

# The Emerald FOLLIES 2016

The Students here at Pennfield High School are more talented than you think! Those talented singers, dancers, and an assortment of other talents were shown on Friday, November 18th. The contestants of Follies worked extremely hard to put on a good show, and boy did they. Mr. Bowen, the organizer of the show, did a wonderful job.



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# SEEING DOUBLE

# EVERY DAY?

By Makayla Packer



## Kaitlyn (Katie) and Taylor Baird

**Do you like being a twin & why?**-Kaitlyn said, yes, because you always have someone by your side. And Taylor said yes, because you always have a best friend.  
**What's the weirdest thing you've done with or without your twin?** -Both twins said that 3-4 times a week, they get dressed in the morning and end up having the same thing on, and it's always on accident!  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- They both said they like everything about being a twin. When they get mad or annoyed at each other and fight, 2 minutes later they are fine.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- Kaitlyn said, "The twin connection is not real, however we do say the same thing at the same time a lot. There is no telepathic connection, but if Taylor's mad at someone so am I, if she's hurting I feel her pain mentally."  
**Who is older?**- Taylor is older by 4 minutes.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- Kaitlyn said 10 for sure. Taylor said 10 duhh!  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said of course they are best friends, just because someone is your brother or sister doesn't mean they can't be your best friend in the long run!

## Hannah and Travis Baird

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Hannah said yes because you always have someone to count on and no because you fight a lot and have to share a lot of things. Travis said yes because you agree on most stuff and fight over stupid stuff.  
**What's the weirdest thing you've done with or without your twin?**- Hannah said they played dogs when they were little kids and Travis said they chased each other around the house with belts and hit each other with them, "This was like 2 weeks ago."  
**What don't you like about being twin?**- Travis said she's a girl and Hannah said because they fight a lot.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- They both said yes.  
**Who is older?**- Hannah  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- Hannah said 8 and Travis said 7.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- Hannah said no because he's a guy and I'm a girl and Travis said no!

## Diana and Chester Dalski

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Chester said he doesn't really care for it. Diana said that overall it's nice, and she feels closer to Chester on some levels rather than her other siblings.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- Diana said there's never a dull moment with a twin, but she probably shouldn't name the weirdest. Chester said he can't really think of anything.  
**Is the twin connection real?**-Diana and Chester both said sometimes, it just depends.  
**Who is older?**-Chester is older by less than a minute.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**-Diana said sometimes Chester can be insensitive, and Chester says Diana is annoying.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said no.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- Chester said 6, but Diana said 10 in fear of him yelling at her if she said otherwise.

## Karra and Kelsie Beech

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Kelsie said yes and Karra yes.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- Kelsie said she doesn't know. Karra said "The weirdest thing we have done is grab each other's cheeks until the other one let go."  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- Kelsie said, "I don't like that she always brags that she is smarter."  
Karra said, "I dont like how she is mean".  
**Is the twin connection real?**- Kelsie said, "The twin connection is only real with IDENTICAL TWINS and they can't control it." Karra said yes.  
**Who is older?**-Karra is older by 58 seconds.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- Kelsie said 10, and Karra said 9.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said yes.

## McKinzie and Zachary Earl

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Mckinzie said YES and Zack said NO.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- The weirdest thing they did was when they went to visit their grandma they tried to drown each other, or when they used to chase each other around the yard in toy Jeeps.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- Mckinzie said, "Everyone assuming you have a special connection."  
Zack said, "She's my twin."  
**Is the twin connection real?**- They both said NO.  
**Who is older?**- Mckinzie is by 3 minutes.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- Mckinzie said 0 and Zack said 1.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said no.

# OR Triple?

## Riley and Troy (TJ) McClain

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Riley said yes because it's like having a best friend that lives with you. TJ said yes, because it's unique.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- Riley said that they dumped their toy box over and made a airplane out of it. TJ said they snuck out together.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- Riley said dating each other's friends and TJ said having to share stuff.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- They both said yes!  
**Who is older?**- Riley is the older one!  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- They both said 10!  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said yes!



