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Growing up, it's every little girls dream to be a princess. On Friday, October 4th, this childhood dream came true for a select few deserving girls at Pennfield High School. Ten senior girls lined up at the football field, representing our newest homecoming princesses. Dixie Purcell, Makayla Bennett, Alia Hack, Emily Morales, Katie Perry, Baylee Shelton, Hannah Lenz, Taylor Wilcox, Toni Calhoun, and Shelby Miller stood before the whole community, waiting to see who would be crowned as this years queen. Under those Friday night lights, each of these girls shined as they pulled up in the corvettes.

As each girl got out of their car, suspense flooded the stands. Everyone nervously waited as last years homecoming queen, Mercedes Moore, pulled up looking as gorgeous as ever. She slowly walked behind each girl, making everyones hearts race. As she walked back a second time, she reached for her crown which she was wearing for the very last time, and placed it on Katie Perry's head. The crowd went wild as she became Pennfield's newest homecoming queen.

I asked Katie to describe the experience and what was going through her head when the crown became hers. "I was so nervous! Because I really did not want to be the one to trip and fall in front of everyone...because that would be embarrassing. So I was really focused on that for a lot of the time! I wasn't expecting to win at all, and I feel super honored and excited about everything. Mercedes (Moore) is one of my really close friends, so it was really awesome to be able to share that with her. I definitely almost cried a little bit! It was a like a dream come true. It was such an amazing experience for me, I'm so thankful for it and will never forget it."

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## NEW LAPTOP BAGS

Logan Messenger '16

Over the summer, students at Pennfield High School received a letter in the mail explaining the new policies of the 2013-2014 school year. One of these new policies was that the students would be issued new laptop bags to carry their laptops around in and wouldn't be allowed to bring backpacks to class. I asked Mr. Faber what prompted the new policy, and he answered with three simple reasons. "Classrooms were becoming very difficult to navigate with the number of bags on the floor, just walking through the room became hazardous. Even though the backpacks were designed with a padded area for laptop storage, once several textbooks, notebooks, binders, and other materials were packed in there, they often exerted enormous pressure on the laptops, resulting in some cracked screens, or even worse damage. It is also a school safety matter. By eliminating the large backpacks, students have less opportunity to carry around items that do not belong at school. Yes, it can still happen, but the opportunities are reduced." Two students from Pennfield explained their thoughts on the policy: "They're a pain and a hassle to carry around," said Sophomore Marisa Moya. "I just think the school needs to do the best for our learning. Carrying backpacks makes it so much easier to be prepared for class," said another Sophomore Jessica Roan. There are upsides and downsides to this policy. Upsides are that no one will trip over backpacks in class, making it safer if we ever unfortunately had a fire. On the other hand, students are now forced to carry our binders, books, and the other necessities around to class. We have less time to grab things from our lockers during transition, and less time to talk with friends during transition. I will leave you with one simple question: What is your opinion on the laptop bag policy?

## TEACHERS SAFETY SIMULATION

Ashley Tate '15

School safety is becoming a larger concern around the world. Over the summer Pennfield High School, along with a few other schools in the Battle Creek area, took part in a teacher safety simulation. Teachers and other school administrators took part in four different scenarios teaching different techniques. Each scenario had the same goal, to stay "alive" for the first 10 minutes. In the past, teachers were taught when someone dangerous would enter the building teachers and students were supposed to hide under desks. Mrs. Miknis said, "Now it's time to change thinking, hiding under desks is not safe anymore, the best thing to do is lock and barricade doors." The police were showing teachers different ways to tie the door shut. Mr. McGrath was also a teacher who took part of the simulation. "Everyone was taught to fight back and be the first responders." It could take the police 10 minutes to get to the scene. It will be best to go with your instinct to protect people in the building and the classroom. As the scenarios went on through the day, each time, less people got eliminated. School safety is a big deal and it is important to know of different ways to keep everyone safe.



## MR. SHAUVER'S TRYING SOMETHING NEW

Taylor Stout '15

Calculus is a bit different this year, for everyone. It may not seem all that different for some people, but our very own, Mr. Shauver, is in for a challenge. Mr. Shauver has taken on the responsibility of teaching this year's Calculus students, and to him it's all new. "I was inspired by the idea of teaching students who volunteered to take a tough math class, like Calculus," says Mr. Shauver. Being a student in the class, myself, I give Mr. Shauver props. He had mentioned that it was his first year teaching it, and he had struggled with it in high school and college himself, which will be a bit of a challenge, not only for us, but him, too. We also do not have textbooks this year, which, for some, may cause a little bit more difficulty. Mr. Shauver is also getting most of his lessons this year, from a teacher in Brooklyn, and they have been working together to make us successful. It's different than any other math class I've taken, but so far, so good, and we are all looking forward to a great learning experience, and a fantastic year.

