

The Emerald

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Winter Carnival



Freshmen: Ry'Anna Aggers
and Travis Baird



Sophomores: Leah Tharp
and Samuel Krauss



Juniors: Riley McClain
and Keith LeRoux



Seniors: MacKenzie
Chapman and Alexander
Lachance



Seniors: Samira Luther
and Estaban Gancer



Seniors: Ainsley Haaksma
and Alan Arreola



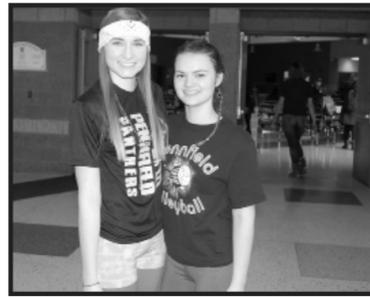
Seniors: Lark Rahn and
Kyle Tharp



King: Jean-Luc Lachance
Queen: Emily Baker

Thank you Emalee Shroyer for providing pictures.

Dress Up Days & Pep Assembly!



New Years Resolutions *Alexis Saurlock*

4,000 years ago the ancient Babylonians were the first people to make New Year Resolutions. The ancient Babylonians were the first to hold recorded celebrations for the New Year. They also made promises to pay their debts and return borrowed things, these promises were considered New Year's resolutions. The first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about someone's past mistakes.



My New Year Resolution is "to exercise more."
Hallie Wild '20

My New Year Resolution is "to lose weight."
Shelby Smyers '19

My New Year Resolution is "to eat healthier."
Cambria Slaughter '18

My New Year Resolution is "to be a better person than last year."
Jonah Kurtz '17

Language of 2016 *Tristin Fulton*

Triggered: Extremely angered, ready to eradicate all life on earth.
Synonyms: Livid, furious

Lit: A word used to describe something that you find awesome.
Ex. "Man, Taco Bell is lit dude."

Bruh: A reference word to get the attention of your bro.
Synonyms; Brother, Homie, Dude

Wrekt: A word that describes the ultimate form of roasting, there is no return from the realm of wrekt.
Ex. "OOOHHHHH you got wrekt son!!"

Fire: The description of something incredibly boss.
Ex. "Yo my mixtape is fire bruh."

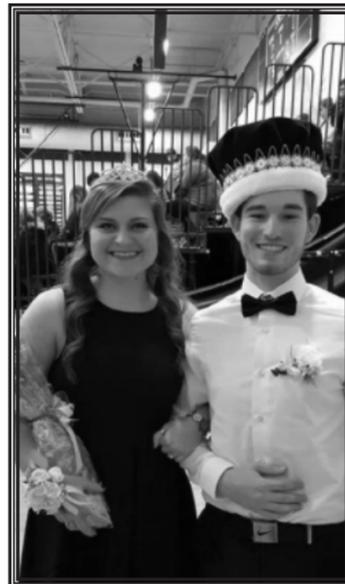
Finna: A word that means I'm about to, I'm getting ready to.
Ex. "I'm finna be late to class."

Do You Have A Phone Addiction? *Gavin Amstler*

We all use electronics like our cell phones, computers, tablets, etc. Have you ever wondered if you were really hurting yourself by being on your technology for too long. You could lose sleep, gain a lot of weight, have problems with your eyes, get pains in your neck (phone neck), and pain in the finger/thumbs from typing. Using technology to communicate instead of face-to-face interaction, can also cause you to lose skills to socialize normally. Some things to consider doing are not using your devices so much and taking frequent breaks from your electronics. Studies recommend that you take a 20 minute break while looking at something 20 feet away for 20 seconds. Try not to use screens close to your eyes. Remember to blink. Adjust the font size on your device. Set a shut off time and stick to it. Mrs. Fox said that she believes that we all are on our devices too much, she says the reason is because we listen to music and get on social media so we miss assignments and directions. Mrs. Fox says that some ways you can help yourself are to turn off your phone at dinner and visit friends face to face not with your devices.

