

JUNE 2025

POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

# PIRATE POST



A Publication of Potential Development - School for Students with Autism

## Preschool Graduation

Hats off to our 2025 Preschool Graduates!  
We're so proud of all you've accomplished!



## PD Honored with 2025

### BBB Torch Award for Marketplace Trust



Potential Development is deeply honored to be a 2025 recipient of the Better Business Bureau Youngstown Torch Award for Marketplace Trust. This award recognizes accredited businesses and leaders who exemplify the BBB's highest standards of ethics and trust within our community.

## June

### Calendar of Events

#### Wednesday, June 18

Elementary School Art Show -  
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

#### Wednesday, June 18

Sports & Extracurricular Banquet -  
The Embassy at 5:30 pm

#### June 19-20

No School - Juneteenth

#### Saturday, June 21

PD's First Invitational Track Meet -  
Struthers High School Track at 9:00 am

#### Friday, June 27

High School Graduation -  
Stambaugh Auditorium at 10 am





## Interact Club

Our Interact Club has been busy making a difference in our community! They've volunteered at the Community Kitchen, Angels for Animals, and the Youngstown Food Bank. They also recently hosted a successful donation drive for the Sojourner House Baby Shower. We're proud of their hard work and dedication. Great job, Interact Club!



## Batter Up For Autism

Thank you to the 45 amazing teams who made Batter Up for Autism 2025 a home run!

Friday's Kickball Game featured Carlos singing the National Anthem and Sebastian leading the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." On Saturday, Patrick rocked the anthem on electric guitar during the Opening Ceremony.

A huge shoutout to Brian, Ashley, and Derek for their tireless dedication—from securing sponsors and vendors to organizing volunteers, you made sure every inning ran seamlessly.



## Prom - "A Night Under Stars"

What a wonderful evening our high school students had at Prom! The décor, music, and food perfectly complimented the excitement of the night. Students danced the night away and created unforgettable memories under the stars. Congratulations to our Senior Prom King and Queen, Isaac & Cameran, and our Junior Prom King and Queen, Jamill & Mya!







## SENIOR HIGHLIGHT

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### GAGE

Gage has been an active member of the bowling, basketball, and track teams, as well as the Interact Club at Potential Development. His favorite memory at school is being a student in Ms. Amber's class. Outside of school, he enjoys fishing.

After graduation, Gage plans to attend trade school to become a mechanic. He would like to thank his mom, aunt, cousins, and his teachers for their support and encouragement along the way.



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### LIA

Lia has been an active member of the Pep Club, Esports, bowling, and track teams at Potential Development. Outside of school, she enjoys expressing her creativity through art and spending time with animals.

After graduation, Lia plans to enter the workforce and eventually pursue her dream of owning her own business. She would like to thank her friends, mom, sister, and brother for their unwavering love and support throughout her journey.



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### MARION

Marion has been a dedicated member of the Pep Club, bowling team, and Esports team at Potential Development. Outside of school, she enjoys traveling, volunteering, and fundraising through Job's Daughters, a youth organization for girls ages 10 to 20.

After graduation, Marion plans to pursue a career in nursing, with the goal of working with children. She is incredibly grateful to her parents for their unwavering love and support.



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### NOAH

Noah is a member of the Esports and bowling teams at Potential Development. In his free time, he enjoys playing Xbox, watching TV, and working with technology and computers.

After graduation, Noah plans to pursue a career in the trades. He would like to thank Mr. James for encouraging him to join the Esports team and his friends, for all the great memories they've created together.



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### ISAAC

Isaac is a proud member of the bowling, Esports, basketball, and track teams at Potential Development. Outside of school, he enjoys playing video games and bowling in a Junior League.

After graduation, Isaac plans to enter the workforce and begin his career. He would like to thank his parents and teachers for their guidance and support throughout his school journey.



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### CAMERAN

Cameran has been an active member of the Potential Development basketball team. One of her favorite school memories is attending prom. In her free time, she enjoys creating art and expressing her creativity.

After graduation, Cameran will be attending Youngstown State University. She would like to thank her teachers, Miss Debbie and Miss Nancy, for their guidance and support throughout her journey.





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### AIDEN

Aiden is an active member of the Esports, bowling, and track teams at Potential Development, where he's known for his enthusiasm and team spirit. Outside of school, he enjoys diving into history books, listening to music, and spending time with friends.

Aiden is especially grateful to his parents for their constant support, encouragement, and belief in him every step of the way. Their love has helped shape him into the person he is today.



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### IAN

A proud member of the Potential Development basketball team, Ian has loved every moment on the court, especially playing alongside his teammates—one of his favorite school memories.

Outside of school, Ian enjoys swimming and staying active. He would like to thank his mom, dad, Abbie, Poppi, and Mrs. Selina for their unwavering love, encouragement, and support throughout his journey.



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### VICTOR

Victor is a creative soul who enjoys reading comics, bringing his imagination to life through art, watching movies, and descending into the fascinating world of mythology.

Victor would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to his mom for her unwavering love, support, and encouragement throughout his educational journey.



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### ISABELLA

Isabella is a proud member of the bowling team at Potential Development. One of her favorite school memories is enjoying movie day with Miss Casey and her classmates. In her free time, Isabella loves going to the movies, dancing, and exploring her interest in geology.

She is deeply grateful to all of her teachers for their support and guidance throughout her journey. Isabella would also like to thank her mom and dad for their unconditional love and encouragement.



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### SAMUEL

Samuel is known for his laid-back nature and love for all things tech and entertainment. He enjoys spending his free time playing video games, listening to music, watching movies, and bowling.

After graduation, Samuel plans to enter the workforce and begin the next chapter of his life. He would like to thank all of his teachers for their guidance and dedication in helping him prepare for the future.