Nicole Koenigskecht



on exchange while Nicole takes his place in Germany. Already she is doing a lot of travelling. Most recently she went to Munich and attended Oktoberfest, with her friends one weekend and her host family the next. She has already been in Netherlands where she spent time in Amsterdam waiting to board her plane to Germany, Stuttgart which is the the biggest city of Baden-Württemberg or the state she's in, and also the city of Ulm. She climbed all 768 steps to the top of the Ulm church tower, the highest church tower in the world. Coming up soon she will visit the city of Nuremberg which is in Bavaria and a Northern region of Italy called Südtirol. For fun with friends, on the weekends they go out at night, go to restaurants, walk around shops, and go to the mall that she says is much better than Lakeview Square Mall. On Saturday mornings she enjoys going with her host family to biergartens and walking the cobblestone streets of downtown. She is most frequently asked by other students whether or not she can drive and if we have proms in America because it is rare to have school dances in Germany and you can not drive until you're eighteen there. Nicole shared with me that the food there is amazing. Some of her favorite foods so far are: schnitzel, maultaschen and kaesespaetzle. The things she misses most from home are her family, being able to drive herself places, and American football. The year has only begun and Nicole is loving her time spent in Germany. "Just the whole lifestyle here is one of my favorite things about Germany. It's hard to explain, but things are more relaxed here. Also I love the architecture of all the old buildings and the food is incredible. Having a castle in the middle of town is pretty cool too."

## PROM PLANNING

Sam Penland '15

"So dance, dance, like it's the last, last night of your life." This year's prom will be the last prom for the class of 2014. Prom will take place on May 3rd at Riverside Country Club on Columbia. Riverside has a main dance floor which will have a few tables for mingling and eating. Also there is a patio that will have a few games to play, and offer the advantage of a cool breeze. Seniors who attended prom at this location their sophomore year are excited to see how the different theme will look this year. The 2014 prom will have a carnival theme that should be enjoyable. Angelica Burd, junior said, "I am excited because it is my first prom." I also talked to one of the junior class sponsors, Mr. Lamb, about prom this year. I asked Mr. Lamb what he was looking forward to for running this year's prom. "I am looking forward to it being a great prom and how the prom committee is going to make it look." The prom this year is going to be a night to remember. There will be games, dancing, and tasty food for your enjoyment. If you want to help out and join the prom committee, there is still time! See either Mr. Lamb or Mr. K for details.



## NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

Megan Howard '16

The student council has been busy lately planning for homecoming week. The officers have also been without a leader for their student council. They have not yet found a new teacher to fill the lovely Mr. Miknis' place. For now, Mr. Faber is taking over the position until they find someone who is interested in becoming part of the student council team. The student council has recently made the choice of having board games be the theme for the fences at homecoming this year. The student council has done a great job so far this year by planning ideas to improve our school and I'm excited to see what more they have to offer! I believe it's going to be an exciting school year!



## COLLEGE ENTRANCE TIMELINES

Makayla Bennett '14

SENIORS and JUNIORS this article is just for you! Information that you need to know is packed tightly in this one article to help you beat the college entrance timelines. Yes, I know college. It's a scary thing to even begin to think about but trust me, you need to start. I talked to Mrs. Bailey about my own college future and it was very informational. I am going to share with all of you lucky seniors what you need to know. An important thing to know when applying for college is if you are applying for early or deadline admission. Do you want a big or small school? What can you afford? Are you looking for an in or out of state college or university? All these are big factors into moving towards the next step in your education. Some helpful tips from Mrs. Bailey are to take challenging classes, seniors try your hardest this year. Don't just slack off, colleges will see how your senioritis affected your grades. ACT scores are key! Juniors make sure you are starting to get prep for the ACT started now. The more prepared you are for the ACT the better! Make sure you are involved in school activities!! Sports aren't the only thing colleges look at. Make sure you sign up for college visits, not just seniors, juniors as well. When you go on these visits, bring a parent. See if you can visualize yourself being a student at this college. Make sure you have an area of interest. Deadlines that students need to be aware of are, applications for most colleges should be in by October 31st at the latest. "The earlier the better," says Mrs. Bailey. Any seniors planning to retake the ACT go to www.ACT.org. ACT score are an important part to submit to your college application. When submitting an application for any college go online and fill out a new student application. Once you apply make sure you tell your counselors!!!! They will then send an official transcript and your ACT scores to the college you applied for. All scholarships that the counselors know about will be posted in the senior hallway! Also, there will be a Battle Creek Community Foundation meeting in January for all seniors, the meeting is about scholarships! And bonus, it's during the school day! There will also be a Financial Aid Night in January. All colleges will meet at here at Pennfield at one point or another. Also you can set up a date to meet them, it's free! So call the admissions offices and set up a date. Seniors, high school will be coming to an end sooner than you think. So make sure you get on top of everything. Good Luck!

