

# The Emerald



The Dance Team



Jacob Yeager, Brianna Duboise, & Morgan Launder



Lisa Dube

## FOLLIES:

Jeff Lambrich '13

On the 16th and 17th of November, friends and family of Pennfield students gathered in the Auditorium to enjoy this year's production of Follies. Follies is a talent show of sorts, which highlights the skills and abilities of some of Pennfield's most talented students. Mr. Bowen hosted auditions for the acts and M.C.'s, organized the event, and even played a part in a hilarious skit with the M.C.'s. Throughout the two hour performance, which consisted of 25 total acts, the audience got to enjoy many unique performances from students of all grade levels. The show opened with a skit performed by the five senior M.C.'s, Brianna Duboise, Ben McLeod, Morgan Launder, Jacob Yeager, and Drew Stevens, who took the stage during the down time between all of the acts. The PHS Dance Team opened Follies with a dance to Rumor Has It, and wrapped up all of the acts with a final dance to Sweet Dreams. In addition to their traditional dances, they also performed a kick line routine to help compliment the large amount of singers, dancers, and musicians who performed both nights. The spectators were thoroughly impressed with the variety of talents showcased both nights. Senior, Allison Pennock, and Junior, Stormy Johnson performed solo dances, and 7 other girls performed their own self-designed dances either in duos or in a trio. Musically inclined students also showed off their skills by singing, playing an instrument, or in some cases, both. Three skillful pianists performed their own renditions of popular songs, one of which was included on the soundtrack of the movie Pearl Harbor. Dalyn Trine and Austin Walker had solo performances where they played guitar and sang. Dalyn's song was self-written, and touched many of the audience members due to its emotional and touching subject matter. If you couldn't make it to Follies this year, you definitely missed out on a spectacular showcase of some of Battle Creek's finest talents.



Naomi Joseph & Kelly Seech



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Austin Walker



Follies Cast

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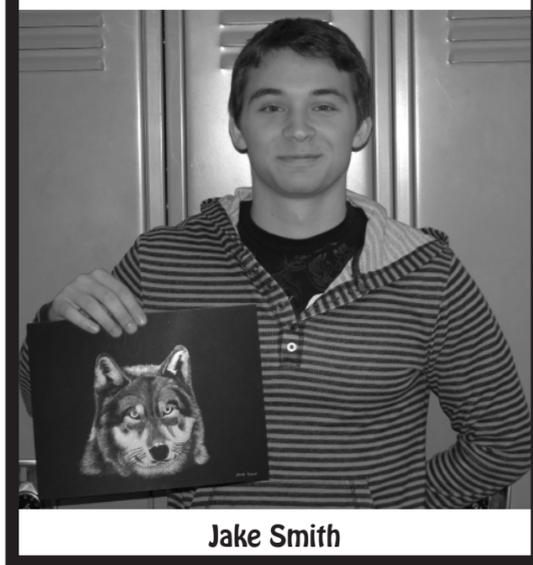
**Varsity Gold**  
Sydney Brown

Every Pennfield choir singer brings something special to it, but a select few have something extra to bring to the table. These select few people make up Varsity Gold. This group studies jazz and pop music, and they hope to perform at Jazz Festival in Hastings this year. Mr. Bowen described Varsity Gold like this: "You could pretty much say it's a 'Glee Club,' but without all of the drama like the one on television!" Congratulations to these Pennfield students who are participating in Varsity Gold. The Emerald wishes you a successful year.



**Varsity Gold Group**

**Pennfield's Artwork!**



**Jake Smith**

**Organization and Preparation for Exams**  
Jeff Lambrich '13

Believe it or not, we've already been in school for over 9 weeks, and the first quarter of the school year is officially over. With the first semester coming to a close shortly after winter break in January, exams are becoming a huge concern for students here at Pennfield. Exams are tests that cover all of the material covered in a class over the semester. These tests usually count for a large percentage of your overall grade in the class, and are arguably the most important assignments of the entire year. Since they cover such a large amount of material, students need to spend quite a bit of time reviewing all of their materials that they've received since the beginning of September. The best tip for being fully prepared for mid-term exams is to stay as organized as possible. Teachers suggest to have folders for all of your classes in order to separate your study materials, and be able to study for each class individually. You should never throw away any papers that get handed back to you. The most common thing that students forget to do when preparing is to re-read all the material presented. It will refresh the concepts that were taught in the beginning of the year. Most teachers also hand back previous unit tests as helpful exam study material. Be sure to keep all of these in order as well. Most importantly, be sure not to stress. Just keep calm when testing, and start studying as soon as possible. If you're confident in your knowledge of what you've been taught in the class, you should be able to ace the exam with no problems!