## Alex, Jean-Luc, Calder Lachance

**Is it fun being a triplet?**- Calder said "Yes, because I have had two friends ever since I was born." Alex said, "No, because they're always in my life." Jean-Luc said, "Yes, because you always have someone to talk to."  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done together?**- We've never really done anything weird together. I mean when we were younger we always did sports together.  
**What don't you like about being a triplet?**- Calder said, "I don't like that I'm always compared to my triplets and not considered and individual." Alex said, "People always ask if I look like them." Jean-Luc said, "You're not as independent."  
**Is the triplet connection real?**- Alex said yes, Jean-Luc and Calder said no.  
**Who is older?**- Calder is oldest.  
**How much do you like your triplet on a scale from 1-10?**- Calder said a solid 8, Alex said 11 and Jean-luc said 9.  
**Is your triplets your best friends?**- Calder said no, Alex said yes with Jean-Luc and Jean-Luc said yes with Alex.

## Marie and Laura Dunkleburger

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Marie said yes, because it's fun and Laura said yes because she's in sports with me.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- Marie said it's weird sharing the same birthday and Laura said it's weird having the same classes.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**-Marie said people always expect you to do same thing and Laura said they are interested in completely different things.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- They both said no.  
**Who is older?**- Marie is older.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- They both said 8.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said no.

## Jalen and Isiah Warren-

**Do you like being a twin?** They both said no.  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- Isiah twerked and Jalen jumped into a pond.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- Isiah said Jalen's annoying and Jalen said Isiah talks too much.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- Yes.  
**Who is older?**-Jalen.  
**On a scale of 1-10 how much do you like your twin?**- They both said 5.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- No.

## Katelyn (Katie) and Brandt Lenz

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Katie said, "No, because if I do something he has to do it too." Brandt said, "Yes, it's always fun."  
**What's the weirdest thing you have done with your twin?**- Both said helping each other sneak out of their baby crib when they were little.  
**Is the twin connection real?**- Katie said yes, because when he gets hurt she can feel it "Like when he broke his left arm my left arm started hurting too." Brandt said no.  
**Who is older?**- Brandt is older.  
**What don't you like about being a twin?**- Katie said he's annoying, and Brandt said she's a girl.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- Katie said No and Brandt said Yes.  
**On a scale from 1-10 how much do you like you twin?**- Katie said 7 and Brandt said 9.5

## Claire and Keith LeRoux

**Do you like being a twin & why?**- Claire said yes because you always have someone around and Keith said no.  
**Whats the weirdest thing you have done with or without your twin?**- They both said they used to dress alike when they were younger.  
**Is the twin connection real?**-NO  
**Who is older?**- Claire.  
**How much do you like your twin on a scale of 1-10?**- Claire said 7 and Keith said 6.  
**Is your twin your best friend?**- They both said no.

# TIME TO GET

**GSA CLUB** When you think of GSA, you might immediately think of the word gay, but that's not what the club is all about. GSA stands for gay-straight alliance. GSA's goal is to make Pennfield a safe and comfortable place for everyone, they want everyone to feel welcome no matter how they identify, gay, straight, trans, bi, it doesn't matter. We spoke to GSA's president, Ally Andrus, about what GSA is for her, "It's a place that everyone can go for people to feel safe, and open the minds of others." The staff advisor, Mrs. Fleisher said, "We just want everyone to feel welcome here, we want anyone to come here and know they aren't going to be treated badly by staff or students." GSA welcomes anyone who needs a safe place, or simply wants to help make Pennfield a safer place. If you don't understand GSA and would like to learn more, feel free to ask a member or Mrs. Fleisher for more information, they are here to help and would love to answer any questions you have with no discrimination.

By Lindsay LaJoie '18



## Robotics Club

By Tristin Fulton '18

The Pennfield Robotics team is getting ready to kick off the new year, with new members, and a new room for meetings and builds, they plan to win. As of right now no one knows the game for this year, but last year's game didn't turn out as well as they hoped. Last year's Program Captain, Dalton Vroman, who helped write the coding for the robot last year, gave some insight on last year's events. Last year's game was named "Stronghold"; this game involved one opposing team and the object of the game was to shoot "boulders"; which were foam balls; into the opposing team's tower which had holes in it. The team to shoot the most balls into the holes won the game. Unfortunately, Pennfield didn't win the games but had a good time building their robot and working as a team. We are excited to see what this year's Robotics team has in store.



