

Homecoming 2014

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ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Imagine the shock of blistering cold water going over your head and down your back. The Ice Bucket Challenge, which began summer break, originally was where someone was nominated or “challenged” and they chose to either donate money to ALS or dump a bucket of ice over their head. ALS stands for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or “Lou

Gehrig’s Disease,” which is a disease in the nervous system that progressively affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. The challenge has changed a bit due to social media, where there are multiple procedures for the Ice Bucket Challenge. The mainstream way is where someone nominates others then dumps a bucket of ice, or more commonly cold water, on their head and donates to any charity. I spoke to Kelly Brakke whose workplace was nominated and thus she had to do the challenge. “The water is freezing, but worth it in order to help people,” Kelly says. “I don’t think I would have done it if my workplace wasn’t nominated,” she added. I feel that the Ice Bucket Challenge is a great fundraiser, but some people may need to take caution. The sudden cold might not be good for those with weak hearts.

Real Life Purge

Erin Owens ‘17

With rumors swirling of a real life purge, based off the movie The Purge and it’s sequel where all crimes including murder is legal for twelve

hours, had citizens terrified. Originally the rumor was started by a thirteen year old from Louisville, Kentucky who posted on Twitter that a real life purge was going to happen while he was watching the movie, but since then other teens have jumped at the rumor, creating more terror as the rumor has continued to spread like wildfire. As of mid-August, the cities that had been affected by the rumor were Jacksonville, Detroit, Cleveland, Phoenix, Atlanta, and Knoxville. Law enforcement said that on the days where a real life purge as to occur they would take the threat seriously and would look for any signs of an actual real life purge. Many people are now using these threats of a real purge to create humorous posts on social media sites rather than taking these threats seriously. However, since the threats of a real life purge continued, law enforcement had no choice but to increase vigilance which required the investment of limited public safety resources. Law enforcement was cautioning that media and citizens to “exercise a mature and measured response”, in the way that they reacted to the threats, but the threat could not be verified. In response to these threats, Louisville Police Sergeant Phil Russell said, “Due to circumstances that have trended nationally in regards to flash mob violence, and in light of what occurred this past spring here, we realize that these things can occur in an instance.”

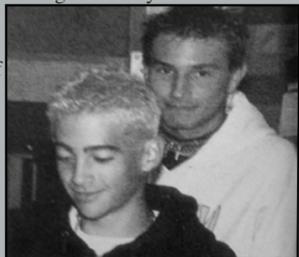
Where Are They Now?

Jaymee Wilbur ‘15



Have you ever looked at someone and thought “Hmm, they look familiar?” Well, there are many teachers here at Pennfield that have also sat in the same classroom you sit in today. One of these many teachers is Mr. Kubik. The now Middle School building, is where he attended his four years of High School. I asked him about what he was like in those four years, and he responded with “Well, I liked to play soccer and do snowboarding. But besides sports,

I liked to write and travel.” I asked one of his old teachers, Mrs. Schneiderhan what he was like in high school and she responded with, “Entertaining and funny. He used to wear chains, spikes, and nail polish, which suited him and he didn’t follow the crowd. And we liked to call him ‘milky eye.’ He earned this name by a special talent of his, shooting milk eight feet out of his eyes.” Crazy! But shooting milk out of his eyes isn’t the only thing he does. Besides teaching, Mr. Kubik also works a side job at Petco and coaches soccer.



Animal Shelter

Logan Messenger ‘16

A great deal of animals live at the Animal Shelter with no home to live in or permanent human being to give them the love they deserve. These animals include mainly

dogs and cats that truly want someone to adopt them and play with them. One of these animals specifically is 1 year old Shih Tzu, Princeton. A young dog like Princeton (pictured below) will start at \$290 which includes the cost of spay or neuter, their microchip, first vaccines (rabies, parvo, distemper, bordatella), as well as a heartworm test. If you decide to adopt Princeton though, he has already been spayed/neutered and he is house trained! A cat up for adoption is Domestic Medium Haired named Violet. Violet is a kitten, so the cost will start at \$130, which includes the cost of a spay or neuter, a microchip and Feline Leukemia and FIV test. Like Princeton, Violet is house-trained. If you would like to adopt a puppy, dog, kitten or cat, please visit the Calhoun County Animal Shelter at 165 S. Union and make an animal’s life better today!



Ingredients:

- 1 bag mini pretzels
- 1 bag M&M candy (Green ones only)
- 1 bag of white chocolate chips
- Orange food coloring
- 1 TBSP shortening to thin out chocolate

Melt the chocolate before microwaving, add about 1 TBSP shortening to thin out the chocolate prior to dunking the pretzels or the chocolate will be to thick.

