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Alexandra Dawson
Valedictorian

"My favorite memory of high school was when Amber and I were in the lab area during a lockdown hiding under the lab tables. She stuck her finger in the lab bench, got it stuck, and starting complaining. It took her 10 minutes to convince us she was actually stuck."



Annelise Comai
Salutatorian

"My favorite high school memory isn't a single event but many everyday things that made me smile. Funny arguments about the "devil's comma", making up children's songs in the car, impromptu dance-offs at states...the things that maybe not everyone would find interesting, but still make me laugh months and years later."



Dayna Allen

"My favorite high school memory is being crowned Homecoming queen with my beautiful friends beside me."

Kelly Brakke

"My favorite memory of high school was being able to jam out to Disney songs in Mr. K's Humanities class."

Katie DeOliveria

"Two words: power block."

Joshua Eckman

"Getting to know Mr. P and learning "that he sometimes behaves so strangely"

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Madeline Richards

"In Spanish class we did a partner scavenger hunt around the school and one of the clues was in Mr. Kubik's room. Before he would give it my friend and I, we had to dance for the whole class."

Zachary Sears

"Going to Kalamazoo with Mr. Berg."

Samuel Stover

"When Amber threw a stale pretzel at my sister yelling "This pretzel sucks."

Chase Williamson

"My favorite memory from high school is the time I was on winter carnival court my sophomore year. I felt famous!"

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Spring Play Mitchell Woody '19



"Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone" was a fantastic show put on by our drama department. The whole cast, Mr. Bowen, Mr. Oakley, backstage hands, Mr. Dixon, and Ms. Sookhai put a great deal of work into making the play successful. Mr. Bowen said, "Directing the play has always been one of the highlights of the year for me. This year is no exception. I worked with such a great cast and anything to do with sorcery (insert evil wizard voice) is always a great time. Frogbull Academy forever!" Throughout the rehearsals the cast grew closer to each other and the talent of the actors truly shined. There were a lot of people that came to support us for both shows. Everyone that was in the play did a phenomenal job on stage. I'm so thankful that I had the opportunity to be a part of this production and meet all of the people that participated in it. Anyone who wasn't there missed a unique and very funny show. Sadly, this was Hannah Stevens, Montell Wiggins, Phillip Joseph, Deanna Schluckbier, and Allison Halbert's last play at the highschool and they will be missed by everyone. On the bright side, there might be another production coming up, so if you want to join the fun, look for future updates.



Where are you going for Spring Break? Makayla Packer '19



Haley Saunders '19
"Going to Missouri."



Lexi Horvath '17
"Muskegon and hanging out with friends."



Avari Dayton '16
"Either Florida or Colorado."



Ethan Muller '16
"Florida."

What did you do last year for Spring Break? Makayla Packer '19



Hayley Adkins '19
"Went to Florida."



Maranda Barbree '18
"Last year I went to Kentucky and Florida."



Kiera Dickerson '17
"Last year I went to Kentucky and Tennessee for spring break."



Rebecca Coppess '16
"Last year I went to Florida for spring break."

Art Show

Brooklyn Kennedy '16

Pennfield Art Show of course! Organized by Mrs. Haroff, our school art teacher, it shows off our student's best talents in art. Anything from paintings, to sculptures, to paper mache, it's found here at the show. The art show was in correlation with this year's spring play "Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone", composed by Mr. Bowen, the school's choir and drama teacher. I myself attended both the show and the play and found it to be a snappy great time! There was so much fantastic art created by the students; followed by a fantastic play. The art show happens every year, so if you missed this show don't worry you can make the one next year!



