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A Candlelit Congratulations

Hannah Reed

Every year, eligible students who meet the academic requirements for membership in the National Honor Society get a chance to apply for a spot in the West Greene Chapter. When they are notified of their eligibility, they can turn in an application listing other involvements that set them above and beyond the call of duty for a high school student.

National Honor Society means more than just getting good grades; National Honor Society stands for character, service, leadership, and scholarship.

Mrs. Doody was the NHS sponsor last year, and with her absence this year, Mr. Tanner was generous enough to stand up and take the role of our sponsor for this school year. Mr. Tanner has been going above and beyond what is asked of a sponsor, and all of the members of NHS could not be more thankful for his efforts.

Along with gaining Mr. Tanner this year, the National Honor Society was lucky enough to gain twenty new members the evening of November 15th. School Board Vice President Kelly Loughman, Superintendent Mr. Jackson, and Principal Mr. Sakai were all in attendance for this joyous occasion. Their presence was greatly appreciated by all members of the National Honor Society, and made the night just that much more special. The candlelight ceremony recognized Cassidy Chambers, Ashley Cumberledge, Brianna Goodwin, Samantha Lambeth, Madison Lampe, McKenna Lampe, Savannah Pettit, Joey Reed,....

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Abel Richardson, Isaac Rizer, Courtney Ross, Kolton Rush, Emily Tedrow, Haleigh Thomas, Sydnee Watson, Craig Weaver, Andrew Wise, Ashley Yoders, and Tabitha Engle-Young, who were all inducted. If you see any of these students, be sure to give them a well-deserved congratulations!

Many teachers volunteered their night to recognize these students as well. They escorted the new inductees into the auditorium and showed their support for the organization. Mrs. Burrie, Mrs. Conklin, Mr. Polander, Mrs. Willis, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Fedak, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Armstrong, Mrs. Ullom, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Schrock, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Redlinger, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Shiflett, Mrs. Curtis, Mr. Barnes, Mrs. Walters, Miss Berry, and Miss Spence all were a part of the ceremony. Their support meant a lot to all members of the National Honor Society.

After the ceremony was concluded, everyone in attendance was invited to the cafeteria for a feast prepared by Mr. Elsenheimer. The food was delicious, and it was a great time of fellowship. The National Honor Society would like to thank everyone who made the night so special and such a success!

Hoggin' Up a Profit



Carter Bowser



West Greene's National Honor Society (NHS) held a raffle in October's 4-H auction to see who has won NHS President Hannah Reed's 4-H Swine. The National Honor Society has raised over one thousand dollars in this effort. NHS has also participated in this year's fall harvest festival where they sold BBQ Ham Sandwiches and Apple Cider. They have been participating in this year's Center Township Christmas Parade. NHS will also be having a blood drive at the high school in mid-January where you are invited to come and donate blood for all those in the world who will need it.

Look for class coupons in this, and future issues of The Informer! If you find one applicable to you, clip the coupon to redeem it in your class. Coupons range from bonus points, to homework passes, and many more!



3 Points

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Mrs. Stewart

All Spanish Classes

Limit: One coupon per student

Expires: February 1, 2017

Student Name

Pd. #

What Even is Peer Mentoring?

Hannah Reed

Peer Mentoring is talked about a lot. You hear it over the loudspeaker, you've attended the assemblies, you've heard the announcements, you've witnessed the food drives, you sit in the empty classrooms when they are gone on field trips. But if you aren't directly involved with the program, your idea about what goes on within the mysterious Peer Mentoring activities may be foggy. So what even is Peer Mentoring? We talked to advisers, mentors, and mentees to answer this burning question.

Mr. Barnes – ADVISER - Peer Mentoring is about helping students realize, and reach, their potential. We set goals and strive to reach those goals in many ways, leading to the students ultimately discovering and putting to use their skills, talents, and abilities. In order for the students to discover the traits within themselves, we provide many opportunities that the students may not have otherwise. We take several trips that expose the group to teamwork, perseverance, and life outside of school, to hopefully bring strengths back into the school. While a lot of the activities we participate in are a blast, the students involved are held to higher standards and need to have good or improving attendance, grades, and discipline. The students are also expected to meet at least once a week, at which time they discuss problems, school, set goals, and whatever else they need to talk about. We have seen tremendous benefits from the organization in the past year, and have really seen students shine in areas of interest to them.

Zach Frye – MENTEE – It's a group of awesome people, and we get together and go on field trips to help us become better citizens and mold the future generations.

Mr. Hamberger – ADVISER – Peer Mentoring has been, and continues to be, a beneficial program for students here at West Greene. It encompasses a large number of students directly in the program, and we have seen increases in grades, attendance, and even positive student attitudes towards school. It gives students a person to hold them accountable, and that has changed expectations of students. The beauty of the Peer Mentoring program that wasn't really a direct plan in the early phases of the program is that it continually proves to be a key factor in changing the culture of West Greene. We have seen people's perspectives on things completely change – from mentees, to mentors, to the teachers overseeing the program, to teachers outside of the program, to administration. There is a special thanks that is needed to be given to the Peer Mentoring teachers for the time they put into the program on a daily basis as well as for their diligent work on the grant for the continuation of this program, because without the grant from The Staunton Farm Foundation, the program would have been lost.