**Infant Simulator**  
Brianna Dukeman '13

The real care baby is an electronic simulator. The baby cries when it wants to be fed, burped, rocked, or wants its diaper changed. The simulator weighs about seven pounds. The simulator can detect rough handling, head support, and shaken baby syndrome. The baby has fifteen different schedules that the simulator may follow, which is grouped into three different categories. These categories include easy, medium, and hard. The students each get to keep the baby for two nights. The point of the baby simulators are to show the students what parenting is really like, as well as show them how hard being a parent can truly be.



**Baby Simulators**

**Blood Drive!**



**College Visits**  
Emily Bower '13

This year at Pennfield High School we had several different colleges come to visit including Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Olivet University, Indiana Tech, and Northeastwood. The reason for college visits is to help the students understand their options with financing and prices. They also come to talk about scholarships and answer any questions you have. "I went to the Western college visit very confused. They ended up helping and answering all the questions I had. It's nice to see what the college will be like first hand instead of just hearing about it," says senior Jeff Lambrich. Go out and visit colleges and hear what they have to say, or you can wait and see what more colleges are coming to visit us at Pennfield.

**Military Families**  
Ryan Owens '15

We all know that there is a price to pay for our freedom. High school student Katie Draper's father is in the military. "Most people, including me, are proud of their parents because their main job is to serve our country," says sophomore Katie. "It is hard for some people to accept that their loved ones are over seas. Never knowing what is happening is always on my mind, but when he gets home, my family renews their relationship and catches up on what my dad has missed." Children of military parents, or even having a loved one in your family, have a different outlook on life and love for our nation.



**Katie Draper**

**Where Are They Now? - Ashley Behnke**  
Madison Schaefer '13



**Ashley Behnke**

Ashley Behnke graduated from Pennfield High School in 2008. Since she graduated high school, she has lived in three different cities. After graduating, she furthered her education at Michigan State University where she earned her greatest achievement. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Communicative Sciences and Disorders also known as Speech Pathology. It was a big time in her life and she now officially recognizes herself as a "grown-up." She says it wasn't necessarily the easiest thing to do at first but you get the hang of it. Lets face it, nobody wants to grow up! She was also happy to say that on a more professional level, her career has helped her grow as a person and in a positive direction. It gives her the inspiration she needs to attain her future goals. In the future, she hope to continue her schooling, travel the world, and buy her first new car!

However, she still hasn't forgotten her life in high school. She really enjoyed the social aspect of school. Some of her favorite memories were football games, dancing at halftime, and working for the newspaper. She also loved participating in student government because she had the opportunity to be a leader and help put on fun events for the rest of the school. Although she says she is usually the one seeking advice not giving it, she strongly advises students to further their education after high school. There is a life beyond this school. Invest in your future and don't make these last four years a waste of your time. Don't settle for just any job. Work towards a career.

**A Basket Full of Joy**  
Emily Morales '14

Every year the Pennfield Lion's Club helps many families in the Pennfield Community who are in need during the holiday season. The Lion's Club create baskets full of goodies such as food and presents. They service a max of fifty families every year, this year having a total of forty-five so far. The individuals that are being helped include around one hundred forty kids and ninety adults. Every Pennfield building gets together and has an annual food drive to provide some of the food for the baskets, and then the Lion's Club continues to contribute by buying all the extra foods. Every kid in the family receives one present. The excitement on kids' faces when they open up a present on Christmas morning is why the members of the Pennfield Lion's Club buy the presents for the baskets. The Saturday before Christmas is always the day that the members get together to make the baskets, deliver them to their families, and put joy into the holiday season every year. Another way students in our community help out during this season is by wrapping gifts for the Salvation Army. It has become a tradition for the Student Government to visit each year and to wrap gifts for kids who might not get a lot for Christmas. By doing this, it shows how our school and the Pennfield community cares and helps out each year during the Holiday Season.