Photo by Mrs. Haroff



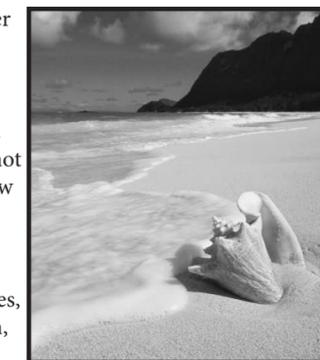
Photo by Mrs. Haroff

Things to Do for Spring Break

Brooklyn Kennedy '16

Do you often find yourself bored, cooped up inside your room over spring break? The Emerald is here to help! Here are 5 ideas for you to do during spring break;

1. Go to the Beach! The beach is full of fun opportunities when the weather is warm and sunny. Bring your friends, your family; fire up the BBQ and have a few burgers! Relax on the lake's water with your super snappy floaties. The options are endless!
2. Hit the Road! With gas prices as low as they are, hit the road with some friends or family! Take a little trip to a town you've never been to and discover what it has to offer.
3. Tents, Campfires, S'mores, Oh my! Camping usually goes better with summer, but you could also do it during spring break! Just make sure you bring more sweaters and a warmer sleeping bag.
4. Channel Your Inner Bookworm... Go down to the Library and pick out a book you've never read. Try going for books you may not read otherwise, just for a challenge! This way you might find a new genre that interests you, or even a new favorite series.



5. Get Your Family Time On! Take the time to spend with your family and catch up on what they're doing. Go for walks, bike rides, or jogs if you enjoy exercising. Take your sibling out for ice cream, or have a BBQ at your aunt's house!

Sugar Cookie Fruit Pizzas

Brooklyn Kennedy '16

Ingredients (For the Sugar Cookies):
 ½ cup of butter
 ½ cup shortening
 2 cups sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 ½ teaspoon salt
 3 egg yolks
 ½ teaspoon vanilla
 2 and ½ cups all purpose flour

Ingredients (For Cheesecake Spread):
 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup powdered sugar
 1 cup heavy cream
 ½ teaspoon vanilla
 Your choice of Fresh fruit for topping

Method:

To make the cookies, preheat the oven to 300 F. In the bowl of a stand mixer (you can also use a hand mixer), beat together butter and shortening. Cream in the sugar, baking powder, and salt until fluffy. Add the eggs and vanilla and beat in well. Stir in the flour. Roll the dough into 1 inch balls and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 12-14 minutes. Do not let them brown! While baking the cookies, make your cheesecake spread. Beat the cream cheese with the sugar until light and smooth. Pour in the heavy cream. Begin the mixer on a slow speed, start to beat in the cream. Increase the speed gradually until the spread thickens. Spread a bit of cream cheese mix on the cookies, and decorate with your fruit of choice!



SPORTS

LACROSSE

Lacrosse season is in full swing. This year's lacrosse team couldn't be more ready. Some of the members of the team were quoted saying they like lacrosse for a number of reasons. Nate Krause said, "It is one of the fastest sports." Tyler Mrozinski said, "I've been playing for ten years." The season has only just now begun and is already showing signs of being a great season. Many of the members of the lacrosse team have said that they are hoping to have a good season because so many people are fired up. Nate Krause said, "I think the season will go really well if everyone focuses, keeps talking, and stays on their feet." Tristan Rahn remarked, "The season is going to go great!" Here's to a successful season boys!



Nathan Krause '18



Tyler Mrozinski '16



Kollin Kemerling '18



Taylor Dean '16

TENNIS

Brooklyn Kennedy '16

Tennis is a popular sport here at Pennfield High school, and the season is starting soon! In case you didn't know, tennis is a racket sport played on the tennis court. It can be two individual people (one-on-one), or against two teams (two-on-two). It's a great way to exercise and tone up your reflexes, those balls go fast! I've talked to Penfield's team captain, Clarissa Thurman, to give you the inside look of what it's like to play tennis, and be on the team. Clarissa Thurman has played tennis for five years, the amount of time it's taken to get to senior year from eighth grade. Clarissa Thurman is one of the two captains of the Pennfield varsity tennis team, along with Allison Schwarz. Clari decided to join tennis because she believed it would be a fun activity to participate in. For the upcoming season Clari predicted that Pennfield will see a successful run as this year's team has many awesome girls on the team, who are determined and passionate about the sport. In any situation, tennis is enjoyable for all students here at Pennfield; whether you're watching or you're playing it's a snappy good sport to be involved with!



Clarissa Thurman '16, one of two captains on Varsity.

