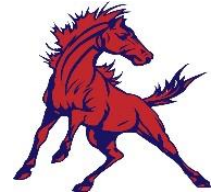
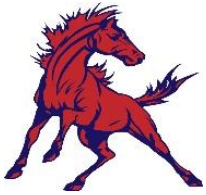


Black Horse Pike Regional School District

Alumni Spotlight - NOVEMBER 2020



ANTHONY TRONGONE, CO '80

“Tony is currently the Superintendent of Schools at Millville Public Schools. He was Superintendent in Pemberton and Berlin Borough. He was a math coach in the Cherry Hill School District as well as Gloucester City Public Schools. Tony started as a Math teacher in Burlington Township.” ~ Glenn Smith, District Supervisor

1. AA: Upon graduation, what post-secondary path did you take and why?

Anthony: I went into the family business of automotive repair. I then, after 10 years, decided to pursue a degree in mathematics and minor in education.

2. Looking back, would you have done anything differently and why?

Anthony: I would not have done anything differently. The experience outside of the educational paradigm has prepared me to be a more understanding educator.

3. AA: Describe your career/profession today?

Anthony: This is my 11th year as superintendent of schools. 5 years in Berlin Boro & Gibbsboro, 5 years in Pemberton and now Millville.

4. AA: What impact did your BHP high school have on your career path/profession?

Anthony: Triton allowed me to be a leader in the school community, both athletically as well in other co-curricular activities.

5. AA: Was/were there specific teacher(s), coach(es), counselor(s), administrator(s), secretary(ies), or other professionals that had a major impact on you while in school, and if so, who were those professionals? Describe how they helped you along your HS journey.

Anthony: Mr. Blaszczyk taught me to write and to think critically. He also challenged my existing thesis on life and not rest on existing familial mores. Also, Mr. Cappelli always provided the energy and "can do" spirit to his Mustangs. In later years, I was on a state level mathematics committee in Trenton in which Mr. Cappelli attended. He interrupted the meeting to say, " Tony stand up! I'm not the only Mustang in the house." I was 45 years old, 27 years since I walked the halls of Triton. Mr. Cappelli had me walking on air!

6. AA: Which school clubs, sports, activities, etc., if any, did you participate in at THS? Were there any moments or experiences that you can recall that helped you become the person you are today?

Anthony: Football 4,3,2,1 - All Olympic Conference Defensive End. Wrestling 4,3 - Captain my senior year. Golf 4,3,2. Student Council Treasure my senior year. French Club 4,3,2,1. Freshman to senior year was uneventful regarding any behavioral issues. I made some poor decisions in the spring of my senior year and learned that leaders are held to higher standards and consequences will be meted out. I teach my kids that I paid a small price back then for my actions (after putting forth a pretty successful 3.5 years). As an adult the price for poor decision making for my actions can come at a steeper price. I am glad I learned the lessons when I did.

7. AA: Please share any other favorite memories of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, your HS in particular, that would inspire today's youth?

Anthony: Triton High School is a great place to learn. My motto for Triton students is, "You can get there from here!" Whatever that "there" is.... is up to you! Triton will provide you the necessary resources, you have to bring the dedication, effort and focus....as well as fun.

8. What advice would you give to our current student body? What would you have done differently in high school if you could turn back time?

Anthony: As stated above...You can get there from here! I would not change anything.

Go Mustangs!