## TURNING POINTS OF PENNFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Ryan Owens '15

Pennfield High School has had some changes due to the retirements from some great, long time staff members last year, such as Mr. Miknis, Mrs. Root, Mr. Boyer and Mrs. Abbott. Like the saying goes, "As one door closes another one opens." Although we are upset about some of our favorites leaving, there are many new faces that we are excited to see every day. The new staff members this year are Mr. Kubik (English Teacher), Mrs. Latchaw (Guidance Secretary), Mrs. Funk (Secretary), and Mr. Steele (Athletic Director). Each of the new staff members would like to reach out to students in some way, every one of them has a goal set in mind for this school year. Mrs. Latchaw believes strongly in, "Listening to the students when they are in need of help or just having someone there to listen to them at their lowest point." One of Mr. Steele's goals is to maintain the policies that have been put in place by the previous athletic director, Mr. Boyer. Mr. Kubik would like to see his students, "Think for themselves." The Emerald welcomes the new staff members, and we hope you have a successful school year.



Mrs. Latchaw



Mrs. Funk



Mr. Kubik



Mr. Steele

Emily Morales '14

## FRESHMAN ADVICE FROM SENIORS

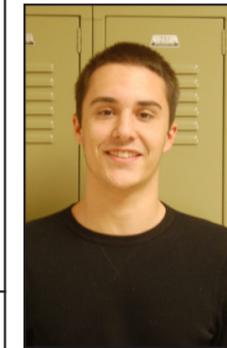
Connor Clark '14



Jamie Collige - "Get involved in sports and stay focused on your school work!"



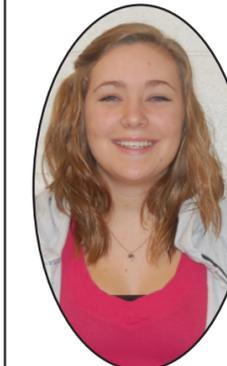
Carlee Allred - "Have fun! Make the most of everything while it lasts."



Anthony Staib - "Choose your friends wisely, and be nice to everyone."



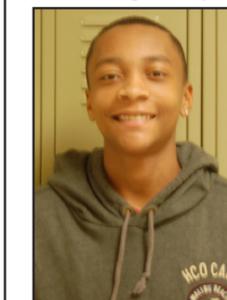
J.J. Clements - "Workout and stay strong, and make the most of every moment."



Candis Mosteller - "Be yourself, and don't worry about what other people think about you."



Cody Fleming - "Freshman year is the most important year, don't slack!"



Aaron Brown - "Stay away from all the peer pressure, but I know everyone will enjoy their next four years!"

## Clean Up the Beach

Charles Hollins '15

"It was a great day; I had a number of students who participated, and the weather was better than we predicted. I'm just glad that we were able to help the environment," said Mrs. Hammond. Every year, Chemistry teacher Mrs. Hammond, puts a trip in place so that students can volunteer and better our community. This year, on September 21st, students participated in a clean up the beach activity, where they went and helped pick up debris and checked one of Michigan's beaches water quality. The group visited North Beach, in South Haven and the entire event was sponsored by the Alliance for the Great Lakes. On North Beach the Pennfield students recorded the air temperature to be 57 degrees Fahrenheit, the wind was calculated to be 16 miles per hour, north west, and went up to 23 miles per hour. Along with that, the humidity was recorded to be 85% and the cloud cover was 80%. The students that attended the trip, had great things to say. Zack Burr said, "Even though it was cold, it was great." According to Isaac Goldman, "It was cold, but it was pretty sweet. It just felt good to do something nice." Thank you Pennfield students for helping out the environment!



## New Cup Cake Shop: Sweet Kreations

Kelly Seech '15



Have you ever had one of those days where all you want to do is sit in a cozy little bakery and eat sweets? With the newly founded Sweet Kreations conveniently located on Michigan Ave. downtown Battle Creek you can do that everyday. Upon walking into Sweet Kreations I found that I was in my total girly element. From the pretty pink walls to the shiny chandelier and vintage furniture Sweet Kreations is perfectly Posh and Chic. I walked up to the counter to find tiers of cupcakes, brownies, and cookies and to the left I found a frozen yogurt machine with all the fixings to go with it. I went to visit Sweet Kreations on a Saturday afternoon and found Pennfield's

very own Dryden Lachance working! As I walked into the kitchen I found a fun, friendly atmosphere filled with cool music, fun people, and lots and lots of baking materials. Dryden was working on making dry mixes while we chatted with him about the perks of working in a bakery. "I really love my job," smiled Dryden. "My favorite part would have to be the people, they're all really cool and easy to get along with!" As I asked him what his favorite thing in the bakery is he laughed and looked around at his co-workers. "It would probably have to be the apple spice cupcake." They all seemed to agree. So when you go visit Sweet Kreations the apple spice cupcake seems to have rave reviews. Visit Sweet Kreations Monday-Thursday 10AM to 7PM or Friday-Saturday 10AM-10PM and you can decide on your favorite too.



