

HISTORY HAPPENINGS

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Department Teacher Spotlight:

Mr. Roper – World History, World Geo, Anthropology Carlisle High School – McGowan Building

Mr. Roper has been teaching for 21 years with 20 of them being at Carlisle. He received his undergraduate degree from Shippensburg University and also holds a Masters of Educational Science in Mental Health Counseling from Seton Hall University. Mr. Roper says his favorite thing about teaching is seeing students who he had as sophomores grow and mature when he has them again as seniors in his elective classes. Most teachers never get to see the students again after they leave their class/grade, and sometimes the students can change so drastically in two or three years...usually for the better! His favorite thing about teaching is that he gets to cover such a wide variety of topics that his days go fast, and he is always doing something different almost every class period. A fun fact for Mr. Roper – he has completed two of the largest puzzles in the world. The first was 24,000 pieces and the second was 32,000. He is currently working on one that is 33,600 pieces but is pretty far away from finishing that one!



Students might be surprised to learn that Mr. Roper grew up in North Carolina and came to college in Pennsylvania – he never left! If he could be any superhero it would be Dr. Manhattan – he has the ability to control matter which means he can do literally anything...who wouldn't want to do that!

Mr. Henry – Psychology & Civics Carlisle High School – McGowan Building

Mr. Henry has been a teacher for 20 years at CHS. He holds a BS in Psychology from Franklin and Marshall College and then received his master's degree in clinical counseling from McDaniel College. He went back to school and received his bachelor's degree in Secondary Education – Social Studies from Edinboro University of PA. He also holds a master's degree in educational curriculum coordination from the University of Phoenix. Mr. Henry loves working with 11th and 12th graders because they have a strong identity and have come to a more concrete understanding of who they are. In terms of his favorite thing about teaching psychology is messing with students' brains. He also enjoys sucking their youth from them and keeping it for himself so he can stay forever young (tongue-in-cheek humor)! A few fun facts are that he has had a distinguished career as a basketball player and college coach, and that he is red/green color blind. Mr. Henry says there really is not anything that students would be surprised to learn about him; he shares almost everything about himself and his family with them in class. If he could choose to be any superhero, Mr. Henry would absolutely choose to be a suer villain instead. His goal is to become a fun, evil genius like Dr. Doofenschmirtz or Dr. Evil.



VFW Essay Winners

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors an essay competition for 6th-12th grade students across the country. The competition starts at the local level. The Patriot's Pen competition (6-8th grades) focused on the question "How are you inspired by America?" with students writing a 300-400-word essay. The Voice of Democracy competition (9-12th grades) focused on the question "What are the greatest attributes of our democracy?" with students recording a 3-5-minute audio response. The district is pleased to recognize the following winners for the local VFW competition from the Carlisle Post:

Patriot's Pen:

2nd Place – Ashish P. Christian – Wilson MS

Voice of Democracy:

1st Place – Madelyn Metcalf – CHS 11th

2nd Place – Dawson Becerra – CHS 12th

Department Happenings: What's Going on in Our S.S. Classrooms?

Mr. Wagner's AP Research

Students in AP Research started their look at methodology by creating gingerbread houses but with a twist. Just as the methods section of their academic paper should provide details for how one could replicate their study, the directions for a gingerbread house kit provides one with the ability to build the house. So, what happens when you take away the directions/instructions and just have a picture to go on? Well, it is somewhat chaotic! Some succeeded while others failed or were frustrated, while others had roofs or walls collapse.



9th Grade U.S. History Classes

Recently, 9th-grade U.S. history students had the opportunity to learn more about World War I through artifacts. Retired Colonel Frank Hancock, who represents Time Travelers Trunks, shared a presentation on the first modern war. He discussed the causes of the war and the devastating effects that the First World War had on soldiers and civilians. Students had the opportunity to participate in group activities and engage with artifacts such as uniforms, weaponry, and other pieces from the battlefield and the home front. This allowed students to become more acutely aware of just how different this war was compared to any war prior. They learned of the impact that those differences had on the sheer number of casualties and severity of injuries, both mental and physical.



MT. TABOR AME Zion Church

Mount Tabor AME Zion church is the oldest African American Episcopal Church in Cumberland County.

It all started with one phone call asking for a story about the old church on Cedar Street. This call and the resulting stories from the Gumby Family led to an overwhelming turnout of neighbors and volunteers. It all started with a phone call and the Ward/Smith family found the grave of their grandfather/great grandfather. Mt. Tabor Preservation Project has grown out of those first phone calls. The Preservation believes the church and cemetery are an important piece of history and the goal is to ensure that both are on course to be recognized and maintained.

Learn more [HERE](#).



I'm January bringing you
A year of days—all brand, brand new;
I step upon the frosty ground.
When chimes and sleighbells ring around;
You welcome me and children sing,
And joy comes into everything.
I bring you love and lots of cheer,
And work and friends for all the year.

- Annette Wynne

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and endings. Janus presided over doors and gates, which feels appropriate for the new year. He is often depicted with two faces – one looking forward and the other looking backward.

Fun Days in December:

- January 4 – Trivia Day
- January 8 – Bubble Bath Day
- January 12 – Hot Tea Day
- January 15 – National Hat Day
- January 18 – Thesaurus Day
- January 19 – National Popcorn Day
- January 21 – National Hugging Day
- January 29 – National Puzzle Day

December is also:

- National Bath Safety Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- Braille Literacy Month
- National Hobby Month
- Hot Tea Month
- National Oatmeal Month
- National Soup Month

Some Historical Events...

- 1/1/45 B.C. – Julian calendar is first used
- 1/3/1870 – Construction begins on the Brooklyn Bridge in NYC
- 1/9/1951 – UN opens headquarters in NYC
- 1/14/1784 – US ratifies treaty ending the Revolutionary War
- 1/20/1981 – Reagan becomes the oldest person to become U.S. president
- 1/25/1924 – First Winter Olympic Games began in Chamonix, France
- 1/31/1865 – U.S. House of Representatives approves a constitutional amendment abolishing slavery