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Academics

Tips for Success Taylor Stout '15

How do you think your year is going to go? Well, when starting the new school year, its always nice to have to have a little help. As long as you follow these tips, your school year should go pretty smoothly!

- Make sure to always eat breakfast
- Take notes when necessary
- Be Prepared
- Do your homework every night
- Don't cheat
- Be organized
- Study! Study! Study!
- Be committed

Some tips from Pennfield Staff :)

- Show up and do your work
- Always Participate
- Get involved
- Be determined
- Dont be afraid to ask questions
- Set short and long term goals, and focus on them each day
- Don't let technology interfere with your responsibilities
- Listen to your parents!
- Find good role models
- And most importantly, pay attention
- Thanks Mr. Duckham, Mr. Faber, Mr. Mckire and Mr. Hart for some awesome tips!



Pictured above: Mr. Faber, Mr. Duckham, Mr. Hart and Mr. McKire

Welcome to PHS Emily Bower '13

This year at Pennfield, we have four new teachers. Ms. Bowers is a Geometry and Exploratory Tech teacher. She went to Olivet College to study math and political science. Ms. Bowers' favorite color is green and she would like to thank Coach Slate for helping her achieve the job. Mr. Forton is 24, and will be getting married October 20th to his highschool sweet heart, Terra Stuck, who works at the middle school. He went to school at Western Michigan University where he majored in Special Education. Mr. Forton also lettered for a 4 year baseball team. He came to Pennfield because he thought it was a great school and community. Mr. Forton teaches Geometry, Algebra 1, Algebra 2a, and Academic Support. Another new addition is Ms. Hamilton who graduated from Lakeview High School and went to Michigan State University, where she studied English and Japanese. Ms. Hamilton is the new English teacher here at Pennfield, and she was excited to get the job. Mrs. Kenney has been looking in the Battle Creek area for awhile and is now the new spanish teacher. She also is an interpreter for Voices of Battle Creek and a lifeguard/swim instructor for the YMCA. Mrs. Kenney graduated from Battle Creek Central High School. She also enjoys staying active and music. Mrs. Kenney says, "Spanish is a part of my daily life so most music I listen to is in Spanish, Shakira being one of my favorite artists. I am excited to be here and expect to have a wonderful school year." Welcome to all the new teachers this year!



Mr. Forton



Mrs. Kenney



Ms. Bowers



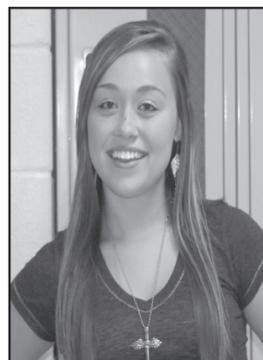
Ms. Hamilton

Science Spotlight Jeff Lambrich '13

Science has always been a very popular subject for many students. In the three required classes that every high school student must take, (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) there is something for everyone. Whether it be the informative films, the interesting presentations, or the fun and exciting labs, almost everyone has something that they love doing in Science class. A new addition to the Science department is the recent inclusion of the course "Chemistry Two." This is an elective class taught by Mr. Corcoran for the students who enjoyed their first year in Chemistry and want to learn much more. Chemistry Two used to be offered here at Pennfield High School, but was finally brought back, due to student requests. There is one hour of Chemistry Two, and the class contains somewhere around 15 students. Chemistry Two is the only science class offered at Pennfield that isn't required to graduate. For every other science subject, you must at least complete the E or EC variation of said class. Chemistry Two must be chosen by the student, and takes the place of an elective course. It is a year-long class and all of the students have tests and quizzes regularly, and exams at the end of each semester. All students who have a passion for science, especially for Chemistry should definitely consider adding this course to their schedule!

Juniors at CACC Bri Dukeman '13

The Calhoun Area Career Center is a secondary school that is considered a career and technical educational school, and many of our Pennfield students attend the center. Tayler Morey said, "The Career Center is a new experience for me, I really like early childhood education. And, it's better than being at school all day." Riley Boles, from welding says, "My classes have been very educational and fun so far." Tyson Banker, from law enforcement says, "Being in my class is tremendous! You get the chance to learn about the law." The career center currently has 18 classes, and a few of them are Culinary Arts and Hospitality, Marketing Education, Aviation Exploration, Collision, Drafting, Construction, and Welding. Careers in this pathway are related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install, or maintain physical systems. A few more programs are 21st Century Health, Health Careers Prep, Health Occupations, Education Academy, Early Childhood Education, and Law Enforcement/Criminal Behaviors.