Kolton Rush - MENTOR - It is a program where a high school student and a middle school student are paired together to learn from each other. Also, it is a good way to be a better role model to the younger kids.

Brianna Amos - MENTEE - Peer Mentoring to me is getting to be close with your mentor and others around you in the group. Peer Mentoring is a team building thing and having a little talk once in awhile with my mentor helps me get through the rest of my day. Peer Mentoring is not only about getting close with each other, but it is about making people feel happy. I know when I get to talk to my mentor it makes my day a good day and makes me feel like I am special. I am very glad I got to be in this group with great people, teachers, and others that are great as well... That's what I think Peer Mentoring is!

As a Peer Mentor myself, I asked myself this same question, and tried to come up with the best answer I could - it is a program that forms relationships between older and younger students. Through these relationships, both students have the opportunity to learn from each other and grow. The older students can guide the younger students, having more experience under their belts; while the younger students can open the older students' eyes to fresh perspectives on life. Meetings in school allow the members to focus on specific goals, while field trips allow them to express themselves more freely and expose them to new environments. Altogether, it is a group of people trying to learn, grow, and better themselves and the school - together.



A Winter Wonderland Filled With Music!



Sage Vliet

What do you think of when you hear the word "Christmas"? Do you think of music? Every year our band and choir put together a Christmas Concert for the community to enjoy. The concert was on December 14th and was held in the auditorium. The program started at 7:00pm, though the doors were opened at 6:30.

The jazz band started off the evening, followed by the middle school choir. There was then a combined collection of high school and middle school choir members. The 7th grade then separated from the group, leaving the 8th grade to accompany the high school choir. The last of the middle schoolers left to leave the ending of the choir portion to the high school. The middle school band then followed with their performance and the high school concert band closed the show. Each and every student poured their hearts into their music and produced a beautiful sound!

The Nerd's Sport

DawnAnna Trout

The Quizbowl season has just recently finished. The West Greene Quizbowl (Academic League) teams have worked hard during their matches, winning a decent amount or at least getting close scores nearly every time. Quizbowl is composed of the Senior League and the Junior League. Within them, they each have a Varsity and Junior Varsity Team. The teams compete at the Penn State Fayette Campus against other local schools. Four teammates play at a time, and they answer a series of 20 questions varying in subject. After 20 questions, they have a "lightning round" of a specific subject where all the teammates compete. After that, the teammates switch out (if they want/can), and they have 20 more questions followed by one last lightning round. If they win enough matches, they can qualify for the tournament. Unfortunately, none of the teams from WG made it to the tournament this year.

The Senior League and the Junior League did well this season, though. Most of the team members practiced during Academic League period with Mrs. Slogan. Good job to all who competed!

Need A Pick-Me-Up? Just Pick One Up Outside The Cafeteria!

Emily Tedrow

The SGA (Student Government Association) has been trying to lift the spirit of morale in our school. They have started by implementing a "Take What You Need" board outside of the cafeteria. This board has several pick me ups written on a sticky note for you to take if ever you just need a little something. There are things written like: you are good enough, you are smart, you can do it, and just daily reminders to smile and to be happy. Overall, the SGA has improved the school's morale by showing the student body that they are worthy and that they are important.

Band and Chorus Winter Concert Snapshots



The Jazz Band opening up the concert.



The percussion of the Jazz Band.



The Middle School Band.



The Middle School Band performing.



The High School Band performing.



Members of the High School Band playing.



The Middle School Chorus singing first.



Other members of the Middle School Chorus.



The combined choruses singing a number.



The entirety of Chorus singing a song.



The High School Chorus singing.



The other members of the High School Chorus.

Keeping Up With the Clubs

DawnAnna Trout

Every Friday, if applicable, there is activity period. It's a time when certain groups can meet, if it is their given week. Sometimes clubs do go out of order and defeat the purpose of the schedule, but either way it's a time for clubs to get things in order and prepare fundraisers or whatever they need to do. People often never know what clubs are supposed to meet during each group, so the schedule is shown below to hopefully help stop some of the confusion.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
SGA	NHS	Peer Mentoring	Class of 2017
Engineering/Science Club	Art Club	Chemistry Club	Class of 2018
International Club	Spanish Club	Yearbook	Class of 2019
Ski Club	Video Club	Drama Club	Class of 2020
FFA	Fiber Arts	Prom Committee	Class of 2021
Fiber Arts Club		Fiber Arts Club	Class of 2022

Barnes Receives the Leader in the Classroom Award!

Emily Tedrow

According to www.steelers.com; "Chevron Leaders in the Classroom is a community program that recognizes local teachers throughout the Steelers football season for demonstrating exemplary leadership and instructional skills." This program hand selected only 16 high school teachers from southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia during the season. One of our own teachers has been selected by demonstrating devotion and enthusiasm in teaching the student body. I had the pleasure in interviewing both Mr. Barnes and Mr. Hamberger.

