

# Warwick

## Congratulations, Warwick Class of 2017!

Warwick High School held its Sixty-First Annual Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2017 on Friday, June 9 at Calvary Church in Lancaster, with 334 students receiving diplomas.

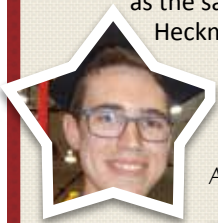
Students wore traditional black robes and mortar boards with red tassels as they processed down balcony staircases on both sides of the church auditorium and filed into seats surrounded by family and friends to the playing of "Pomp and Circumstance" performed by the Warwick High School Symphonic Band. Teachers followed the students into the venue.

A separate area adjacent to the auditorium was available for additional family and friends of graduates to watch the ceremony on a large screen. The event was also streamed live on the district website.

The ceremony opened with Warwick High School Principal Mrs. Kristy Szobocsan welcoming the students, staff, family and guests.

She introduced the three top academic students in the class who gave inspirational speeches: Shohini Banerjee, "To My Younger Self," Alec Winpenny, "Moving Forward, Looking Back," and Collin Heckman, "Not All Those Who Wander Are Lost."

Following the speeches, Mrs. Szobocsan presented Alec Winpenny as the salutatorian and Collin Heckman as the Class of 2017 valedictorian.



Salutatorian  
Alec Winpenny



Valedictorian  
Collin Heckman

Assistant Principal Mrs. K.C. Testerman introduced the Honor Graduates, representing the top ten percent of the Class of 2017 and Mr. Scott Kyper, Assistant Principal, introduced the senior members of the Honor Societies and Student Council.

Assistant Principal Mr. Sydnor Harrison introduced the senior foreign exchange students.

Senior members of the Warwick High School Concert Choir performed "Bridge Over Troubled Water," accompanied on piano by Mr. Keith Reifsnnyder, and conducted by Music Director, Mrs. Debra Kline-Smith, followed by a short message by School Board President Dr. Timothy Quinn.

Warwick Superintendent Dr. April Hershey addressed the class with motivational remarks about her own graduation experience 30 years ago.

Each student was announced by his/her homeroom teacher and proceeded to the stage to receive a diploma.

William Mobley, senior class president, gave a farewell address, entitled "Snapshots of Life," reminiscing about events that occurred throughout his years at Warwick.

Commencement for the Class of 2017 culminated with the playing of Warwick's "Alma Mater" and a new tradition, in which graduates were led in a simulation of a rollercoaster ride, part of a student-led cheering section tradition. After the ride, graduates collectively tossed their mortar boards before meeting family and friends in the lobby.

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# SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Warwick Community,

As we conclude the 2016-2017 school year, the board, administration and staff of the Warwick School District wish to thank all of you for your support and encouragement. Our school district is so blessed to be surrounded by such a caring and supportive community.

We have celebrated the graduation of the class of 2017 with some wonderful new traditions including a senior walk through the elementary schools and a special hat toss during our graduation ceremony. We are so proud of our newly minted alumni and we look forward to following their successes in the future.

We also celebrated the end of the school year for our students in grades K through 11 with special year-end activities. We thank all of our teachers and support staff for providing wonderful educational experiences for all our students.

Throughout the spring, we have worked diligently on our 2017-2018 budget, which was passed on June 20. We have kept you up to date on our progress with reports on our district website. You can read more about our budget on page 6.

You will also find very important information on updated immunization requirements (article below) for next year. Please review this information very carefully, visit our website, and call your school with any questions.

We are excited to roll out our new online Warwick School District calendar for 2017-2018. This calendar is very dynamic and will allow you to choose the information you want and need and upload it directly to your own digital calendar. This calendar will automatically update whenever a change is made by the schools or the district, which provides you with the most accurate information possible. As always, we will make a printed copy available to those who need one. You can read more about it on page 5.

Things are still quite busy here in the district office as we close out one year and prepare for the next. We look forward to next year with great excitement. We wish all of you a wonderful summer and will see you and our students in the fall!

Sincerely,  
*Dr. April M. Hershey*  
Superintendent

## IMMUNIZATION CHANGES FOR 2017-2018

Changes for the 2017-2018 school year include:

- (4th) Fourth Polio vaccine for all grades to enter school in the fall. WSD nurses will be contacting individual students who are missing this vaccine.
- All (6th) sixth graders will need Menactra #1 and the Tdap booster to enter 7th grade.
- All (11th) eleventh graders will need Menactra #2 to enter (12th) twelfth grade.