## Prom Committee

By Kiera Dickerson '17

The Prom Committee plans the current year's Junior/Senior Prom. Their job is to make sure prom is a night to remember. Juniors who are involved on the prom committee are Keith LeRoux, MeKenzie Lamb, Rachel Swartz, Chelsea Reichel, and Kaylee Clothier. They enjoy helping out because they want to make sure their prom is enjoyable. MeKenzie and Rachel said that during their meetings they discuss fundraising, places to have the prom, decorations, refreshments, and how much everything will cost. Sneak peek for this year's prom: It will be held at Peaceful Valley Farms.

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# INVOLVED!

## Recycling Club

By Kiera Dickerson '17

There are many ways to help out your community and recycling just happens to be one of those ways. There are many kids who enjoy helping out their community. A great example would be recycling club, it only takes one Thursday to help your community out by cleaning up and recycling. The Pennfield High School's recycling club is a pretty great group of kids, Maranda Barbree said, "My experience with recycling club is pretty good this year. I joined the recycling club to help with the community and to be a good person." April Bautista said, "I have had a good time in the recycling club, I only went one time though. I joined to help out the environment." Katelyn Apsey said, "My experience was good, I get candy from Mrs. Metcalf and I get to exercise while I'm helping out the environment. I joined the recycling club because I want the younger generations to have a better and cleaner world." Pennfield is needing students to help with keeping our campus earth friendly. If you'd like to join the Pennfield Recycling Club, please go see Mr. Piotroski for details.

## NHS

By Makayla Skidmore '19

The National Honors Society is a prestigious group of students who dedicate their time and skills towards the bettering of the community. Senior, Jodi Isaacson, says that NHS is a great opportunity to volunteer and get scholarships and get involved with the community. She mentioned that to become a member of National Honors Society, you have to have a good GPA. Junior, Lindsey Hawthorne enjoys volunteering and helping out the school. She mentions not only do you need a GPA of 3.5, but you also need to have 15 hours of volunteer work. Pennfield is proud to have this group of dedicated leaders helping around our school and community.

## Student Government

By Gavin Amster '20

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a member of student government? The Secretary for freshmen of the Student Government, Emma O'Donnell, stated that her favorite thing about Student Government so far was Homecoming. Eleanor Rea, the Vice President for the freshman, enjoyed the Homecoming games. President for the freshmen Conner Greger agreed that his favorite part of Student Government was Homecoming. As for the Coordinator of the Student Government, Mr. McCafferty looks forward to when "we visit Salvation Army and hand out toys, and when we take part in Youth Day of Caring"

But what was it like to run the homecoming games? What made it so enjoyable to the student government to run? Emma O'Donnell said that running the games was a lot of work and that they had to bring a lot of supplies in order to run the games. Eleanor Rea claimed, "It was fun." But, for Conner Greger the most exciting part was taking charge of the ideas they had and implementing them. Student Government takes some dedication and time. Emma O'Donnell admitted that student government members spent a lot of time in school during homecoming. Eleanor Rea spent a "good amount of time" working with the Student Government so far. For Conner Greger, it depended on the week. Sometimes he'd be too busy after school to help, but he put as much time as he could into the Student Government during seminar. However, for Mr. McCafferty the Student Government takes up a lot of his time, taking up most of his week during big school events.

Finally, what was the hardest thing to do in Student Government? Getting the supplies, listening to the announcements and following the deadlines is the hardest part to Emma O'Donnell. For Eleanor Rea, it takes a lot of time to vote on ideas and projects for the Student Government. As for the freshmen President, Conner confesses that "Planning and getting the resources before the deadlines" was the most difficult part of Student Government. But, for Mr. McCafferty the hardest part is "Getting the assemblies done." Now that Homecoming is over, the Student Government will be working on the Winter Carnival dance and games, donating to the Salvation Army, and the canned food drive; which are sure to be a blast!