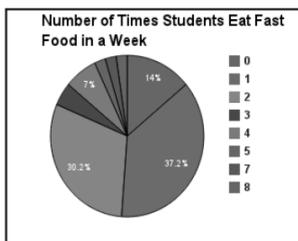
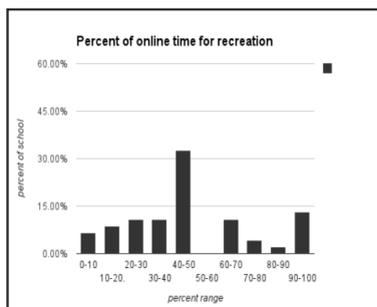
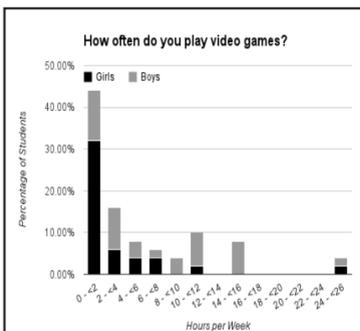
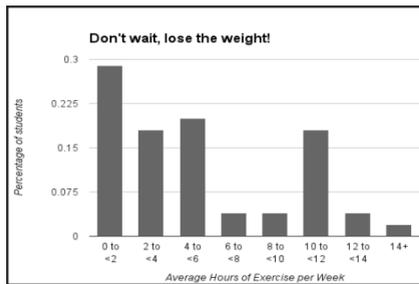
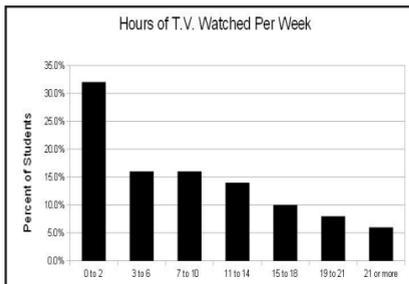
**Pictured: Molly Boles & Haley Harris**



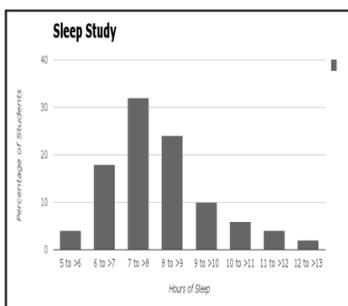
**Pictured: Cameron Crespo & Whitney Webb**



**Pictured: Student Council Members**



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**Sleep Study**

**A.P. Statistics**

Darin Blocker, Nicole Koenigsnecht, Renea Vasquez

Are you tired right now? If you've ever started to doze off during attendance or snooze during social studies you might be wondering if you're getting enough sleep at night. Both A.P. Statistics classes carried out surveys about a variety of interesting aspects of student behavior. Some of these surveys included questions about time spent playing video games, exercising, TV, surfing the internet, and eating fast food. Our group collected information on the amount of sleep fifty different Juniors and Seniors get on average in a twenty-four hour period. The results were very interesting. It looks like we have some very sleepy students here at Pennfield, 54% of people get seven hours or less. Only 12% of people get ten hours or more. The lowest amount was five hours. The highest amount on the other hand, was twelve hours, wouldn't that be nice? While those were the minimum and maximum values, overall students' responses showed a low variance of 2.2 (there were not very big differences between the data) and the center of the data stayed within the seven to eight range. That means that the average student at Pennfield gets about seven and a half hours of sleep. The precise average was 7.69 hours. Check out our graphs. Where do you fit in?