Pictured Above: Riley Boles, Tayler Morey, and Tyson Banker

Community

Exchange Student Ryan Owens '15

Dylan Chen is a foreign exchange student at Pennfield High School. He was born in 1995 in South China. Dylan really likes Pennfield and he especially likes our sports and our physical fitness equipment. I found out from him that our equipment, here in America, is better than it is in China, such as our computers, sports, and other electronics. He likes to play soccer and badminton as well as video games. When we were talking about his classes he told me that he likes math because he thinks that it is fun, but he dislikes English. To find out more cool facts about him, I asked him a few questions about his life back in China. There are only three people in his family and he is the only kid in his house. His dad works in a factory making silk and his mom works as an accountant. Some fun stuff he did when he was in China was volunteering at a newspaper for a job and he especially likes to hangout with his friends and play games.



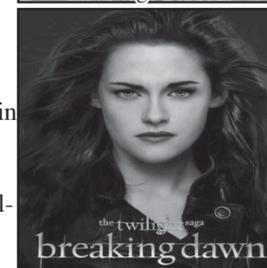
Dylan Chen
Exchange Student

Summer Olympics Ryan Owens '15

The United States won the most medals this year by getting 104 medals! China finished close behind the U.S. with 88 medals, Russia followed China with 82 medals, Great Britain finished behind Russia with 65 medals, and Germany finished behind Great Britain with 44 medals. The main reason why we won the most this year was because of Micheal Phelps who won 6 medals in swimming. That is not all that he had accomplished this year, he also set a world record for being the most decorated medalist in the world with 22 medals. Another success for the U.S. was Missy Franklin and Allison Schmitt. Both incredibly won 5 medals in their sport. The other reason why we were on top is because of Abby Douglas who got 2 medals in gymnastics, one with the team and one by herself. All the other Countries did a great job, but the U.S. finished first this year.

Corporate Cup Bri Dukeman '13

In September, for one special and fun weekend, the Battle Creek area will go all out to show its commitment to health and fitness. This started 26 years ago, to show community health, fitness, and spirit. The Corporate Cup is a great opportunity for working men and women to discover the benefits of feeling, and looking their best. Training activities help individuals get in shape for this year's event, all 13 of them. There was over 4,000 athletes participating, and 55 Pennfield employees were helping out. Mrs. McCaferty was the leader for Pennfield and these were her thoughts on leading it, "I love doing Corporate Cup for Pennfield Schools. Since my job is to get kids physically active, I figured I could help out with the teachers too. I enjoy seeing all the people who work for the district out doing the activities, and keeping themselves healthy." Pennfield ended second overall, only 22 points behind beating KCC! Thank you to all the high school staff who participated! I hope next year we get first!



the twilight saga
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BUFFALO WILD WINGS
GRILL & BAR



Mr. Lamb, Mr. McCaferty,
and Mr. Hart at CC Race

New Releases Sydney Brown '15

The epic love story between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen continues this month as the Twilight saga comes to an end with Breaking Dawn- Part 2. Of course, starring Kristen Stewart, and two of Hollywood's heart throbs, Robert Pattinson and Taylor Lautner, this dramatic film wraps up the story of every young girl's favorite pair of star-crossed lovers. As heart wrenching decisions are made and supernatural battles are fought, this movie expresses the love more than ever between Bella and Edward and offers them all new beginnings.

For all you gamers out there, mark your calendar for November 13th and get ready for the new and improved, Call of Duty: Black Ops 2. Treyarch, the American video game developer company, has released that this game will have many new improvements and will hopefully please every Black Ops fan.

Buffalo Wild Wings Deineira Smith '13

Buffalo Wild Wings is the most happening place to eat in Battle Creek. With over sixty televisions in the restaurant, this is the place to be to watch any of your favorite games! Not to mention the delicious wings and their selection of sixteen different sauces. It is such a fun environment, and it is recommended to anyone who hasn't stopped in, to definitely try it soon, especially if you are a sports fan. Don't miss out on the newest hot-spot in Battle Creek.