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# Does your parent come to school?

By Alexis Scurlock '20

Some of the students would consider themselves quite lucky to go through High School with their parents by their sides. There are 7 students that are currently here with their parents. Those students and staff are The Bowen's, the Sare's, the Grennes', the Lamb's, the Mccreight-McCleary's, the Gerber's, and the Thomas'.



Mr. Bowen enjoys working in the same school that Riley attends; it helps him be on the same schedule with Riley, especially when it comes to scheduled days off and snow days. He enjoys it because it gives him more time with his kids. He does believe that it is hard on the kids because they know that the parents are in the building and they can't get away with as much as some kids do. The most embarrassing thing for Riley Bowen is getting in trouble with his dad with all his friends around.



Mrs. Sare likes working in the same school that Emily attends because if something or someone is bothering her she is there for her if she needs her. The most embarrassing thing for Emily is when she has to watch what she says or does so she doesn't get in trouble.



Mr. Grennes likes to work in the same school as his daughter, because he gets to see her everyday and he gets to spend more time with her. The most embarrassing thing for Kayla is that her dad knows who her friends are so he can bother them.



Mr. Lamb loves seeing his kids all the time and he can spend more time with them during school. The most embarrassing thing for Mekenzie is when her dad sees her hanging out with her friends and he says something to them.



Mrs. McCreight likes working in the same school that Zoey attends because she gets to see assemblies and she has more experience than other parents do that don't work with their child. The most embarrassing thing for Zoey is when her mom calls her nicknames in the hallways.



Mrs. Gerber likes working with her kid because when Sara was younger they rode to school together. She loves having the same days off as Sara too. The most embarrassing thing for Sara is when people tell her she is just like her mom.

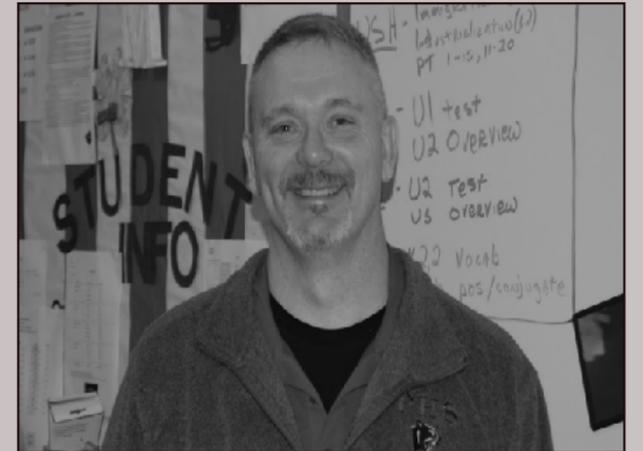


Mr. Thomas likes some parts of working in the same school as Olivia, but he thinks it makes her uncomfortable because she has different standards than other students. She also has to deal with people saying mean things about him. The most embarrassing thing for Olivia is when her dad calls her out in front of all the other students.

# Teacher Spotlight

By Kirsten Smith '20

This edition's teacher spotlight is on Mr. McCafferty. He was chosen by the students because he is spontaneous and his students have fun in his class. The Emerald interviewed the winning teacher, and this is what he had to say: "I'm flattered, but believe that the focus should be on the students and how I may have an impact on them and their learning." Mr. McCafferty's favorite part about teaching is when students have an "aha" moment. He is involved with Student Government, Homecoming & Winter Carnival assembly planning, Salvation Army Christmas Volunteering, United Way-Youth Day of Caring, Pennfield Lions Club Holiday Food Drive for needy families, and Senior Class advisor. His one word to describe his students is, "energizing." Thanks to the students who helped us pick this edition's winning teacher. Congratulations Mr. McCafferty! Keep up the hard work!



## Who Has It Worse?

By Caitlin Klein '20

Being around so many people in a school setting, sometimes has its downsides. Students and teachers alike, can be extremely annoying. That students who will not stop tapping their pencil, or that teacher that has a monotone voice, can really annoy a nearby person. So who do you think has it worse? Teachers? Or students? Let's find out...