Dryden Lachance

## New Year: New Building

Taylor Stout '15

After two long years of planning and building, the new Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center is open for learning. Everyone has been anticipating this year, because it's so big and new. There are new improvements that have been made for a better, more efficient learning environment. In this new building, there is a new lounging area, for students to relax during classes. They have also built a greenhouse for the science classes. Former BCAMSC director, Mrs. Duncan says, "The new Center is an exciting place for students to collaborate and learn; our students are so lucky to have this new facility." The class of 2014 will be the first to graduate from this building, so, sadly this is their only year there, but the class of 2017 is the first freshman class, therefore will get the whole four year experience. With all the new technology and surrounding improvements, it is sure to be a nice way to get through high school. Good luck everyone, and have a great year!



## Texting And Driving

Camarie Smith '16

Don't Text and Drive. Take the pledge to stop texting while driving. It can wait. No text is worth taking a life. Because of texting while driving, it is now the leading cause of death for teenagers, even worse than drinking and driving. Every life is worth something, but it's not worth ending it from one small text, or even another life. Katie Canfield believes, "It's not right to text and drive, kids or adults shouldn't be doing it at all. Texting and driving is a really dangerous thing to do." It's not that hard to put the phone down when you are driving. Even though you shouldn't text while driving, Brian Case thinks differently, "You shouldn't text unless you are at a stop sign or at a red light." That comment, the Emerald does not agree with. Whenever I am in a car and I see a driver texting, it bothers me because their eye's are not on the road, like they should be. If you get into a car, and the driver starts texting and it bothers you, say something to them. You could change a horrible accident from even happening. When you were taking drivers training you weren't texting so why text when you get your licence. STOP! There are ways to stop texting and driving. A few ways we leave you to stay safe on the road are keep your phone out of sight, out of mind, silence is golden, and designate someone else to text for you.

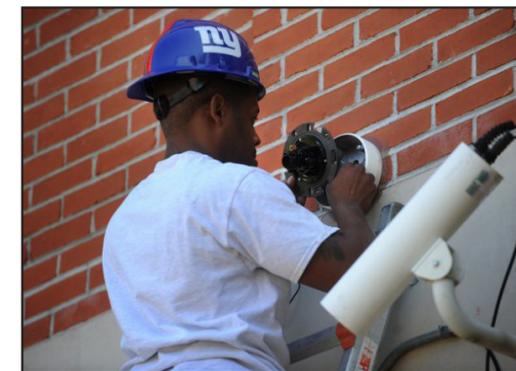


## Current Events

Audri Bornamann '14

The Sandy Hook school district is taking new measures to make sure that all of their students are safe at all times. These measures include- four police officers assigned to every school. As well as, the locks on the classroom doors now have panic alarms that send a link to the school offices and to the police department. The police department has access to all of the school's cameras. There are also phones in every classroom dedicated to specifically call 911. The goal of the new security system is to delay intruders and decrease the amount of time it takes for help to arrive. The new security measures come out to \$2.5 million, but no price is too high to protect the 6,600 students in the district.

Syria in Crumbles Starting in August 2013 more than 100,000 Syrian citizens have been killed. Everything began in 2011 when Syrian civilians protested their unhappiness with the political process. The government did not like this protests. The government proceeded to torture and kill some protesters. Troops opened fire on civilians, who fired back. Civilians organized a rebel force against government violence. The Syrian government destroyed entire towns, creating even higher tensions, leading to the current civil war. The United States could possibly step in and take military action in Syria. President Obama says he has not decided if he wants to launch a military attack. Most of Congress does not want to start a war with Syria. Even though Congress technically has the right to declare war, they have not done so since World War II. If the U.S. does start a war with Syria, there is a possibility Syria could attack Israel, a strong American ally. American intervention could also lead to issues with Syrian allies Hezbollah and Iran. Currently the U.S. is not taking any action.



## Where Are They Now: Michelle Latta

Sydney Brown '15

Students at Pennfield will always come and go, but they are rarely forgotten. Many of these students end up going on and doing great things with their lives. Each issue of the newspaper, a previous PHS student will be spotlighted and interviewed about the different things they have done since graduating high school. Michelle Latta, or she may be more commonly known as Makayla Bennett's mom, has definitely lead a successful life since graduation. Michelle gave me some insight of what she has been up to:

"I graduated from Pennfield in 1994. and I now have a wonderful husband who is now a Sergeant for Calhoun County. I recently was promoted to Sergeant also, about a month ago for Calhoun County. I have two beautiful children, Makayla and Lars, one is a freshman and one is a senior! Both are great athletes for PHS and both have very high GPAs. I have worked for Calhoun County for 11 and a half years, and I loved having Mr. Corcoran as a teacher over 20 years ago. I was a varsity athlete for softball, basketball and volleyball while I was attending Pennfield. I also went to Lake Superior State for a few years with an academic scholarship, and that was when I became certified to be a police officer through Kellogg Community College. Oh, and my nicknames when I went to Pennfield were Maddix and Maddog!"

Since Michelle's favorite high school teacher was Mr. Corcoran, we asked him about his previous student: "Yea I remember her! I was surprised to find out she's Makayla's mom! I remember having her and her brother Jason and they always worked hard and were very good students."



