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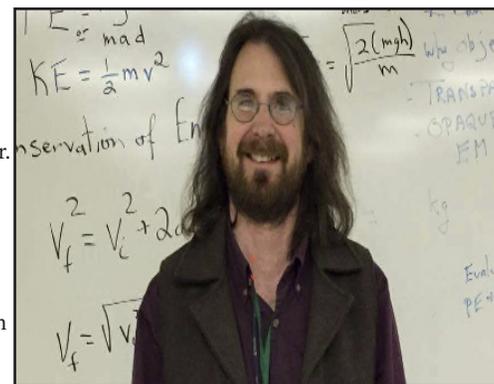
As class advisors, Mrs. Royer and Mr. Boyd were the ones to step up to the plate for the past four years to take on the class of 2016. They have helped a great deal with preparing us to walk down the stage to get our snappy diplomas. Throughout the years, they have helped prepare and raise money for the various activities we have experienced, such as prom. They have guided us to participate in the school year activities, such as Homecoming and Winter Carnival. While they have helped us greatly, they do have some hopes and advice they would like to share with everyone; Mr. Boyd hopes that everyone in the Class of 2016 will have a wide and open future; he also advises you to go as far as you can in your life! Mrs. Royer hopes the best for Pennfield Seniors, and that they will be able to become successful and happy in their lives. Mrs. Royer's wise words are to "Work hard! Don't settle for less than your best. Kick booty!"



Graduation Speaker

Melissa Finch '16

Mr. Piotrowski was awarded the role of being the class of 2016's graduation speaker. He is very nervous, but also happy. Mr. P has been teaching for fifteen years at Pennfield and says he loves his job! He has already started his speech, and doesn't know how long it will be yet. He feels that this is a great honor and is happy to take on the job.



Graduation Day

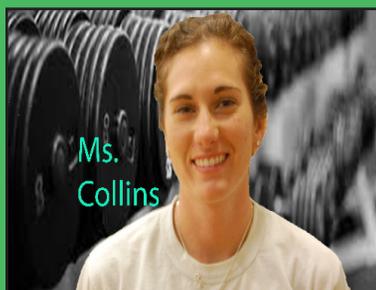
Brooklyn Kennedy '16

The gowns, the caps, the flowers, the diplomas... The one thing all kids dream about achieving one day is walking across that snappy stage on graduation day! For the class of 2016, the long haul of our high school career is almost over. All of us have been preparing from the day we began kindergarten; and while a few of us have fallen off the tracks along the way, the majority of us have pushed our way through the turmoil, stress and anxiety to get that darned diploma we've heard every adult brag about! Sometimes, we feel that we might be the only ones having anxiety about leaving high school for the rest of our lives, or that only some of us are excited to leave. But that isn't necessarily true! Some seniors have stated that they are ready to move on and go to bigger and better places in life. Yet this begs the question, am I ready to leave high school? Well, if you're not quite sure the direction you want to go, I would suggest talking to your school counselor about some ideas. Do you plan to jump right into college? Or would you rather lay back and work for a year or two before starting your adult life. Either way, the counselors here at Pennfield are experts at helping you to find your calling. So sit back, enjoy these last days at the school and get ready for a snappy new life in the real world!

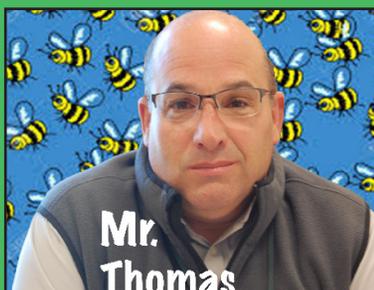


Advice from Staff

Mitchell Woody '18



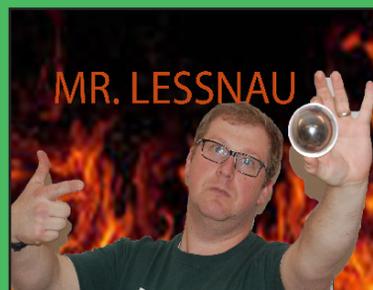
"Be yourself and don't worry about what others think of you. Comparison is a dangerous game."



"Train to do a career path that you enjoy, not one to just make more money."