### Students:

Alyx England (Senior): "I think both teacher and students struggle, but I believe students have it worse. Students are dealing with work, home, homework, hormones and better yet planning a whole future. In other countries they have less homework, less hours, and they're the top 10 in education. I think our policies are also very ignorant. No hats? Yea, I'm totally going to hide something in my hat."

Logan Morrison (Senior): "We have it worse! Why can't I wear a hat? Why do we get so much homework? It makes us stress out."

Hailey Bornamann (Senior): "We have it worse, I think I say this because we don't get a say in anything even to the point that we have to ask to use the bathroom!"

### Teachers:

Mrs. Treadway (English): "I think we are all pretty lucky! I have a job that I absolutely love, and students have the opportunity to take part in a free educational system that prepares them for college or for a career. Win, win situation for both parties!"

Mrs. McCreight (Math): "I think that it is the same, I enjoy my job and I enjoyed being a student. I think that whatever stage you are in you should enjoy it."

## Classroom Corner

By Brianna VanOrder '18

### What is Rocktober?

Rocktober is a song tournament that Mr. Lessnau started last year in his classes. The main goal for Rocktober is for students to vote on songs for a few weeks and at the end, choose a winning song.

### How does Rocktober work?

Students who want to participate have exactly one week to submit songs of their choice to a Google Form. The rules: it must be school appropriate and the YouTube video must have under 1 million views. After selecting the top 12 songs, Mr. Lessnau puts the songs into a 12 team single elimination bracket (like March Madness) and plays 2 song everyday for students to vote between. The song that wins, moves on to the next round to compete with another song. The entire process takes up to 2 weeks.

### Why do you do Rocktober every year?

"I do it because I like music and it's fun. People have responded positively to it, and it's really cool to see people exposed to music they wouldn't have heard otherwise," said Mr. Lessnau.

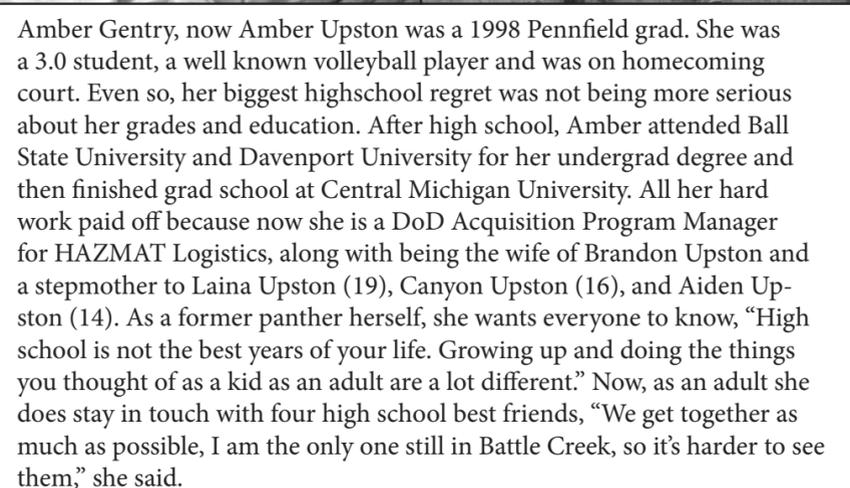
# Where Are They Now? *By Lindsay LaJoie '18*

## Pennfield High School Alumni

Leslie Gunn, now Leslie Wiley is a 1996 Pennfield graduate. She was a honor roll student who you'd see every football game out on the track cheering on the football team. After highschool she went to KCC for her nursing degree and then a bachelor degree from Miller college. Now, she's a Clinical Nurse Supervisor, along with being a wife to Chris Wiley and mom of two girls, Jenna Wiley (7) and Brianna Wiley (10) both whom go to Pennfield. To this day she still keeps in contact with some former classmates, "With facebook you can really keep up with everyone," she said. When asked her biggest regret from high school she replied with, "Probably not putting in as much effort as I could, I got good grades but could have done better." Leslie, the former Pennfield High school JV cheer coach, also gave this advice, "High school is not the best years of your life like people say. It's okay to go into college and not know what you want to be, take your time and figure it out, just make sure it's something you enjoy!"



