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BEAVER HIGH STAP

NEWSLETTER

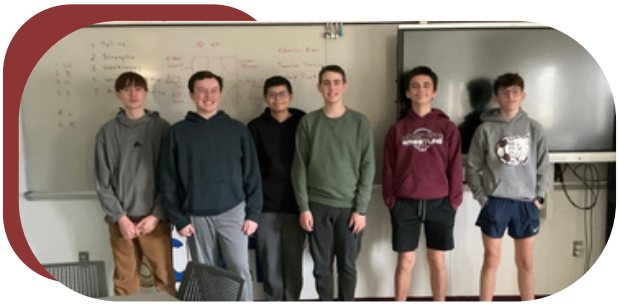
SOUTH FAYETTE

This month has been a huge one for our school's STAP program! We've had some exciting opportunities to share what we do and inspire others to start programs just like ours.

First, a group of four administrators from South Fayette School District came to visit us. They are interested in creating their own student help desk program similar to STAP. During their visit, we gave them a full presentation explaining the overview of the STAP program, how it runs, and what makes it successful. We even brought in Mason Peabody to speak about what it's like to be a "minion" in the program. He shared his personal experiences, the responsibilities students take on, and how being part of STAP helps build leadership and technology skills. This visit was a great first step, and we hope to continue helping them as they build their own program. We are also planning to present to other schools in the same way we presented to South Fayette. On top of that, four STAP seniors — Ella, Eleni, Mia, and Olivia — were invited to represent both the STAP program and BASD at an educational event held at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. There were over 200 administrators and educators in attendance! The seniors spoke on a panel alongside three other districts, where each district shared the unique aspects of their programs. Our seniors did an incredible job explaining what makes STAP special and how it benefits both students and staff. The audience was very impressed, and because of this opportunity, STAP gained many new contacts who are interested in learning more about the program. This could open the door for even more schools to start similar initiatives in the future.

Minion Minutes

Welcome back for another month of Minion Minutes! It has been a crazy busy month for the minions, so the newsletter team is proud to share with you all what they have been up to! First off, a little refresh on who are actually in the minions include Wyatt Bechdel, Luka Crnjarich, Vincent Guinto, Bertrand Lochte, Mason Peabody, and Henry Rodgers. These boys have been getting more deep into practicing their big interviews for Highschool STAP. In this month, some of the high school STAP members got together to shock the minions with a practice interview they weren't informed about. The minions were very glad to experience this practice interview to get a better understanding of what the real interviews will be like. Some other topics the boys have been discussing are proper interviewing etiquette such as dressing the part, speaking confidently, showering before the interview, etc. They have also gotten a packet of applications to sign and go over before the interview. The minions will also get teacher recommendations of not just a description of how that student is, but also how they act in a classroom setting. So, the minions are ready to get interviewed for high school STAP and hope to continue their future in this program!



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Student Interview

This month, I sat down with a member of the STAP New Student Department, a lesser known but extremely important part of STAP. Fiona O'Leary is a part of this department and has the privilege of setting up iPads for new students and giving them a tour around the school. Fiona shared that "It's nice to be in the branch of STAP that helps new students integrate into Beaver and help their transition go smoothly not only technologically, but also socially." Being a new student in a foreign environment can be overwhelming, but STAP plays a small role in making new students feel welcome and comfortable at Beaver.

Fiona O'Leary

Freshman Spotlight

Jackson Selepec

My name is Jackson Selepec, and I am in the networking department. I play soccer, run cross country, and run track. I collect and sell sports cards, and my favorite food is steak. My favorite color is blue, and i have two cats named Sugar and Maggie. I have a sister named McKenzie, and my favorite artist is Drake. My favorite song is "Oh U Went" by Young Thug and Drake, and my favorite athlete is Cade Cunningham. I'm going to key west this summer, and a fun fact about me is that I've already lettered in two sports this year.

Max Pashuta

My name is Max Pashuta and I am in the STAP program. I like to play football and other sports. I love to go hunting and fishing with my dad. My favorite food is a cheeseburger and my favorite color is orange. I also have a brother named Jt and he is a senior here. My favorite music artist is Mac Miller. I love to watch the Steelers play on Sunday. I went to Myrtle beach this year for vacation. I also like to play video games in my free time.

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