

Bangor Borough Memorial Park

Return of the Bangor Youth Summer League Basketball

Bangor, PA; After a two year hiatus due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, Bangor Borough is pleased to announce the return of the Summer Basketball Youth Basketball League to Memorial Park. This league has been a summer staple at Memorial Park for many years. This unique program provides a league play experience for boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grade.

Long time basketball coach, Eric Striba has taken over this program and hopes to see many new and returning kids this year. The games are held weekend mornings and evenings from Late May/ Early June through the end of July and offer a great opportunity to keep those basketball skills sharp as well as enjoying the love of the game.

Dozens of teams have played basketball in this program over the years and the games draw a great crowd. Park organizers say they enjoy seeing so many new faces and families enjoying the park facilities in this way, and are grateful for volunteers like Striba who make it possible.

There is still time to enroll a team for this season. Coaches and teams are able to contact Eric Striba at estriba@aol.com to register or get more information on fees, policies, and necessary forms..

CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC HEARING

SENATE MAJORITY POLICY COMMITTEE

Senate Republicans Begin Series of Hearings on Combatting Rising Crime

By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - The Senate Majority Policy Committee, which I Chair, kicked off a series of hearings on crime and public safety during National Crime Victims' Rights Week, gathering at the Cambria County Courthouse to get input from police, prosecutors, judges and key community groups.

Pennsylvania has the highest violent crime rate of any state in the Northeast, according to FBI data. Between 2019 and 2020, no other state reported a greater year-over-year increase in violence. Driven by spikes in aggravated assault and homicide, Pennsylvania's violent crime rate climbed 27.1% from 2019 to 2020.

Testifiers pointed to a growing difficulty in recruiting and retaining police officers, due in part to heated anti-police rhetoric in recent years. Others noted that drugs, mental health issues and the influx of residents from high-crime areas were driving up the number of offenses.

A top priority for Senate Republicans is to ensure Pennsylvanians feel safe in the towns, cities and communities they call home. These hearings will help legislators better understand the trends in crime from law enforcement and key stakeholders, and better match the Commonwealth's economic goals with community objectives throughout Pennsylvania.

The next hearing on crime and public safety will be held Monday, May 2 in Lancaster County.



Bangor Area School District

Slater Standout of the Month Award



Ms. Kelian Jones



Mr. Terry Nansteel

March Professional Staff Award Recipient

Ms. Kelian Jones (Professional), has been employed with Bangor School District since 2005. She has been an English Language Arts teacher at Bangor Area Middle School for the past 17 years. For many reasons, we are pleased to announce Ms. Jones as the March Professional Staff Slater Standout. Ms. Jones demonstrates a positive and welcoming attitude that fosters a learning environment which emphasizes "excellence today, success tomorrow".

On a daily basis, one can usually see Ms. Jones standing at her door cheerfully greeting her students. She does regular checkins with her students to guide them to be successful, not only in her room, but in other subjects too. She provides ample opportunities for students to demonstrate growth and show their potential on classwork and major assignments.

Student progress in her classes is due in part to all the time and dedication she puts into her lessons. She frequently consults with special education staff on the needs of students and what she can do to further support those students within her class and curriculum. Ms. Jones often welcomes her students in during her lunch period, so they have a place to feel welcome and safe. She commits herself to making her classroom a warm and welcoming environment where students are challenged academically and behaviorally. Ms. Jones listens to students wants and needs, and even notices the unspoken wants/needs of her students. She tries to help them build positive behavioral and academic habits. Ms. Jones dedicates a lot of time in and out of school to provide feedback to students and is constantly looking for ways to connect activities to the students' background knowledge and interests.

Beyond her students, both co-teachers and support staff feel the same comfort and support when in her classroom. She is a great role model to other teachers and is always willing to help her colleagues by sharing materials or ideas. Her willingness to head various student clubs is what shows that she goes above and beyond for her school. She runs both the BAMS Student Government Association and the Journalism Club. Ms. Jones also recently helped cultivate future teachers by hosting a student teacher and participated in many of the discipline meetings to review and revise our policies. Ms. Jones is a team player who shares new ideas with colleagues, took on center-based learning in full force, and has shared her successes and failures with colleagues to better herself and other teachers. One can regularly see Ms. Jones staying after the school day ends, to make sure that she is giving her students 100% each day. Ms. Jones makes herself available for those that need her, both students and staff. Finally, if you need a quick pick-me-up, all you have to do is visit her because her bubbly personality is infectious.

March Support Staff Award Recipient

We would like to recognize the support staff employee excellence recipient for the month of March, **Mr. Terry Nansteel**. Terry has been a member of the Bangor Area School District maintenance department for five years, having worked in all buildings of the district. During this time, Terry has earned the reputation of being a leader within the Maintenance Department.

Terry is very motivated to ensure the successful completion of any situation. He is a team player within his department and is someone others can rely upon for any maintenance task. He is always willing to assist the staff with the needs of the building while also fulfilling his own assigned responsibilities in an outstanding manner.

While doing so, Terry pays great attention to the details, and is the guy who you want if any maintenance emergency occurs. He goes above and beyond to work with each building to ensure that the physical structure and all its systems function properly throughout the day while addressing any unforeseen issues quickly and professionally. Terry is a problem solver, and has directly helped all departments, including custodial, with addressing any issues that arise. All of these attributes allow our great teachers like, Ms. Jones (above), educate our students in a safe supportive environment. Each day, Terry demonstrates a positive and welcoming attitude fostering an environment which emphasizes "excellence today, success tomorrow."

He is very humble, never seeking recognition, but his work ethic and dependability is synonymous with his reputation. Terry never complains regardless of task asked of him but rather happily accepts the job assigned. He is an outstanding employee who completes his role with excellence and pride and is a true asset to the department.

Bangor Area School District — Home of the Slaters

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