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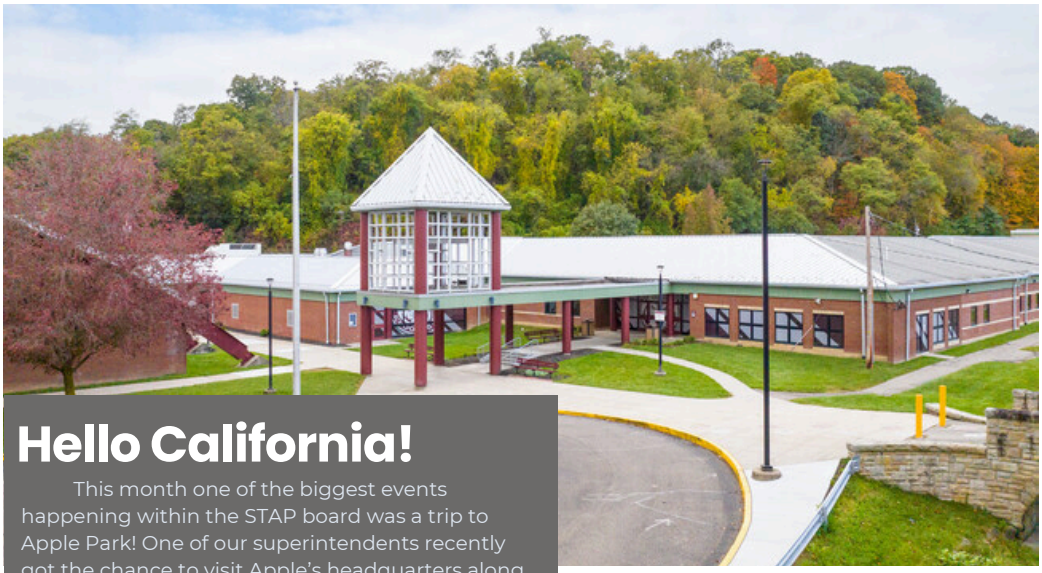
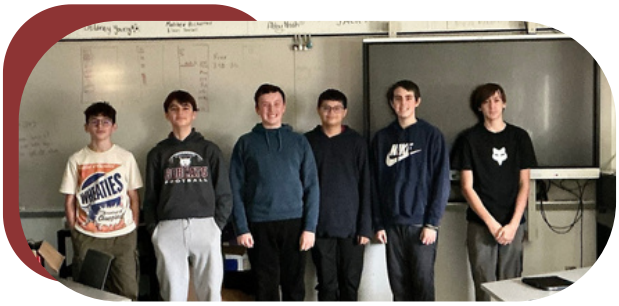


Hello California!

This month one of the biggest events happening within the STAP board was a trip to Apple Park! One of our superintendents recently got the chance to visit Apple's headquarters along with about 10 other superintendents from Allegheny County. Apparently, the trip had been planned for about two years, so it was a pretty big deal! While they were there, they checked out some of Apple's newest tech, and the star definitely being the Apple Vision Pro. From what we heard, it was amazing! There's even hope that the students of Beaver Area might get to try it out as an educational tool someday. They also spent time working with iPads, testing out new apps and features as well! But it wasn't just the technology that stood out. Steve Jobs wanted a super collaborative, creative place, and it shows. People were working together everywhere — inside the building and outside in huge green spaces with walking trails, a lake, and places to think and create. Apple employees were using the space in ways that made the whole area feel like a giant brainstorming zone.

Overall, the trip was both memorable and inspiring. Our superintendent said it was amazing personally and professionally, and now they're excited to team up with STAP students and Mr. Shay to share everything they learned.



Minion Minutes

Welcome back to the Minions Minutes! This month the minions have been working hard on all of their new topics that include TA (para professionals) and Ethernet cables. As you know, last month the boys had already been practicing TA training. But this month the minions have been going a little deeper in this topic by doing many presentations at Dutch Ridge, Beaver Highschool, and College Square. These presentations include the ideas of IOS 26, the Apple's app Freeform, and Internet Phishing. All of these subjects help to inform the latest advancements in technology while also including the risks. To add on, the minions have also been working on a new project with Ethernet cables. Ethernet cables are a way to get fast and direct connection. The minions explain that this cable is important because it offers higher speeds and more reliability. Again next month the Newsletter team will get to look into more new projects the minions are working on!

If you see this, make sure to email gacst@basd.k12.pa.us on any feedback about the monthly newsletters!!

Student of the Month

Each month, the STAP board meets to select a student in the program who specifically stands out and shows dedication to STAP and their peers. November's student of the month is Maxsim Portugallo, a freshman here at Beaver. Max enjoys playing video games, spending time with his friends, and skiing. He prides himself on being very competitive, "despite the fact that I lose more often than not," he joked. Maxsim works in the Open Directory, also referred to as OD, department in STAP. His favorite perk from being a member in STAP is the iPad case each member receives that includes a keyboard and a more laptop-like model; Max believes that having the special iPad case "makes doing everything much more convenient." Congratulations to Maxsim Portugallo for being a model student, both in and out of his time in the STAP room!

Freshman Spotlight

Madison Young

Hi I'm Madison! I'm in the Newsletter Department here at STAP. I'm very outgoing and always up for a good conversation. After school I'm either at cheer or playing with my two dogs at home. In the summer, I love to travel to new places. My favorite place I've been to is Colorado because I enjoy the scenery and the wildlife. My passion is helping others because you never know when someone will need it the most! I can't wait to continue with my STAP career!

Magnolia O'Leary

My name is Magnolia O'Leary, and I am a member of the Newsletter and New Student departments in STAP. I love to spend my time traveling, reading, eating ice cream, playing lacrosse, going shopping, cheerleading, and being with friends! My favorite part about STAP is being able to help other people with tech fixes and learning along the way. I am so glad to have the privilege of calling myself a member of this unique program here at Beaver!

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