Please see WSD Website for more information: <https://www.warwick.org/website/news.php?id=2549>



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# 2017 BACCALAUREATE



Warwick High School's Class of 2017 held their 61st Reflections/Baccalaureate Program on Thursday, June 8 in the high school's Performing Arts Center. The student-run program featured a variety of student performances and was emceed by the 2017 Class Leadership, including: William Mobley, president; Jason Hines, vice-president; Carson Armstrong, secretary; and Ethan Norman, treasurer. The message for the evening was given by Rev. John Knudson.



# CLASS OF 2017 NEW TRADITION



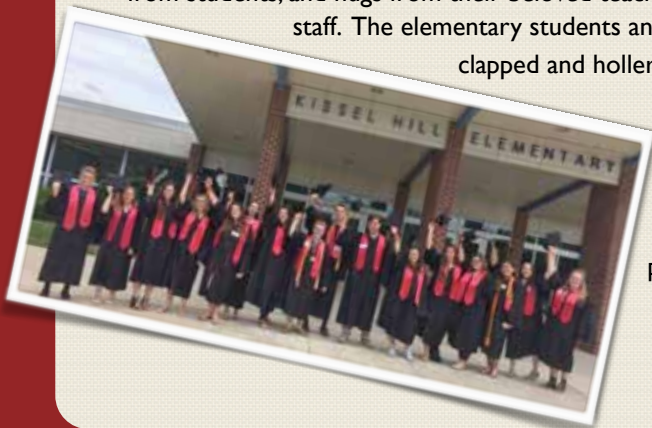
Lititz Elementary School



John Beck Elementary School



Graduating seniors from the Class of 2017 received warm welcomes and congratulatory wishes from district elementary students, staff and administration as part of a new Warwick High School tradition started this year. After graduation practice, prior to commencement, members of the WHS Class of 2017 paraded through the student-lined halls of their former elementary schools ((John Beck, John R. Bonfield, Kissel Hill, and Lititz Elementary School) in their black caps and gowns, stopping to give and get high fives from students, and hugs from their beloved teachers and staff. The elementary students and staff clapped and hollered



congratulations to the “super hero, celebrity” seniors as they passed through the hallways by their classrooms.

## NEW ONLINE CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018

Warwick School District is pleased to announce that we will be upgrading our static, printed calendar of the past to a dynamic, interactive online version that allows subscribers (it's free to subscribe) to directly link personal calendars to all WSD's school calendars and activities of interest. The calendar will allow you to connect with multiple devices (your phones, tablets, computers, etc.), eliminating the need to “change” dates and/or retype events. You can rest assured that the linked calendars on your devices will be up-to-date and accurate as the new online version will automatically update whenever a change is made by the schools or the district. The new calendar will be launched on July 1, 2017.



This new version will also include galleries of student photos and artwork.

## Congratulations, Best Wishes and Thanks to Our 2017 Retirees!



Congratulations to Warwick's Retirees for 2017, including: Thomas Becker, Sheryl Chivinski, Adrienne Dale Dodds, Edward Hartmann, Laurel Hess, Deborah Incorvati, John Mousetis, Paige Parks, Lori Schlotter, Lorrie Schonour, Sandy Stehman, Kay Wenger, and Melissa Woodruff. Support Staff Retirees included: June Carvell, Irene Eshleman, Dorothea Kerstetter, Deb Kreider, Kenneth Longenecker, Patricia Lorraine, Jacqueline Malec, Patricia Polt, Rosemarie Walsh, Claude (Sam) Young, Jr., and Frank Yunginger.

We thank you for your years of dedicated service to our Warwick schools and community and wish you the best!

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## Warwick Passes 2017-2018 School Budget

The Warwick School Board approved the final adoption of the district's 2017-2018 Budget at their regular meeting, Tuesday, June 20, 2017, staying within the state index for four consecutive years. The \$70,508,932 total budget represents a tax increase from 2016-17 of 2 percent - equal to .4149 mills and sets the millage rate at 21.163. For the median homeowner with an assessed property value of \$148,000, this means an increase of \$61.41.

The School Board, school administrators and board committee members have been working hard on this budget since early fall of 2016, through a delinquent state budget and an uncertain allocation process and timeline.

According to Business Manager Nate Wertsch, the increase in taxes is a direct reflection of limited financial help from the state as set expenses continue to rise: PSERS, salaries, healthcare, special education, etc.

For more information, please visit Warwick's website at: [www.warwick.org](http://www.warwick.org).