Michelle's Senior Picture



Dan & Michelle Latta

# Homecoming

# 2013



Fall is football season, and with football season comes the unwritten rule of rooting for your school's team. What is a better way to show your enthusiasm than participating in homecoming week? This year the students of Pennfield high school started off a great week by sporting their classes color. If you felt like you saw an overwhelming amount of black on Monday, you were seeing right, the seniors had won. On Tuesday the Seniors took another win with Twin Day. Wednesday the newbies in the school decided to take the win with Fake an Injury Day, good job Freshmen! Seniors restored their victory on Thursday with costume day. After a long week of anticipation for the big day, Friday had finally come. At the end of the school day students filed into the buzzing gym to cheer on their teams and get ready for the night's big game. The pep rally started off with a good old fashioned game of Tug O' War which was won by the Sophomores. The Juniors and Seniors tied during the pie eating competition, Seniors won dodgeball, and blanket relay. The final competition was the Gender Swap, Sophomores won this one with the Juniors coming in close behind. The homecoming game festivities were brought to a close with the fences. Each class worked all week with a board game theme. Sophomores won this with their Monopoly board. By the end of the week the clear winners were the Seniors, followed by the Sophomores, preceded by the Freshmen, leaving only the Juniors to come in last place. This homecoming week is added to the list of epic homecoming weeks. It was a good week to show your school spirit.

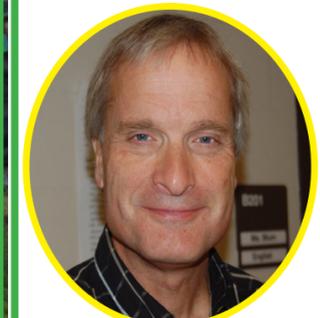
Kelly Seech '15



## HOMECOMING GAME

Connor Clark '14

Fall is in the air, and Pennfield High School's homecoming football game finally has come and gone. Our Pennfield Panthers 5-0 winning record would be put to the test against the Schoolcraft Eagles 4-1 on Friday, October 5th. Energy filled the stadium, and our Pennfield student section went wild, as the Panthers and Eagles dealt hit after hit, fighting to come out on top of the game. Sadly, the panthers were not able to come out with the win. The Schoolcraft Eagles came out on top of the Pennfield Panthers 28 to 22, making the panthers now 5-1. The Pennfield Panthers will take on the Olivet Eagles next week, who is currently 6-0. When senior quarterback and captain Jake Grimes was asked his feelings about the game Friday, Jake responded, "We were unprepared and outplayed overall. We watched the film the following Monday and we were embarrassed of ourselves. We pride ourselves on being tough and having tradition here at Pennfield, and we just didn't show for it. The score was a bad interpretation of the game itself. We lost by a lot more than the score suggested." One loss will never drain a Pennfield Panthers motivation to go out and improve and prepare for next week's game! "We need to focus, fix our errors and be 100% ready for the game next Friday," says captain J.J. Clements. Pennfield is confident they will come out of a good week of practice and get right back into their 'Refuse To Lose' spirit. Be sure to come out and cheer on the Pennfield Panthers as they take on the Olivet Eagles on their own turf. The panthers need this win if they want a chance at a 3 way tie for the conference title, with Schoolcraft and Olivet. Refuse to lose panthers, and take it all the way to glory!



### COACH KOENIGSKNECHT

"Friday was a disappointment; it's always hard to loose a homecoming game. The good thing is we can still win the KVA. If we win the last three games, we will have accomplished a three way tie for a division three champion. We have to play better than last Friday, but we have a chance to do that, and that's our goal."



The Emerald thanks MaryLynn Shepard for the Homecoming game pictures!



# BOYS TENNIS

Sam Penland '15

The boy's tennis team has been working their hearts out this season. The boys have been playing really close games and made some really good shots. All of the boys shots are in a great form and great technique. I had a chance to speak with Coach Corcoran, this year's boy's tennis coach. I asked him how the team was doing and what their winning record was. He said, "It is not that good this year, we haven't won many." That doesn't mean they haven't been trying their hardest. When asked what was the best thing about being a coach this year, Mr. Corcoran said, "The best thing is working with the new kids and getting to know them outside of school." The coach hopes to see major improvements of the newer players this year, like working on their serves and other techniques for a great tennis player. The more experienced players should work on the big points and having the ball go where they want it to go. There is always room for improvement. We wish the team a great season!



Evan Thomas

# BOYS SOCCER

Ryan Owens '15

As boys soccer is underway, all team members have the same goal in sight, and that is to reach the championship and win a trophy for Pennfield. The boys have to be motivated and have discipline to reach this very high expectation. The soccer team intends to win more of their games by, "Passing the ball more frequently, thus scoring more goals," said senior Jamie Collige. The boy's soccer team gets the thrill of winning when, "We score or when the ball is saved from swishing into our own net," said junior, Darian Brown. The boy's soccer team had a tremendous season last year by placing second in our conference. When the season concludes we will lose some of our all star soccer players, like Jamie Collige, Jacob Bell, and many more. When the seniors leave they hope to see the new players that come next year be as dedicated and willing to work hard like they were this year. So practice dribbling, passing, and scoring so that we can watch our boys soccer team go far with the rest of their season.



