opportunity to teach reading, math, transition to work (at school), and art classes. My professional background includes a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary and Special Education from California University of PA. I taught at Armburst Christian Academy for nine years prior to coming to Clelian. I hope to make a difference in the lives of the students!

## Cheyenne Lesko



Hi, my name is Cheyenne, and I am a PCA here at Clelian. I am going to WCCC for early childhood education, and plan to transfer to a university to specialize in special education. I also went to WCCC for Business Management and will have my diploma in the Spring. I have a two year old daughter named Penelope. She's the light of my life and one busy two year old, who keeps me on my toes! I am looking forward to having a good school year!

## Patricia Fitzpatrick



Hello, I am a PCA at Clelian. I have worked with children since I started teaching Sunday School at age 16, and have been with ESS for 6 years. I have taught piano lessons to 100+ students in the Derry, Latrobe area. Reading, cross-stitch, and word games on the iPad are my favorite ways to pass the time.

## Jennifer Bell



My name is Jennifer Bell. I attended California University of PA, where I earned 90 credits in special and elementary education. I worked for Achieva, formerly known as the ARC of Westmoreland, for 12 years, and as a classroom aide at Headstart for 3 years. I currently work for ESS as a PCA at Clelian Heights.

## Danielle Sipes



My name is Danielle Sipes, and I am a PCA employed by ESS. I have been working with special needs children for five years. I received an Associate's Degree in Art, and a certificate in Library Science from WCCC in 2013. My work requires a lot of patience and a strong sense of understanding, and it has truly made me a better person professionally and personally. Each day is emotionally fulfilling and brings unique challenges and opportunities.

## Delcina Taylor



Hi Clelian Heights friends! My name is Delcina (Del) Taylor. I have been working as a PCA at Clelian since January of 2019. I am thankful and happy to be a part of the Clelian Community. I was raised in New Stanton, graduated from Hempfield and WCCC. I enjoy family time, outdoor activities, and antiques shopping. Thanks for making me feel so welcome!

## Maria Vigo



My name is Maria Vigo. I am a PCA at Clelian. I attended Slippery Rock University for Early Childhood Education. I grew up on a farm in Apollo, and recently moved to Murrysville with my 5 year old cockapoo named Teddy. Everyone has been very friendly and helpful at Clelian, and I hope I can do the same for others.

## Kirsti Rupnik



Hi, my name is Kirsti Rupnik. I have a BA from the University of Pittsburgh and an AS from CCAC for occupational therapy assistant. I live in Hempfield with my husband, fourteen year old daughter, a dog and two cats. I am a teacher's assistant in room 107, and I love being here!

## Not Pictured

**New Staff:** Adam Toth, Lynn Rotharmel

**New Students:** N/A

Look for their picture/bios in next month's addition, and next month's new staff and students!



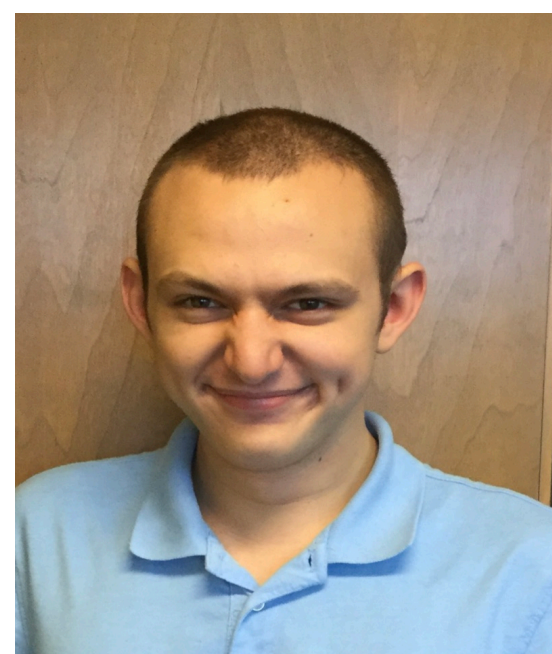
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# 22nd Annual Wholey's Chicken Barbecue

Over 790 chicken dinners were prepared for the Clelian Heights' 22nd Annual BBQ, held on September 15, 2019! The hundreds of friends, families, volunteers, and benefactors who came to support our exceptional community were treated to a delicious chicken BBQ dinner and had the chance to try their luck at winning popular or specialty baskets, and the cash raffle.



Everything from Steeler's tickets to children's books were raffled off, 78 popular baskets and 14 specialty baskets, worth over \$300, were won that day!

All proceeds from the BBQ go to benefit our Project fund and help to advance the mission of Clelian Heights.



**THANK YOU!**  
 100+ Volunteers,  
 Monetary Donors,  
 Basket Donors,  
 Attendees,  
 Sponsors,  
 Benefactors,  
 and all those who made  
 our BBQ a success!  
**THANK YOU!**

# It's Time for the Scholastic Book Fair!



The Book Fair will occur Tuesday, October 29th until the morning of Friday, November 1st. Students will visit the book fair and will be able to buy books, school supplies, posters, toys, and so much more!

Buying items at the Book Fair and through our online site helps to earn Clelian Heights Scholastic Dollars. These Dollars can be used to buy books and other educational products for the school. We hope to be able to use our Scholastic Dollars to buy new books and other goodies.

## Book Fair During School

Students will be able to purchase items during scheduled times throughout the course of the book fair week. Below are the dates the Book Fair will be running. Closer to the book fair, a memo will be sent home listing the specific day that your student's classroom will be able to visit the fair.

Tuesday **October 29th**

Wednesday **October 30th**

Thursday **October 31st**

Friday Morning Only! **November 1st**

## Book Fair at the Dance

Students will be able to purchase items at the book fair during the Halloween dance on **Thursday, October 31st**.

## Book Fair Online

Using the link below, you can purchase any Scholastic items and help Clelian Heights earn Scholastic Dollars in the process, just like at the physical book fair! The website will only be available from Oct 23 - Nov 5.  
<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/clelianheightsschool>



# Halloween Dance



Our annual Halloween Dance will be happening on Halloween this year. Attendees will have the opportunity to dress up in school appropriate costumes, have fun with their friends, and purchase items from the Scholastic Book Fair.

**WHO:** Clelian Heights Students  
**WHERE:** Gymnasium  
**WHEN:** October 31st, 2019  
 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



# Special Olympics Golf Event

The PA Westmoreland County Special Olympics will host the 2019 golf tournament at Norvelt Golf Club on October 1st, 2019. Golfers along with their coaches, will be bused to and from the event, which will occur from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.



Our golfers and their coaches have been hard at work practicing for the event over the past couple weeks.

**Good luck golfers, and thank you coaches and supporters!**



# You've Got a Friend Day!

All of the classes will be going on a field trip to Twin Lakes Park for the You've Got a Friend Day event on October 2nd. Clelian students will be paired with other local students, and will be able to participate in activities aimed at building friendships and having fun.



Available activities include: paddle boats, fishing, petting zoo, hay rides, and more. The event is hosted by the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Department from 9:00 to 2:00 pm.

### Mission

The mission of Clelian Heights is to provide spiritual, educational, and vocational programs for children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities that enhance their quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living.

### Vision

The vision of Clelian Heights is an atmosphere of choice, mutual acceptance, respect, and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of the person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

### Non-Discrimination

Clelian Heights offers services to all without discrimination of the basis of race, color, age, religious creed, disability, sex, ancestry, or national origin.



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