"This award is dedicated to honoring teachers who are making a significant difference in the lives of students across the region by providing engaging instruction and curriculum, encouraging lifelong learning and inspiring a passion for education beyond the classroom and into the future."

Mr. Barnes interview:

Question #1) What is the name of the award?

Answer) Steelers Leadership in the Classroom.



Barnes Receives the Leader in the Classroom Award!

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Question #2) What will you receive?

Answer) I will receive \$500.00 to be used in the classroom, \$1000.00 to spend on the steam supply website, a "Leaders in the Classroom" award certificate, Two tickets to the final Steelers home game on New Year's Day against the Cleveland Browns, in-game video recognition, pre-game VIP sideline experience and reception, a custom Steelers jersey, and a School visit by sponsors to recognize my achievement.

Question #3) How do you feel about the award?

Answer) I'm really excited about it and proud that the characteristics were recognized in what I do. It's obvious that I don't do it for the recognition, I am happy to do what I do for the students.

Mr. Hamberger interview:

Question #1) What do you think about Mr. Barnes receiving this award?

Answer) I think Mr. Barnes is one of the best Peer Mentoring teachers that Greene County has seen, and that he has developed a curriculum that is up to date and rigorous in computer business.

Question #2) Is this the first time a teacher at West Greene has received this award?

Answer) Yes, as far as I know.

Question #3) Was this based on a nomination or was he selected based on his service work with the Peer Mentoring group?

Answer) This achievement and award had nothing to do with the Peer Mentoring group. It was solely based on his devotion as a teacher.

Congratulations to Mr. Barnes on receiving this honor!! To read more about Mr. Barnes' honor you can go to: <http://www.steelers.com/news/all-news/education.html>

Old Yearbooks Could Be Sold Yearbooks

Allen Willard

The Publications team would like to get the information out that we do have leftover yearbooks from previous years. While we do not have copies of every year, we do have various copies of some of the years between 1980 and 2016. If your parents attended school here and they were wondering if there were still yearbooks from when they were attending, we may actually have that year! Be sure to check with Mr. Rychtarsky and even some of the Publications team to see if we have the yearbook you are looking for! Please do keep in mind that we are not giving them out for free, we are still selling them. We will post information about the cost of the extras in the near future.

High School Honor Roll - Quarter One

Grade 12

Highest Honors

Colton Hamilton
Patrick Hughes
DawnAnna Trout

Grade 12

High Honors

Brittany Bonnema
Katya Dominguez
Tabitha Engle-Young
Emily Goodwin
Michael Howard
Alexes Keller
Kayla King
Noah Lemley
Zachary McHenry
Rodney Parson
Sierra Pettit
Hannah Reed
Isaac Rizor
Marissa Rode
Kolton Rush
Jennavieve-Arle Shuman
Desiree Tedrow
Sage Vliet
Craig Weaver
Elizabeth Wolfe
Loran Yoders

Grade 12

Honors

Alexis Bamberger
Daisha Brown
Jesse Gaines
Anthony King
Samantha Lambeth
Leroy McGlone
Dylan Morgan
Haley Pierson
Madison Six
Austin Smith
Emily Tedrow
Tristan Whipkey

Grade 11

Highest Honors

Tyler Barnhart
Rachel Jones
Gina Mankey

Grade 11

High Honors

Peyton Blake
Patrick Brady
Rusty Herrick
McKayla Jacobs
Erin Liggett
Bailey Machesky
Lexie Mooney
Mitchell Murdock
Linzee Stover
Joseph A. Willard

Grade 11

Honors

Zachary Abbott
Essence Bowser
Terry Chess
Isaac Courtwright
Wyatt Finch
Jessica Fordyce
Christian Fox
Mathew Gillin
Ethan Huff
Derek Parry
Zachary Pettit
Madison Renner
Noah Riley
Ashley Rogers
Garret Ross
Haley Ross
Craig Stoneking
Matthew Thompson
Cassidy Wildman



Grade 10

Highest Honors

Jacob Brown
Ashley Cumberledge
Savannah Pettit
Joseph Reed

Grade 10

High Honors

Mackenzie Carpenter
Cassidy Chambers
Brianna Goodwin
Noah Grimes
Alexander Hughes
Jessica Orndoff
Kaitlyn Rizor
Courtney Ross
Haleigh Thomas
Sydney Watson
Cole Widdup
Andrew Wise
Ashley Yoders

Grade 10

Honors

Kylar Amos
Jesse Atkinson
Zachary Barnhart
Mikah Brown
Nathan Brudnock
Gabriel Eddy
Hunter Fredricks
Corey John
Marcus King
Tessa Mason
Jeremiah Miller
Marcus Morris
Dennis Phillips
Savannah Phillips
Jade Policz
Abel Richardson
Jade Rittenhouse
Bryan Sturm
Mackenzie Thomas
Christopher Wendell
Wyatt White
Jacob Wilson
Robert Wise

Grade 9

Highest Honors

Grade 9

High Honors

Colton Anderson
Kaden Bennington
Deshaylah Bissett
Rory Black
Andrew Fike
Amber Finch
Gage Gray
Hunter Guthrie
Benjamin Jackson
Daniel Kennedy
Savannah Milliken
Jade Renner
Gavin Scott
Kylie Simms
Sheyann Watson

Grade 9

Honors

Dalton Bamberger
Brock Bedilion
Avery Berdine
Braedon Gilbert
Justin Jacobs
Kenneth "DJ" Jones
Andrew Litton
Nyjel Miller

Congratulations to all that earned a spot on the honor roll! Keep up the good work.

