

D211 POST: NEW PRINCIPALS NAMED AT HOFFMAN ESTATES AND SCHAUMBURG HIGH SCHOOLS

Palatine, Ill. – At its January 16, 2020 meeting, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Michael Alther as principal at Hoffman Estates High School, and the appointment of Brian Harlan at Schaumburg High School. Both appointments will be effective July 1, 2020. Mr. Alther, currently an assistant principal at Palatine High School, assumes the principalship from Josh Schumacher, who was recently named District 211 assistant superintendent for instruction. Mr. Harlan, currently an assistant principal at Hoffman Estates High School, will take over the principalship from Tim Little, who will retire after serving District 211 for 33 years, including the past 13 as principal at Schaumburg High School.



Mr. Michael Alther has been selected as the new principal for Hoffman Estates High School.

Mr. Alther has been an assistant principal at Palatine High School since 2004, serving first as 10-month assistant principal for two years and then in 2006 as 12-month assistant principal lead disciplinarian, before being promoted in 2008 to the position he currently holds as 12-month assistant principal for staff development, building and grounds, and student activities. Mr. Alther came to District 211 in 2002 as a business education teacher at Palatine High School. He began his teaching career as a high school business education teacher in Community Unit School District 303 in St. Charles where he taught for seven years before coming to District 211. Mr. Alther earned his bachelor's degree in business education from Illinois State University in 1995, and in 2000, he received his cooperative education certification from Southern Illinois University. Mr. Alther earned his master's degree in educational leadership from Aurora University in 2002 and has since taken coursework towards a doctorate in curriculum and instruction through Aurora University.

"Mike Alther is a dedicated and reflective leader," said Superintendent-Elect Lisa Small. *"During his 16 years as an administrator in District 211, I have watched him partner with students, staff, and parents to positively impact students – enhancing their experiences in the classroom, increasing career exploration*

opportunities, creating diverse afterschool connections, and preparing them for success. Mike is the perfect fit as principal at Hoffman Estates High School, and I know that his enthusiasm will add to the unwavering Hawk pride found throughout the school community."



Mr. Brian Harlan has been selected as the new principal for Schaumburg High School.

Mr. Harlan began his career in education as a science teacher at Hoffman Estates High School in 2007. He served as the school's dean of students during the 2012-2013 school year, before being named a 10-month assistant principal at Fremd High School in 2013. In 2015, Mr. Harlan returned to Hoffman Estates High School, accepting a 12-month assistant principal position at the school, responsible for student intervention and discipline. The following year, he was appointed to his current position as 12-month assistant principal, overseeing staff development, building and grounds, and student activities. Mr. Harlan earned his bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2004, and his master's degree in geology from Northern Illinois University in 2007. He earned a second master's degree in school leadership from Concordia University in Chicago in 2012. In 2015, he earned a master's degree in school business from Northern Illinois University and a chief school business official endorsement.

"For many years, Tim Little has been an important member of our administrative team, not only at Schaumburg High School, but throughout District 211, and he will be missed," said Dr. Small. "I am excited about Brian Harlan taking over the principalship at Schaumburg High School. He is leader who embraces a culture of continual improvement and will provide dynamic support to help all students succeed. He believes in high expectations for every student and will work diligently to implement successful approaches to help guide students toward their post-high school choices. He truly values direct connections with all school community stakeholders, and this will make his student-centered focus rewarding for all within the Schaumburg High School community.

D211 POST: OCTOBER 25 IS PRINCIPALS DAY IN ILLINOIS

Today marks Principal Day throughout the state of Illinois. This day is designed to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for the work they do to create a successful learning environment for students across Illinois.

In District 211, we say thank you to our principals:

Tony Medina – Palatine High School



Kurt Tenopir – William Fremd High School



Julie Nowak – James B. Conant High School



Tim Little – Schaumburg High School



Josh Schumacher – Hoffman Estates High School



We thank them for the work they do daily serving our nearly 12,000 students.

SAXONS NAME NEW HEAD GIRLS VOLLEYBALL COACH



Tim Murphy has been named as the new head girls volleyball coach at Schaumburg High School, effective with the 2017 season.

