



Big Spring **E-NEWS**



Message from Dr. Guarente

Big Spring Families and Community:

November is an important month for our community and school district! We have two major events: Election Day (Nov. 7), where candidates will appear for our school board of directors, and our annual Veterans Day celebration (Nov. 10).

Both events are fantastic opportunities for all residents to engage in a meaningful way with our schools and students. We hope you will join us in exercising your right to vote and celebrating our veterans who have given so much for our freedom.

I hope you also received the first edition of our printed newsletter! It is part of our renewed effort to communicate with you and all our residents about what's happening in Big Spring.

Updates in this month's e-news: Newly released finance facts from our business manager, details on the Veterans Day celebration, and a handful of celebrations of our staff and students over the past month.

Ever, Always Strong,
Dr. [Nicholas Guarente](#)



Bulldog Blitz

Need to Know

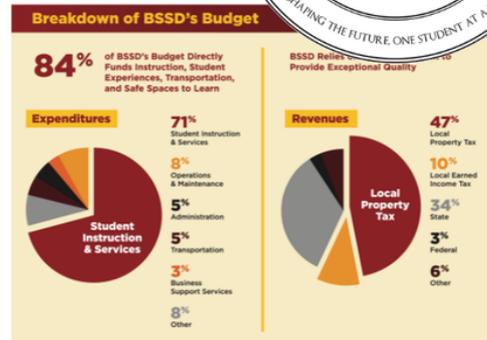
SCHOOL FUNDING 101



30,000 Ft View

Each state has a school funding formula to calculate how much of residents' state taxes come back to fund their schools. In Pennsylvania, the funding system was recently ruled unconstitutional by Judge Jubelirer in the Commonwealth Court. Pennsylvania schools will now wait to see how the funding formula changes and what impacts that will have on individual districts.

Regardless of what happens in the Statehouse,



Financial Facts and Updated Finance Hub

Getting factual and relevant information to you is important to us. Check out the new layout on our Finance Hub on our website and download School Funding 101 - the first fact sheet we hope to share. If you have questions about our district finances, you can reach out to our Business Manager.



Annual Veterans Day Celebration

Local veterans and their guests are welcome to attend the Big Spring High School's Tempus Club's Annual Veterans Day Celebrations on Friday, November 10, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. in the BSHS Gymnasium. We thank all veterans for their selfless service to our nation.

Song Fest PMEA at Big Spring Middle School

The PMEA District 7 Song Fest will be held at BSMS on Saturday, November 11, at 4 p.m. This one-day Fest includes nine surrounding counties of over 125 singers. Come hear BSMS nominated singers: (L to R) Archer Redcay, Kennedy Long, James Stanton, Juliana Shelley, Kaleb Wentz, Tanner Holtry, Lily Koontz, Erin Whitaker, Keeva Hurley, and Kadence Dietz.



Info Bites More to Come

Calamity Day Reminders

In an effort to keep our students safe and maintain a consistent academic progression, the district may institute Remote Learning Days during instances of inclement weather or emergency closures.

- On Remote Learning days, students will participate in learning opportunities facilitated through each building schedule. These schedules are available on the [District website](#).
- In the event of a Remote Learning Day, the change of the instructional model will be clearly communicated, and a reminder will be shared related to the location of the materials.
- Be sure to check your correct phone number and email address are updated in Aspen so you can be in the know!

It's Showtime!

Many opportunities are coming up to enjoy the talents of our young musicians and artists. Coming up still in 2023 are winter concerts! You can find dates for the concerts in the Big Spring Community News Section, and more information to come on each school's website.



Bulldog Snapshots

Special Olympics



Fire Safety



Special Olympics 2023

Our amazing students truly stood out at the Special Olympics event at Dickinson College! It was a day filled with determination, sportsmanship, and unforgettable moments.

Fire Safety Week!

During Fire Prevention Week, Newville Elementary had a special visit from our local heroes at the fire department! Our students learned valuable lessons about fire safety and prevention.

High School FFA

FFA opens doors to unparalleled experiences for Big Spring High School students. 9th graders joined over 500 peers at the PA FFA Fall Leadership Conference, while our seasoned members made their mark at the 96th National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis. The engaging competitions and enriching activities offered through FFA exemplify our dedication to student-centered education and strong community partnerships.



Big Spring Community News

Mark Your Calendar

- November 4 - Bulldog Foundation Hall of Fame Dinner
- November 7 - Election Day
- November 8 - Early Release - Staff Development
- November 10 - Veterans Day (Observed); BSHS Tempus Clus Veterans Day Celebration; HS Fall Band Concert @ 7 PM; End of Elementary Trimester 1
- November 11 - Veterans Day; PMEA District 7 MS Song Fest
- November 13 - School Board Meeting
- November 14 - Oak Flat Picture Make-Ups/Retakes
- November 17 - Staff Development - No School for Students
- November 20 - Middle School Conferences; Elementary Conferences
- November 21 - Staff Development - No School for Students; Elementary Conferences; Middle School Conferences
- November 22 - Staff Development - No School for Students
- November 23 - 27 - Thanksgiving Recess



Big Spring School District