Darian Brown

# VOLLEYBALL

Brooke Lenz '16

This year's volleyball team is full of talent. The team is currently 0-3. The girls are being pushed to the limit with their new head coach Amanda Zima. Senior captains Armani Anderson, Hannah Day and Hannah Lenz are proud of their team and are pushing them to work even harder everyday. The girls know with a little more hard work and dedication they will have the season they had hoped for. One of the ways the team is stepping up their game is by bringing up Molly Boles and Alexa Stephenson (sophomores) from JV to Varsity. Everyone believes this is a good thing and hopes it will make the season better for all. The team has been helping out the community too. The girls went to the store Aeropostale and bought brand new clothes for children in need. The team gave the new clothes to their coach Amanda Zima, and she took them to the Panthers Closet (an organization that gives children new clothes that can not afford it). Another way the team is giving back is by participating in a Pink game that helps raise awareness for breast cancer. The team is helping families and children in the community and is also helping women struggling with breast cancer, and are very proud of this. Captain Armani Anderson says, "I think it is great we are making a change in our community." The team is in high spirits and is looking forward to the rest of the season. JV and Freshman volleyball are also having a great season. Both teams are currently undefeated and are doing great. JV coach Heather Either says, "I am very proud of my team and I know we will have a great season." All three teams are hopeful for what's to come next.

# CROSS COUNTRY

Audrianna Bornamann '14

The Cross Country team is coached by Mr. McKire, Randy Gadaury, Jessica Coaks, John

Green, and Annilisa Krug. The Cross Country team has started off their season very well. At the first KVA meet in Constantine, Pennfield took fifth place. At the Lakeview Invitational every single person on the team recorded a personal best for the season. Sophomore Nick Simonds reached a great milestone by breaking twenty minutes with a time of 19:53. Freshman Jean- Luc LaChance finished with a time of 20:22. The second KVA Jamboree was at Galesburg. After a rough race, Pennfield finished in 7th place as a team, dropping two places. Despite the tough race Kylee Mead had a season's best of 28:16. At the Lakewood invite Captains, Audri Bornamann and Adam Rifenburg both placed first. Haylee Ribbey-Johnson received her first medal by finishing in 9th place. At the Jackson invite Adam Rifenburg, Haylee Ribbey- Johnson, Erin Parker, and Katie Draper all had their best times of the season. The race featured 17 teams making it a great environment to run fast. Good luck to the team with the remainder of their season!



Audrianna Bornamann & Adam Rifenburg

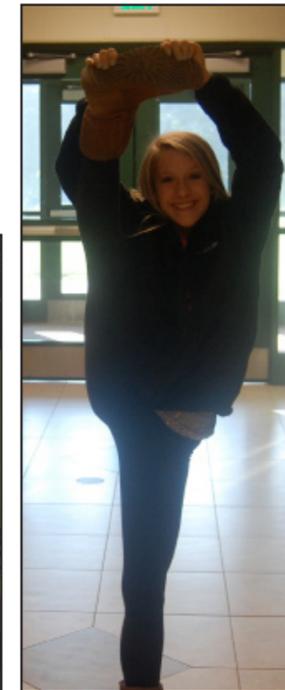


Boys Start

# CHEERLEADING

Megan Howard '16

The varsity cheerleaders here at Pennfield never fail to pump up everyone in the stands every Friday night at the football games. Whether the game is home or away, the cheerleaders are always consistent on cheering our boys to victory. Sophomore, Bailey Huff, cheers for the Varsity team. Her favorite part of cheerleading is, "Tumbling and stunts which are the most fun to do." I also asked her what it was like to be a sophomore on varsity cheer, she said, "I really enjoy it, and the upperclassmen are not intimidating, so we all have a great time together during practices and at games." The team has practiced many hours and it definitely has shown with their amazing performance every Friday night. They have improved from the beginning of the season and it is really paying off. During the homecoming pep rally the cheerleaders will be performing many stunts that they learned from a camp they attended over the summer. The camp at Davenport University taught them many stunts which they are excited to use in the upcoming games. The mix for the pep rally will be mostly popular hits from today's music, such as Katy Perry's, "Roar." Keep keeping us pepped, cheerleaders!



Bailey Huff

# EQUESTRIAN

Makayla Bennett '14

The Pennfield Equestrian Team consists of Kathleen Mcnees, Lacey White, Torey Fisher, Katie Canfield, and Kylee Mead, coached by Michelle Goshorn and Kathy Fisher. The Equestrian team meets every Thursday at Mission Acres to figure out the classes the girls will compete in at future competitions. The classes are showmanship, western riding, hunt riding, and speed. The girls compete in each of these classes to get the highest amount of points. The 2 highest teams will go to regionals that are held in Coldwater. Kylee Mead placed in the top 3 in every class. Lacey White has placed in some classes and received honorable mention. Torey Fisher also placed in the top 8 in some classes. Captain Kathleen Mcnees' horse has been hurt and she hasn't done much this season. Each girl is excited for the season thus far and waiting patiently to see what's next. Good Luck



Torey Fisher with Leo

# Dance Team

Kelly Seech '15

"Go hard or go home" is the motto of The Pennfield Varsity Dance Team.