Middle School Honor Roll - Quarter One

Grade 8

Highest Honors

Chase Blake
 Elizabeth Brudnock
 Dakota Filby
 Megan Jacobs
 Caleb Rice

Grade 8

High Honors

Kyra Burns
 Joseph Cumberledge
 Krysten DeBolt
 Bailey Fredericks
 Zachary Frye
 Jackson Machesky
 Brayden Mooney
 Morgan Mooney
 Haley Phillips
 Alexandria VanDyne
 Jersey Wise

Grade 8

Honors

Judy Anderson
 Emily Cooke
 Marshall Dobbs
 Danielle Fox
 Hailie Gaso
 Sydney Gilbert
 Matthew Henderson
 Haylee Hirt
 Natalie Phillips
 Hayden Ross
 Jenna Rush
 Dominic Russo
 Morgan Taylor
 Wyatt Tedrow
 Hanna Toth
 Kaytlynn Walls

Grade 7

Highest Honors

Brooke Barner
 Joseph Davis
 Angelique Dominguez
 Anna Durbin
 Olivia Gorby
 Hunter Hamilton
 BreAnn Jackson
 Olivia Kiger
 Desirae Lemmon
 Josiah Tagaro
 Paul Tuttle
 Wesley Whipkey
 Corey Wise
 Joseph Yoders

Grade 7

High Honors

James Buchanan
 Sheldon Cassidy
 Sarah Collins
 Emma Crouse
 Jaime Jacobs
 Jordan Jacobs
 Katharine Lampe
 Gracie Mayhle
 Kiley Meek
 Brooke Miller
 Casey Miller
 Damien Nice
 Zachary Shaner
 Keri Shipman
 Mackenzie Trout
 Piper Whitlatch

Grade 7

Honors

Bryce Anderson
 Hayley Gillin
 Franklin Graham
 Alexander Halfhill
 Dayton Haywood
 Christian Howard
 Owen Hughes
 Jordan Karvan
 Brena Logsdon
 Dalton Lucey
 Nathan Orndoff
 Tristan White
 Kimberly Wolfe

1 Free Test Question
 Mr. Rychtarsky
 Language Arts 9 & 10
Expires:
 January 16, 2017

Student Name _____

Pd. # _____ Question # _____

 You may submit this coupon, with a test of your choice, indicating what test question you want as a "freebie."
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2 Bonus Yards
 Mr. Rychtarsky
 Language Arts 9 & 10
Expires:
 January 16, 2017

Student Name _____

Pd. # _____

Limit:
 One coupon per student, 6 coupons per class.



CONGRATULATIONS
 TO THE
 2016
 MISS
 MERRY
 CHRISTMAS
 MADISON SIX!!



Out With The Old, In With The New Year

Allen Willard

It's almost 2017, are you ready for the new year? This year, 2016, was an eventful year. We had a presidential election, which ended in a somewhat of an upset because of the person elected. Fidel Castro, the Dictator of Cuba, passed away. North Korea had even declared war on the United States earlier in 2016, with no backlash, other than the fact that people all over the app "Twitter" made fun of, picked at, and made a joke of the declaration of war, to which the war declaration eventually boiled down with no significant change in the world.

Starting with the presidential election, this was an exciting election year for the presidency. Two candidates, who could not seem more opposite of each other, ran in the presidential race. Hillary Clinton was the Democratic Candidate, and Donald Trump was the Republican Candidate. Hillary took an early lead in the election, but in the end in an upset of electoral votes, Donald ended up winning the presidency, for winning key battleground states and also turning some historically Democratic blue states, into Republican red states. This election did cause an uproar of voters who were unhappy with the outcome. Donald Trump won the election with electoral votes, but Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by about 2.6 million votes. Let that sink in... Is our electoral system flawed, or is it acting as intended?

Aside from our politics, there was also a political power shift in Cuba. Fidel Castro governed the Republic of Cuba as the Prime Minister from the year 1959 to 1976. He then served as president from 1976 to 2008. In 2008, he transferred his presidential responsibilities to Raúl Castro. Following his retirement in 2008, his health then proceeded to deteriorate. This year, his health problems overcame his strength, and took his life. With the death of Fidel Castro, President-Elect Donald Trump has hinted towards his hope of Cuba converting to a Democracy, which could bring America closer to Cuba.