Where is PHS' 2016 King and Queen Now?

2016 King and Queen Molly Boles and Mike Wilson, high school sweethearts, returned to Pennfield once again. During their senior year, each of them said they were surprised and very lucky to be able to win for the 2016 Winter Carnival Court. Molly Boles said, "It was such a great experience to be able to win for my class as Queen." Mike Wilson has said, "I was surprised that my class chose me as King." They said it changed their high school experience by making them feel like they had some type of leadership. Both whom now go to Western Michigan University, Molly for Psychology and Michael for Pre-Med, were just as excited to come back and crown this year's King and Queen, Jean-Luc Lachance and Emily Baker as they were their senior year being on court. *Klara Dickerson*



GAME DAY!

Makayla Packer

Pennfield played Hastings in the Winter Carnival games. Both

teams demolished The Saxons. The boys with a 19 point lead, 66 to 47, and the Lady Panthers with a 16 point lead, 57-41. They demonstrated their teamwork skills. Our Pennfield teams did an amazing job staying focused and no matter what went wrong they worked through it together to get the big W. Coach Grimes, Boys Varsity Coach, had this to say about The Winter Carnival Game. "It went well, home team wins, everyone played and I was happy. I think we could improve on a faster start. We were much better in the 2nd half. I think it was nice to have a big crowd with a team like Hastings. Last year we played Harper and it was hard to get back up." Good job Pennfield Varsity Teams, we can't wait to see what we have to bring to the court next year on Winter Carnival.

Winter Sports *Lindsay Lajoie*

VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER

Alyssa Everline- "This is my 4th year on the Varsity Comp team, and this is by far the best we've ever been. We've had a lot of setbacks early on in the season, but we still push to be our best on the mat!"



BOYS SWIMMING



Zachary Hultink- "If you think your sport is hard, try doing it while holding your breath."

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL



Naomi Davis- "This season has been pretty good, we are a young team with a ton of potential and are looking to continue to improve our record."

Claire LeRoux- "We've won some big games and lost some we should have won. All in all it's been a good season so far, and we have high hopes to keep it going."

WRESTLING



Jaycob Herpin- "This season, as a team we are low in numbers, but the young wrestlers have had a lot of improvements. The veterans have done a good job with teaching."

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL



Ronald Jamieron- "The season is going wonderful, I hope we can keep it going."



Daveaire Todd- "Ball is life, that's all I have to say!"

VARSITY BOWLING



Maxwell Jackson- "The season is going well so far, but from the beginning we have had high expectations and big goals for our team. We want to get back to states this year (at M-66), and we also are hoping to bring home Pennfields first I-8 title."



Haley Hooper- "Extremely well so far, I'm super proud of how hard all the girls have worked. We came in first in the all-city tournament and the battle of the baker tournament with some of the toughest schools. We have very high hopes for the rest of the season."

Emoji Status? *Makayla Packer*

Emoji is "a small digital image or icon used to express an idea, emotion, etc., in electronic communication." It originated in Japan, Shigetaka Kurita is the designer of the first emojis for cell phones. Emojis are changing social media in a big way and now it's quickly becoming a universal language, and have -in many cases- eliminated the need for text altogether. Surely, these emojis could help to express out some complex emotions and ideas beyond words.

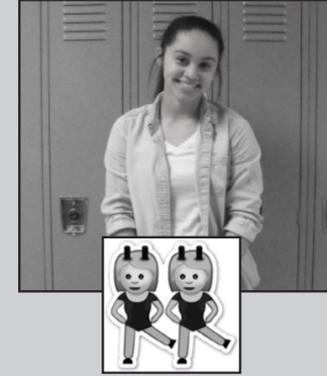
What's your favorite emoji and why?

Maranda Barbree- "Laughing emoji because my friends are funny."

Taylor Young- "Dancing emoji because I love to dance! Dance is my life!"