"Seniors: Enjoy your last couple of weeks in high school, the real world is tough but keep going. Everyone: Enjoy high school as much as you can, you'll wish to be back."



"Just have a positive attitude towards life and don't give up."



"Stay young as long as you can, stay at home and just be a kid."

Preparing for the Future

Emalee Shroyer '17

It's getting to that time of year where graduation is right around the corner. The Emerald is looking for methods that seniors are using to prepare for their future. Do you plan on paying for your gas, getting your own place, or providing for yourself? Jeremy Cook is planning on playing a lot of baseball over the summer to be prepared for the team in the upcoming year. He also plans on working to pay for expenses and necessities while being in college. Bailey Huff said, "I am going to take a Certified Nurse Aide course at Kellogg Community College to get her CNA and work 12 hour shifts at Bronson Battle Creek Hospital." Allison Kemmerer said, "I plan on going to KCC to major in business and minor in photography and then start my own photography business." She also plans on working during college to pay for her books and classes. Some other things seniors should have done or be in the process of doing, are apply for the fields of college they are interested in, and applying for scholarships to help with the cost. Best of luck seniors!

What Does Being an Adult Mean to You?

Brooke Mainstone '17



"Taking care of your family."

"Being an adult to me means you have to be ready to live on your own."

"Taking care of business."

Top Moments of Senior Year

MeKenzie Lamb '18



"Not receiving my secret Santa gift from Kurtis Babcock."

"My favorite moments were Friday night football games and cheering on our school."

"Getting a B- on Mr. K's research paper assignment."

Teacher You Will Miss Most

Makayla Packer '19



Taylor Gwynne

"Mrs. Allen because she was always super nice and very caring, and I would always look forward to being in her classes".



Rebecca Coppess

"I'd have to say Mrs. Treadway because throughout my senior year I have bonded with her and have talked to her about personal things and have gotten advice from her. She is also a very tough teacher with what she has had to deal with in my English class and I admire her very much for that".



Collin Babcock

"I will miss Mrs. Metcalf because I've never been very good at math. However this year with her help, I have really excelled at it."



Hannah Stevens

"I am going to miss Mr. Bowen the most because he has transformed me into an intelligent and talented musician. Most of all, the greatest thing he ever taught me is to never give up on my dreams."



Avari Dayton

"I'm going to miss Mrs. Schneider the most. She was not only a teacher, she was a great friend. She was there for anyone's problems. Right when I stepped into her class everyday I knew that I was going to walk out learning more math than I did walking in. She was the best teacher I have ever had who taught in a way that I could always comprehend."

What Would You Change?

Makayla Packer '19



Annelise Comai

"I would have spent less time in extracurricular activities that weren't enjoyable enough to be worth the effort and gotten more sleep instead."

Adrianna Alton

"Getting more involved in things."

Katie Canfield

"If I could go back and change my high school experience, I would not mess up my grades and I would study more."

High School Bucket List

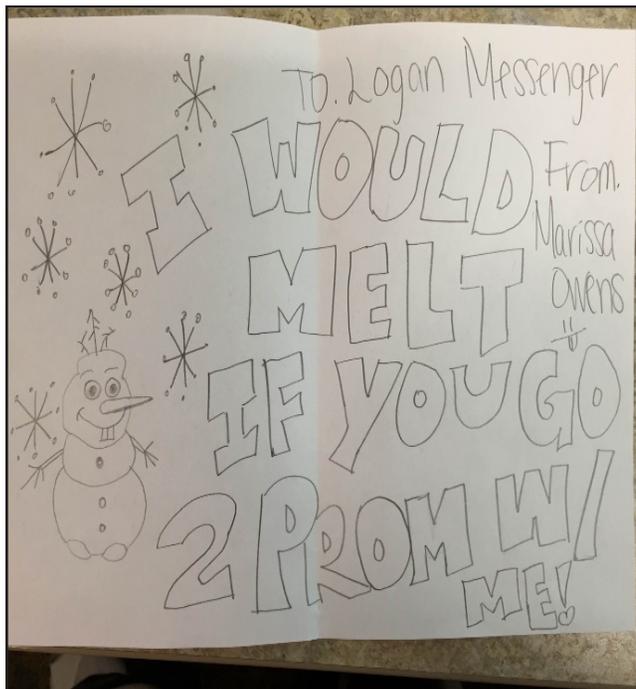
Mitchell Woody '18



"Win districts!"