North Korea's declaration of war could have been a much worse situation if it had not boiled down. The main premise behind the declaration, was that the U.S. had crossed a "red line" that North Korea had set, which triggered the declaration of war. The only "war" that ensued, was the Twitter war on North Korea. Many people were making fun of Kim Jong Un, with pictures of him standing in front of signs that say "You have to be this tall to start nuclear war." and things along those lines. Although Twitter made fun of this declaration of war, we are lucky it did not turn into something bigger than just words.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

After reflecting on 2016, one can only imagine what 2017 will hold for us. We can hope and believe that our President-Elect, Donald Trump, will be a good president, along with being a great leader for the United States of America. Hope is a great thing to have, especially when we previously had our House, Senate, and White House, controlled by Republicans, we were brought down by the Great Depression (1929-1939). Along with 2001, within which we were affected as a country by 9/11. We can only hope that these mono-Republican years turn out to be great with no repetition of History. "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." ~ George Santayana.

Fall Harvest Snapshots



The Peer Mentoring sponsors posing at their booth.



Members of the National Honor Society smiling for a picture.



Rodney and Austin participating in the hay bale stacking contest.



Madison R., Mrs. Tennyson, and Bailey M., posing for a picture.



Kayla and Haley enjoying the day.



Taking a break from the festivities.



Playing corn hole.



Ms. McCollum and Mrs. Fedak smiling for the camera.



Hanging out.



Jacob, Kylie, and Savanah posing.



Seventh graders walking around.



Enjoying the food.

Donald Trumps All

Carter Bowser

Donald J. Trump born June 14, 1946, has become our 45th President of the United States of America and has Mike Pence as his Vice President. He is scheduled to be sworn in as the President on January 20, 2017. At age 70, he will become the oldest (since Ronald Reagan) and wealthiest person (since George Washington) to assume the Presidency in U.S. History. Donald Trump won the Presidential election by gaining a majority of the electoral college, although he received fewer popular votes nationwide than Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Since winning the election, there have been many instances where protesters voice their opinion in public forums.



Have a Holly Jolly Christmas

DawnAnna Trout



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Trees are trimmed, frost is in the air, carols are being sung, and the stockings are hung by the chimney with care. As of the day after Thanksgiving, or for some people November 1, the Christmas season has been under way. Christmas is the holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Over the years, it has become a holiday of giving and spending time with family.

Some things we Americans find ordinary about celebrating Christmas, other countries don't do at all, and some things that other countries do, seem very odd compared to the United States. In China, not many people even know anything at all about Christmas. In the bigger cities they sometimes have a few decorations, but many rural areas have nothing. The few Christmas trees people have are often decorated with paper lanterns and paper chains. What's ironic is that most of the world's plastic trees are made in China, but most of the people who are making them, don't even know what they are. One tradition of the Chinese is that they give apples on Christmas Eve, because the Mandarin word for apple sounds like the Chinese word for peace.

In France, they often use a nativity crib to decorate. The cribs feature clay figures of the normal nativity scene, and other French scenes like a Butcher or a Baker. They often burn Cherry Wood Yule Logs, sprinkled in red wine to make it smell nicer when burning. One of their customs include leaving the log and some candles burning, and some food and drinks out in case Mary and the baby Jesus come through during the night. Their main meal is eaten on Christmas Eve/early Christmas morning, whenever they have returned from the midnight Church Service. Some dishes that could be included are turkey or goose, oysters, lobster, and cheeses. Then for dessert they have a chocolate sponge cake log called a 'bûche de Noël'.

In Spain, people usually eat their main Christmas meals on Christmas Eve, before they go to the midnight service. Their traditional dinner is 'Pavo Trufado de Navidad,' or a turkey stuffed with mushroom truffles, but the most popular meal for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is seafood. After the midnight service, people walk through the streets with torches and play guitars or bang tambourines and drums.

Have a Holly Jolly Christmas *(Continued from page 12)*

Then on December 28th, is 'Día de los santos inocentes' or 'Day of the Innocent Saints' which is very much like April Fools Day in America. People try and trick each other and TV/radio stations also run ridiculous stories. There is another festival celebrated in Spain about the Christmas Story, called Epiphany. Children write letters to the three kings on December 26th asking for what they want, and then on Epiphany Eve (January 5th) they leave shoes on windowsills and under the tree to be filled with presents. They often leave gifts for the kings, too and occasionally a bucket of water for the camels they ride. On the day of Epiphany, January 6th, they get their gifts, or sometimes coal, if they were bad. (Sound familiar?)

Even though countries celebrate differently, they all mostly have the same reasoning behind it, to honor/celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ho Ho Holiday Happiness

Rory Black

'Tis the season! Christmas parades are on their way to town!! On Saturday, December 3rd, Waynesburg parade took place! Christmas parades are fun, joyful events that everyone should enjoy!! There is Christmas music, bands, dancers, baton twirlers, color guards, gymnasts, fire trucks, and a lot more! The Waynesburg parade started at 2:00 at Belko Foods and went East against the normal traffic pattern and ended a little up the road from McCracken's Pharmacy. The Waynesburg High School band played a series of Christmas songs. The InMotion Dance and Fitness dancers did a dance to Deck the Rooftop song by Glee. Also, the InMotion baton twirlers did a little performance to the same song as the dancers. The West Greene band played their Christmas songs and performed wonderfully, and the West Greene cheerleaders did a marvelous Christmas dance with the band.