Once you’ve dunked your pretzel, adding a nice coating, lay it out on a piece of wax paper. Take a green M&M and set it in the crook of the pretzel, on it’s side, to create the green stem. Let chocolate pretzels cool & enjoy!



Halloween Recipes

Pumpkin Pretzels
Ashley Tate ‘15

ACADEMICS

Freshmen Advice

Mikkii Lovelace ‘15

Freshman have some fears coming into their first year of high school. Seniors have been in high school the longest so they would be able to give the best advice to the freshmen on their fears.

Freshmen

Lucile Webb- “Going from knowing all the teachers to not knowing any of them.”



Rachel Swartz- “My fear was not being able to get to my classes on time.”



Jade Whitehead- “At 7:20 when we can go to our lockers getting crammed by everyone.”



Seniors

Tabitha Haskins- “You shouldn’t be scared of not knowing.”



Ryan Owens- “Don’t stand around talking to your friends. Try to get to class before everyone else.”



Gavin Goss- “You could learn to weave through the people without being rude about it.”



ChromeBooks

DeJana Tellis ‘18

The Freshmen were given brand new Chromebooks at the start of the school year. A Chromebook is a device that runs completely on Google Chrome. In a way, they are a 2 pound web browser that you can carry around. Nothing gets stored on the computer, because it’s all on the cloud. They have 8 hours of battery life and do not take long to charge. Some Freshmen are not strangers to chromebooks. Last year, at the middle school, they were given an older version of chromebooks as an experiment to see how well they worked and how we used them. The Freshmen gave positive feedback about the Chromebooks when asked about them. Trace Davis, Freshman, said Chromebooks are, “A blessing, because if I don’t know something, I can look it up.” Chromebooks do have pros and cons. “Pro: You can take them home this year. Con: They’re slow,” says Freshmen Gilliaunna Mills. The Freshmen have spoken.



Pictured Right: Gavin Cotten, Alexis Coger, and Eric Houghes

Every year teachers come and go. This year, we have six new staff members at Pennfield. Mr. Lessnau is the new English and Social Studies teacher. Mr. Lessnau’s favorite memory of teaching was when the students at his old school came up with the idea to have a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In the end the students won an award as the top fundraising school in the state of Maryland. Ms. Collins is the new physical education teacher. She decided to come to Pennfield because she “liked the school when she came to interview. It was small like where she went to school.” Honestly, it was something new and she wanted to be some place she hadn’t been before. Mr. Johnson is another new physical education teacher. His favorite part of teaching is “watching students grow and better themselves.” Mrs. Voigt is the new math teacher. Mrs. Voigt wanted to come to Pennfield because “it seems like a great school and a great community to get to know. The staff and students here have been really awesome and helpful.” Mrs. Wright is the new instructional technology coordinator. Mrs. Wright loves how year after year she learns from others. “Students and colleagues often teach me things I can reference or share with others.” Ms Gillie is the new acting teacher. She “loves being a part of a community and watching her students grow as students as well as people.” The Emerald Staff would like to welcome the new staff to Pennfield.

New Staff At Pennfield

Camarie Smith ‘16

New German Exchange Student

Chester Dalski ‘18

Imagine your whole world changing around you. Well, this is the situation that German Exchange Student, Niclas Schoppenhauer is going through right now. Niclas has gone from Hamburg, Germany to our very own Battle Creek, Michigan. Niclas wanted to go into the foreign exchange program because, “I decided last year during the summer to take this chance to go into the exchange program because I really wanted to go see The United States and meet the culture.” He plans to spend one year here while going to high school. Niclas noticed that his world changed completely going from Germany to the United States. “One thing that I realized coming here was that Michigan is the Size of Germany and the USA is as big as Europe. The school day in Germany is also very different, in Germany you don’t move classes during the day.” In Germany he had to fill out an application in order to get into this program but he had no choice of where he went. He had to fill out whether he wanted to go into a village or a city. He continued on about how some of his friends went to Nebraska, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio and California. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and he is definitely making the most of it.