Tim Murphy has been named as the new head girls volleyball coach at Schaumburg High School, effective with the 2017 season. Murphy will replace retiring coach Jeanette Pancratz, who has coached at Schaumburg High School for the past 27 years of her 36-year career as a teacher and coach. During her tenure at SHS, Pancratz amassed 824 total career wins, making her one of the top-15, all-time winningest girls volleyball coaches in Illinois.

“Coach Pancratz has positively impacted and shaped the girls volleyball program into what it is today through her expertise, passion, and dedication,” said Schaumburg High School Principal Tim Little. “While she will certainly be missed, we are thrilled to have Coach Murphy take over the program. His coaching experience, energy, and enthusiasm will undoubtedly help our team achieve continued success in the future.”

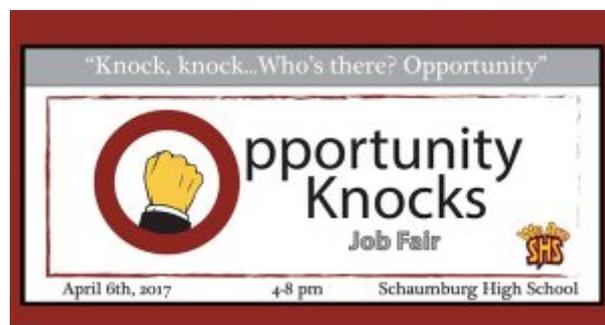
In addition to coaching volleyball, Murphy will teach physical education at Schaumburg High School beginning in the fall of 2017. Murphy has served as head boys volleyball coach at Lake Park High School since 2011, as well as head JV girls volleyball coach since 2012. While at Lake Park High School, he coached five state qualifying “Sweet 16” squads, including four “Elite 8” teams and one “Final 4” team. Prior to that, he was head boys volleyball head coach at Addison Trail High School

in 2009, while also serving as the school's head JV girls volleyball coach (2005-2012) and head JV boys volleyball coach (2005-2011). Currently, Murphy is co-director, tournament director, and head coach for SYNC Volleyball in Schaumburg, Ill.

Murphy earned a bachelor of arts degree in physical education (K-12) from Northeastern Illinois University in 2012, with a minor in health education. He also earned an associate in arts degree from Harper College in 2007.

SHS STUDENTS INVITED TO APRIL 6 'OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS' JOB FAIR

Got jobs? If not, come to *"Opportunity Knocks."*



Mark your calendars and save the date! On Thursday, April 6, 2017, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. in the front showcase hallway, The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is organizing a job fair entitled *"Opportunity Knocks"* for all Schaumburg High School students. Local Schaumburg businesses are looking for Schaumburg High School students for part-time and summer work employment. *"Opportunity Knocks"* brings over 25 businesses to SHS so students have direct access to potential job opportunities! Some of our early committed business partners include: AMC Woodfield, Culvers, Jewel Foods, Bike Connection, Corrigan Moving, Home Depot, Kohl's, McDonalds, Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), Schaumburg Library, District 211 (SHS), Schaumburg Park District, Target, and Walgreens to name a few.

The organizing committee is led by parents Dan Alberth and Ed and Kathy Pizza. For additional information, please contact:

- Dan Alberth, Principal's Advisory Council *"Opportunity Knocks"* co-chair ☐ email: dan.alberth@athenaprivatewealth.com
- Ed Pizza, Principal's Advisory Council *"Opportunity Knocks"* co-chair ☐email: Edward.Pizza@aa.com
- Tim Little, Principal, Schaumburg High School email: tlittle@d211

"Opportunity Knocks" is a great opportunity for our students, so stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

Event info also featured on the Opportunity Knocks Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1816097538638854/>

PHOTOS: ISBE, PARCC REPRESENTATIVES VISIT DISTRICT 211 FOR PARCC TESTING



Schaumburg High School students enrolled in E101 English 1, E102 English 1, and E108 English 1, find their seats before the start of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Test on March 3.

District 211 participated in the PARCC Test on March 3. The PARCC website states: "The PARCC member states share this fundamental goal: ensuring that every student graduates from high school prepared for success in college and the workplace."