# SPORTS

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## Boys Basketball Emily Bower '13

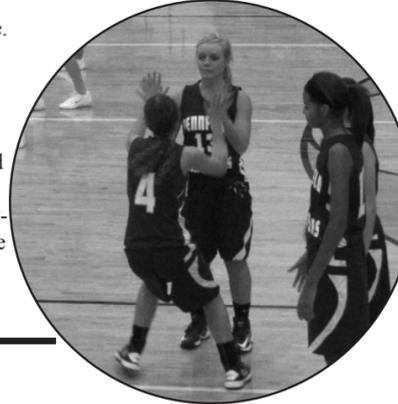
Boys Varsity Basketball won their first game December 7th against Parchment, 79-69. This year's varsity players are Brayden Bennett, Darin Blocker, Sam Duckham, Aaron Brown, Jonathan Clements, Jeremiah Cowham, Ethan Everett, Jacob Gillett, Jake Grimes, Hunter Hoogakker, Ryan Lowe, and Davontea Miller. "The team's personal goal is to go undefeated. My own personal goal is to score 15 or more points a game and get 4 more assists. Interesting fact about the team is we have a 6'8 sophomore Ryan Lowe, and we all have matching shoes and socks," says Davontae Miller. "We are all looking forward to a great season, many of us have played together for many years and are ready for whatever challenges this season brings," says Darin Blocker. "I am very optimistic of our season. I'm really excited about our teams attitude and how they work without a lot of returning starters. We hope to develop quickly as a team as we will be tested early in the year by a number of tough teams and will improve when the players get used to each other," says Coach Grimes. Get out to the stands and cheer on our panthers to victory.



Pictured: Hunter Hoogaker

## Girls Basketball Taylor Stout '15

On November 5th, our Pennfield girls tried out for the basketball team. These girls worked hard, and for some they achieved their goal. Congratulations to you all who made the teams, we know you're going to make this season a great one! On Friday, November 30th our girls played their first games. Freshman played at the middle school, where as JV and Varsity girls played in Constantine. Our varsity girls defeated the Constantine Falcons with a score of 50-20, way to start off the season good girls! I asked a member of the JV basketball team, Mikaela Lake, what she thought the toughest competition in the season would be, and she replied saying "It's Probably Harper Creek or Lakeview." She had also stated, "What I like most about basketball would definitely have to be game days, because this is when you get to see all your hard work pay off." Well thanks Mikaela, and good luck to all the girls!



Pictured: Shelby Miller, Ashley Peterson, & Alexa Stephenson

## Competitive Cheerleading Brianna Dukeman '13

Kenzi Turner, a senior on the Pennfield Competitive Cheer team thinks that this year is going to be a fantastic season, and it is going to be one to remember. Kenzi says, "The team can not do doubles in the competitions now so its a little different, but we will still be a team that no one can beat!" Briana Everline, a sophomore on the team says, "With competitions starting in January, we have all worked well together to make up our rounds. All the girls are working extremely hard. So far, we are getting things done. We have a wonderful atmosphere and positive attitudes." Allison Pennock, another senior on the teams thinks, "Coming on my third and final year of Varsity Competitive Cheer I see a lot of potential and young girls who I believe will make me proud this year. I hope they decide to cheer in the future so after I graduate I can come cheer on my girls in the rest of their high school cheerleading career. Go team!" The seniors on the team this year include Brooke Byers, Emily Gallagher, Ashley Kallgren, Morgan Launder, Allison Pennock, and Kenzi Turner. Have a good season cheerleaders!



Pictured: Bailey Huff, Ashley Kallgren, Morgan Launder, & Allison Stark

## Wrestling Ryan Owens '15

Now that the Winter season is quickly approaching, many sports teams are beginning to gather together and start practicing. Many of these sports, such as basketball, focus on teamwork, and involve multiple players on the court at one time. However, in wrestling, it's just one team member facing off against another wrestler in a battle of stamina and strength. "The fun thing about wrestling is that it is just you and the other person you are going up against," said Justin Parker enthusiastically. Although everyone is important on this team, the captains are who drive and motivate everyone. The captains are Taylor Brown, Austin Tuttle, and Justin Parker. It is a good thing that they are captains to guide the team in this sport. According to JP, they would like to get more people into the sport and onto the mat. "We are more advanced then other teams especially in the department of physical fitness," said senior captain Austin Tuttle. According to the captains, the team quote for this year is, "When in doubt, sit it out."

