

TEN THINGS DYNAMO

10 Things Making Us Dynamo Proud Right Now



1. WPIAL CHAMPIONS

On October 31, the Girls' Soccer Team won the Single A Championship for the fourth time in the program's history. Just like in 1996, 1997, and 2009, the team had high hopes for their season. In the end, the season exceeded all expectations. After ending the regular season with a 13-1 record, the team entered the WPIAL playoffs. Wins over Greensburg Central Catholic, Freedom, and Shadyside Academy took Springdale into the final game beating a tough Winchester Thurston team.

The girls then entered the PIAA Championships and moved through the rounds versus Conemough Township (3-2 in penalty kicks), Bishop Guilfoyle (2-0), and Seton LaSalle, who they defeated 1-0. On a cold evening several weeks later, the Dynamos met the Dock Mennonite Pioneers at a neutral field and, despite a hard-fought battle, were defeated 4-3.

Allegheny Valley has a tradition of greatness when it comes to the sport of soccer, tracing back generations. The Lady Dynamos more than earned their position in the school's soccer history.

5. Portrait of a Dynamo

A Portrait of a Dynamo represents the School District's vision for the 21st century skills, character traits, and/or social-emotional competencies that students need to succeed in college, career, and life. The process of building and implementing a Portrait of a Dynamo is a community effort. Currently, the public survey to assist with the development of Allegheny Valley's Portrait of a Dynamo has closed. At this time, the public input is being analyzed and categorized. After which, the top six characteristics desired for our Dynamo graduates will be defined, and grade-level appropriate examples developed.

2. Colfax Demolition

Colfax Elementary School was built in 19. In 2018, the District decided to closed the facility, with the vote to raze the building in 2024. The demolition process began the week of October 14. Over the next six months, the school was torn down, with the grading of the property completed in July.

3. Academic Games

The Academic Games group traveled to Arlington, VA this year for a great 2025 National Tournament. One team won 1st Place in the Current Events Team, a 2nd Place Team finish in Current Events, and an 8th Place Team win in Propaganda.

In addition the Western PA Academic Games Leagues awarded multi-qualifier trophies to three Allegheny Valley students this year, one was a three-time qualifier.

4. Scholarship Totals

Springdale Jr-Sr High School held its annual Scholarship Program in April. Over 22 local scholarships were announced, along with the Presidential Awards for Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement, and the AVEA's Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards.

Students earned more than \$3.8 million, including \$59,250 from local sources, making the Class of 2025 the 26th to earn \$1 million, the 19th to earn \$2 million, and the 12th class to earn more than \$3 million in scholarship monies.





7. Way To Go Dynamos!

Springdale Jr-Sr High School's athletes made lasting impressions in soccer and track this year, winning honors for their play on the field. Senior Briana Ross was named the Valley News Dispatch Girls' Soccer Player of the Year. The senior striker scored 42 goals and added 30 assists this year, securing a fourth WPIAL Championship for the girls team. She was also selected to the Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association all-state team, the All-WPIAL team, and is a Section 4-A all-star. She was also selected by the WPIAL as one of the recipients of the James Collins Scholar-Athlete Award.

Senior Garrett Myers was also a stand out, but with the discus throw on the Track team. After a successful season of competition, with a best of 170' throw, Myers finished 5th in the WPIAL and 5th Place, for the second consecutive year, in the PIAA tournament.



9. JR High Alumni Speaker Program

An ongoing speaker series for career readiness, this program invites alumni back to the District to talk about their fields of work. They guests provide information on what their job position entails, some stories about what they do, and the education background needed to secure a position in this career area. Some speakers also plan an activity for students to give them a real-life example that would occur in the world of work.

A variety of careers have been explained since the program began. Students enjoy the presentations and are able to explore career options of which they may not have heard about in their search for a future career.

10. Third Grade Musical

For the past four years, Third Grade has staged a musical at Acmetonia Elementary School. The year's performance, "Aloha," was a big hit with parents, students, and the community. Studies have shown that there are distinct advantages when music is incorporated into learning. Those positives include: language skills, improved test scores, increased self-esteem, and improved listening skills. The musical provides an additional way for these abilities to be presented and learned by the students.



6. Rachel's Challenge

Allegheny Valley joined Rachel's Challenge this year. The program, a program that addresses the root causes of school violence, bullying, prejudice, and self-harm. Rachel's Challenge exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace negative actions with acts of respect, kindness, and compassion.

The idea is to help adjust the school environment in schools, to bring about kindness and responsible decisions. The programs offered by Rachel's Challenge are a catalyst that stimulate connection and hope, invite personal reflection, and ignite change.

8. Remake Learning

Acmetonia Elementary School proudly hosted a Remake Learning event - interactive events of bold ideas & bright minds shaping the future of learning. Coordinated by the building's technology education department, the program showcased student creativity, collaboration, and coding skills. Students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade presented interactive projects to families, demonstrating what they've learned in class and even building new creations in real time. The event featured a variety of engaging, hands-on activities.