

Superintendent Update from Dr. Wagner Marseille | May 6, 2022

Dear staff and families,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits. There are only six weeks left in the school calendar year and the month of May is filled with many activities, celebrations and recognitions. First and foremost, I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and those who are mother figures.

Throughout this Teacher Appreciation Week, we recognized teachers and their tireless commitment to our students and families. I was impressed to see the myriad of ways our students and families celebrated our teachers. Thank you, teachers for all that you do and thank you, families for honoring their passion and commitment.

There are other celebratory recognitions during the Month of May. Though too many to identify, I would like to acknowledge that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American Pacific Islander Month, and Jewish American Heritage Month. Please visit the 2022 [ADL calendar](#) that is one resource that lists observances throughout the Month.

The [Educational Affairs Committee](#) Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 to present the [WSSD Comprehensive Plan](#), a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The plan was approved by the committee for a 28-day posting on the district webpage and hard copies will be made available for viewing at the [Helen Kate Furness Library](#) and the [Swarthmore Public Library](#). Comments can be made via email during the review period after which the school board will vote to approve the plan before submitting the document to the state. The document is a product of several robust discussions that parents, families, teachers, administrators and community members engaged in around continuous improvement of key areas of the school district, such as and not limited to, leadership, instruction and learning. The WSSD Comprehensive Plan will help inform the work of the Strategic Plan, set to launch in the 2022-2023 school year.

SHHS kicked off the spring concert season with WSSD Jazz Night on April 27th, and all of our schools have concerts scheduled during the month of May to showcase the talent and creativity of our students. I am truly amazed at the dedication and

hard work of our students and teachers to create such incredible music. I encourage you to come out and support our young artists.

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- May 9 - Special School Board meeting at 7 p.m. in the library of SHMS
- May 17 - K-8 Teacher In-service Day (schools closed for K-8 students)
- May 18 - Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. in Room B-226 at SHMS
- May 23 - Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors, 7 p.m. in the library at SHMS
- May 25 - Policy Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. in Room B226 at SHMS

Stay safe,

Wagner Marseille, Ed.D.