"Beat the school record for pole vault."

"I just want to graduate."



Marissa Owens asking Logan Messenger



Storm VanHyfte asking Arabia Bacon

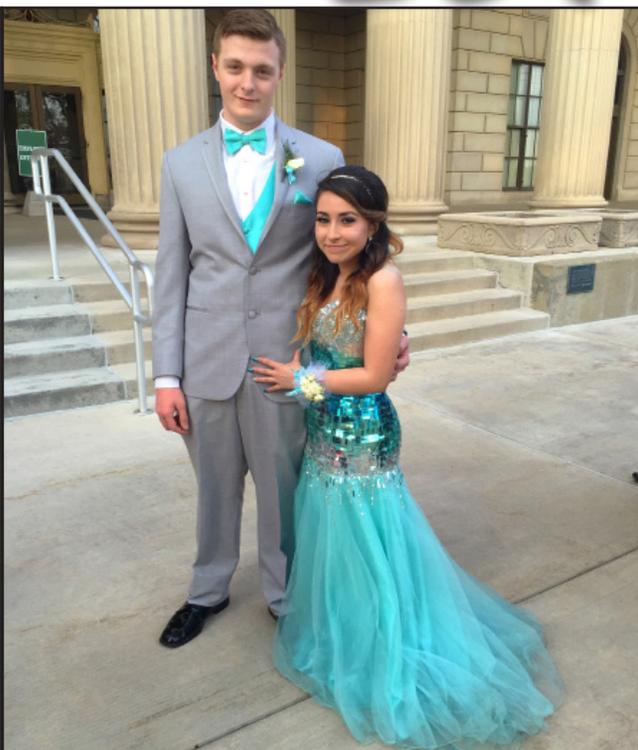
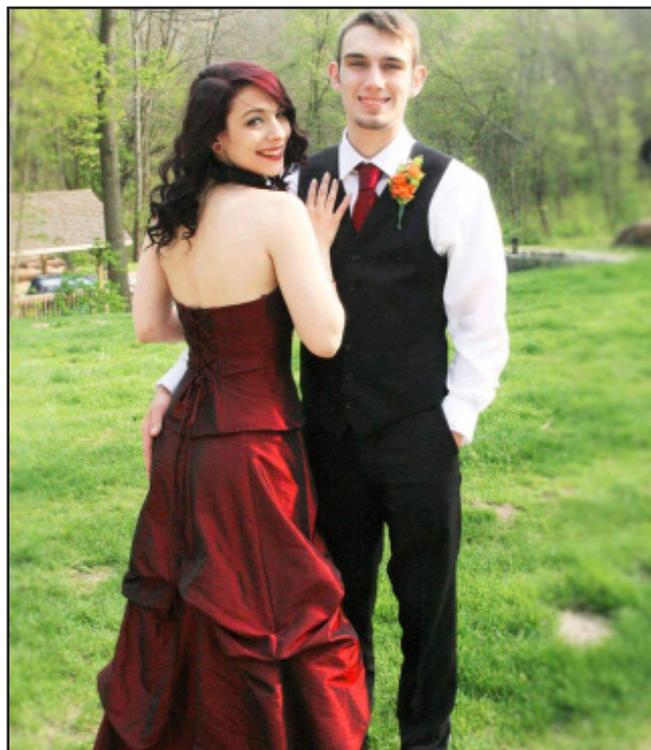


Blake Hinton asking Faith Johnson



Red Carpet Prom

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Francois Jamieron asking Kelsey Younglove



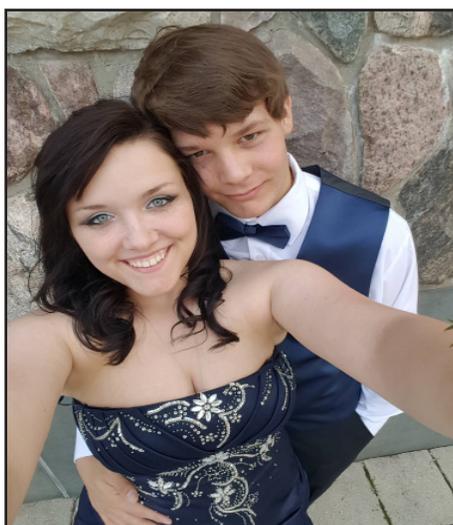
Blake Perry asking Lauren Cronk



Rachal DeHart asking Matthew Yonker



Casie Robideau asking Trevor Spaulding



Favorite Sport Memory

Sadie Hinds '16



Nick Staib

"When Kaycee Orns tripped both coaches with a football."



