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Homecoming Court



Congratulations to the Homecoming Court 2016: Boys: Alan Arreola, Francois Jamierson, Ronald Jamierson, Daniel Frisbie, Jonah Kurtz, Kyle Tharp, Esteban Gancer, Dillon Striplin, Calder Lachance, and Maxwell Jackson. Girls: Ainsley Haaksma, Lark Rahn, Rachel Picketts, Erica Lahusky, Caitlin Reed, Emily Baker, Taylor Baird, Kaitlyn Baird, Rachel DeHart, and Aneesa Tejada

Congratulations to our King Calder Lachance and our Queen Catlin Reed!!

2016



Spirit Week Erin Owens, 2017

This year's homecoming week started off on a sad note, with the loss of one of our amazing Senior students, Kolten Fullenkamp. The students did their best to let their spirit shine through the rest of the week. The Senior class took off with 'Merica Monday. Tie-Dye Tuesday was scooped up by the Seniors again! Western Wednesday/Green for Kolten day was dominated by the... you guessed it... SENIORS!! The Freshman class swam through the competition for Beach Day Thursday. And the Seniors took the win for Spirit Day Friday.

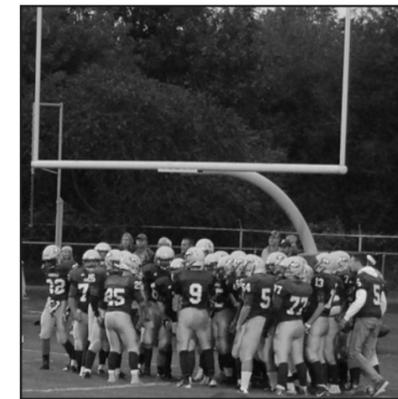
The Homecoming Pep Assembly is something that everybody looks forward to throughout the entire spirit week. As students entered the gym for this year's homecoming pep assembly, the roar of the crowd and the band could be heard throughout the entire gym. Everybody was excited for the games, and this year it was everything from shoeless tug-o-war to hungry hungry hippos. Seniors took first place in the games, Juniors second, Freshmen third, and Sophomores came in last. Everyone had a great time cheering for their friends who participated in various games. In between games, various team members for different sports were introduced and the court uniquely introduced themselves. At the end of the pep assembly, everybody was pumped about this year's Homecoming football game against Hastings.

The classes worked hard all week on their fence decorations. With Italy, Australia, Canada, and Japan represented, the Juniors took first place with their Australian creativity. With the dress up days, the pep assembly games, and the fence decorations all coming together, the SENIORS took the SPIRIT CUP once again! Way to pull it together Pennfield!!



Game Day Makayla Packer, 2019

The Panthers did a fantastic job this year in the big Homecoming game against Hastings where they went on to score a victory with the final score being Pennfield 28 and Hastings 07. The Panthers were all dedicated to playing their best and working really hard to defeat Hastings. There were many key players who shaped this win for Pennfield; Ashton Leenhouts was one of the leading players with 14 tackles, followed by Justen Gordon with 11. Justen mentioned that the "team was really pumped because they needed that win!" Pennfield (4-3) had four different rushers find the end zone Friday night in the 28-7 victory - Troy Hinds, Jaycob Herpin, Sam Nichols and Grant Petersen. We spoke Coach Lamb and asked him how he feels the Panthers did against Hastings in the homecoming game and he responded with, "They did great in the beginning, then had a difficult time because the score was 7 to 6, but got it together and won the game." The game was an amazing victory for Pennfield. Great job Panthers!



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Freshman Advice

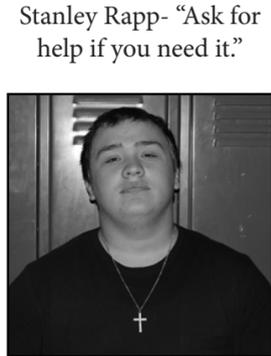
Tristin Fulton, 2018



Andrew Lambert- "Don't take everything to heart."



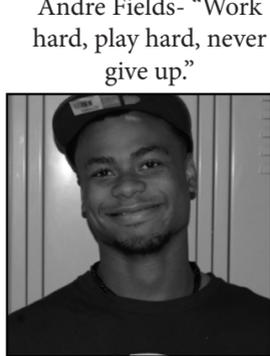
Alex Mandoka- "Pay attention."



Stanley Rapp- "Ask for help if you need it."



Tristen Tramel- "Pay attention in class, don't use Google *wink wink."



