



POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PIRATE POST

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Alumni vs. PD Varsity Game Brings Pirate Pride to the Court

The Valley Christian School gym was filled with energy Saturday, March 28, as our PD Varsity team took on the PD Alumni team. With 17 alumni representing graduating classes from 2017 through 2025, it was truly a full-circle moment for our school.

Both teams brought their competitive edge to the court—but what made the day special was the heart behind the game. Players made sure everyone had a chance to shine, proving that teamwork and sportsmanship are what being a PD Pirate is all about.

Through our athletic program, events like this keep our alumni connected, engaged, and always part of the PD family. It was more than just a game—it was a celebration of where we've been, where we are, and the strong Pirate community that continues to grow. Once a Pirate, always a Pirate!



MAHONING VALLEY PIZZA COOK-OFF CELEBRATES 15 YEARS OF FLAVOR & COMMUNITY

What a night! Our 15th Annual Mahoning Valley Pizza Cook-Off brought together an incredible community in support of Potential Development School for Students with Autism. From start to finish, the energy in the room was unmatched!

A heartfelt thank you to all of our participating pizzerias for donating and sharing their best and most creative pizzas with all.

We are incredibly grateful to our PD Promise Partners, event sponsors, auction and basket raffle donors, whose generosity helped make this event such a success.

Thank you to our dedicated Board Members, staff, and volunteers who worked behind the scenes to ensure everything ran smoothly—and a very special thank you to our Pizza Cook-Off Committee for their time, leadership and commitment to making this event truly exceptional.

Because of your support, we continue to provide meaningful opportunities for our students to grow and thrive.



Congratulations to our winners!

Bruno Bros.Pizza - **Best Gourmet Pizza**,

Cocca's Pizza - **Best Non-Red Pizza**,

Brier Hill Pizza & Wings - **Best Brier Hill Pizza**

Risi's Pizzeria - **Best Traditional & People's Choice**

Nicolinni's Chophouse - **Maestro di Cucina (Best Overall Pizza)!!**

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Amy, Emma and Anthony Daprile

Daprile Insurance Group is a proud PD Promise Platinum Partner, and their impact on our school reaches far beyond sponsorship!

For more than five years, they have stood alongside Potential Development School for Students with Autism—investing in opportunities that truly make a difference for our students. Through the PD Promise Partnership, Daprile Insurance supports innovative programs like our Esports initiative, giving students new ways to build skills, confidence, and connection.

They also serve as the driving force behind Match Madness at the Mahoning Valley Pizza Cook-Off—helping to amplify community generosity and maximize support for our mission. We were honored to recognize their generosity with a \$15,000 check presentation, a powerful moment that reflects their continued commitment to our students and school.

Because of partners like Daprile Insurance Group, our students are not only supported...they are empowered to grow, achieve, and thrive.

Thank you for believing in our students!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

No School - Spring Break

April 3 - April 10

Back to School From Spring Break!

April 13

Ohio State Tests For High School

April 13 - 17

End of 3rd Quarter

April 17

Early Education Session

April 17 (RSVP by April 13)

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 - 9

Memorial Day - No School

May 22 - May 25

Youngstown Marathon

May 31

Batter Up For Autsm Softball Tournament

June 5 - 7

REMINDER TO CHECK SCHOOL CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE!

Remember to check your email for school communication and community resources!

Stay connected through our social media so you don't miss a thing!



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