September 11th Jeff Lambrich '13

On September 11, 2001, tragedy struck the United States when members of Al-Qaeda took control of commercial passenger planes and intentionally attacked some of our nation's most prominent landmarks. Two planes crashed into the World Trade Center, destroying both the North and South tower. Another was piloted into the Pentagon, a major military headquarters in Washington D.C., and the fourth plane, which was intended to damage the United States Capitol Building, crashed in Pennsylvania. The attacks shocked the world, showed Americans just how dangerous terrorist attacks could be, and shocked many individuals. Many of us high school students were very young in 2001, when the attacks occurred, but most of us still remember that day like it was just yesterday. To this day, there are still many reminders and memorials for all of the innocent citizens killed in these terrible attacks. Many organizations, websites, and individuals still pay homage to the families and think about it everyday and we need to do our best to show support for those who have been affected by these horrific terrorist attacks. Many Pennfield students have done what they can to show support. A few even posted status updates on Facebook, and many tweeted about the anniversary as well. Even though the attacks occurred many years ago, various students still remember what they were doing when they first learned of the attacks. Junior, Katie Perry, remembers being taken out of class by her mother, not knowing what was going on since she was so young. Senior, Ashley Kallgren, had a similar experience. She remembered riding in the car with her mother and was so confused about the news. As you can see, even though this tragedy happened so long ago, it still holds a very special place in our hearts.



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Remembering everyone who died 11 years ago. #neverforget ☐♥
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H O M E C O M I N G

GAME

Sydney Brown '15

On Friday, October 5th, was Pennfield High School's Homecoming football game. The night kicked off with the Pennfield Panthers facing the Olivet Eagles and pulling off a well deserved win of 28 to 13, making the Panthers now 6-1. After their loss to Schoolcraft, Justin Parker, the team captain, said that, "In order to redeem ourselves we need harder practice sessions and more support between the players." Going into this football season, many have expressed doubt towards this team. Some have lost hope that we will not see another playoff season after last year. But the Pennfield Panther football team stands back up when they fall down. And after Friday's Homecoming game, one can confidently say that they have stood back up. They are proving themselves a team to be reckoned with. When asked what motivates them to do their best in a game, Justin Parker said, "We hate to lose." Yes, it is that competitive spirit that drives this team. "You need leadership, a strong voice, and the will to help your teammates in order to be a successful team captain." No doubt, Justin Parker's words have been put into action and have had a positive influence on the team. With that said, let us be impelled to meet our local football team on the field at their next home game against Kalamazoo Christian High School. Let us do our part by supporting and cheering them on to their next hopeful win. Joe Montana, an NFL Hall-of-Famer, once said, "Winners, I am convinced, imagine their dreams first. They want it with all their heart and expect it to come true. There is, I believe, no other way to live." The Pennfield football team has enough heart to carry themselves into the playoffs this season. The dream of victory is just within their reach. What can we expect of the team this season? The answer to that is simple. The Pennfield Panthers are going to "shock the world."



ASSEMBLY

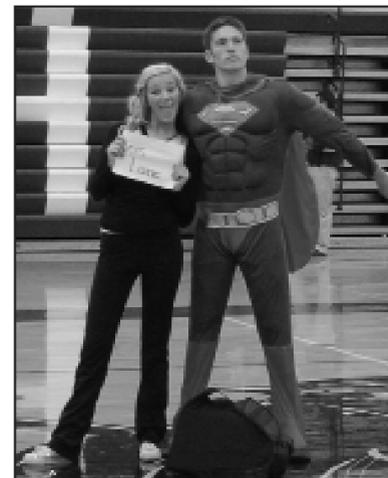
Taylor Stout '15

So much green and white! What was your favorite part? The competitions? The players? How about the spirit? As we were getting ready for our big game against Olivet, Coach K was getting the school pumped up and ready to watch and achieve another homecoming victory for Pennfield. When doing the Pep Assembly games, the Seniors, came on top, with first place in the Tug O' War, Musical Chairs, Super Hero dress up and the Centipede race. The freshman, though, did win first place in the shaving cream hair competition. Every year we do fence decorating and the exciting theme was super heros. The seniors won first with Superman. Juniors coming in a close second with The Hulk. Sophomores, with Batman, got third, and coming in last place with Spider Man, was the freshmen. Good job everyone! Homecoming week is the most exciting part of the year, for most people. During spirit week the Seniors, once again, dominated all other grades and won the spirit cup. The sophomores, ended up in last place, not just in total, but every day during the week. For Black out day, the freshman won. As for the Juniors, Farmer and Green and White day are the days they won. Seniors got Red, White, and Blue day and Senior Citizen day.