Andre Fields- "Work hard, play hard, never give up."

Jonah Kurtz- "Do as many sports as you can, have fun, make memories, live life, get good grades."

Freshman Feels

Alexis Scurlock, 2020

The New School Year! New freshman coming in! Everyone has been there, but how do the incoming freshmen of the 2016-2017 school year feel? What are they looking forward to? What is their hardest class? How do they like High School? And more! Madison Larson thinks high school, "Is fun, difficult, and different because it's different than what I am used to." Logen Crandall said, "This year I am looking forward to pep assemblies and spirit week. I love dressing up for fun!" Ashley Taylor answered how much different middle school is than high school. She says, "It's a lot different, we have a lot more freedom." Alyssa Penny says her hardest class is, "Biology because I can't comprehend the work she gives us sometimes." Breeonna Beaudrie says, "High School is more chill than middle school but there's more people and work." Desiree Rogers says on a scale of 1-10 how scared she was on the first day, "8, because I didn't know if I was going to make it to my classes on time." We hope the freshmen have an easy time adjusting to the high school. Good luck Class of 2020!

New PHS Staff

Justin Thompson, 2019



Dr. Ivey



Mrs. Zima



Mr. Podolan



Mrs. Dalloway



Mrs. Belt



Mrs. Avery

We have new additions to our PHS family this year! So I got in contact with 4 new teachers to get to know them a bit better and see how they like it here and where they are from. One new staff member is actually a doctor believe it or not. Hailing from Tennessee and coming in from Central, **Dr. Ivey** not only has a doctorate degree in Special Education, but has a Masters in school administration and a Bachelor's in English and Spanish. He is a swiss army knife of knowledge and now teaches Spanish! We also have a teacher from the middle school, **Mrs. Zima**, an English teacher, who has finally gotten her long wanted opportunity to teach high schoolers! Another new teacher, **Mr. Podolan**, who used to teach at New Tech High School in Ypsilanti, teaches Speech/Debate and English, who is used to 1 on 1 teaching and really wants to meet his students (He was very adamant on that bit!). **Mrs. Dalloway**, a new math teacher who came from Albion and Battle Creek Central. She has come from a plethora of schools. Seven different districts, in fact! We also have **Mrs. Belt**, the Culinary and Nutrition teacher from Battle Creek Central, unlike most new teachers here who also used to live in Hawaii for 10 years! Lastly, we have the new counselor, **Mrs. Avery**, who used to work for an agency in Kalamazoo and actually taught here almost 16 years ago! One thing in common we all heard from the interviews, is the school is great and so are the students! Welcome everyone to PHS!

Exchange Students

Makayla Skidmore, 2019



Laetitia Lom



Anton Calamita

The Emerald would like to recognize this year's foreign exchange students Laetitia Lom, Anton Calamita, Snorre Bendiktsen, and Thiago Santander Viotti.

Laetitia Lom (Junior): "I'm from Germany. It can be scary to be a foreign exchange student but it is also an amazing experience because I have made new friends. I wanted to be a foreign exchange student because I wanted to experience something different and to get away from my parents for a while."

Anton Calamita (Junior): "I'm from Germany. While it is very different here than it is back home it is also fun to be here. I wanted to be a foreign exchange student because I wanted to see and experience new things."

Snorre Bendiktsen (Senior): "I'm from Norway. Being a foreign exchange student is cool. The whole reason that I wanted to become a foreign exchange student is because I thought it would be cool to go somewhere else and make new friends."

Thiago Santander Viotti (Senior): "I'm from Brazil. Becoming a foreign exchange student has been such a cool and fun experience. They reason I wanted to become a foreign exchange student was that I really just wanted to experience something completely new and different."



Snorre Bendiktsen



Thiago Santander Viotti

LINK CREW

Justin Thompson, 2019

Link Crew is a relatively new program to PHS and many people still don't know much about it. Much of the Emerald team included, so we went to Mr. Lessnau, one of three Link Crew coordinators, to find out more. "Link Crew is a program where upperclassmen work with Freshmen to help them with success for high-school." Mr. Lessnau said, "I have heard a lot of people compare it to WEB, down at the middle school, but I'd say the 2 are similar in the way a house cat is to a lion." Applications to be a link leader for the 2017-18 school year will be available to upperclassmen after Spring Break.



