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***The State House will convene at
11AM and the State Senate will
convene at 1PM***

CELL BLOCK

Pennsylvania lawmakers are making another push to pass a statewide cellphone policy before the legislative session ends. The bipartisan legislation would require schools to prohibit students from using mobile devices during the school day, while allowing individual schools to decide how the restrictions are enforced. The main disagreement now centers on whether the policy should apply to private schools as well as public schools. Supporters argue the policy would address concerns about students' mental health and social media use.

RUSSIAN ROULETTE

The White House is monitoring a suspected pneumonic plague outbreak in Russia after a lab worker died following severe pneumonia. Russian authorities reportedly placed about 200 people under medical observation and quarantined five hospitals as officials investigate possible exposure. Pneumonic plague is the most dangerous form of plague and can spread through respiratory droplets, but there is currently no evidence of person-to-person transmission in this case. U.S. health officials say they are working with the State Department and monitoring the situation, while emphasizing that the disease can be treated effectively with antibiotics when caught early. Many details remain unclear, including whether the lab worker actually had the plague and whether anyone else has been infected.

PRIMA: FOR GOOD

Prima Arts Inc. will welcome **Stephen Schwartz**, the Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Award-winning composer behind *Wicked*, *Pippin*, *Godspell*, and *Pocahontas*, for a benefit concert at Rock Lititz on October 24. The evening will feature performances of Schwartz's most treasured songs, behind-the-scenes stories, and appearances by Prima vocalists and musicians. Proceeds will support Prima's mission to create new theatrical works and bring acclaimed artistic talent to Lancaster County.

A WALK IN THE PARK

The York Area Down Syndrome Association will be holding its Buddy Walk event this weekend. The walk will bring together individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and the York community at John Rudy County Park from 11am to 3pm. Additionally, food trucks, local vendors, and community organizations will provide opportunities for people to celebrate together. State Representative **Joe D'Orise** (R-York) will be present to speak with attendees and participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

MINECRAFT MIKE

Former Pittsburgh Steelers coach **Mike Tomlin** is gaining attention for a different kind of game plan: an expansive Minecraft city he has spent roughly 12 years building. In a recent video tour, Tomlin showcased the detailed virtual world, which includes apartment buildings, entertainment venues, an aquarium, and even a baseball stadium. Tomlin says the project became a way to unwind and disconnect from the pressures of coaching, offering fans a surprisingly personal glimpse into life beyond football.



Happy Birthday

- State Senator **Dawn Keefer**
- **R. Douglas Sherman**, Former Chief Counsel, PA Gaming Control Board
- **John P. Sabatina, Jr.**, Judge, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
- **Steve Miskin**, Director of Marketing & Communications, PA State Association of Township Supervisors
- **Kevin J. Frederick**, Retired VP, Counsel, State Farm Insurance Company
- **Correale F. Stevens**, Former PA Supreme Court Justice



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Appropriations – OTF – To consider: HB 1006, HB 2014, HB 2336, HB 2555, SB 1311, and SB 1485
- (S) Transportation – OTF – To consider: SB 509 and SB 895
- (S) Judiciary – OTF – To consider: HB 350, HB 1935, SB 1415, SB 1456, and SB 1484
- (S) Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness – OTF – To consider: SB 1471 and SR 122
- (H) Energy – 9:00AM - Informational meeting on Electric reliability

- **Christy Brady**, Philadelphia City Controller

- (S) Democratic Policy – 9:00AM - Public hearing on addressing today's challenges in agriculture and farming
- Joint Pennsylvania Capitol Preservation Committee – 9:30AM - Full committee meeting
- (H) Human Services – 9:30AM – To consider: HB 1939 and HR 627
- (H) Education – 9:30AM – To consider: HB 2785, HB 2786, HB 2787, HB 2788, and HR 138
- (S) Banking and Insurance – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2391, HB 2464, HB 2473, SB 1315, and SB 1439
- (H) State Government – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 1327, HR 599, HR 607, HR 632, HR 638, HR 645, SB 782, SB 1183, and SB 1303
- (H) Agriculture and Rural Affairs – 10:45AM – To consider: HB 2696 and HB 2729
- (S) Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure – 12:00PM - To consider the nomination of Kathryn Zerfuss to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- (S) Health and Human Services – 12:30PM – To consider: SB 865, SB 1145, SB 1147, SB 1196, and SB 1424



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