## Bowling

### Brianna Dukeman '13

This year seems to be exciting for the bowling team. Austin Miller is the captain for the boys varsity team and Loretta Hinds is the captain of the girls varsity team. Austin Miller's thoughts on the season were, "I feel like this year's team has a really good chance to go far in the tournaments and win a few!" Loretta says, "It's going to be the best year yet!" Dalyn Trines says, "Our team is not the best, but we are not the worst either." The team's plan is to participate in the City Tournament, State Tournament, and Bay City's Tournament.

## SOCCER



Left to Right: Jamie Collige, Darin Blocker, & Brayden Bennett

## TENNIS



Left to Right: Dryden Lachance & Evan Thomas

## ALL CONFERENCE

### FOOTBALL



Left to Right: Brandon Rau, Jared Jacobs, Dom Arredondo, Sam Duckham, Justin Parker, & Brayden Bennett

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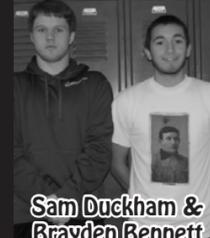
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## FOOTBALL

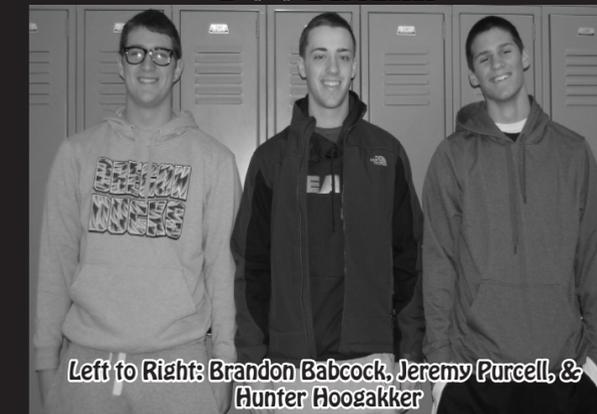


Sam Duckham & Brayden Bennett

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## HONORABLE MENTIONS FOOTBALL



Left to Right: Brandon Babcock, Jeremy Purcell, & Hunter Hoogakker



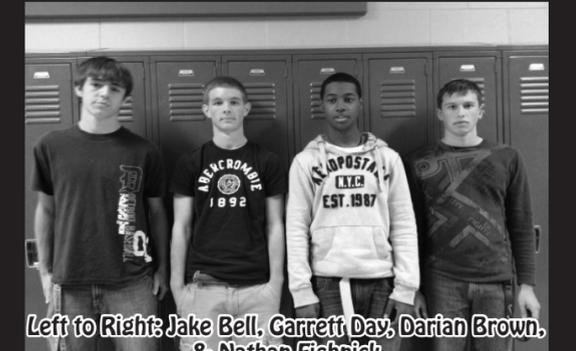
## CROSS COUNTRY



Adam Rifenburgh & Lauren Smith



## SOCCER



Left to Right: Jake Bell, Garrett Day, Darian Brown, & Nathan Fishnick

# Holidays

## What Are You Thankful For?

“I am thankful for friends, family, and my pets.” -Haley Hutcheson

“I’m thankful for this being my senior year and having the opportunity to go to college next year.” -Ashley Kallgren

“I am thankful for everyone that has been there for me.” - Jake Rosetti

“I’m thankful for the lovely sport of basketball!” -Shelby Miller

“I’m thankful for my friends and family and everyone who has put up with me for so many years.” -Sam Penland

“I’m thankful for food.” -Brittany DuBoise

“I am thankful for music.” -Haley Shea

“I’m thankful that my sister is still at home, I’ll miss her when she goes to college.” -Emily Jackson

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Brandon Rau



Tyler Kipp

### What’s Your Favorite Food? Madison Schaefer ‘13

Mr. McCafferty always has a trick up his sleeve. He can be very clever and doesn’t like to back down from a challenge. His latest challenge was to pick four individuals from his classes and attempt to guess their favorite Thanksgiving food. Of the four people he selected, he guessed three of them correctly. Brandon Rau and Tyler Kipp both enjoy mashed potatoes which is what Mr. McCafferty had suspected. Amanda Sare on the other hand is more of a stuffing person which Mr. McCafferty was also able to guess correctly. The only person who was able to fool Mr. McCafferty was Holli Longstreth. Mr. McCafferty had expected her to like green bean casserole the most. However, she says she likes mashed potatoes more. When asked about the secret to getting in someone’s mind he says “the trick is to discuss all of the varieties of typical Thanksgiving foods and to watch who reacts to each type.” As a psychology and sociology teacher, he is capable of reading and assessing people’s reactions and facial expressions. Although he has some background that helps him do these tricks, it is something that anyone can learn to do.



