

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,

"Where there is great love, there are always great miracles!"

This quote, one of my favorites, reflects what Clelian Heights is all about! We experience miracles daily. I believe this is due to the great love given and received by the CH staff, students and families. We are a unique setting, small enough in number to be a family, but large enough to expect that each student will live a full and productive life now and in the future after graduation. May we all continue to be part of this miracle!

As winter still makes itself known to us all, I encourage everyone to be on the alert that there may be delays and cancellations especially as we dip to below zero temperatures! Remember, we will post delays and cancellations on WTAE, KDKA, and WPXI. You will also be notified through the "Remind" app. Hopefully, those of you who have Verizon as your cellular carrier were able to download the app to continue to receive our messages. This would be a good time to put "Remind" on your phone if you do not already have it!

I want to again extend an invitation to all of you to celebrate with us, Blessed Clelia Merloni's Beatification. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Malesic on Sunday, March 24, 2019, at 11:30 at Blessed Sacrament in Greensburg. This is such a special event for the Sisters (Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) as well as all of us at Clelian. We would love for you to come and join us in celebrating this special woman who inspired her daughters to open schools and ministries, such as Clelian Heights, devoted to the care of all God's people.

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

Sr. Charlene Celli, Principal



Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Save the Date!

The Beautification Mass
for Blessed Clelia
Merloni at 11:30 A.M. at
Blessed Sacrament in
Greensburg.



Mark Your Calendar:



February 1	Early Dismissal - Staff Meeting
February 14	3:00 P.M. - School Dismissal
February 15	No School - Holiday or Make-up Snow Day #1
February 18	No School - President's Day
February 19	Classes Resume
	Blessed Clelia Merloni Beatification Mass at 11:30 A.M. at Blessed Sacrament in Greensburg

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New Faces Around Clelian Heights School



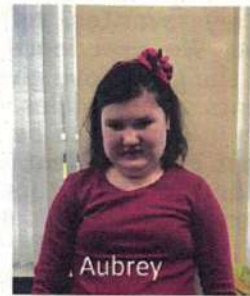
Robert Mason

I'm Bob Mason, a retired teacher from North and South Carolina. However, I grew up close to Clelian Heights, just outside of Delmont, PA. I graduated from IUP, and moved south where I taught for 33 years. After retiring, I moved to North Carolina to work as a church organist in Jacksonville. I moved back to PA to be closer to my mom. I have a daughter Jordan, son-in-law Joe, two grandchildren Gabriella Grace and Lucas Mason Waters. I hope to make an impact in the lives of the students here at Clelian Heights.



Lauren Sturnick

My name is Lauren Sturnick. I recently became a PCA at Clelian Heights, and I am really enjoying it. I grew up in Greensburg, and I am a member of Saint Bruno's Church. I graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania last year with a Bachelor's Degree in Speech Language Pathology and am working toward my Master's Degree. My goal is to work as a Pathologist for children with special needs.



In-Service Day Debrief

On Monday, January 21, 2019 Clelian Heights School staff members participated in a full day of training and reflective exercises. Trainings focused on ensuring a safe, and stable environment for all members of the Clelian community.

CPI: Crisis Prevention and Intervention



Clelian Heights wants to ensure that all staff members are trained to have successful interactions with students no matter the situation. This training provided staff with the necessary tools to do so. CPI or Crisis Prevention and Intervention is a training committed to best practices and safe behavior management methods that focus on prevention. Tools and resources provide educators with practical information and useful strategies in order to be more successful in their interactions with students.

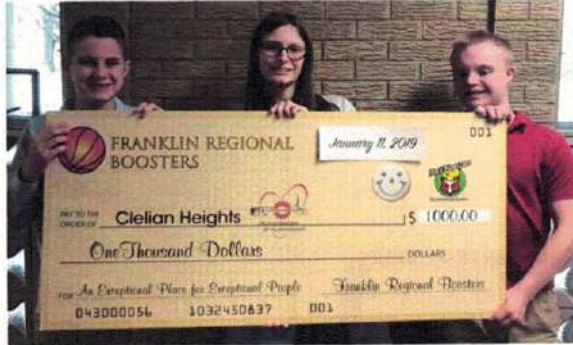
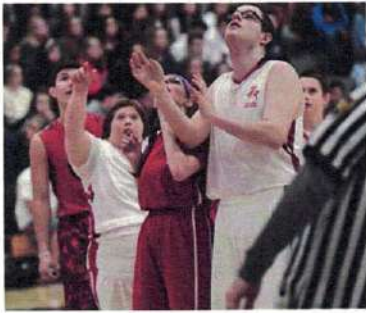
Safe 2 Say Something