Niclas at the Leaning Tower of Pisa

HOMECOMING

2014

WE'VE GOT SPIRIT

Every year, students come in anticipating homecoming week. Throughout this week students get a chance to get out of their comfort zones and get crazy with clothes. Monday was "Merica Monday" and the seniors took first place, they also took first place Tuesday, which was "Tacky Tourist Tuesday". Wednesday, each class had a chance to raise awareness and money for their favorite charity. Sophomores came in first with an amazing lead, thanks to the members of their class who not only dressed up, but donated too. "Throwback Thursday" is always a favorite, students get to dress up from a different decade, and Sophomores took first place. But the Freshman finished strong and came in first on Spirit day. Of course, dressing up throughout the week is exciting, but the pep rally is what it is really about. A huge majority of the students come out of their shells at this point, and it is a chance for all students to show their school spirit and get the football team pumped up. To make it fun for everyone, people from each class can choose to participate in the pep rally games. Emcees Amanda Griffin and Cameron Crespo began and got everyone excited and pumped up. Also, the new games this year brought many laughs and cheers among the

Taylor Stout '15

students. Seniors won Tug O' war & Roxanne. Juniors won Genderswap. Sophomores won the Selfie Scavenger Hunt and Musical Chairs. Freshman won the Big Sweatshirt Relay and the Peanut Butter Cheeto Stick. All throughout the week, students were also working on their class fences. Seniors placed first with an amazing fence, making them Spirit Cup Champions. Way to go Seniors!

Freshmen Comments

"Really Entertaining." Salina Saleh.

"It was awesome and the dance team killed it." Riley McClain

"It was exciting, better than the Middle School." Kollin Kemberling

"Entertaining, there was a lot of exciting things." Malory VanArman



HOMECOMING GAME

Jaymee Wilber '15

A week full of tacky outfits and cheering on the football team has now come to an end. The homecoming game was a tough loss with the score ending in 36 to 39 with Charlotte taking the win home. Pennfield took the lead during the first period, and held it until the fourth. Number 22 DaWan Smith was the main focus as he ran a total of 4 touchdowns. The crowd was on the edge of their seats during the last four minutes of the game with a tied score. Pennfield was trying all they could to not let Charlotte score in these last few minutes. But as soon as the Charlotte quarterback said "hike!" they punted the ball straight into the field goal for a good call. The crowd instantly was silenced, the student section was stunned. Good luck with the rest of the season!



"It was a pretty evenly matched game, with Charlotte taking advantage at the right times when we didn't. Anybody could have won this game." Coach Lamb



"It was a tough one, all the way until the end." DaWan Smith

Homecoming Court

Taylor Swartz '15



On Friday October 10th Seniors Amanda Griffin, Graciana Henderson, Hope Higgins, Emily Jackson, Heidi Krauss, Tess Needham, Kelly Seech, Kendall Sidnam, Taylor Stout, and Whitney Webb waited anxiously in their cars to take the ride of a lifetime. Each one of the girls looked amazing. The stands were packed full of students, family members, and various people from the community. One by one, each girl pulled up in the corvettes, meeting their escorts. The girls nervously waited as last year's homecoming queen, Katie Perry, walked past each girl once and then back again finally placing the crown on Heidi Krauss. The crowd's reaction was unbelievable, all you could hear were people applauding and cheering. "I did not expect to be queen, I didn't know what to expect honestly," said Heidi. "In the moment I was crowned I felt surprised and incredibly humbled. It was such an honor to be chosen. I'm happy and blessed to be a part of Pennfield High School." Heidi said that her favorite part of being on Homecoming Court was "being on court with some of my closest friends at Pennfield and getting to share the experience with them."



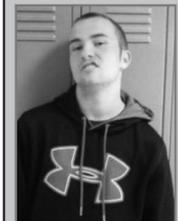
PANTHER LIFE

SENIOR BUCKET LIST TAYLOR STOUT '15



“Win a rock, paper, scissors tournament” Cameron Crespo

“Execute a perfect senior prank” - Trent Rizor



“Not get suspended” - Kody Page

“Pass” -Hailey Keeler



“Learn Sign Language” - Kayla Colbert

“Buy a horse mask” - Connor Waltman



“Make a good impression on someone I don't know” - Nick Brown

“Get an 'A' in Mr. K's class” - Taylor Flood



DRESS CODE CHANGE ERIN OWENS '17

The start of the new school year means the start of the new dress code changes. Along with the long standing dress code, some new things have been added this year. One dress code change is that yoga pants will no longer be permitted to be worn at school. Another is that no leggings may be worn during school hours unless they are covered by a finger tip length shirt. If you have any doubts that what you are wearing might be a violation of school dress code, bring something to change into just in case. For more information on the new dress code changes simply visit the school website or ask Mr. Duckham or Mr. Faber. All students must be in compliance with these dress code changes. Any student who is not in compliance with these changes will be asked to call somebody to bring them another set of clothing to change into.

SUMMER MEMORIES KAIDEE BECKMAN '15

CORIE GARDNER '15- “Going to basic and training so I can get ready to go to the military after I graduate highschool.”