Amber Gentry, now Amber Upston was a 1998 Pennfield grad. She was a 3.0 student, a well known volleyball player and was on homecoming court. Even so, her biggest highschool regret was not being more serious about her grades and education. After high school, Amber attended Ball State University and Davenport University for her undergrad degree and then finished grad school at Central Michigan University. All her hard work paid off because now she is a DoD Acquisition Program Manager for HAZMAT Logistics, along with being the wife of Brandon Upston and a stepmother to Laina Upston (19), Canyon Upston (16), and Aiden Upston (14). As a former panther herself, she wants everyone to know, "High school is not the best years of your life. Growing up and doing the things you thought of as a kid as an adult are a lot different." Now, as an adult she does stay in touch with four high school best friends, "We get together as much as possible, I am the only one still in Battle Creek, so it's harder to see them," she said.



# Pennfield Forever!

*By Celeste Piechocki '20*

I myself, have recently moved to Pennfield and decided to ask students who have been at Pennfield from Kindergarten through Senior year, about their experience.



**Lark Rahn**, loves being a lifelong panther, she thinks it's good that she's been here since kindergarten because you know more about the school and you know more teachers. She has two siblings, also Panthers, another named Killian in 6th grade at Pennfield Middle School and a sister named Kendall in 4th grade at Dunlap Elementary. The best memory for her is the football games.

**Ryan Miller**, personally doesn't like it at Pennfield, the main things he likes are his friends and playing lacrosse, he used to play football and basketball, but stopped his sophomore year. He doesn't like doing the work, but still tries to maintain good grades and a good attendance rate to play lacrosse and not get in trouble. One of the advantages of always going to Pennfield is that he grew up with the same people, which makes it easier. Ryan has two sisters, Jamie and Sam who are both graduates from Pennfield. His best memory from all his years at Pennfield was being in love for almost two years of High school!

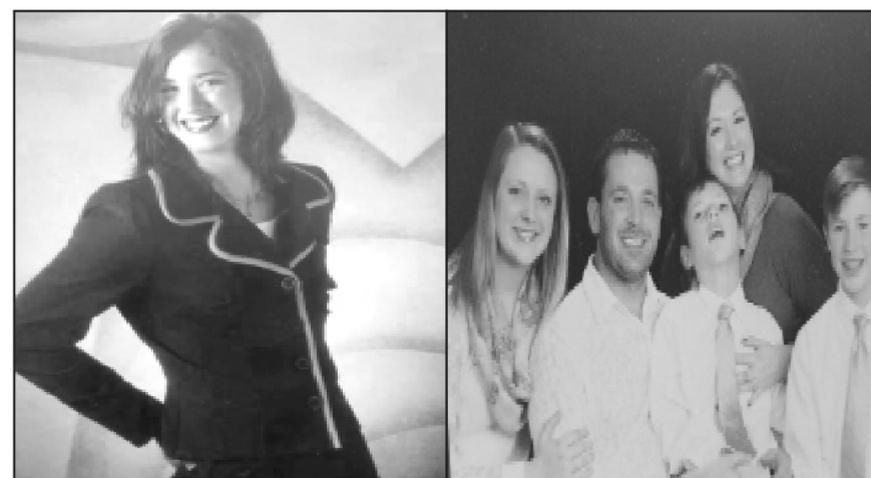


**Connor Davis** knows his way pretty well especially since he's had perfect attendance for two years. He likes that he's been at Pennfield his whole life because he grew up with all the same people and throughout the years he got to meet the new students who moved here. Connor isn't a big fan that the school was/is trying to enforce the no hats/hoods and backpacks in the classroom rule. Connor is the middle child of three, his older brother Blake Ireland is a graduate from Pennfield, he also has a little sister in eighth grade named Hannah. The best memory he has from all his years in school is when he earned enough points to have Taco Bell with Mrs. Custulo.

**Jodi Isaacson** is a senior that is like any other student that goes to school. She doesn't like how many people are in the school, but she likes the school itself, plus the teachers are pretty cool. She's been here since kindergarten and isn't leaving until she graduates this school year. She has good attendance and is here everyday, but is gone half a day because she goes to KCC. Jodi has a sister, Amber who is a Pennfield graduate and a brother named Michael who is in kindergarten at Purdy.