The sound of a baseball hitting a mit, the ring of a bat, and the sweet sound of the crowd cheering for your team's victory; these are all great things that contribute to baseball. Some of the baseball player had some interesting things to say. Kollin Kemerling joined the baseball team because his dad played in college and as a result he also influenced Kollin to play the sport. Taylor Dean likes to hit "dingers" (home runs). Max Jackson joined to get ready for summer ball. The guys are excited for the season. They hope you come out to support them and enjoy their games.

BASEBALL

Mitchell Woody '18

Track and Field is a sport which combines various athletic contests based on the skills of running, jumping, and throwing. The track team for Pennfield has already started, beginning on the 14th of March. The team is very talented, and there are so many things to do and learn, you will never be bored on the track team! There are many seniors on the team so hopefully they can set a great example. But what are the favorite events of track members? Nick Simmonds said, "Long distances." Rachel Swartz said, "Field Events," and last but not least, Montell Wiggins said, "Running, because it clears my mind." Some of our track meets last about 2 1/2 hours, sometimes longer. Come on out and support the team.

TRACK

Sadie Hinds '16



Nick Simmonds '16

SPORTS

SOFTBALL

Erin Owens '17

Play like you're in first, train like you're in second. These girls train all year to be the best for when spring comes because with spring means the start of the softball season. I spoke with the head coach of the Varsity Team about what she and her team were looking forward to the most this season, Varsity Coach Metcalf responded with, "We are optimistic about our chances in the I-8 league. We have several strong athletes to go with the 7 returning players. With these experienced players as leaders, we should challenge opponents to play at their best. This year's team has a positive outlook and, we are encouraged from what we have seen thus far. We look forward to watching our cohesiveness throughout the season." Congratulations to Destiny Hand, Alexa Stephenson, Taylor Baird, Lexi Purvis, Jessica Roan, Zoey McCleary, Linsey Pyles, Chelsea Reichel, Brooke Lenz, Kaylee Clothier, Emalee Shroyer, Marlee Denton, and Kaitlyn Baird for making Varsity. Good Luck this season, Girls.



Coach Metcalf

SOCCER

Sadie Hinds '16

Soccer is one of the most popular sports in Europe and the Americas. It has a vivid and interesting history in the world of sports. Soccer tryouts started March 28th, for the girl's team. Our soccer team is filled to the brim with talented Pennfield students. I asked a few of the members what they enjoyed most about playing soccer, and this is what they said; Morgan Day said, "I like the people." Mackenzie Lamb said, "Stopping shots from going in." Last but not least, Rachel Picketts said, "All my friends played it, and it was a fun sport to do." You should definitely take 90 minutes out of your day to go cheer the Pennfield girls on!



Morgan Day '16

Golf originally started with a stick and a ball and has been around for many centuries. Today we all know golf as played over 18 holes. Landon Saxton, a member of the golf team gave us a few reasons as to why he likes golf, "Just to get out there and bond with friends." Landon said, "I was with some friends three years ago and we went out golfing and then I became interested in the sport." Make sure to get out there and support the guys golf team.

GOLF

Kaylyn Maxson '16



Landon Saxton '19

became interested in the sport." Make sure to get out there and support the guys golf team.

COMMUNITY

Binge Watching

Sadie Hinds '16

Binge watching is possibly one of the most popular things to do now that we have Netflix, Hulu, etc. These television series can keep a person busy and entertained for hours. Even some of our own teachers like

to binge watch. Mrs. Royer, Mrs. Fleisher, and Mr. Kubik watched all of season 4 (13 episodes) of House of Cards in just two weeks. Although, there are unfortunately some downsides to binge watching. This includes, over eating, not being active, neglecting homework, losing sleep, and being overall lazy. Be aware of these negative effects, and plan your time wisely. Life is about balance. Take all things in moderation.



Choir Festival

Nick Moreno 18

Festival to some, it means a party or some great time with your friends, but to the choir kids, it's more. Festival is an opportunity to perform in front of some of the

most professional judges and compete for some of the best ratings. This year, Pennfield choirs accomplished one of its most astounding things ever. Both choirs received an excellent rating with superior distinction, which was the first time in all of choir history. The past few years have been great for the choirs each year. We have new people coming in and showing more and more commitment. Last year's Spring concert was a huge success and everyone was thrilled about it. This year's Spring concert has so much in store and so much potential we are all so thrilled and ready for it to be a huge success. We are hoping that everyone will enjoy it and that it will be one of the best concerts in years!