The team really had to dig deep with this phrase as they started preparing for the 2013-2014 season. Their first order of business was to learn and perfect the home routine; a high energy dance that is taken to UDA Dance Camp to be judged and rated. On June 18th the dance team traveled to Oakland University where they stayed for three days, living, breathing, and eating dance. The first night was Home Routine Evaluation night, the girls came out of it with a superior rating, earning a blue ribbon! Along with performing home routine each girl had to learn three different routines that they would also be evaluated on. This process is very intense, but the girls pulled through earning a total of 24 blue ribbons as a team. Upon their return from dance camp, for the rest of the summer the girls worked on learning their dances for football season. At half time, during the first home game of the season, the girls danced their way through the team routine. The spirit of the crowd was infectious and the girl's fun moves and attitudes added to the ambiance. Since school has been in session, the girls have now begun learning their dances for follies. The dance team is always a very big and exciting



part of the show. They love perfecting their moves and costumes so that a story is told through their dances, pulling the audience in and demanding their attention. The dance team is a force to be reckoned with this year so watch out for them! They are small but they are mighty.

# Swimming and Water Polo

Ashley Tate '15

Every year students from Pennfield High School join Battle Creek Central for a conjoined swim team. Two students from the high school are on the team this year. They are sophomores, Amber Gauthier and Mary Griffith. So far the team is doing great, they just added four new divers, including Amber. The team also won their meet against Lansing with a final score 112-62. The relay team also qualified for the MISCA meet (Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association). Overall, most of the girls took first place. Swim on ladies! Another sport we share with BCC is water polo. Water polo is a sport that combines the concept of soccer with swimming and it is played in the water. The goal is to make as many goals for your team in only 7 minutes. So far from Pennfield, Austin Douglas is the only one on the team, he says, "Water polo is a fun sport, you get a lot of exercise and get to meet new people." More people should join, you could have a great time and a wonderful experience. If you have any question or want more information talk to Austin Douglas.



Rachel Halbert, Mary Griffith, Amber Gauthier, & Olyvea Davis



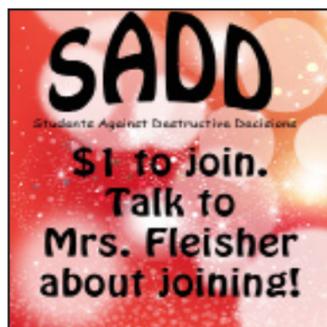
Austin Douglas

## Clubs & Activities

Camarie Smith '16

Want to have some fun and make new friends? How about joining a club? Mrs. Fleisher is looking for new SADD members and membership sign up is soon. She would like to have more students participate this year. All students are welcome, the cost is \$1. If you have any questions, ask Mrs. Fleisher in room A105. If you feel like going green, the Recycling Club would be the way for you to go. Mr. Piotrowski is looking forward for you to join. Recycling meets every Thursday after school in room A103. If you love the environment then you should join. They

except paper and cardboard products, but they do not take plastic, or cans. April Kragt likes Recycling club because, "It is a ton fun. We just go around helping the school out. The people in the club are really fun to hangout with." But if you think being creative is more your style, then try Art club. Art Club is a creativity-rousing after-school activity for students grades 9th-12th. Kaylyn Prado told me, "I like it because I can be creative and just have fun making cool products." The club is organized by Mrs. Haroff in room B105. The club is in the Art room after school, Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30. Everyone is welcome! Even if you believe you are not good at art you can still join. It's time to express yourself in your own special way. Some of the things art club does includes painting chairs, creating holiday theme projects, and much more. Another thing the Art Club participates in is helping with the art show, working on individual art projects, fundraisers for trips to places like Chicago, and they go downtown to do chalk art. If you really love paintings, they do murals at a daycare of your choice. Each club sounds great, The Emerald hopes we gave you some ideas to join and to enhance your Pennfield experience.



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## CARAMEL APPLE SUCKERS

Camarie Smith '16

The sucker sales are back! During the month of October, the newspaper and yearbook classes will be selling caramel apple suckers for 50 cents each. If you would like a tasty treat, meet with a newspaper/yearbook student or Mrs. Royer at the beginning or end of class. All money raised goes to the Newspaper/Yearbook. We need all the help we can get! The first five people to come to Mrs. Royer with their word scramble completed, will enjoy a free sucker!