JACQUI BOEHMER '16- “Going to Michigan's Adventure and the fair in the same week,” that was about the most fun I had this summer.”

CARL FINCH '15- “Waking up early on the days I had off from work to go fishing early in the morning, that was probably one of the greatest feelings ever.”

BRITTANY SACKETT '16- “Being able to have the chance to go to the fair this summer unlike last summer.”

MISSY FINCH '16- “Going down to Mississippi for a whole week to spend time with my family at our family reunion, I missed them so much.”

TAYLOR PERKINS '15- “Hanging out with family and friends when I wasn't working.”

BENJAMIN MEIJA '17- “Going to Michigan's Adventure.”

A strange talent is something that makes people unique and different. Some people work really hard to master

their talent and with others it just comes naturally. There is a lot of talented people at Pennfield. Senior, Avery Cleland has an interesting talent of being able to make her tongue shake almost like its twitching. The lovely Sophomore, Rachel DeHart has the ability of burping the alphabet. Senior, Lindsey Stiles also has an exhilarating tongue trick which is being able to lick her own nose. Junior Sam Lahusky has the acrobatic talent of being able to do a chin stand in and out of a backbend. Senior, Darian Brown, has the special ability of being able to beatbox.

HALLWAY CHALLENGER HUNTER WILLIAMS '15

What is the most popular candy during Halloween?

Sarah Struin '17
“Reese's”



Elizabeth Woodman '18
“Candy Corn”

Mickey Hammock '15
“Snickers”



Destiny Hand '17
“M&M's”

Sarah Struin and Mickey Hammock were correct for there were two right answers, Reese's or Snickers.

CLASS CONFESSIONS AINSLEY HAAKSMA '17

“I saw a girl running down the hallway. She ran into this guy, and then she fell into someones open locker.” Ever done something or saw something crazy at school? I think we all have. If you think that story was embarrassing, wait until you read this... “Freshman year, I was in the cafeteria, and this kid took my shoe and ran. I got up and started chasing after him, then slipped in a puddle of muddy water, and fell on my butt. When I got up, my pants were soaking. The next day, the office staff asked if I was okay, because, it was on the security cameras.” Another person told me about something she did in her sophomore year. “I was running up the stairs in slides. As I got on the third step, my shoe got caught onto the stairs. I fell on my face, and everyone saw! Moral of the story, running up the stairs is a bad idea.”

Cross Country Taylor Swarts '15

The Cross Country team is coached by Mr. McKire, Gale Fischer, Jessica Coakes, and John Green. The Cross Country team started early with their first meet, August 22nd, the Early Bird Invitational at Bellevue High School. The team has started the season out very well, each runner is already showing improvement. “Our goal for the boys team is to have everyone running times close to 18 minutes,” said head coach Mr. McKire. “Most of our boys are already running times in the 19 minute range.” As many of you know, Pennfield has entered a new conference this year called the Interstate Eight. September 9th was the first ever Interstate Eight Cross Country meet. “This meet will be historic, as it is the first cross country meet in our new league. It will be tough competition, but I am looking forward to it,” said Mr. McKire. This year's captains are seniors Ben Campbell, Mikaela Lake, Erin Parker, and Junior, Nick Simonds. “The pain is worth it,” said Mikaela. At the Harper Creek Optimist Invitational on September 6th, many of the runners on the team got some of their best times. Captain Erin Parker was one of those runners. Erin got a time of 29:59, “At the beginning of the season my personal goal was to break 30 minutes, now I am aiming to break 25.” Sophomore Jean-Luc Lachance also got his personal best at Harper Creek with a time of 19:50. The Cross Country team has some of the most dedicated athletes in the school.



Boys Soccer Logan Messenger '16

Fall Sports Season has begun, meaning it's time for Boys Soccer! Captain Trent Rizor is definitely in it to win it and have a great time, especially with it being his senior year, “As a senior, I am most looking forward to seeing the program develop with the younger guys and watch them grow into experienced athletes.” Trent really enjoys being presented as a role model to his teammates and wants to do his best to stay a role model this season. “It's pretty cool to have kids looking up to you, it boosts your morale when you know someone's watching you and will one day carry on the traditions that we've lead as seniors.” The team is 1-5, but it's only the beginning. Ian Stemplewski is the other captain of the team and he is also very excited for this season. “I am really looking forward to the post-season and being able to play teams in our division, and show them that we were able to improve this year even though we have such a young team.” Good luck this season boys!

