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Welcome to *Beyond the Stripes*, a quarterly e-newsletter produced by the North Allegheny School District. *Beyond the Stripes* highlights District initiatives and features useful information to help NA Tiger families to succeed beyond the classroom.

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Fall Community Connections

Social Media 101 - What Parents Need to Know
Tuesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.
Carson Middle School



Join North Allegheny for the first Community Connections event of the 2018-19 school year, featuring Mr. Phil Little from the Attorney General's Office.

This presentation gives parents a foundational education on understanding the social media sites their children use and how to keep them safe while using them. Parents will learn how to navigate and learn how to enable the security features on the "apps," along with recognizing the importance of knowing their child's passwords. Monitoring children's behavior and interactions on the internet is very critical in today's world. Children are being targeted by online predators and cyberbullying at an alarming rate.

This event is free and open to the public. Click the link below to register.

[Register for Community Connections](#)

Safety and Security

The new school year is well underway, and North Allegheny is excited to have three new faces in the District. A McCandless Police Officer is now stationed full-time in each high school to serve as NA's first School Resource Officers (SROs). The District also recently hired a new Manager of School Safety and Security. Take a moment to read about these individuals below.

Manager of School Safety and Security
(District-wide)

Michael Evanish joins North Allegheny following a



successful 26-year career of security management in both the United States Coast Guard and private sector. To learn more about Mr. Evanish's career, [click here to read the full press release on the District's website.](#)

As the Manager of School Safety and Security, Mr. Evanish will oversee the District's Comprehensive Safety Plan to address emergency preparedness, safety and security; coordinate the assessment of the plan to ensure it is current, relevant, and

inclusive of all District buildings; and facilitate training, exercises, reporting, and development opportunities for District employees and other identified stakeholders. Mr. Evanish will work directly with District administrators, building principals, building-level crisis teams, and the School Resource Officers at NAI and NASH to provide safety training opportunities for both staff and students. He will also serve as the North Allegheny School Safety and Security Coordinator in accordance with [Act 44 of 2018](#), which was signed by Governor Tom Wolf in June.



North Allegheny Intermediate High School SRO

Officer Mike Metzger has been in law enforcement for 25 years. He joined the McCandless Police Department 14 years ago and served with the City of Pittsburgh Police prior to his transition to McCandless. Officer Metzger also previously served in the Navy and is originally from Toledo, Ohio.

Officer Metzger is a NA parent and has a vested interest in the community. He is looking forward to assisting students solve issues they may be dealing with, along with providing an additional level of safety for the building. Officer Metzger plans to be very visible within the District as he works to build relationships with students, staff members, and families.



North Allegheny Senior High School SRO

Officer Todd Ray has been with McCandless Police for 20 years and also served in the Air Force.

Officer Ray is looking forward to building partnerships with students, parents, and school officials. He plans to be a mentor to students and hopes to share his expertise in the classrooms at NASH. In addition to helping students on a daily basis, Officer Ray also plans to be an accessible

and approachable resource for parents and guardians who may have questions or concerns.

While the SRO program is new at North Allegheny, Officer Ray is eager to work with school officials to build the program. He hopes that his daily presence at NASH will help build trust between law enforcement and the school community.



Announcing SecurlyHOME

North Allegheny sees great value in the ways that our students are using technology to create, collaborate, think critically, and communicate in our classrooms every day. We also understand that some parents and guardians may have questions about how their students are using the devices at home. This month, we were excited to add an additional tool for parents/guardians: SecurlyHOME.

Securly will be used to keep students safe on their school-issued devices when they are both in school and at home. We have also given parents and guardians access to the free web-based Parent Portal

and SecurlyHOME app. You are now able to download the app on iOS or Android devices from the app store. Every week, parents/guardians will receive an email summary of their child's top browsing sites, and will also be able to use the app to block additional sites and services when children are browsing at home. We encourage parents and guardians to review the weekly emails and have conversations with their children about making good choices and how to be a productive digital citizen.

After downloading the app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store:

Open the app and tap the white "send me a magic link" button to get started. You will be prompted to enter the email address that you have on file with the District. A link will be sent to the email address.

Once you've clicked the link, you'll be taken to the SecurlyHOME App. Your account is ready to go! You can create your password in the account tab.

If you have trouble using the SecurlyHOME app, please contact Securly directly via email at help@securly.com.

New iOS 12 Parental Controls for Apple Devices

The new Apple operating system, iOS 12, has a new feature called Screen Time. This feature allows parents/guardians to see exactly how much time their kids spend on their phones and tablets, the times of day they're most active, and which apps they use the most. Parents/guardians can also set app time limits, filter inappropriate content, and schedule downtime.



This app is also a good tool for adults to manage their own device usage.

Check out the article below from Common Sense Media about this new feature.

Check out the article



Ticks

The District is continuing its efforts regarding awareness and education of ticks and Lyme disease in our area. Unfortunately, Allegheny County continues to see a rise in reported cases of Lyme disease. Children and youth are the most likely victims of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases, so the District has been proactive by sharing information about ticks and Lyme disease with all students, posting signs around the gyms and outdoor areas (see example above), and posted the presentation to various school/teacher websites. Additional information on Lyme disease can be found on the [PA Lyme Resource Network](#) and the [CDC's website](#).



Register for the Trick-or-Trot Run today!

Thinking about registering for the NA Foundation Trick-or-Trot 5K and 1 Mile Run on October 27? Here's three reasons why you should:

- Walking and/or running is **great cardiovascular activity** for both children and adults. By participating, you'll be **exercising while also helping enrich the education of 8,500+ North Allegheny students**.
- Costumes are welcome and encouraged for all participants. There's even a costume contest for children under the age of 12!
- **Three dollars from each registration goes straight to your favorite Health and PE classroom as a grant.**

[Click Here to Register](#)

Kidsburgh.org

Kidsburgh is an online resource that helps parents/guardians discover how to help their kids get ready for great, big futures. Kidsburgh writes about the inspired ideas, amazing people, and incredible events shaping a bright future for all children. Here you'll find:

- The latest news around arts and culture, Remake Learning, community, education, health and wellness, and advocacy.
- Go-to-guides for the best family-friendly things to do.
- A directory of youth-serving organizations in the region to help you find what you need for your family.
- Free activities to do at home, including Maker Monday projects.

[Click on the Kidsburgh flyer to visit the website!](#)



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