After the parade ended, the streets were covered in candy. The people were cheering and enjoying their show. The Waynesburg Christmas parade was a very adrenaline pumping event. Tons of people crowded the streets. Little kids flooded the road trying to grab as much candy as they could hold before they ran back to their parents. People cheered and yelled people's names and blew kisses and gave thumbs up to their child or friend.

The West Greene band and cheerleaders did an outstanding job! The band played the song "Spirit of the Season" as the cheerleaders did a dance behind them. So many people cheered them on. Everyone looked great and had so much spirit! The cheerleaders wore their warm up suits and had santa hats on. The band wore their regular band uniforms and they also wore santa hats.

The last float was Santa Claus. He waved and spread Christmas cheer throughout the parade. He sat on his Santa chair and had a couple elves throw the candy to the kids. When Santa went through, everybody went berzerk! They cheered and whistled and jumped up and down. A couple kids tried to scream what they wanted for Christmas to him so he would know.

(right) The NHS float.



Ho Ho Holiday Happiness *(Continued from page 13)*

There was a new parade in town. Rogersville had their first Christmas parade. It started and ended at the Municipal Building by Carlisle Pioneer Grocery store. It went down to Bank St., turned to Cherry Alley, looped down to 2nd St., went down School St., turned to 3rd St., then went up Apple Alley and back to the Municipal Building. It only lasted 15 - 20 minutes. The line up was at 3:45 and started at 4:00. At 5:00, there was a community meeting and a Christmas tree lighting. The parade occurred December 10th. The varsity softball team were the Grand Marshals and the NHS Club had their own float.

Make a Child's Christmas



Rory Black

Toys for Tots is an organization for donations to give toys for little boys and girls in need of a stuffed best friend. There were over 3.5 million toys donated last year for the Marine Toys for Tots foundation. Toys for Tots is a Top 10 rated charity. Toys for Tots has been running since 1991. You can donate toys at the Giant Eagle, Walmart, Big Lots, Dollar General, Community Bank and various other places, in Waynesburg. Toys for Tots in Waynesburg was held on December 18th. Toys have been given to children ranging from newborns to the age of 12 on December 19th from 10 a.m. to noon.

Toys for Tots was founded in 1947 by a woman by the name of Diane Hendricks. So many children's Christmas' have been made this year. The goal of the Marine Toys for Tots foundation is to send a message of hope to less fortunate kids to help them become responsible, patriotic, and productive citizens. To every donation that is given to a child, the true meaning of Christmas, joy, and happiness is expressed. It all started when the woman, Diane Hendricks, thought about it and her husband Bill donated over 5,000 toys to needy children in 1947 and then made the organization. Bill Hendricks was a part of the USCR and the Marine Reservists in Los Angeles. Bill requested that the Marine Corps donate toys in 1948 and it became a nationwide organization. Walt Disney had a little part in Toys for Tots also. He designed the Toys for Tots logo and he also created the first Toys for Tots poster to promote the nationwide organization. There were also some celebrities who helped out like, Bob Hope, John Wayne, Lorrie Morgan, Tim Allen, Kenny Rogers, Billy Ray Cyrus and more.

In 2003, there were 15 million to 6.5 million toys donated to needy kids and that was the most successful campaign in the 56 year history of the event. There were 456 communities with local campaigns covering all 50 states. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation provided more than 47.4 million toys valuing at \$243 million in a 13 year life plus promotion and support materials valued at \$2.5 million. So this year, it felt good to have so many people come in and donate toys for the thousands of needy children. A huge thank you to the marines for setting up such an amazing way to provide for the needy little boys and girls in the world. Also a big thank you to all people who donated and made a child's Christmas this year!!

Use this coupon to automatically get picked as a volunteer for any one task.

Mr. Vallano

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Lampe Twins Going the Distance... To States!

Sage Vliet

On November 5th, West Greene's very own Lampe twins set the bar again for athletics. Madison and McKenna traveled out to Hershey, Pennsylvania to compete in the State Championship for Cross Country. The girls competed with 216 other runners from all over the state. When asked what it was like to compete with so many other young athletes, Madison described it as "brutal," due to all of the shoving at the beginning of the race. The sisters both agreed that as the race went on, it was a lot easier to run when space was put between everyone.

McKenna was a returning runner to states while her sister, Madison, made her first appearance this year. When asked what it was like to return, McKenna said, "I wasn't as nervous as I was last year. I already had experience running with a big race like this. Last year it was harder to run, because there were a lot more runners and it was freezing. This year it was pretty warm and sunny with a lot less girls running. But I like this experience." When Madison was asked how she felt with it being her first time attending she answered with, "It felt very intimidating when I saw all the people there. I wasn't nervous at all until I got to the starting line. But it was an overall great experience!"