Band Festival

Diana Dalski '18

Band Festival. Those two words carry a lot of meaning. Band Festival is an annual event where bands show all they have learned throughout

the year. This year, Band Festival was held at Charlotte High School. The first portion of band festival begins when the band plays three songs for three judges in the auditorium. After their performance the band was then led to Charlotte High School's band room where they were given a random piece of music which they had to "Sight Read." In Sight Reading, you are given a piece of music which you will not know prior to receiving. From there, the band must work together to read out each of the parts within five minutes, the band director must help to lead the students through difficult sections, and while they may look on the music and finger the notes on their instruments they are not allowed to play before they are told to. After the five minutes the band is then required to play the piece, even if they are not ready. Overall, the band did amazing and earned a score of I overall. They received I's from two of the three judges in the concert performance and a II from the other judge. In Sight Reading they received a I as well. Amazing job Pennfield Bands! We look forward to hearing your superb music again!



ACADEMICS

Teacher Spotlight:

Mrs. Sare

Logan Messenger '16

As you enter the red hallway, you start to feel her presence before entering Mrs. Sare's classroom and seeing her beautiful face. Mrs. Sare is a Special Education teacher at Pennfield. Mrs. Sare knew she wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember, her mom was an elementary teacher and Mrs. Sare always liked helping out in her mother's classroom and grading papers for her. She graduated from Pennfield High School in 1989. After attending Kellogg Community College for 2 years, she transferred to Western Michigan

University, where in 1994, she graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an English major and a minor in Physical Education. She went back to school in 1999 at Western and graduated in 2002 with a Master's degree in special education and learning disabilities. I had the chance to speak with Mrs. Sare about her experience at Pennfield. "My biggest challenge since becoming a teacher at Pennfield is that I care too much. That might sound weird to be a challenge, but it is for me. I put my heart and soul into my students and when they are disrespectful or rude I take it way too personally. I am a firm believer in you have to give respect to get respect so if a student is disrespectful towards me it is very difficult for me to get over that," said Mrs. Sare. Mrs. Sare explains what a visitor to her room would expect to see and what she misses about life before teaching. "A visitor would probably first notice that I have a lot of University of Alabama stuff in my room and that I love my dog Buzz Lightyear a lot. They would also notice that we laugh a lot in class, but we learn a lot too. I am good at finding a way to relate just about anything to real life and students seem to appreciate that. I was fortunate enough to be a stay at home mom for a few years and I really miss that, but now that my daughters are older I don't mind as much. Once Emily graduates from high school I would like to teach in college. My dream job would be to teach at the University of Alabama in their education program." If you need someone to talk to about anything, go to room A202 and talk to Mrs. Sare, she is always happy to help!



How To Become Valedictorian

Mitchell Woody '18

Alexandra Dawson earned the honor of being Pennfield High Schools 2015 -2016 Valedictorian. I'm sure her friends and family are very proud of her. When asked about her hard work and dedication, she responded with, My parents made me go for it and plus I really like school. It took a great deal of hard work for her to be able to achieve this award, but it all payed off in the end. If you want to earn the title of valedictorian, then you will have to get good grades, which will mean passing all of your classes with an A from the start of high school. Great work Alex and the rest of the Top 10.

Sculpture

Sadie Hinds '16

Taking a sculpting class can test your creativity skills, and it takes a great deal of patience. We have a sculpting class here at Pennfield. In Mrs. Haroff's sculpting

class, you do a number of cool things, such as plastering your hand and then painting it, for example. You also carve soap into whatever you'd like. It is very fun, but can also be frustrating. If you like art, being creatively challenged, and sometimes getting really messy, this class is definitely for you.



This teacher is married with two kids as well as two grandchildren. Their favorite food is pizza. In addition, their favorite color is blue. Their favorite places to visit are antique stores. They used to have a burmese python and a tarantula as pets. In addition, this teacher used to live in Germany. Can you guess the teacher?

