



Sollers Point Technical High School Newsletter

The September 2019 Newsletter

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Shown from Left to Right: Allied Health Teachers Ms. Shuster, Ms. Slonaker, and Ms. Hart.

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Spotlight on the Academy of Health Professions Program



1 - Allie Hege (standing) and Ariana Procopiou showing their Allied Health Pride.

Overview of Program

Healthcare is an expanding field. The population of the United States is increasing and aging. New technologies are always emerging. Because of these changes, there are numerous job opportunities for healthcare workers such as Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Radiology Technicians, Certified Nursing Assistants, Pharmacists, Laboratory Assistants, and more. If you have any interest in this growing field, then the Academy of Health Professions is for you!

Skills Learned in Level I (Courses 1 and 2)

In the first year of the Academy of Health Professions, students not only explore the various healthcare careers, but obtain the basic knowledge necessary to work in any healthcare career. This foundation recommended by the National Consortium for Health Science Education consists of the history of healthcare, health care delivery systems, basic anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, safety and infection control practices, medical math, vital signs, legal and ethical responsibilities, and effective communication.



2 - Rhianna Stitt taking Ms. Stackhouse's vital signs during our Sollers Clinic.

Skills Learned in Level II (Courses 3 and 4)

In the second year of the program, students take Course 3 to gain the knowledge and skills required to become a Certified Nursing Assistant [CNA] as outlined by the Maryland Board of Nursing. Clinical skills such as bathing, bedmaking, taking vital signs, feeding patients, and assisting with activities of daily living are learned in the classroom and practiced in a simulated lab setting. Upon successful completion of course requirements, students may take the certification exam, complete a clinical rotation at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center providing hands-on patient care, and apply for certification as a CNA through the Maryland Board of Nursing.



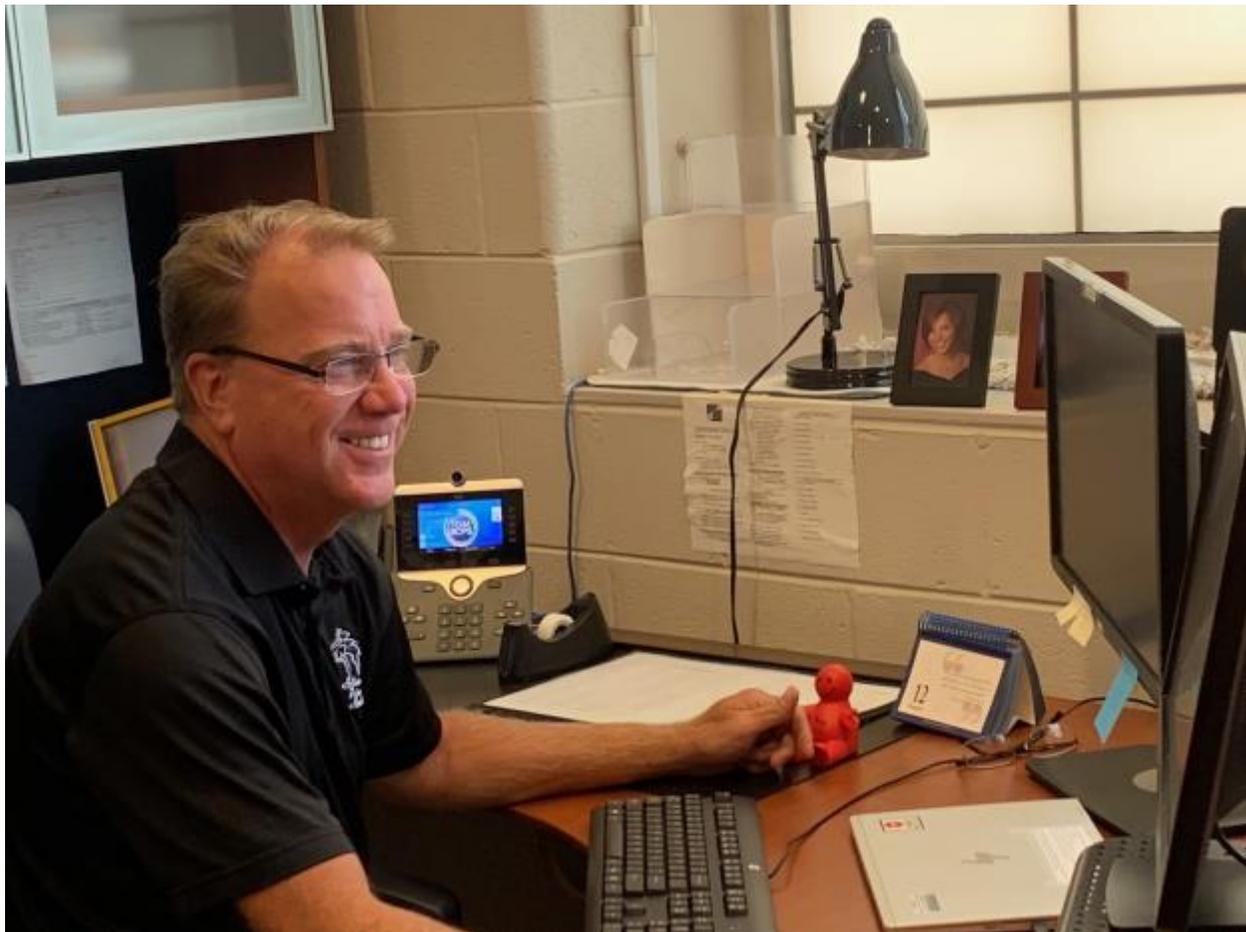
3 - Jayla Meredith transferring Jireh Williams using the mechanical lift in CNA class.

