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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CLELIAN HEIGHTS SCHOOL?



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A Letter to the Clelian Heights School Community

Dear Clelian Heights Families,

Spring is a time for new life in nature and at Clelian Heights! We are looking forward to warmer weather for outdoor lunches and recess times. Don't forget to send a light jacket for days when it might still be chilly! Also, remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on March 8th as we move into Daylight Savings time.

All Clelian athletes have been so fun to watch this season! The varsity and junior varsity basketball teams have played hard in some very close games. Our softball team has diligently worked at clinics and practices, to hone their skills. And our Cheerleading squad has done a great job of leading us in supporting our student athletes. Join us on March 10th, at 10:30 AM for the Clelian VS Clairview basketball game in our gymnasium. It's sure to be a good game!

This year, the Lenten Season encompasses the entire month of March. Therefore, it is a good time for us to renew our faith in ways that bring us closer to God. Lent is a time to toake a look at ourselves and to open our hearts wider, understand the Lord deeper, and give back to those around us. It prepares us for the celebration of Good Friday and the miracle of Easter through reflection, sacrifice, and good works.

We will celebrate Blessed Mother Clelia Merloni's Birthday on March 10th, 2020. She founded the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Sisters who started and operate Clelian Heights. As we celebrate her birthday this year, we are reminded of her exemplary charity toward others and to those in need. Happy Birthday Blessed Clelia!

As always, you are always remembered in my daily prayers,





Mark Your Calendar:

March 6	Early Dismissal: Staff Meeting
March 8	Daylight Savings Begins
March 10	Blessed Clelia Merloni's Birthday
March 10	Clelian Crusaders Basketball V Clairview at 10:30AM
March 14	IDD Info Fair at the Westmoreland Mall 11PM - 3PM
March 16	No School: Staff In-Service Day or Make-up Snow Day #2
March 17	Classes Resume St. Patrick's Day
March 19	First Day of Spring
Feb. 26 - Apr	il 9 Lent

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Clelian Heights Special Olympians

Clelian Heights School students participate in many sports included in the Special Olympics schedule. Representing Clelian Heights in the Winter Olympics, which occurred from February 9th to 11th, was Aubrey. She competed in snowshoe and was coached by Clelian teacher, Gwen Diddle. Aubrey competed along side 23 other athletes from Westmoreland County and many others from counties in Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia. Events included snowshoe, alpine skiing, and cross country skiing.

The Eighth Annual SOPA (Special Olympics PA) Hoops Saturday occurred on February 8th at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Two students from our school, two clients from the Clelian Center, along with other Special Olympians played during the halftime of the men's basketball game.



Griffins and Crusaders Practice Softball Fundamentals

The Seton Hill University Griffins Softball team came to Clelian Heights for a clinic with our softball team on February 24th. Our players worked on the fundamentals of softball guided by the collegiate athletes. This annual clinic is a special time for our athletes to share their love of the game! Thank you to the Seton Hill University softball team for your continued support!







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Clelian Catholic Schools Week Dance

Each year, Catholic Schools Week recognizes the positive impact of Catholic values on education across the country. It was celebrated January 26th to February 1st, with festivities all week from a pizza lunch to a dance!

Here you can see some of our students' and staff members' smiling faces at the dance!





























Sensory Class Pottery Session

Sensory class offers students a time to engage in a variety of tactile experiences, and practice coping skills directed toward mitigating sensory overloads. Ms. Mary Beth Holleran has incorporated several auditory, visual, and tactile experiences into the curriculum throughout the year.

Recently, students threw and shaped pottery using pottery wheels and other clay tools. Students made vases, cups, small dishes, and many other unique creations. The kneading and molding of the clay offered a tactile relaxing experience for the students while igniting their creativity.





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, gender, ancestry, or national origin.



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