Guess the Teacher

Diana Dalski '18

At the beginning of last month, Pennfield schools welcomed its newest member, Joseph Klepac. He previously comes from a job in substituting and has been moved into full time teaching. He's full of enthusiasm about teaching.

New Teacher:

Mr. Klepac

Nick Moreno '18

He recently graduated in May from Eastern Michigan University. When asked why he chose to be a teacher he said, "I came from a whole family of teachers my brother, mother, aunt." When asked what he likes about teaching he said, "I like working with students and like the energy from the building and I have fun teaching." He is a wonderful new addition to the school and has been welcomed with open arms and seems to be widely received by many students and teachers. A bright future is in sight for the newest member of the PHS family.



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HALLWAY CHALLENGER

Camarie Smith '16

In 1953, how long did it take to make a single marshmallow peep?

A. 15 hours B. 1 hour C. 27 hours D. 7 hours



KAITLYN PRATER '19
27 HOURS

DAWSON KEAGLE '18
27 HOURS



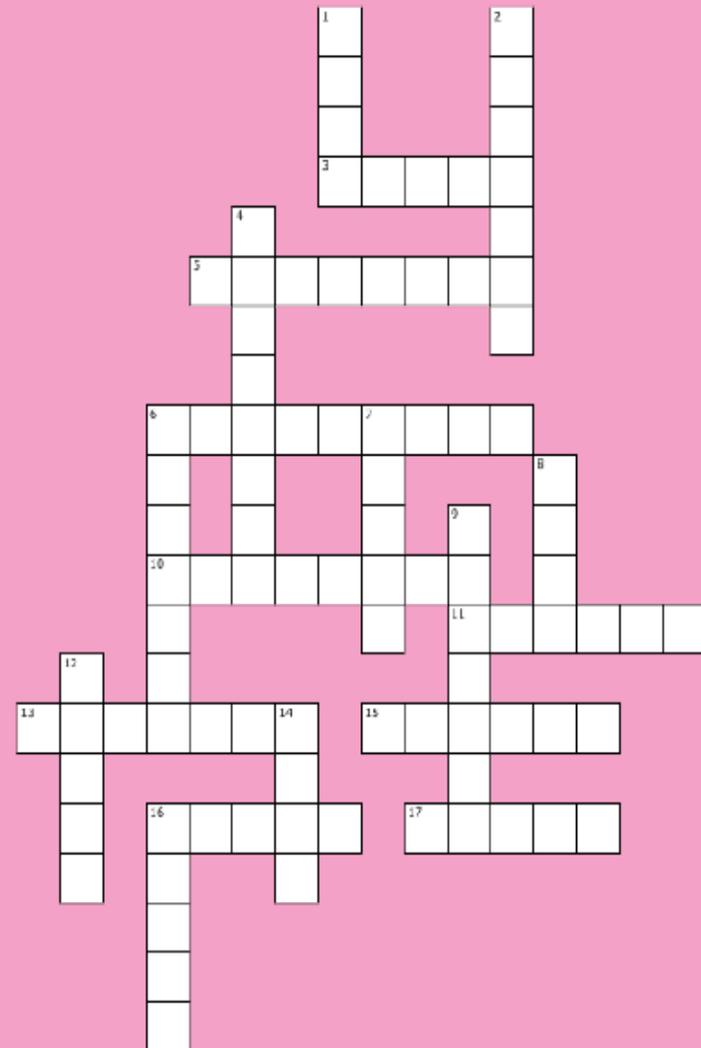
DULAN PELCHAT '17
7 HOURS



DAYNA ALLEN '16
15 HOURS



SPRING BREAK



Across

3. cup-shaped bloomer
5. yellow bloom
6. beautiful insect
10. brightens your day
11. light cooling wind
13. thawed
15. Cleaning post-winter tidying up
16. thrive
17. baby bird

Down

1. what glaciers continue to do
2. potential frog
4. family trip
6. Produce new growth
7. spring bird
8. Cycle wheel of life
9. reincarnation
12. emerge from an egg'
14. produce on a farm
16. fast-breeding hopper

Dawson and Kaitlyn were correct!!

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