1988 Pennfield Graduate formally known as Jill Johnson, was an A student who had an occasional B, and she was often found on the court playing Volleyball. However, now she says she regrets not putting more effort into the sports she played. After high school she went to Grand Valley State University for her Bachelors and then to Western Michigan University for her masters degree. After college she married her high school sweetheart, Eric. Now as you might know her, Mrs. Petersen is an occupational therapist and has two panthers of her own, Grant Petersen (17), and Ryne Petersen (14). Now all grown up and watching her boys experience high school, and make memories of their own she says, "My favorite memories all come from playing sports with my girl friends; Our 1988 trip to the State Championship game in volleyball was pretty special. We also took a senior trip on a cruise to the Bahamas. That was crazy!" Mrs. Petersen also tells us that she still has close friends from high school. Her advice about high school? "They are very special years, but if you do life right they are not the "Best" years."



# Thanksgiving Family Traditions

By Kirsten Smith '20

Many of us and our families have Thanksgiving traditions. The Emerald interviewed some of the Pennfield students to give their favorite Thanksgiving traditions and their favorite part about the holiday. Morgan Miller told the Emerald that she goes to her grandma's house. They have been doing it for 15 years and she loves spending time with her family and eating food. Junior, Kaylee Clothier told The Emerald that they eat dinner with her dad's side of the family at her grandma's house while they spend Black Friday and eat dinner with her mom's side of the family. They have been doing this since Kaylee was really little. She loves do this because she get to spend time with both sides of her family. Finally, Julianne Platz stated that her family eats dinner at her house and then they go over to one of her aunt's houses for pie. They do this about every other year, and they have been doing this for as long as Julianne can remember. She gets to see family that she doesn't see often, so Julianne loves getting to see her three cousins from down south. Happy Thanksgiving from the PHS Emerald!



Julianne Platz

Kaylee Clothier

Morgan Miller

## MESSY? HERE Are SOME TIPS!

By Gavin Amster '20

Organization is a hard thing for many students to achieve. As a result they often lose their school work. Even in this digital age we misplace work because it's too cluttered or it's in an old long forgotten folder by placing it there by mistake. If you do some of these things you will find it easier to keep your work safe. You can have a different place in your binder for all your work. For a example, you can color code parts of your notebook. You can have different folders in your binder for all of your classes. On your chromebook you can separate work for your classes by subject. You can also color code the chromebook folders in Google Drive. You can get rid of any papers/objects that you don't need anymore to not take up too much space in your binder, and so that your binder won't break from being stuffed. You can keep important documents somewhere away from everything else so it won't get lost/ruined. I talked to Mr. Grimes, one of the P.E. teachers, and asked how he kept organized and this is what he had to say, "If I have got a lot going on I make a list, and the older you get the more you have a routine of stuff you need to get done." I then asked him what other people could do to get organized and he said, "Prioritize the most import things that need to be done each day and try to accomplish them." Being organized is very important, and if you are organized you will find that high school is much easier, that's why everyone should strive to be organized.



# COLLEGE NIGHT AT KCC

By Kiera Dickerson '17 and Keith LeRoux '18

On November 1st, KCC hosted a College night and more than 60 colleges and universities were in attendance. Some of the major colleges that were there included: Western, Michigan State University, Central Michigan University, and the University of Michigan. Also, representatives from the military and other education-related organizations were present. During the College night, you as an individual are able to ask personal questions specific to your needs. This allows you to search different colleges and compare them based on your criteria. There was also financial aid help for people who needed it. Make sure to check out the KCC website to be informed on the next college visit.



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## Social Media Threats

By Justin Thompson '19

On a much more serious note, we would like to address the recent issue of social media threats. Over the past few years, many teens have been getting into hot water from threatening statements made publically, or sometimes even privately, online. Please don't say anything that has anything to do with weapons at school, even if it is in a joking manner. With all the attacks in the world and all the past shootings, authorities are on edge over that sort of thing. Choose your audiences wisely. Your long time friend may find that joke you told at their house funny and clever, while that classmate you sit across from in English might see it as a legitimate threat and/or offensive. Watch what you say, when you say it, where you say it and who can hear it/read it.

