



# UPDATE

October 25, 2023



## SUPER'S 8 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

1. Teachers across the district are conducting parent teacher conferences. This is a time for school staff to check in with parents to identify growth opportunities and celebrate student achievement.
2. Congratulations to the Quincy Senior High School Marching Band on an EPIC season performing "Off the Rails". They have wrapped up their competitive season and had the MOST successful marching season in the HISTORY of the school... BRAVO!!
3. The Illinois Association of School Boards division meeting was hosted at Rooney Elementary this quarter. IASB was treated to music from the QHS Wired String Ensemble, charcuterie cups from QATVC culinary arts students and greeted by 5<sup>th</sup> grade ambassadors from Rooney.
4. The QHS Blue Devil Football team is headed to the playoffs after having their first undefeated regular season since 1935.
5. Teachers from Baldwin, Iles and Denman have each received Operation Innovation awards from the Optimist club this year. Teachers from across the district can apply for a \$150 grant awarded each month to assist in innovative classroom projects.
6. The Academy has adopted a new logo. Now staff and students can enjoy their very own gear and show their school pride.
7. QAVTC partnered with John Wood, GREDF and the Workforce Innovation Board to host MakerFest 2023. Area high school students visited with local employers to learn more about manufacturing employment opportunities.
8. This month's school spotlight is Quincy Junior High School's Principal Brenda Flear.



## SPOTLIGHT ON QUINCY JUNIOR HIGH

Principal Flear shared details about the QJHS Cookbook Fundraiser sponsored by their amazing PTO. The original concept was presented to them by a current QJHS student. Anyone who has a connection to QJHS is welcome to submit up to 5 recipes. The cookbooks will be sold for \$20 in December and will make great Christmas gifts that directly benefits students. Online submission deadline is Friday, October 27, but spots are limited so please don't delay! How to access: [www.typensave.com](http://www.typensave.com) Username: qjhscomets Password: fresh636



QJHS will also host their annual Haunted Halls Friday, October 27 from 6-8pm. Come and trick-or-treat and bring a donation or canned goods to support the Fall Harvest Food Drive.

With Blue Devil Pride,  
*Dr. Todd Pettit*  
Superintendent

## PERSONNEL ITEMS

### Appointments

JORDAN BOYER – PARA/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS  
ROYAL BUGH – EXTENDED DAY INSTRUCTOR/THE ACADEMY  
MATTHEW DENUM – ISS SUPERVISOR/QJHS  
DONALD EKHOLM – DAY CUSTODIAN (GROUNDSKEEPER)/FLINN  
MICHELE GILLILAND – KITCHEN HELPER/ROONEY  
SHARLA HEIGHTMAN – 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC 9<sup>TH</sup> HOUR/QHS  
KYLEEN HOLLENSTEINER – ATHLETIC SECRETARY/QHS  
VONDA JACOBY – 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC 9<sup>TH</sup> HOUR/QHS  
KELLEY LAWSON – 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC 9<sup>TH</sup> HOUR/QHS  
KATHERINE MANTON – SSFL/BALDWIN  
CRUZ MIXER – ECFC DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION  
TODD MUSOLINO – SECURITY GUARD-FLOATER/DISTRICT  
ANDY NELSON – 21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC 9<sup>TH</sup> HOUR/QHS  
NOAH REKART – DAY CUSTODIAN/QJHS  
DANNIELE ROBERTSON – COOK/QHS  
AMANDA SMITH – CHILDCARE ASSISTANT/ROONEY  
RICHARD THURMAN – DRIVER/TRANSPORTATION  
NANCY WELLS – COOK/DENMAN  
DARYL ZESSIN – HEAD WRESTLING COACH/QJHS

### Resignations

LISA BARNES – COOK/QHS 09/27/2023  
DANA BARTELT – ATHLETIC SECRETARY/QHS 10/01/2023  
JAMES BROEKER – CUSTODIAN/QJHS 10/19/2023  
TAYLOR CAIN – PARA/ECFC 10/27/2023  
KASEY GOODING – ISS SUPERVISOR/ROONEY 09/27/2023  
JENNIFER GOSNELL – PARA/ECFC 10/19/2023  
CHARLES HENDREN – RIDER/TRANSPORTATION 10/17/2023  
JENNIFER RENFRO – SE SAM/DENMAN 10/06/2023  
NICOLE ROSSMILLER – CAFETERIA COORDINATOR/QHS 10/18/2023  
DANA STAFFORD – EXT. DAY INSTRUCTOR/THE ACADEMY 10/12/2023

### In other action, the Board approved:

- Writing and Submittal of ISBE FY2024 School Maintenance Project Grant
- MOU for Paraeducators Comp Time
- Vehicle leases with Enterprise for 3 maintenance vehicles and one mail van



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TICKETS GO ON SALE  
10/23/23!  
\$22 – ADULT  
\$20 – SENIOR CITIZEN  
\$18 – K-12 STUDENT

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE  
[www.qps.org/music](http://www.qps.org/music)  
OR CALL 217-224-3774

We cordially invite you, as members of the QPS Staff, to attend a performance at a reduced rate of \$18 for the Wednesday 11/8, or Thursday 11/19 performances. When selecting your staff tickets, please use the promo code **QPS2023**, you will only be able to use this code for one ticket in your order. You may reserve your tickets at <https://qps.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=13>. Please make your ticket requests no later than November 3, 2023.

You are also invited to attend the annual Orchestra and Choir Spaghetti Supper on Friday and Saturday nights BEFORE the performance, from 5-7 pm in the QHS Cafeteria. Profits will benefit the “Friends of the Performing Arts” for Quincy Public Schools. Tickets are only \$8! Tickets will also be sold at the door!

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, October 26  
Half Day for Students  
Friday, October 27  
No School for Students