Pictured Left: Cierra Wilson & Pierce Eason

Pictured Top Right: Cheerleading Squad

Picture Bottom Right: Seniors



HOMECOMING COURT

Emily Morales '14

With the trees changing colors and the air getting colder, we all can't wait for the big game that we call homecoming. This is the night when there are ten lovely ladies who wait, freezing in their dresses, to see who gets crowned queen. Chosen by the class of 2013 to be this year's homecoming court was Kasey Bess, Hanna Boles, Elizabeth Jarrard, Ashley Kallgren, Jessie Lea, Holli Longstreth, Mercedes Moore, Haley Shae, Lauren Smith, and Cierra Wilson. After first announcing court, Ashley Kallgren said she felt amazing, "My first thoughts right after I heard my name called were, 'I can't believe this is real, I hope I get to enjoy this opportunity with my friends.' And I did!" With everyone in their dresses and starting to get onto the cars, we can all only imagine what the girls were thinking. Half time was quickly approaching in the big game against Olivet, and soon the cars would begin driving down the track. Haley Shea shared with me about the cold car ride, "Besides the fact that I was freezing, it was a rush. I couldn't believe it was happening and I felt so honored to be able to go through it." After all ten girls stepped out of their cars and onto the track, the queen of 2012, Taylor Haudek, stepped out of her car. She kept everyone on the edge of their seats as she walked down and back a second time. Everyone laughed a little then the whole crowd cheered when she placed the crown on Mercedes Moore's head. "Before, my corvette driver asked me who I thought was going to win, and I pointed to Mercedes. I had hoped all along she would get queen." Cierra Wilson was right from the beginning. Everyone on court looked beautiful that night and shared a big hug with the queen after she was crowned. "Words can not describe how happy I was when she put the crown on me, it's a very special moment. Thank you to all who voted for me. I'm excited and ready to come back and crown the Homecoming Queen of 2014."



Pictured Above: Homecoming Queen, Mercedes Moore & her father

SPORTS

Volleyball

Sydney Brown '15

Pennfield may have some stellar boy sports teams, but we should definitely not forget about our lady panthers on the volleyball team. The PHS volleyball team is one of the most hard working teams Pennfield has to offer. I had the opportunity to ask a few of the players about playing volleyball and what the best part of it is. Aubrey Ritter said, "Meeting new people and getting to know each other better, because even if we do lose games, it's our team that's always there to

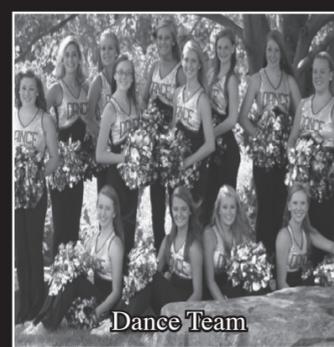
help pick each other back up." The girls show excellent team work and endurance. No matter how many wins or losses they achieve, they've shown what it looks like to be a supportive team and to always be there for each other. Good luck ladies with the rest of your season!



Cheerleading

Emily Bower '13

Pennfield Varsity Cheerleading brings the spirit and pep to all the football games helping the football team, and the crowd, stay energized and motivated until the game is over. The team works together and prepares for the game by doing warm up stunts before the game. I asked Toni Calhoun and Kenzi Turner their favorite thing that has happened on the team so far. Toni said, "I am enjoying my first year on the team and I'm happy that I get to be a flyer." Kenzi said, "I enjoyed pranking JV at cheerleading camp." This year at the homecoming assembly the cheerleaders will be performing a 90's theme. Keep the spirit going pennfield cheerleaders, you're doing a great job.



Dance Team



Cheerleading Team

Boys Soccer

Emily Bower '13

Pennfield boy's soccer kicks off the season going four and three. The team captains this year are Brayden Bennett, Jamie Collige, and Darin Blocker. Ian Stemplewski commented on what the team does to get team success and he excitedly said, "For the most part, we just try to have a lot of energy and keep our heads in the game." As the team spends more time together, practicing and playing the games, they are becoming a stronger team. Show your panther spirit, go out to the stands to cheer for the soccer team and to get them motivated for the game. Good luck with the rest of the season boys.