Haley Orr- "Laughing face because that's what fits my personality, and a basketball because that's my favorite sport."

Mallorie Haaksma- "The running emoji because running is a huge part of my life. I really enjoy running"



Cocoa and Cram

The Link crew put together study session for the Freshman to help them get ready for exams. Thank you Mr. Lessnau for the beautiful photos!



Where Did Valentines Day Come From? *Kirsten Smith*

On February 14th 278 A.D. a priest named Valentine was executed. His crime? Helping people get married. That's right, back in Rome 278 A.D. the ruler Claudius the Cruel made marriage illegal. He was afraid that married men wouldn't leave for war if they had wives and kids they would have to leave behind. Due to this, people would have to find Valentine to get married. Once Claudius found out what Valentine was doing he sent people to capture him. On February 14th 278 A.D. Valentine was killed. When he died, they named him a Saint because of his deeds. According to the Catholic belief, there were at least three different St. Valentines. Valentine's day is a mixture of two days, the day Valentine died and a holiday where a guy pulls a girl's name out of a box, and she becomes his wife. After Valentine's death, the 2 days merged and now it is a day of love and giving. If it wasn't for Saint Valentine then this day would have never existed.

Who's your Valentine? *Kiara Dickerson*



9th-Hannah Baird: Jack Day

9th-Jalen Warren: Raven Hand

10th-Hayley Adkins: Blake Born

11th-Riley McClain: Collin Flemming



11th-Sarah Miller: Jamie Ruoff

11th-Larz Smith: Sonata Beasley

12th-Brittanni Potter: Sean Young

10th-Shelby Smyers: Dilan Biggerstaff



Mr. Klepac



Mr. Dixon



Mr. Podolan



Mrs. Metcalf



Mr. McCafferty



Mrs. Zima



Mr. Lessnau



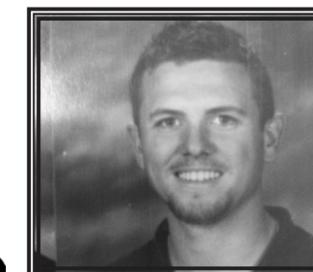
Mrs. Fleisher



Mr. P

Can you match the staff with their Valentine?

Kirsten Smith



Mr. Forton



A

C

D

I

J



E

F

B

G

H

Mr. Klepac-D, Mr. Dixon-G, Mr. McCafferty-G, Mr. Metcalf-A, Mr. Podolan-E, Mrs. Metcalf-A, Mr. Forton-H, Mrs. Zima-I, Mr. Lessnau-B, Mrs. Fleisher-F

HALLWAY CHALLENGER

Approximately how many Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually?
Correct Answer- Approximately 1 Billion Valentine's Day Cards

Alexis Scurlock



Sekura Kruse '20
"7 Million"

Landon Fausey '20
"50 Thousand"

Maribel Cleland '19
"4 Million"

Rasean Atchison '19
"1 Million"



Megan Elwell '18
"5 Million"

Andrew Charmeda '18
"30 Million"

Sam Lahusky '17
"2 Million"

Andre Fields '17
"2 Million"

Break Those Bad Driving Habits

There are many bad driving habits to watch out for, especially in our hazardous and icy Michigan weather. Here are a few bad habits that people forget about and ultimately can put themselves at risk. Forgetting to check blind-spots is something commonly done, and can make your car collide with other cars when you switch lanes, resulting in a potentially serious accident. Always remember to check your mirrors and glance over your shoulders to make sure everything is clear. Don't forget to use turn signals, if you don't let someone know which way you're going, how will they know? It puts you and your car at a high risk, so make sure you always use turn signals when slowing down to prevent any accidents or rear endings. Probably the absolute worst offender of all, texting. You've seen the billboards telling you not to text and drive, but as much as it's always implemented - it is just as serious and important as they portray it to be. Many people have died from such incidents with texting while driving. "Don't do it, it's illegal," says Deputy Hillman.

Justin Thompson