## Battle Creek Businesses

By Erin Owens '17

For every local Battle Creek business that closes, another one will open and take its place. The following local business that are closing their doors in the near future or have already closed include Don Pablo's, The Ale House, New York Grill, The Pizza Parlor, and Battle Creek Pizza Department (BCPD). However, even with so many businesses closing their doors recently there are a few business who have opened and will be opening their doors in the near future. The River's Edge ice cream shop opened recently and is quite popular downtown. We hear that Torti Taco on Beckley has an awesome salsa bar. Fear the Farm, right on M-66, seems to be adding quite a bit to their Fall business. There is also going to be a gas station and a doctor's office that while still under construction will be opening up their doors in the near future.

# Meet The Emerald Staff



I'm **Kirsten Smith**. As a freshman, this is my 8th year at Pennfield. I write articles for the newspaper. Although I'm new to the Emerald staff, I've done newspaper before at the middle school and Dunlap. I'm part of the symphonic band and also play volleyball in the winter.

I'm **Alexis Scurlock**, I am a freshman and I have been at Pennfield for 8 years. I do some of the articles for the newspaper. This is my first year doing newspaper and I really like it so far. I like playing volleyball and hanging out with my friends, also I like to sing.

I'm **Ry'Anna Aggers**, I'm a freshman and this is my first year at Pennfield. I like volleyball even though I didn't play this year and I write some articles for the newspaper, the newspaper is good so far. I plan on playing soccer this year, and possibly another.

Hey there, my name is **Gavin Amsler**. This is my first year in Newspaper. I am one of the people who make the articles that you read about. I like watching and playing Yu-Gi-Oh.

My name is **Tristin Fulton**, this is my first year at Pennfield High School; I used to go to Fowlerville high school. I'm just here to do my work.

My name is **Erin Owens** and I am a Senior and this is my third year in newspaper. I have really enjoyed taking this class and I am going to miss being in this class next year. In my free time I like to spend my time reading and writing. I also have plans of majoring in journalism in college.



I'm **Brianna VanOrder**, I'm a Junior, this is my first year in newspaper. My favorite part of newspaper is creating the layout. I like to sing and I'm in the school choir.



I'm **Mrs. Royer**. This is my 12th year doing newspaper. I enjoy working as a team to create a product that the entire school can enjoy.



I'm **Lindsay LaJoie**, I am a Junior this year, it's my 5th year at Pennfield. I do the newspaper layout along with writing articles. This is my first year in Newspaper and I actually really enjoy it. I do cheer and am planning on playing tennis this year.



I'm **Kiera Dickerson**, I am a senior and I have been at Pennfield for 9 ½ years. I do some of the articles for the newspaper. This is my first year doing newspaper, I enjoy writing so far. I play Volleyball, Basketball, and Track and Field. I really like to sing.

I'm **Makayla Packer**, I'm a sophomore and this is my second year in newspaper, I love being in this class because I love the teacher. I have been at Pennfield since 7th grade. I love to dance, cheer, and spend time with my friends and family on my free time. My best friend is Sabrina Williams.

I'm **Makayla Skidmore**, a Sophomore this year, this is my first year on Newspaper. I've been going to Pennfield for 6 years now and I love to play softball and I bowl. Also my favorite colors are purple and teal.

Hi, my name is **Caitlin Klien**. I'm a freshman this year. I write for The Emerald, this is my first year in newspaper.

My name is **Justin Thompson**, and I am Sophomore. This is my first year of newspaper, however, I have a lot of experience in writing poetry and fiction. I am a wannabe coffee connoisseur, military/war history as well as gun enthusiast and all around nerd; aka team 4408 "The Robo Panthers".

My name is **Celeste Piechocki**, I'm a freshman and I recently moved to Pennfield. I moved from Harper Creek and was involved in their newspaper as well.

*Layout By Lindsay LaJoie*