Trevor Cameron

Dance Team

Bri Dukeman '13

Over the summer, the dance team had done many things to prepare for this year. When practices began they first focused on getting to know each other. Then began to work on their home routine for camp. The team had a few car washes to raise money. The dance team attends a camp called UDA. The team goes to this camp for four days. Once they arrived at camp, they got evaluated on their home routine. When they are at Western they also learn three different routines and have to perform them in front of the whole camp. They get judged on their performance, and to try to win a red, white, or blue ribbon. At dance camp, the girls learn how to do a drill down, get to take a number of technique classes, and have a photo shoot. Looks like the dance team had a fantastic summer! Hope you all have a fun and successful season!

Boys Tennis

Ryan Owens '15

The 2012 Pennfield Boy's tennis team started off with some tremendous playing action. I asked Mr. Appleton a few questions about how this year is going compared to other years, and to see why he loves coaching this sport. The first thing I asked him was, how has his team done this year in terms of winning? He said, "Our season so far has been great since we won against the team Columbia Central High School, but we are tied with Bronson which is 4-4." Mr. Appleton had this to say about being a tennis coach, "Tennis has been my favorite sport since about high school and also college I played for Messiah College." Then I asked him what specific things the team can improve on, "Our team needs to gain match experience, so we can be up to date on playing current positions for the people who never played this sport." According to Mr. Appleton, "The team has been very teachable and very enjoyable to coach this year, and that they are dedicated to their hard work, such as on the court, and in the classroom. Dryden Lachance is a junior on the team and he loves tennis. "The team this year was small yet driven. I felt like there was always the right attitudes coming from the players. I have no doubt we will do well at regionals." Good luck with the rest of your season boys and good luck at regionals.

Girls Golf

Emily Morales '14

The panther girls' golf team has been progressing and getting better with every match this season. Megan DeHart, Amber Chapin, and Ashlynn Horvath are the three lovely ladies who represent Pennfield on the Pennfield and Battle Creek girls' golf team. So far this season, they have played some very tough competitors, including Lakeview, Harper, Coldwater, Marshall, Sturgis, Kalamazoo Central, and many more teams. "My favorite part about golf would have to be the matches. I love to compete and I like shooting for my goals." Senior, Ashlynn, states a positive statement about herself and the team! Goals are always a good thing to have and it especially shows off with their team being strongest at many things, such as approaching the green, and driving the ball. It's Amber's first year, as a senior, on the team and she enthusiastically told me, "We've been killing it so far, I love golfing!" The season isn't quite over yet, the team is looking forward to regionals. Regionals will be coming up in a few weeks, and will be a tough 18 holes. "We only have a few more matches, so I am hoping we will end on a good note and do well at regionals," says Megan DeHart. We know you can do it girls! Good luck with the rest of your season!



Girls Golf Team

Cross Country

Jeff Lambrich '15

This year's cross country team is already off to a phenomenal start. They have been practicing for this Fall's season ever since the middle of July, and have been competing in events even before school started on September 4th. So far this season they have competed in eight competitions since August 23rd, when they attended the Barney Roy Invitational at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. Many members have placed so far including Jill Traxler, Lauren Smith, Terra Dickenson, Jake Gillett, Nicolas Simonds, and Drew Stevens. Junior Audri Bornamann is currently leading the team and has placed first four times, second once, and third once in the 5,000 meter race. So far, all of the races have been away. Pennfield is not hosting any Cross Country meets, but they have taken place at many locations across Michigan, including Riverside Elementary and Kalamazoo Christian Elementary school. Coach McKire claims that, "Cross Country is a gruesome sport, and it is very rough on the individuals who are members of the team." There is a lot more to Cross Country than most people think as the runners must study up on their opponents, and be used to running on different terrain. The Cross Country team is currently doing very well against the teams, in what the team's coach says is, "the toughest conference." The students involved with Cross Country are having a great time, and love the experiences that the sport has to offer. Senior, Jake Gillett says, "Everyone in Cross Country is so nice and very encouraging! They always push you to do your best!" Hopefully the sportsmanship remains, and the Panthers can finish up with a great season!



Pictured From Left to Right: Adam Rifenburg, Eric Rifenburg, Nicholas Simonds, and Drew Stevens

Pictured Below: Jill Traxler



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