Holli Longstreth



Amanda Sare

### What Present Should You Get For Your Significant Other?

Madison Schaefer ‘13

Christmas is the time of year that we celebrate friends, family, and no school. So why do we get so stressed out about the perfect present? Buying a gift for your girlfriend or boyfriend, especially for the first time, can be very challenging. Try and avoid the panic by getting to know them, their interests, and their hobbies before you decide on a gift. Pay attention and make note of anything they point out in a store, online, or in ads.

When shopping for your girlfriend, keep in mind the type of person you are shopping for. If she is the sentimental type, she will love a collage of pictures of the two of you. You could also purchase a simple necklace and get it engraved with your initials. You have then taken a simple and generic idea and made it more personable. If your girlfriend would prefer a more ordinary gift, then there are other options. Buying her lotions or perfumes give you an opportunity to not only pick out a scent that you think she might like, but also one that you enjoy. Purchase some more generic jewelry is a great gift as well. A nice way to top it off would be filling a stocking with her favorite chocolates, a teddy bear, and some flowers.

A boyfriend might be the most complicated person in the world to shop for! However, it is not impossible. The way to a boy’s heart is through his stomach. Baked goods are always a good idea for your boyfriend. If he is into sports, think about his favorite team and get him some sportswear. Just be sure to find a sneaky way to find out his size before you go shopping. On the other hand, maybe he is the type of guy that wants to be a part of the action. If he plays sports, some equipment would be a good idea. Cologne, movies, and video games would also make good gifts.

Girls may go to college to get more knowledge and boys may go to Jupiter to get more stupider but we still have some things in common. Everyone likes to have good music to listen to while driving, so why not make your significant other a mixed CD of your favorite songs. Besides, there will be times you are going to be stuck in the car with them so you might as well listen to music that you both like. It is a good cheap way to give a gift that you both will love. Depending on your budget, tickets for a concert or a sporting event would be an amazing gift! However, this is a gift that will need to be purchased in advance so this might not be a good idea for any Christmas Eve shoppers. Shopping for your significant other doesn’t have to be so hard. Just look at it as a challenge. Embrace it. Don’t dread it.

### Black Friday & Cyber Monday Taylor Stout ‘15



That Friday after Thanksgiving, what most people call Black Friday, the day for big lines, and big sales. This year it was on Friday, November 23, 2012. Who all went out? Do you have a tradition? “I usually just go with friends,” says sophomore Anna Martens. For some stores, sales started a little earlier. Early in the morning Wednesday, and late Thursday stores were running their ‘Black Friday’ sales. Many people are predicting that Black Friday will be starting earlier and earlier every year. There was an advantage to some stores starting earlier, for those people that did go out on the traditional times, the lines were not as long,

and there was a greater chance of getting what you wanted. When I went out with my mom, we discovered most items’ prices were cut almost in half, if not more. There are people that were determined to get what they wanted, and they were standing in line at the stores hours and hours before the sale even started, and most stores didn’t even open until that time, so I bet they were freezing. I did, though, see people outside with blankets, and sleeping bags, they arrived prepared. It is being said that shoppers spent about \$1.042 billion total, that’s a 26% increase from last year. The following Monday is what everyone calls Cyber Monday. Which, basically is like Black Friday, but for online shoppers. No Lines, but big deals, and maybe some waiting. The sales went up about 30% from last year. For you all that went out, did you get what you wanted? If not, better luck next year.

