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WINTER CARNIVAL



Winter Carnival Court 2016

Top Row: Zachary Callender, Carter Needham, Steffen Kinne,
Tyler Mrozinski and Michael Wilson.

Bottom Row: Hannah Stevens, Carly Kyre, Sarah Caley, Kate DeOliveria
and Molly Boles.

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Winter Carnival



The cheerleaders rallying up the students.



Congratulations Molly Boles and Michael Wilson for winning king and queen



The cheerleades showing off their skills

Winter Carnival Pep Rally Avari Dayton '16

The Winter Carnival Pep Rally was hosted Friday at the end of Winter Carnival Week. The Pep Rally is where students can just get out class and enjoy their classmates, play games, and try and win for their class grade. There were a lot of games for our classmates to sign-up for. The Junior class did not win all of the games, but over all they won the whole Pep Rally with 123 points. The Seniors won the cart decorating with the Harper Creek beaver in the cage. The Juniors came in 2nd, the Sophomores in 3rd, then last the Freshmen. The Seniors won the tug-o-war, they even went against the teachers and beat them in no time. The Seniors also won the Inner-Tube race thanks to Brooke Lenz and Jessica Roan, Carnival Food challenge thank to Josh Cowham for tolerating such a nasty concoction of cotton candy, popcorn, candy, hot dogs, etc. The Juniors won Mock Rock/Dancing Improv thanks to Rachel Dehart and Calder LaChance. The Juniors came in 1st with 123 points, then the Seniors with 112 points, then the Sophomores with 90 points, and in last the Freshmen with 76 points.

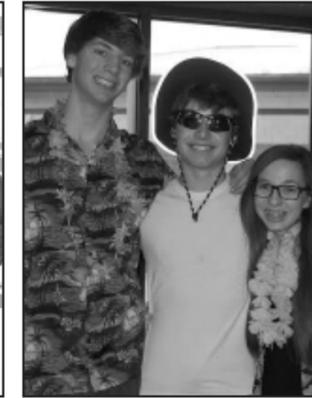


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Spirit Week



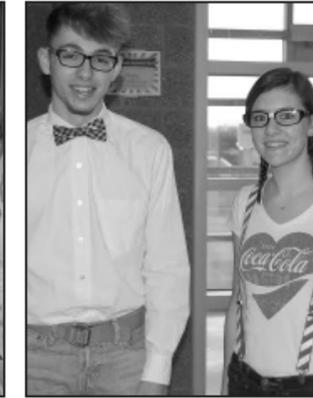
Monday: Pajama Day



Tuesday: Hawaiian Day



Wednesday: Disney Day



Thursday: Nerd Day



Friday: Spirit Day

DRESS UP DAYS

Avari Dayton '16

For our 2016 Spirit Week we had great dress up days leading up to our game against Harper Creek. Monday was Pajama Day and the Sophomores took the win on that day. Tuesday was Hawaiian Day and Wednesday was Disney Day and the Juniors won both of those days. Thursday was Nerd Day and the Seniors won, and Friday was Spirit Day and the Sophomores won. The Freshmen did not win any days for the week.



First Place:



Second Place:



Third Place:



Fourth Place:



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Cheer Makayla Packer '19

Cheer is sadly ending and some of the cheerleaders are really upset, while others are happy. But the one thing all of the cheerleaders know is that they had fun when they were together and were getting along with one another. I talked to Skilar Black one of the JV cheer captains and here is what she said, "We had a couple of rough patches at the beginning but we pulled it together and we became champions, so as a captain I think it was a pretty good season." I talked to a couple of the cheerleaders and the first one I talked to was Sam, she said "I think it went well, I think we improved a lot from the beginning of the season to the end and I enjoyed being on the team". Finally, as a JV cheerleader myself, I thought that the season went really well and that the team improved a lot from the beginning of the season and we started the season off getting last place or second to last place but we pulled it



Skilar Black

together and at the end of the season we did really well because we started getting 1st and 2nd place rankings. At our last I-8 meet we received 1st place and we reached all of our goals that we made as a team. So as a cheerleader, I think we had fun while we did our best. I hope to see more people try out next year, because I thought it was going to be boring but it turned out to be really fun; so try out, you might just like it as much as I did. GOOD JOB JV GIRLS!



Nolen Bornamann '18
"The people and the atmosphere and eating afterwards."

the mats." Kurtis Babcock responded, "I would say the team." Shane Edwards told us, "The singlets are comfortable." Jacob Howard said, "It makes you look manly." Dreshawn Sanders mentioned, "It's good conditioning." Dylan Hoffman articulated, "Winning." The guys seemed to have enjoyed their season.