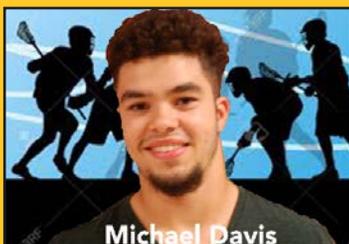
Jonah Kurtz

"Winning our varsity homecoming game."



Carter Needham

"Homecoming this year for football."



Michael Davis

"Sophomore lacrosse and going to semifinals."

College Sports

Missy Finch '16

Have you ever thought about playing sports while in college? There are many sports to choose from, and some people can actually get scholarships from them. One of the most famous college sports is football. Some advice from **Ryan Lowe**, who graduated last year, "It's certainly a step up from high school sports. You get a busier schedule but it's worth it. I made new friends the first day of classes. It's like a family away from your family almost. It is hard to go away but in the end it isn't that bad. People accept you for who you are. I was scared the first couple weeks of classes but I realized I wasn't alone. The season does fly by so take advantage of it and don't blink. Some tips for wanting to play college sports would be to get your name out there to coaches and send film out. It doesn't hurt to send an email to a coach about wanting to play there. Just work and it will be well worth it."

Where are They Now?

Erin Owens '17

They have come and gone, but where have they gone? I spoke to **Kylie Davis** about what she has done with her life since she graduated in 2013. "I went to Kellogg Community College and graduated this year. I majored at KCC as an EMT and plan to further my future career by finishing school to eventually become a paramedic while raising my children. I currently work at the Bronson Battle Creek hospital and have worked here at Bronson for the past year and a half in the ER department as a patient representative."



Ultimate Party

Nick Moreno '18

Surprise! This year's Ultimate Party's location is a mystery and people are anxiously waiting for this year's big event to be announced. As you may have already guessed, many people have some guesses on just where it might be held. Alix Roche thinks, "It might be at Cedar Point." Wouldn't that be exciting! Brock Garrison said, "I think it's going to be at Michigan Adventures." Another great place to have it. There have been other places thrown around, like where some of the past parties have been held, in which an overnight event occurred. The whole purpose of Ultimate Party is so that after graduation seniors aren't out at parties drinking and driving. It is really all about keeping the kids safe and being sure they make good decisions, and of course to have FUN!

Favorite Memory

Kaylyn Strimpel '16



Danna Schluckhief

"My favorite memory is all the performances I had this year, follies, spring play, band and choir concerts."



Scott Duck

"When Matt Crespo kept sneaking into our senior class pictures."



Jessica Parshall

"My first day here at Pennfield and making a lot of best friends."



Kevin Nichols

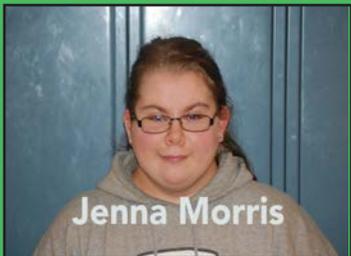
"My first day here at Pennfield!"

Spirit Week Throwback

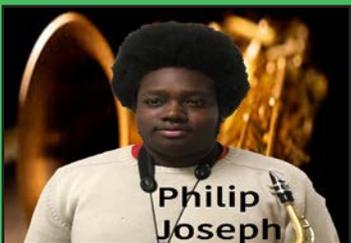
Kaylyn Strimpel '16



"When we had teacher dress up day, Mrs. Sare and I dressed up like each other."



"PJ day because you don't have to wear your normal clothes to school."



"Mine would have to be the gender swap, they should bring that back."



"I would have to say the Granny races."

In 10 Years

Nick Moreno '18



"Graduated from college with a good job and a mortgage on a house."



"Married with a nice job possibly an electrician with two kids."



"Probably in construction."



"Politics."