The Pharmacy Technician course (Course 4) prepares students with the knowledge they need to take the nationally-recognized ExCPT exam to obtain Pharmacy Technician Certification. This course teaches students about the uses of various medications, prescription reading and preparation, pharmacy operations, medical terminology, medical mathematics, and prevalent diseases and disorders.

In addition, in this second year, students complete a comprehensive Anatomy & Physiology course that provides a detailed foundation for any healthcare career. Students relate knowledge of human body systems to human disorders, the disease process, preventive health practices, and patient care.

In their senior year, students will have the opportunity to work in internships, take college courses through the Community College of Baltimore County, or attend their home school full time.

Principal Weglein's Message



INTRODUCTION: Welcome to the 2019-20 school year at Sollers Point Tech. The faculty at Sollers Point Technical High School are excited to begin instruction in our academic and technical program areas. Our vision and mission are focused on blended, responsive and data driven instruction that results in every student completing a career and technical program and earning an industry certification, license or passing their end of course assessment (EOC) for college credit. I encourage you to visit our website at <http://sollerspoinths.bps.org> for additional information about the unique characteristics of our half-day career and technical center. Collectively with our neighborhood partner schools, we aim to provide your child with the best high school experience possible.

NEW TEACHERS: I am pleased to welcome the following teachers to Sollers Point. Each brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school which will help us achieve our building-wide academic and technical magnet program targets.

1. Ms. Maryellen Beck – School Counseling Department Chair
2. Mr. Jason Goetz – Special Education & Information Tech. Department Chair
3. Ms. Bailey Hunter – Secondary Science
4. Mr. Mike Maiste – Secondary Mathematics Department Chair
5. Ms. Lisa Reyburn-Payne – Computer Science/Intro. to Cyber Security
6. Ms. Denise Zacharski – Technology Education & Engineering

SCHOOLGY: We know how important it is for you to communicate with your child's teacher(s) and access your child's courses, grades, and assignments. The Schoology Learning Management System is accessible to parents through [BCPSOne](#) or the Schoology mobile app. Schoology on [BCPSOne](#) gives parents and students quick, 24/7 access to student courses, grades, and assignments. If you are having difficulty creating an account or accessing information for both schools, please call Mr. Ryan Sigmon at 443-809-7209 or email him at rsigmon@bcps.org.

SPECIAL PERMISSION CONTRACT: BCPS magnet schools require students and parents to sign a special permission transfer contract to attend. BCPS policy and rule regarding the contract is located at this address: http://www.bcps.org/system/policies_rules/rules/5000Series/RULE5140.PDF. All students who attend Sollers Point Tech agree to the following contract language:

1. Maintain satisfactory behavior and adhere to the BCPS Student Code of Conduct.
2. Maintain an attendance rate of 94% or more. (No more than 12 absences)
3. Maintain a tardiness rate of no more than 6%. (Lateness to school = 12 or less)
4. Have no more than three (3) suspensions.
5. Have no suspension to the superintendent's designee which results in disciplinary action.
6. Have a final report card that meets the following grading criteria:
 - a. High School Student – maintain a 2.0 GPA with no more than one failing grade and pass my program of study.