Wrestling Mitchell Woody '18

Wrestling is more than just a sport. There are the moments you share with the team, the memories that you make and the fun that you have well doing it. So I decided to go around the school and ask a handful of wrestler's what their favorite thing was about wrestling and here are their responses. Jacob Herpin told me, "Seeing everyone succeed and just being with the team." Nolen Bornamann's response was, "The people and the atmosphere and eating afterwards." Chris Curtis said, "How personal it gets when you're on

Basketball Avari Dayton '16 & Makayla Packer '19

Women's Basketball has sadly come to an end, and for me, this was my very last year being able to call myself a Pennfield Varsity Basketball player. The captains this year were Senior, Jessica Roan, Senior, Brooke Lenz, Sophomore, Bri Abercrombie, and myself, (Avari Dayton). We had 3 Seniors on the team, no Juniors, and 6 Sophomores. In the beginning of the year, we set goals for ourselves and our team, and even though we didn't exactly meet all of our goals, we still were a great team and got along very well with each other. Our record was 8-12 overall. I asked Claire LeRoux how she thought the season went and she said "It was kind of going up and down, up and down."

Just like Women's Basketball, Boys Basketball has also ended. The boys JV basketball team had a pretty good season. They worked hard, worked together as a team and played hard, winning as many games as they could. I talked to two of the JV boys basketball players Kevin Maccrossen and Jacob Hack and this is what they said: Kevin Maccrossen- "I think the season could have gone better, next season I would like for us to get more wins because I know we have a lot of talent we just need to put it all together." Jacob Hack- "I think the season went well, better than last year for us, I think next year we'll be even better. We had our ups and downs and lost a lot of close games. I think we should work on playing together as a team, and staying focused on basketball and keep our heads up in the game. A few times this year we lost our composure and made some mistakes." Pennfield JV boys basketball team did awesome this year and I hope to see everyone of them on varsity next year. GOOD JOB BOYS!!!

Bowling Brooklyn Kennedy '16

Bowling is not just a fun pastime you and your buddies may go play at Nottke's or M-66, it's a serious sport here at Pennfield! And right here in the Pennfield Emerald, we're here to give you the inside view of how the season is going for us so far. Tyler Hooper filled us in on the outlook for the season, mentioning that it's been going pretty swell, with no major difficulties or horrible losses. Tyler decided to get into bowling nine years ago, because to him it simply felt natural. But why bowling, why not another sport such as golf or tennis? The reason being is it is not a physically demanding sport at all, but a heck of a lot more fun walking around on those velvety green golfing hills. So maybe bowling isn't such a terribly serious sport, but it's sure to have you and your friends happy after a night at the bowling alley! With lots of drinks, snack foods, it's hard not to have a snappy good time! So get out there, bring some friends, and steal some



Tyler Hooper '16



Oreo Truffles Diana Dalski '18

Materials Necessary:
1 package of double stuffed Oreos
1-8 ounce cream cheese
1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
1 package of white chocolate chips
baking sheet
¼ teaspoon of shortening
green food coloring
wax paper
tablespoon and fork

Add the full package of Oreos with the cream cheese and vanilla extract. Mix until Oreos are nearly crushed. Roll the mix into small, bite sized balls. Freeze the rolled balls for 20 minutes in order to harden the balls. Melt ½ of the bag of white chocolate chips in the microwave on defrost or low power. Add ¼ teaspoon of shortening and two drops of green food coloring to the melted chocolate and stir in order to thin the chocolate. Dip the balls into the chocolate with the spoon and carefully roll them onto the fork in order to let the excess chocolate fall back into the bowl. Then place the chocolate covered ball on a baking sheet with wax paper over it. Repeat until all balls are covered. Put in freezer in order to harden. Serve and enjoy!

Where Are They Now? Kaylyn Maxson '16

Ashley Tate graduated from Pennfield High School last year. She is a former member of the newspaper class. After graduation, Ashley got a job babysitting. She is still babysitting part time and going to school part time. "I'm going to school full time in the summer. I'm currently taking my general classes until I decide my career choice." Right now Ashley is attending Kellogg Community College. One of her favorite quotes is "People come and go. But life is simple about seeing who cares enough to stay." Even though she has graduated she will still always be a panther!