### WORD SCRAMBLE

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ERACMLA \_\_\_\_\_

WHALELENO \_\_\_\_\_

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Karena Karns '14

# P A N T H E R E B L I F E

Make 2013-2014 Count:  
Summer is Right Around

the Corner!  
Montana Rench '15

It's that time again! Here's to a fresh start of a new school year and to say goodbye to summer. Yes, I know it is a little depressing, but it's a new year for new things! You may think summer will take forever to come back around, but before you know it, summer vacation will be back again. Many students have enjoyable summer experiences, stories and adventures. Alexa Stephenson, a sophomore, told me about her fun-filled tales. One of her many joy filled days of summer was that she and her friends went to Cedar Point. As she said, the day was filled with laughter and screams, as she enjoyed the thrill of the coasters! Madison Rench, a senior, took a trip up to the beautiful Mackinaw Island. She stated that the island was filled with pure beauty and it had a sense of relaxation. On the island, she said there were many activities to do such as, bike around the perimeter, butterfly gardens, carriage tours and much more. Madison stated that she recommends visiting Mackinaw Island whenever you can. Mrs. Royer also took a family trip to Mackinaw, and revisited the place of her engagement with her husband. The Royer's wanted to take their daughter to this special place. Until the summer rolls around again; make this school year the best you can and before you know it the last day of school will be rolling in.

Apps For Success

Logan Messenger '16



The Chemical Touch  
This app's touch-sensitive periodic table will help you a ton in chemistry. The app will show different element properties and definitions of nucleobases. The Chemical Touch costs \$0.99 and is available for iOS devices.

Math Formulas



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Essentials By AcceleStudy



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Evernote Peek



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Frog Dissection



Slicing up a frog in Biology Class can either be fun, or dirty and uncomfortable for people. This app removes the formaldehyde and still lets you learn about the insides and outsides of a frog. The app is 3.99, but worth it if you prefer to stay animal-friendly.

Graphing Calculator



Graphing calculators are fun to use but are pretty pricey. If you get this app, that only costs \$2.99, you'll receive all the same features of a graphing calculator.

## Kings and Queens of 2014

Emily Morales '14

Senior year has been kicked off with a bang! I highly recommend to participate in as many school and community activities as you can this year. The Ultimate Party takes place every year following graduation. This fun filled night, or in some cases, the day after, the seniors are able to have one last amazing experience as a class. Some of you may be asking, "Why are you bringing The Ultimate Party up so soon?" The Ultimate Party takes a lot of dedication and skill to both plan and raise money for the trip. A lovely group of senior parents meet every two weeks to get this process rolling. Many of you may have seen the parents at football games selling 50/50 raffle tickets or pink pop koozies and pink bracelets for breast cancer awareness to both raise awareness and money. A major fundraiser that the PUP are hoping to raise a majority of the money on are lottery calendars. The calendars cost \$25 each, but this is nothing when you compare it to what you could win from purchasing one. Each calendar is assigned a three digit number. Starting in January, when the Michigan Lottery draws out their numbers, and your calendar matches, you will receive either \$25, \$50, or even \$100! The process of getting together the calendars is still underway, so if you have a family member that would be willing to buy an add to both promote themselves, and The Ultimate Party, it would be greatly appreciated. On Monday October 14, there will be a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings. Who doesn't love food? If you attend, show the coupon on the back page and twenty percent of your purchase will go to support the Pennfield High School Ultimate Party. Seniors, if you have not done so, send a baby picture in to Mrs. Royer, along with a few pictures from middle school and high school of you and your friends. There is a small fee of \$40 dollars if you sign up for The Ultimate Party before Christmas break, but sign up quickly because after then, the price rises. And if you need a little help, there's surely ways for this to happen, the information is online. The countdown for the Party has begun, and you can watch it before your eyes on the Pennfield website and search for The Ultimate Party. This year, we, as seniors, are on top. That could be why our theme is very fitting, because we are the kings and queens of 2014.

## Pennfield's Marching Band

Sam Penland '15

The Pennfield Panther Marching Band is a family who works together to high step, stride, and play instruments to be one amazing sound. The band recently played and marched in the Battle Creek Invitational to receive a score to help them prepare for their festival. There were many bands there who did a great job including the Pennfield band. The band still has parts of the show to work on, but the show still looks and sounds great from where they've come. Our band is in the processes of memorizing all four of the songs. The show this year has everything to do with Latin pop, spanning over 60 years of great music. The four fun filled songs are "I Need To Know", "Sway", "Perfidia", and "Evil Ways". The first two songs and the last song are high step songs, but the third song shows the stride step style. The band is trying to show they can do both high step and stride step. The band consists of members from the woodwind section, brass section, percussion, and two drum majors. The drum majors this year are Senior, Austin Douglas and Junior, Angelica Burd. Our band plays at every home football game and also they participate in a marching band festival in October. Please make the trip out to support your Pennfield Panther Marching Band!



## Halloween Challenger

Charles Hollins '15

The man who invented it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know. What is it?



Collin Babcock  
Answer - A Coffin

## HALLOWEEN STYLE!

Thank you for trying to answer the riddle! The correct answer is A Coffin.



Brain Case  
Answer - A Beggar



Kody Page  
Answer - A Shoe



Angelica Burd  
Answer - A Pencil

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