Failure to uphold the contract may result in student probation and or program/school dismissal at the end of the school year.

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ANNUAL BCPS MAGNET EXPO! Do you know of someone interested in attending a magnet school for the 2020-21 school year? Sollers Point Tech will host the annual BCPS Magnet Expo! on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in our auditorium, cafeteria, gymnasium and classroom

spaces. Representatives from 32 schools and over 100 magnet programs for elementary, middle, and high school will be available! Career and technical education exhibits will also on display.

ESOL and Special Education staff will be available to answer questions about the support services available at schools with magnet programs. Visit this website for more information: https://dci.bcps.org/department/innovative_learning/educational_options/magnet_programs/events

SOUTHEAST AREA ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The area advisory council meets monthly with parents and community members to discuss programs, upcoming events and concerns. Sollers Point/Dundalk will host two meetings for the council this year. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. I encourage you to attend a meeting this year as your voice matters!

- **Date:** Mon., Sept. 16, 2019 **Program:**School Safety & Bullying **Location:**Sparrows Point MS Library
- **Date:** Mon., Oct. 21, 2019* 6:30 p.m. **Program:** Pre-Budget Operating & Capital **Location:** Dundalk HS/Sollers Point Tech. Auditorium
- **Date:** Mon., Nov. 18, 2019 **Program:** Tour of the New School & Conscious Discipline **Location:** Dundalk ES Library
- **Date:** Mon., Jan. 27, 2020 **Program:** Advanced Academics **Location:** Edgemere ES Library
- **Date:** Mon., Feb. 24, 2020 **Program:** Career and Technical Programs **Location:** Dundalk/Sollers HS Library
- **Date:** Mon., March 16, 2020 **Program:** Transportation **Location:** Seneca ES Library
- **Date:** Mon., April 20, 2020 **Program:** Attendance & Grading **Location:** Charlesmont ES
- **Date:** Mon., May 18, 2020 **Program:** ESOL **Location:** Sandalwood ES Library

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me via Schoology, BCPS email (mweglein@bcps.org) or phone (443-809-7075).

I look forward to working with you this year.

Go Stallions!

Michael L. Weglein

Big Little Library: Mr. Lynch



William Lynch, who has taught building and construction at Sollers Point Technical High School for 22 years, has the summers off and tends to spend them doing odd jobs and lots of volunteering. In late June, he had a few days off from volunteering at [Chesapeake Bay Work Camp](#) and had nothing to build or fix. So of course, he decided to build a library. In his front yard.

[Little Free Library](#) is a nonprofit organization and is essentially exactly what it sounds like: an organization devoted to the building of very small, and very free libraries. The idea is to take a book and leave a book, although the library that William constructed also has a bench attached, so people can even hang out and read for a while. It started as a simple idea, but after just a few days of sawdust, and sweat, it was real: a tiny house about a foot wide and a foot tall, perfectly resembling William's actual house – grey, with black shutters.

William's children, Sullivan and Gillian, are both English majors and credit their love of reading and writing largely to their parents, who read to them every night when they were kids. They had no trouble filling the library with books from the overflowing bookshelves in their bedrooms.

These tiny neighborhood libraries are a fantastic way to build a sense of community through the love of reading, even on a larger scale – the Little Free Library organization is worldwide. Someone could take a book from a library here in Baltimore, and that same book might someday end up in another small library in Denmark. It sounds like a stretch, but anything's possible when people share, and anything is possible when you open a book.

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4 - The little free library is an exact replica of Mr. Lynch's home.



5 - The Irma Prince Library, named after the Hogwarts librarian (of course.)

Magnet Expo Flyer



Sollers Point Magnet Open House

<http://sollerspt.bcps.org/>
1901 Delvale Ave. Dundalk, MD 21221
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Sollers Point Technical High

Magnet Open House
October 7 5-8 pm



10 Certification Programs



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Visit <https://www.bcps.org/offices/omp> for an online application and guidelines.

Important Dates



Monday September 2, 2019- School Closed for Labor Day

Saturday September 28, 2019- Magnet Expo hosted at Sollers Point

Monday, September 30, 2019- Schools Closed for Students, Professional Development Day for Teachers

Monday, October 7, 2019- Sollers Point Magnet Open House 5-8 pm.