Volunteer Opportunity Nick Moreno '18

You might find yourself asking why is volunteering in and out of school so important? Well that can easily be answered by telling some of the great benefits of it and how it can affect people. Say there are families in need of food, schools can hold a food drive both in and out of school to get food together for the families so they don't have to worry about where their next meal will come from. Sometimes the school might help raise money for the Salvation Army and the Lions Club as well as helping out with memorials for Pennfield families who experience grief. Say you want to apply for a job what kind of things could help? Would volunteering count? Absolutely! You could put down any type of volunteering that you might have done and most employers would love to see that you were out and active in the community. This shows them that you are out and ready to perform any kind of task that might be assigned to you. So overall having some sort of community work will end up looking for good on a job application. Would colleges like to see something about work out in the community on your admissions application? Yes in fact most if not all colleges think that it looks very nice on your application. It shows that you have some good qualities. Doing any type of volunteering for the community is a great way to help with jobs, college and school. All it can take is the will of one single person alone to make a difference.

Super Bowl Missy Finch '16

The Broncos took the win. Even though it was a very disappointing game for the Panthers, the halftime show was more than anyone thought it would be. Starting from Coldplay to Bruno Mars, to The Queen B (Beyonce), they made a spectacular show, along with the Broncos taking the win at 24-10.

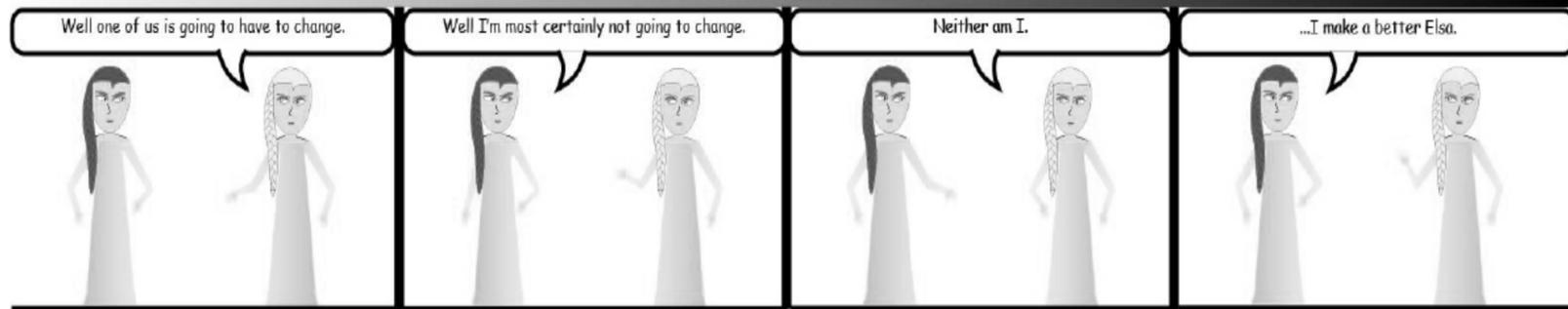


Black History Month Brooklyn Kennedy '16

February first is not just a mark for everyone to rush out and get that perfect gift for their sweetheart to give them on Valentine's day, it is the beginning of Black History Month. Black history month is also known as African-American History Month, occurring for the month of February and October each year. What's the fuss about this month anyway? Why do we celebrate it for a month, two separate times of the year? In short, the reason why we take these two months to learn about African-American history is to remember the significant people and events that have changed the theme of diversity in America to the crusade for equality among all people. Because this month has so much significance in the American culture, even Canada and the United Kingdom celebrates it. Need ideas on how to celebrate this month? Try grabbing some books from your local library and bring them to your local book club, or get involved with some events in your local community. Whatever way you choose to celebrate, it's sure to be a snappy good time!

PANTHER LIFE

Winter Carnival Comic:



Hallway Challenger

Camarie Smith '16

Question:

What was the first color associated with Saint Patrick's Day before green?



Olivia Thomas '19-

Blue

Troy McClain '18-



Blue



Lars Bennett '17-

Red

Lauren Cronk '16-



Pink

Blue

Correct Answer:

St. Patrick's Day

Sadie Hinds '16

Every year on March 17, the Irish and the Irish-at-heart across the globe observe St. Patrick's Day. What began as a religious feast day for the patron saint of Ireland has become an international festival celebrating Irish culture with parades, dancing, special foods and a whole lot of green. Patrick was born in the later half of the 4th century AD. There are differing views about the exact year and place of his birth. According to one school of opinion, he was born about 390 A.D., while the other school says it is about 373 AD. Again, his birthplace is said to be in either Scotland or Roman England. His real name was probably Maewyn Succat. Though Patricius was his Romanticized name, he was later came to be familiar as Patrick. There are many legends associated with St Patrick. It is said that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Trinity; which refers to the combination of Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Hence its strong association with his day and name Legend also has that, Saint Patrick had put the curse of God on venomous snakes in Ireland. And he drove all the snakes into the sea where they drowned.

