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BEAVER HIGH STAP

NEWSLETTER

Bobcast

During this 2025-2026 school year, STAP has created a new department, Bobcast. Bobcast is an up and coming podcast where students will do weekly episodes discussing different topics that involve STAP. “Some of the discussions may be about different departments, other school’s program, STAP alumni, and more,” Bobcast member, Annaka Najewicz shares. Due to it being a newer program, the members of Bobcast are always working to upgrade their podcast setup and create a strong base to ensure that the pod can continue on for several more years.

Meet the Minions

This year we are glad to announce our Minions Team! The minions are our middle school students training to be in high school STAP. They have been in this program from 7th up to 8th grade and can’t wait to continue their STAP experience. The minions are Mason Peabody, Henry Rodgers, Luka Crnjarich, Vincent Guinto, Bertrand Lochte, and Wyatt Bechdel! Sydney Wilson is a senior here at Beaver Area Highschool and is teaching the minions on different topics of Networking. She also takes a good focus on IP addresses and OSI layer models. The Newsletter team has interviewed the minions to hear their opinions on being a part of STAP. Let’s continue on what the minions have to say about being in this position.

We asked the minions questions like what did you enjoy, what do you look forward to, and what can you gain from this experience. And these are the responses the minions replied with. The minions joined STAP in 7th grade because they wanted to try something new and learn more about technology. In the minions program, the boys worked on a Freeform presentation explaining how it works and why it's useful for students and teachers. Freeform is an app that the Beaver Area School District uses to help students with learning activities and presentations. The minions said it also can be beneficial for teachers by introducing projects and having an open discussion on new topics students learn in the classroom. The minions look forward to getting into high school STAP and helping students on issues with their iPads. From this experience, the minions will gain information about different concepts of working with Networking and details about technology.

BCEdFest

The first ever Beaver County Educational Fest— or BC-EdFest— will be held on October 13, 2025, and STAP is very excited for this new innovation in the Beaver Area School District. Dr. Sean Aiken, BASD's superintendent, played a huge role in planning this new educational conference which will promote initiatives in the Beaver County school districts and celebrate all they have accomplished. In order to get this conference off the ground, Dr. Aiken trusted three STAP members (Mia Haywiser, Olivia Tabone, and Austin Waddell) with the important task of creating an engaging promotional video on the BC-EdFest to increase interest in attending, and to send to all administrators and staff. In a sit-down interview with Mia Haywiser and Olivia Tabone, two collaborators on the video, they shared that the process of editing was a group effort, thanks to Austin, and that they are "very excited to see how the ideas from the conference can carry not only into the STAP program, but into the entire district. " Because of their leadership roles in the STAP program, the innovative creators of the video have been invited to the BC-EdFest as student representatives to, in their words, "make it more hype!" STAP has been in attendance to many other conferences, but none quite as local or personalized. As a result, they will be able to obtain more applicable feedback specific to our school's needs, and even more importantly, specific to our unique STAP program

Freshman Spotlight

Jordyn Graleski

Hi! My name is Jordyn Graleski, and I'm part of the Ceiling Monkeys Department as well as Marching Band. When I'm not working or at rehearsals, I like spending my free time on quieter hobbies—whether that's watching documentary series, reading, writing, or practicing music. I've always enjoyed learning new things and expressing myself creatively, whether through music or writing. I also value my downtime, since it gives me space to recharge and focus on the things I care about most.

Bryce Bolles

My name is Bryce Bolles, I'm a freshman who is in the networking department. I'm into all things tech and I deeply believe in RTR (right to repair). I spend most of my time coding, taking devices apart, calling my girlfriend, and cooking food. My favorite food place is Big Shot Bob's Wings. I've fully built a room in my basement and built 2 planter boxes.

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