Senior Parade

Sadie Hinds '16

The school year is almost over, and that means saying goodbye to the seniors. We all know they are just as ready to say goodbye as we are, but first they need to do their senior parade. The senior parade will be a bit different this year. Seniors will be celebrating their greatest accomplishment yet by parading through some of the younger buildings, and then spending the afternoon having a cookout! While leaving the underclassmen behind, I asked some of the seniors what they were most excited for. Phillip Joseph said, "It's a somber celebration, for when in this final pageantry, we leave the school. The body will not be made whole again until the fall." Brittany Sackett said, "Being done with highschool." Nicole Wierich is excited about, "Being able to start a new chapter in life." Last but not least, Katie Warner said, "I've had senioritis from the age of six, and nothing excites me more than to get out of school." We hope the seniors enjoy their final days of high school. Congratulations class of 2016!

Things You Will and Will Not Miss

Rachel Swartz



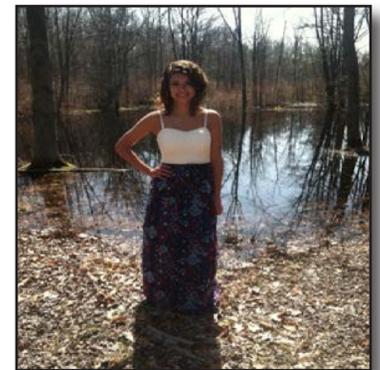
Aubrey Case
"I won't miss waking up early."



Madeline Richards
"I won't miss staying up, writing papers all evening."



Amber Gauthier
"I'm going to miss not having to pay for school and textbooks, and being able to hang out with my friends all the time."



Shaylee Smith
"I'd probably miss sports the most. Being involved with a team."

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**Class
of
2016**



Camarie Smith ~ Layout

"Being on newspaper has been a great experience. I have loved getting the chance to be with a group of people who are amazing to be around. At times it might have been a little tough, but the memories I have made in this class I would never change. I have been able to work harder on my writing skills and had fun in an amazing class. I'm sad to see it end. It has been a great 3 years."

Brooklyn Kennedy ~ Reporter

"During the second semester of my last year here at Pennfield High School, I've been taking Mrs. Royer's newspaper class. It's been a snappy good time! I love writing for the newspaper, and thinking of snappy new ways to spice up my articles. I'm really going to miss this class with all of the great people on the team. The memories I have made in this class will last me a lifetime."

Logan Messenger ~ Layout

"The three years I've been on Newspaper have been fantastic! Even when my life was stressful from time to time, I was always excited when I walked into Mrs. Royer's room. I will never forget the fun times that I had and the friends I have made. I have definitely evolved as a writer and I have been able to branch out more. Whenever I remember high school, I will always remember Mrs. Royer's Newspaper class!"



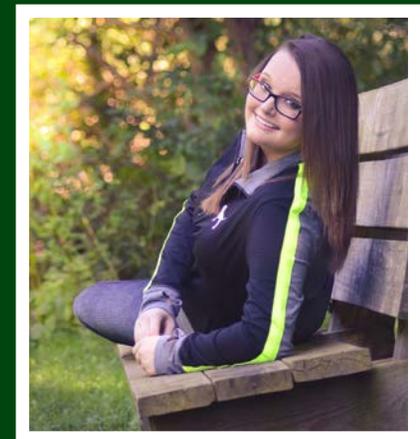
Sadie Hinds ~ Reporter

"My experience with the newspaper has been fun, it has taught me to branch out and communicate with others better. My writing skills has improved and made me more creative. The class can be sometimes stressful. I've also learned that proofreading is very important. And that my timing has to be accurate. Everyone is laid back and opinionated. Once I got into the flow of the things, things couldn't go any smoother."



Kaylyn Prado ~ Reporter

"This year was my first year in newspaper. I wish that would have joined earlier in my school career, as it has been a fun experience. Newspaper has been an enjoyable experience even though some may think it has the potential to be boring. I will never forget the weird memories that I will share with my friends. Since joining the newspaper, my writing skills have greatly improved. I can't wait to see what my future holds for me and for everyone else!"



Missy Finch ~ Reporter

"During second semester, I decided to join Newspaper and it was a good idea. My first day everyone filled me in on what to do and helped me throughout the process. I'm glad I joined this class and I had a lot of fun throughout the past few months."