Valentines

Origins

Sadie Hinds '16

Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered. fun fact: Approximately 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making Valentine's Day the second most popular card-sending holiday after Christmas.

PANTHER LIFE

Who Was Your Valentine?

Kaylyn Maxson '16



Mikayla Brown '19 -

"My boyfriend, Jacob Rybka is my valentine."

Brice Moore '18

"Kaylyn Maxson is my Valentine because I really like her."



Steffen Kinne '16 -

"My Valentine is Mrs. Royer because why not?"



Katie Canfield '16 -

"Josh Cowham is my Valentine because he is an amazing boyfriend."



Advice

Logan Messenger '16

Have you ever needed advice on a certain topic and didn't know who to ask? That brings me to my point, I had the chance to speak with 4 students from Pennfield about what advice they needed about high school.

"I'm worried about how harder Math is going to get, how do I get past that fear?" - Anonymous

If you don't understand a certain concept that is being taught, ask the teacher for extra help, that's one of the main reasons teachers are there for. In the case that Math gets too hard in a class environment, you have the option to switch into E2020 and recover that credit.

"I have a hard time with history, why is it a priority?" -Anonymous

History is one of the core classes that the state of Michigan requires you to take, lucky for you the state only requires you to have 3 years of history to graduate. History is a priority, because it teaches today's individuals the problems that were faced by America in the past, to make sure the same mistakes aren't repeated.

"How do you keep yourself motivated through school?" -Anonymous

Personally, I keep motivated by always having my phone with me, that way I can listen to music on Pandora as I work, and not become distracted by other distractions. You can also stay motivated by thinking about the pluses of graduating high school, you have the chance to attend college or get a job and be in the real world, interacting with different human beings everyday.

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The Emerald: New Members



Kaylyn Maxson '16 -

Hi, My name is Kaylyn. I am senior here at Pennfield and getting ready to graduate. I like to have fun and hang out with my friends, I like watching movies and go hiking sometimes I can be funny the other times a little weird. I am in school clubs like sadd, serivece club etc. I am a people person so don't be shy if you want to say hi just come on over to me.



Sadie Hinds '16-

Hi, my name is Sadie. I enjoy writing, but mostly reading. I'm obsessed with cats because they're better than people. I love photography and adventuring, and spending time with my favorite people in the world. I also love to play guitar. I'm so excited to graduate and start my life on my own. If you'd like to come over to talk to me about cats or anything else I'd love to.



Nick Moreno '18 -

Hello it's me Nick. I'm sixteen I'm six foot three I like playing xbox and hanging out with my friends In pride myself in making sure that everyone is around me is happy and I take my friends and family very seriously. I hope that everyone will welcome me and that I will have a great time here.



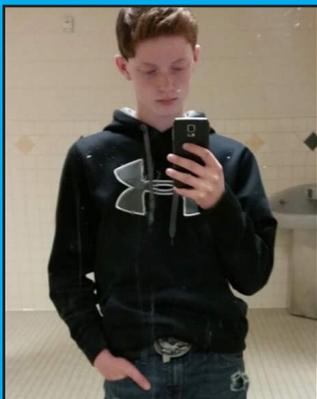
Brooklyn Kennedy '16-

Hey, I'm Brooklyn (Brook). I enjoy writing about certain things and often write in my own personal journal. I also enjoy cooking and reviewing recipes in my spare time. I am a senior here at Pennfield getting ready to graduate. I like people, so feel free to come say hey! Looking forward to working with everyone, Happy writing! (:



Mitchell Woody '18-

Hi, My name is Mitchell. You can call me Mitch if you want I don't really care. I enjoy writing just random short stories, music, nature and food. I like to bake and cook but in my spare time i'm either hanging out with friends or sleeping. I'm a really nice person so don't be scared to ask for my help if it's needed.



Gone But Not Forgotten

Wyatt was a fellow Panther and will be missed by the community. Wyatt will be truly missed by his friends and peers. Although he is gone, he is not forgotten and will live on in our hearts. We wish nothing but the best to his friends and family as we attempt to move on after another tragedy. Wyatt, you will be missed.