Equestrian Camarie Smith '15

School is back and so is the equestrian team. Lacey White said her favorite part of being on the equestrian team is “we don't just work as a team, we work as a family. We all have fun and support each other with what we can.” Lacey has been on the team for three years and on the middle school team for one year. Also a member of the team is Katie Canfield, she has been on the equestrian team for six years now. She joined because she “wanted to learn more about showing and try something new.” So far Lacey has won seven districts since she has been on the team and Katie has won over thirty. Lacey's favorite memory is during her freshman year is that they made it all the way to regionals. The team has made it to regionals again this year.



Boys Tennis Emma Stover '18

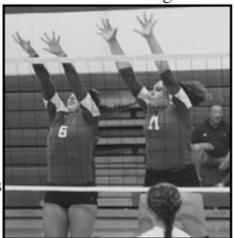
One of the most ignored fall sport is tennis, even though it's one of the most exciting. There is a Pennfield Boys tennis team, which this year is made up of nine High School boys. So far, the tennis team has won three full matches. “Tennis is 75% mental, 15% physical, 10% emotional, and 100% effort.” Says Joe Larson. His quote is definitely true. You have to use many skills in tennis, because not only do you have to move fast around the court, but you also have to have good hand-eye coordination. Also, you have to keep your head in the game at all times and think ahead of your opponent. We wish the Pennfield Panther Tennis Team good luck in their future games and matches!



Volleyball

Ainsley Haaksma '17

Looking for a great high school sports team to watch? You're in luck. The Pennfield volleyball girls have been working hard to make this season a great one. Practicing five days a week, for two hours a day to be exact. This year, there are three senior captains on the team, Hope Higgins, Aubrey Ritter and Tess Needham. Aubrey thinks that Harper Creek will be their biggest competitor this season. Harper has been known for having a pretty good team, but our girls are working hard. A sophomore on the JV team, Emily Baker, says her motto is “To play every game like it's my last.” Tess Needham is “Looking forward to growing closer to the girls on my team throughout this season.” The girls are ready to play their hearts out and do what it takes to bring home a win! Let's come together as a student section, and support our lady panthers this season!



Cheerleading Sam Penland '15

This year the cheer team is coming back strong. They switched things around and there are new people with great potential. The varsity cheerleaders will be performing at the pep rally with skills that they have learned. When asking one of the captains of the team, Bailey Huff, what her favorite thing about cheer was she replied, “My favorite thing about cheer is stunting and tumbling because of the adrenaline.” Every Monday, our cheer girls attend gymnastics and the girls are all working on back handsprings. Everyone is coming along nicely.

Dance Team Madison Peet '15

The role of the Pennfield High School Dance Team is to entertain everyone at special events, such as football games, basketball games, follies, and pep rallies. The team has eight new members this year, six of which are freshman, making the team have a total of fifteen members. Also going along with all the new members, the team has a new coaching staff as well. The new coaches Tracy Huff and Lisa DeHart have been working extremely hard to organize the new year of dance and are doing a fantastic job. The dance team attended the UDA dance camp at Western college in July. For four days every girl on the team dedicated their lives and did nothing but dance. Every girl learned three different dances, then had to perform and get evaluated on each dance. Receiving all blue ribbons on these evaluations was a huge accomplishment. The first day of camp the team performed their home routine dance that they put their blood, sweat, and tears into all summer and the lovely girls of the 2014-2015 varsity dance team brought home a third place title and the qualification for nationals in Orlando, Florida in the year of 2015.



Fall Sports

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Fit and Fab Emma Stover '18 DeJana Tellis '18

Are you tired of your teachers always pressuring you about eating healthy and exercising daily? Well, now it's their turn. The teachers have started a "Biggest Loser" challenge to see who can lose weight or get fit. The teachers split into two teams; The Purple Team, which consists of Mrs. Allen, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Driver, Mrs. Harroff, Mr. Kubik, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Royer, and Mrs. Gillie, and the Green Team, which contains Mrs. Fleisher, Mr. Forton, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Latchaw, Mr. Lessnau, Mrs. McCreight, Mrs. Nolin, Mrs. O'Dowd, Mrs. Schneiderhan, and Mr. Shauver. Every day, there is a new list of goals they must achieve, and they have to record themselves doing it. Seems easy right? Maybe not. Mrs. Nolin told us "I'll think it'll be hard." Mrs. Royer said, "Some people are good at working out and others are really good with what they eat. This challenge will hopefully help us do a little of both." Which, to some, it won't be. Some challenges include eating two cups of vegetables, doing 55 crunches, exercising at least 30 minutes, and their own personal goal. There's a website you can visit to watch their vlogs, see unique, healthy recipes, and tips to keep your own goals: fitandfab101.weebly.com. With Fit and Fab, you can get healthy and fit as well as keeping track of your favorite teachers!



Purple Vs. Green