Clelian Heights, along with all the schools in Pennsylvania enacted an anonymous and secure reporting system on January 14, 2019. Information packets were set home to families and presented to the staff to ensure that we are ready to utilize the service as a community. For more information about Safe 2 Say Something you can go to:

<https://www.saysomething.net/>



Clelian Heights Athletics: Showcasing Talent and Teamwork



The Clelian Heights basketball team has gone to Franklin Regional each year for the last nine years to play for a packed crowd of excited fans. At the end of the game, the Clelian basketball team was awarded a \$1,000 check from the Franklin Regional Basketball Boosters!



Seton Hill University women's basketball and softball players came to Clelian Heights for softball and basketball clinics with the CH teams. Seton Hill and Clelian athletes practiced skills and had a great time working together.



Catholic Schools Week

During the week of January 28th through February 2nd, Catholic Schools Week occurred across the nation. The students and staff participated in activities geared toward celebrating the Catholic underpinnings that make Clelian Heights an exceptional school.

In honor of Catholic Schools Week, let's take a look back at the history of Clelian Heights School.

Events During the Week

"Souper Bowl"

January 28 - February 2, 2019

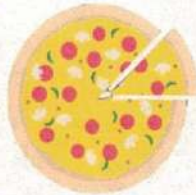


During the week, Clelian Heights students and staff brought in cans of soup. Each can of soup placed in the New England Patriots box or the Los Angeles Rams box counted as a vote for the team. At the end of the week the votes will be tallied to determine the winner of the Clelian Heights Souper Bowl. (Food drive occurring at time of publishing.)

Pizza Party!

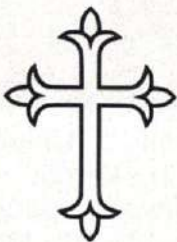
January 29, 2019

Staff and students celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a lunch-time pizza party. This celebration was to honor the hard work and dedication of the Clelian community.

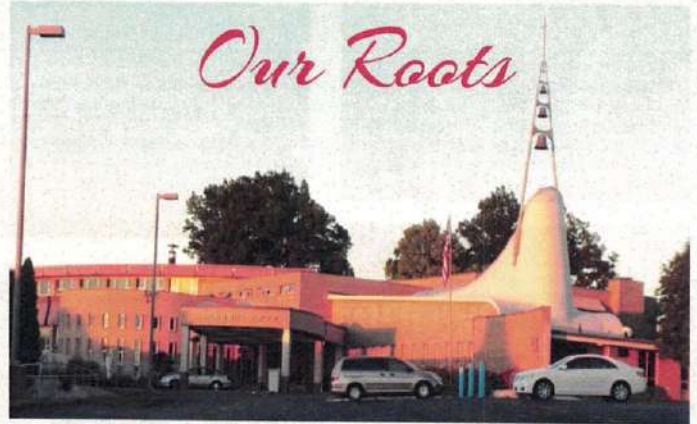


Celebratory Mass

February 1, 2019



The Friday morning mass honored the Catholic heritage of Clelian Heights and the accomplishments of the school community. Students and staff wore red to show their school spirit.



In 1961 the Sisters - The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - had an idea to help families help their children who had special needs. It all began with 4 sisters and 4 children. The sisters chose to reach out to educate students with disabilities because, at the time, these children were not included in schools leaving families with little guidance on how to help them. So on the 100th Anniversary of the birth of their foundress -

Blessed Mother Clelia Merloni- Clelian Heights School opened as an educational facility where children with disabilities could come to learn skills that would enable them to have a fulfilling life. Provision was made so that even children who lived far from the school could attend and extend their opportunities for learning by staying in residence during the week and returning home for week-ends. Clelian Heights grew so rapidly that the first school - a converted barn - was soon replaced by a state-of-the-art facility increasing Clelian's capability and program offerings.

Clelian Heights, from the beginning, involved its students and residents in the community activities and, since 1974, with the passing of the Right To education for all Children, Clelian Heights has partnered with school districts, sharing its experience and being a bridge for needed services while broadening its outreach.

Today, Clelian Heights School serves more than fifty students from twenty different school districts, spreading the same message of understanding, positivity, and acceptance on which the school was founded.

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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