Art Club and S.A.D.D

Brianna VanOrder, 2018

There are many clubs here at Pennfield, including S.A.D.D and Art club. The art club is always a fun way to relieve stress and relax after a long school day. So far, the art club is working on painting door mats and working on some surprises to reveal in the future. This year art club is going to be full of surprises and hopefully new members! Anyone who is interested in doing any type of art is welcome. Last year, the art club was overflowing with members and with more members this year, the school will be decorated with more character and school spirit.

It's not too late to join S.A.D.D! (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Last year, S.A.D.D did extremely well after the distracted driving simulation that the school took part in. Pennfield was then asked to present the simulation at Portage Northern. This year, S.A.D.D is selling more than they did last year! They are selling ribbons during games that say "We need you" for parents to buy for \$1 to remind their children to make good decisions. Also, possibly selling again this year are the bracelets and thumb rings. S.A.D.D is working on the purchase of bracelets and rings being used for \$1 off admission for sporting events. S.A.D.D is going to still focus on distracted driving, but they are planning on talking about other important topics such as bullying. Try something new this year! Both clubs would love to have you.

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SPORTS CAPTAINS



Lexi Lower(Dance Team)- "I think the season is going well, half the team is new. We are working on how to work more as a team and make practices more fun."

Rachel Dehart (Dance Team)-"It's going well we have a lot of new freshmen, which make it bigger and better."

Isabel Price (Dance Team)- "I think it's going good, all the new members are fitting in pretty well. Everyone is working well together as a team. I think it's going to get better as the season goes on."



Sports are a big part of high school whether you're the one playing, or watching, everyone has an opportunity to be involved! We decided to ask some of the fall sports captains how they think their 2016 season is going so far!



Aneesha Tejada (Sideline cheer)- "The season is going awesome, it's really fun! The crowd is really pumped up this year. We have four stunt groups and that's awesome, we are just getting ready for competitive season."

Makayla Berry (Sideline Cheer)- "Amazing, we have a lot of hard working and dedicated people, it's our first year with a freshman on varsity. I'm excited for competitive season, last year we were 6 points away from regionals, so I feel like we can achieve our goal this year."

Dillon Stripland (Football)- "Going good, we need to win these next three games to get to the play offs. We need as much fan support as we can get!!"

Connor Davis (Soccer)- "We are having a much better start than our past years with the help of our coach Jason Rahn. The team has really formed as a family."



Quinten Bortz (Cross Country)- "So far it's going really well, the team has really improved this year and I'm quite proud of them."

Jean-Luc Lachance (Cross Country) - "It's going good we have a good boys team. Go compete!"

Torey Fischer (Cross Country)- "I think it's going pretty well. If we keep working hard and working together it will be great."

Ashley Morales (Cross Country)- "Our seasons going well. I think we have the strongest team Pennfield has had, everyone's running good times."



Morgan Mowry (BCC Swim Team)- "I'm really happy this season so far. We have eight Pennfield Girls on the team and that's the most we've had in my three years of being on the team. I love being one of the captains, and we've won a lot of meets so far. Im really excited for conference!"

Calder Lachance (Tennis)- "I think it's going really well the team is a lot more developed than last year. We are working hard to try and be top of our conference."

Alexander Lachance (Tennis)- "It's going really well, we have a good core from last year and a lot of good athletes that have come to help as well."



Kaitlyn Baird (Volleyball)- "Alright, I think we will play our hardest for the rest of the season."

Zoey Mcclary (Volleyball)- "We've improved a lot since the beginning of the season, and I think we have a good chance of doing good at districts if we all work together."

Taylor Baird (Volleyball)- "The season is okay, we are practicing hard every day to try and be league champs."



2016 CORPORATE CUP

Lindsay Lajoie, 2018

When you think of athletics in high school, you normally don't think about the teachers being the ones playing! Pennfield, with 45 staff members, including three administrators have been part of Corporate Cup for over five years now. The event is divided by divisions, depending on how many employees each business has, determines which division they participate in. Pennfield competed in division two against Harper Creek, KCC, Summit Point, EPI, ASMO, and Denso. Last year we won our division and this year the staff did exceptionally well. In Basketball they finished 3rd, Tug-a-war 2nd, Swimming 3rd, Volleyball 2nd, along with many more, Pennfield ended every event except 3 earning 3rd place or better! Pennfield ended overall in 3rd place. Great job panthers!



In Memory Of

Kolten Fullenkamp



The staff of The Emerald will greatly miss Kolten. He was a wonderful addition to our newspaper staff. The first three pages of this issue were designed by Kolten. Our thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Page Designed by Lindsay Lajoie