### Holiday Traditions

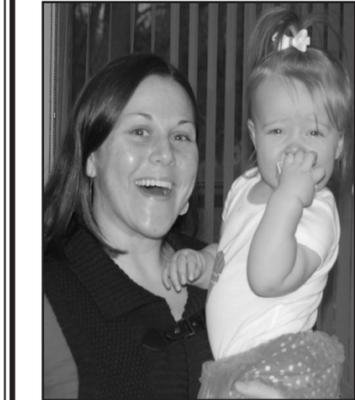
Sydney Bown ‘15

Every family has that one special thing they do during the holidays every year. All across the world, families have many different unique traditions or rituals that they perform. Whether it be on Christmas, Thanksgiving, or even a birthday, it’s always fun looking forward to those holiday traditions that everyone in the family can enjoy. We asked a few Pennfield teachers about any holiday traditions that their family might have. Mr. Miknis had this to say: “Well let’s see.. every Thanksgiving, I have to be the one to carve the turkey, and let me tell you why! Most people on Thanksgiving just take the turkey out, pull it off, and start eating it. But what I do is I take it out of the oven and carve it so it actually looks like a real turkey. This year though, I got pretty upset because my wife made me make ham too, so obviously I couldn’t carve the ham into a turkey, that just wouldn’t be right. Also, I’m the one who always puts up the Christmas tree every year because I like to look at all of the ornaments and remember how we got them and where they came from. So yea, I don’t like it when anyone else touches the tree..it’s my tree.” Mrs. Allen also has family traditions she does every Christmas: “Every Christmas morning I make baked french toast and a mexican breakfast casserole, and while the food products are cooking my kids open all of their presents. The presents from Santa are always gift wrapped in separate paper also.” We also asked some of the students here at Pennfield about their traditions. Tayler Morey said, “Well every Christmas we make sugar cookies and decorate them. And then we play some music and wear Christmas hats while we decorate the tree!” Brianna Everline said her family also has more than one tradition she was willing to share. She said, “Well, on Thanksgiving day, we always eat a ham instead of turkey for some reason, and the day after Thanksgiving we put up the Christmas tree! And also, every year in the beginning of December, we put the Christmas lights up inside of our house!” Every family is unique in their own way and no one has the same holiday traditions, but they are all similar in the way that they bring people together at least one day every year.

### Teachers Remember the Holidays Emily Morales ‘14



Pictured Above: Mrs. Root & her pony



Pictured Above: Mrs. Royer, & her daughter Olivia

The Pennfield high school staff have so much love for the holidays that reminiscing on the past is always treasured. Ever since Mr. Faber was a kid, his family had a tradition of putting up a fuzzy, bearded Santa ornament on his tree. To this day, he watches his own children put up this ornament right in the center of the tree, to celebrate this festive time of year. As for the ladies in the office, Mrs. Root remembers waking up on Christmas morning and after opening all her presents, following a spool of twine all the way out to her barn where she found her very own pony for Christmas! Mrs. Boles remembers and cherishes the memories she has when her kids still believed in Santa. While some prefer the snow, Mr. Grennes and his family like to travel over Christmas vacation to somewhere warm, “We went to the Bahamas two years ago and Fort Myers is where we are going this year. This is a fun way to stay warm and to visit all our family over Christmas which we look forward to just about every year.” Mr. Boyd, back when he was ten years old, visited his grandparents in Macatawa Bay and on Christmas Day he saw a man in a Santa costume jet skiing on an old jet ski, which he remembers vividly to this day. Mrs. Royer got the biggest present of all, “My little Bear Olivia was born on Thanksgiving, and I’m excited to celebrate her birthday with the holidays every year.” Remember this year that although getting presents is great, sometimes it’s the memories that will always be remembered.

### Best Brownie Recipe The Emerald Approved!

#### PEANUT BUTTERCUP BROWNIES

1 box of your favorite brownie mix  
1/2 cup peanut butter chips  
1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips  
3/4 cup creamy peanut butter



Directions: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray or grease 40 mini-muffin cups. Prepare boxed brownie mix as directed. Spoon batter evenly into muffin cups (about 1 heaping teaspoon). Bake for 13-15 minutes or until top is set and a toothpick inserted into center comes out slightly wet. After brownies are out of the oven, wait for centers to fall. This will happen upon cooling. If not then tap the centers with the back of a teaspoon to make a hole for the peanut butter. Place peanut butter in a small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 45 seconds then stir. While brownies are still warm spoon about half a teaspoon of peanut butter into the center of each brownie. Top with semi-sweet chocolate chips and peanut butter chips. Cool completely in pan.

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