Our twins did an amazing job, with all of their hard work put into the season. In this last race, McKenna ran a time of 21:42 and placed 82nd, and Madison had a time of 22:20 and placed 113th. They may not have won the race, but they most definitely put their best foot forward!

The State Champion may not have been one of the Lampes, but it was won by a local boy. His name is Ben Bumgarner and he is a Senior at Waynesburg Central, so if you ever see him, make sure you congratulate him along with our own Cross Country State qualifiers!



Powderpuff Volleyball: Teachers Take All!

Sage Vliet

When you think of Powderpuff, you think Football, right? Not this year! This year, due to poor weather conditions, we weren't able to have our usual football game. It was moved indoors and the sport changed...to Volleyball! The first game was the Seniors and Juniors against the male Faculty team. The teachers dominated the game, taking the lead right from the start and making sure there was no doubt about who was going to win. Their victory, knocked the Senior and Junior team out of the competition. The next game was the Sophomores against the Freshmen.

Though the Freshmen tried their hardest, the Sophomores came through victorious. The Freshmen were eliminated. The third matchup was winner vs. winner: Faculty vs. Sophomores. The teachers were still too much to handle, and they again won against the students. There was still time to kill before the spectating students had to report to lunch, so there was a fourth game. It was the victorious teachers against the Varsity Volleyball team, with the additional help of a couple senior girls who still wanted to play. Even though this group of girls knew what they were doing, the teachers still came out on top. The teachers came, they saw, and they conquered.

Powderpuff Volleyball Snapshots



Mr. Elsenheimer



Hitting the ball.



Number 16 serving the ball.



Mr. Trump and Mr. Hamberger jumping to block the ball.



Brianna jumping to hit the ball over the net.



Mr. Bedilion going to hit the ball.



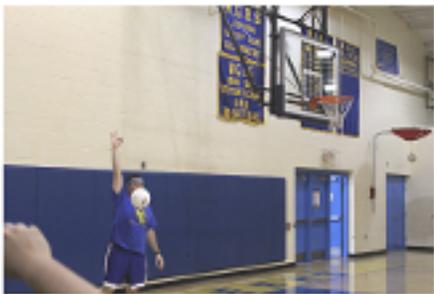
Mr. Barnes spiking the ball.



Getting ready to hit the ball.



Mr. Cross mid-jump.



Mr. Barnes saying it's okay!



Mr. Trump is ready to send it over.



Cassidy W. winding up.

A Season of Snow... And Sports!

Hannah Reed

When winter rolls around, people usually think about the holidays, snow, and hot chocolate. For many student-athletes at our school, when winter rolls around they are thinking about boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and rifle. We talked to some of our varsity student-athletes about the upcoming seasons this winter.

As a lone senior on the basketball team, Marissa Rode is feeling some pressure to lead: "My personal goals for the season is to be a strong leader and role model for the rest of the team. Being the only 'true' upperclassman, I have high expectations for myself to take charge of specific situations." Even with a strong team attitude, Marissa hasn't forgotten to push herself as well: "Statistically, I aim for a double-double every game, even though I realize sometimes it doesn't work out." Marissa discussed the high expectations of her team and said, "We as a team plan to take it game by game. We understand that our most important game is the next one, and having a tougher out of section play will help our seeding WHEN we make it to playoffs. First and foremost we want to make it to playoffs, hopefully as Section Champs, when we want to win a first round playoff game, which has never been done in school history. Then, we will take it step by step. We have a lot of motivation coming into the season and we are very excited to see how far we are going to make it." There are only nine girls on the varsity roster this season.

Isaac Courtwright talked to us representing the varsity wrestling team. His goals were the same as his teammates, they both strive "to win matches." Isaac told us that he believes there are 6 guys on the team this season.

Kolton Rush is a senior on the varsity boys basketball team, and is used to leading, being that there were no seniors above him and fellow juniors on the team last year. Kolton has a personal goal "to get my 1,000 points, I know it is gonna be tough, but I want it." As a team, they are striving "to win a section title and win a playoff game." There are seventeen guys out for the team this season.

Lexi Keller is a successful veteran of the rifle team: "My personal goals are to make it to states again, and place higher than I did last year." The team is especially optimistic this season, with a talented roster of eighteen. She tells us that: "the team goals are to come together and win as many matches as possible seeing as we have a really good team this year." All of our winter sports teams are anxiously awaiting a successful season. Our student athletes put a lot of time and effort into their respective sports. Be sure to venture out to some events and cheer on our Pioneers!

Do you open gifts Christmas Day or Christmas Eve?



COUPON



Mr. Tanner's History Class

Answer the following question for 3 points on the next test.

Franklin Roosevelt had three Vice Presidents. Who were they?

NAME _____

ANSWER _____

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Rifle Snapshots



Noah and Sage shooting on the first relay.



Captain Lexi Keller recording scores for the night.



Jessica and Jordan relaxing before their relay.



The Thomas twins and DJ Jones getting ready to shoot.



Jacob and Alexis setting up.



Zachery Abbott sighting in his teammates.



Courtney Ross eyeing up her target down-range.