The PARCC states' high quality assessments will allow parents and educators to see how children are progressing in school and whether they are on track for postsecondary success. The PARCC assessment also provides teachers with the ability to identify students who may be falling behind and need extra help."

Wes Bruce, off-site consultant for the Illinois State Board of Education, and Margaret Horn, vice president of State Engagement & Outreach for PARCC, Inc., visited Schaumburg High School during PARCC testing on March 3 to view the testing site and discuss District 211's preparation and implementation of the test.



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SHS PERMANENT LEGACY DISPLAY IN THE WORKS



The Legacy Paver will be located next to the flagpole near the entrance of SHS.

Decorated in the halls of Schaumburg High School are various plaques and distinctions that showcase the legacy of several current and former students. In an effort to celebrate even more of SHS, the VIPs are opening the opportunity for current and former students alike to engrave their legacy for all to see as they enter the school building.

The SHS Saxon Leave Your Legacy Paver is an arrangement of engraved bricks that will be located outside the main entrance near the flagpole at SHS. Anyone can purchase a brick, varying by size, and engrave it with a personal message of their choice. The first brick was purchased by the baseball team in honor of former coach Paul Groot.

“The Saxon Legacy Paver initiative provides a unique opportunity for families and graduates of Schaumburg High School to leave some of their memories and history in a more permanent setting,” said SHS Principal Tim Little.



Bricks are on sale now for the Legacy Paver.

The pavers will provide opportunities for individuals to showcase their accomplishments or serve as keepsakes for family and friends. Bricks are on sale now for various denominations. After the installation of initial bricks purchased, there will be three installations per year to allow future students or individuals to purchase an engraved brick.

“We wanted to give everyone in the SHS community an opportunity to leave their legacy, regardless of what club or sport they are involved with or what message they want to leave behind,” said Madelynn Brossard, VIP co-chair for membership and chair of the legacy paver.

Co-president of the VIPs Judy Walther reflected similar sentiments.

“The paver will have a nice presence in front of the school and should show off nicely,” she said. “We wanted this to be available for everyone to see. It will not cater to specific groups, and is open for everyone. We also hope it will reach out to alumni clubs.”

For more information about the Saxon Legacy Paver or an order form, visit the website [here](#).

PROPER CPR, AED TRAINING SAVES MAN'S LIFE DURING SHS SOFTBALL GAME

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary during a Schaumburg High School freshman girls' softball game on April 16, until the game came to a shocking halt and a man's life

was saved.

Athletic trainer Kelly Wika and parent Joe Boshold acted without hesitation when volunteer assistant coach Rich Keller collapsed and was unresponsive due to an apparent heart attack.

Keller, who is the father of softball coach and SHS Social Studies teacher Brittany Moll, was coaching third base. Immediately after Keller went down, Wika sprang into action. Following her lead was Boshold who was watching the game in the stands. Boshold, who is also an IHSA official in volleyball, administered CPR while Wika went to get the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device. Another parent in the stands called 911.

As Boshold continued with chest compressions, an unresponsive Keller started to turn blue from lack of oxygen and his pulse could not be detected. Wika connected the AED device to him and administered the first shock, which resulted in no response from Keller. After a second charge, he was revived and rushed to St. Alexius Medical Center in Hoffman Estates where he received treatment.

It was believed that Keller suffered from a heart attack. However, doctors said that wasn't the case and his heart had stopped beating.

Boshold said he doesn't consider himself a hero, and told SHS Principal Tim Little that he was just doing the right thing.

"When I indicated to him that he was a 'hero' to our school and community, he shared with me that he is just a guy and would have done what he did for anyone," Little said.

Word of Keller's incident spread quickly, and the community came together to support his recovery not only with cards and a stuffed bear with SHS gear on, but also a banner created by the freshman girls' softball team.

Keller is undergoing a series of tests and is expected to be released from the hospital soon.

"The careful execution of a well-thought out AED plan, as well as the training of staff combined with the quick actions of Mr. Boshold and Kelly Wika saved Mr. Keller's life," Little wrote to District 211 administration. "Everyone involved last night got this one right."