Ready. Aim. Fire!



Corey John warming up by the fire.



Shane Vliet hiding in the corner.



Team Meeting.



Ben Gorby, Haleigh Thomas, and Dalton Bamberger listening to the coach lecture.

7th & 8th Boys Basketball Snapshots



The team warming up for their home game.



Number 21 getting ready to make a pass .



Practicing some lay-ups.



West Greene in action.



Trying to find a shot.



The team huddling.



Crowded up as West Greene takes the shot.



Plowing through.



Lay-up warm ups.



Finding the perfect shot.



Making some passes.



West Greene takes the ball.

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball Snapshots



Zach and Craig warming up!



Kolton for 3!



Nathan shooting for 3.



Miller going in for a layup.



Kolton with a foul shot!



Eric moving the ball around!



Austin working his way around the defense.



Rush with the outside shot!



Weaver doing what he does best...REBOUNDING!



Nathan pushing the ball down the court.



Jackson with a layup.



Zach with some pressure defense!



Upcoming Events



Thursday, December 22, 2016

2 1/2 Hour Early Dismissal12:45 PM

Friday, December 23, 2016 through Monday, January 2, 2017

Winter Break.....School Closed

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Students Return.....7:55 AM

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

End of Second Nine Weeks

Friday, January 20, 2017

Senior Cap & Gown Measurements and Announcement Orders.....TBD

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

National Honor Society Blood Drive.....9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

Peer Mentor Training Program



The 2016-2017 Informer Staff:

Sponsor: Mr. Rychtarsky

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| Black, Rory | Tennant, Braden |
| Bowser, Carter | Trout, DawnAnna |
| Reed, Hannah | Vliet, Sage |
| Tedrow, Emily | Willard, Allen |



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WHAT'S



Garret Ross
11th Grade
"I just passed my permit test, basketball season is starting and it is going to be a great season for the girls and guys."

Sheyann Watson - 9th Grade
"I just joined the rifle team."



Zachary Barnhart
10th Grade
"Tiger Woods came back, and I got to do this interview. This must be a dream for you."



Ashley Cumberledge
10th Grade
"I got to see my baby nephew, Trevor, for Thanksgiving."

Kolton Rush
12th Grade
"Basketball just started, it's gonna be a good season."



GOOD?



Mr. Tanner - Faculty
"The Hallmark Movies are on."

Justin Jacobs - 9th Grade
"I just made the Honor Roll."



Brittany Bonnema - 12th Grade
"Graduation is fast approaching."



Mrs. Fedak - Faculty
"I am going to Florida this month."

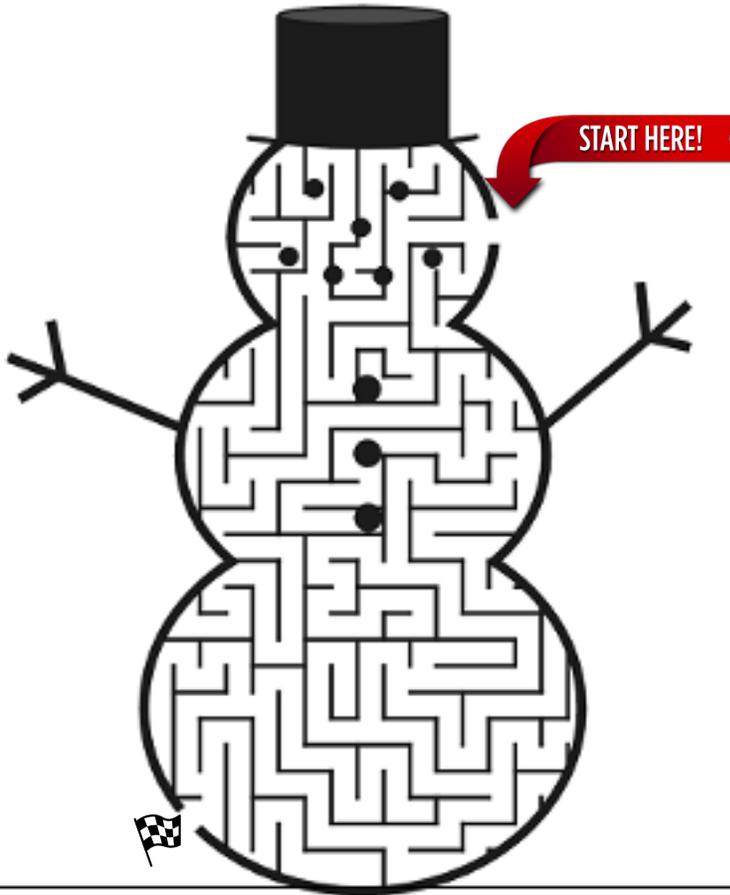


Bailey Machesky - 11th Grade
"Christmas Break is coming up."

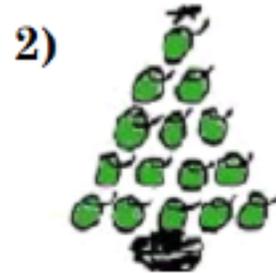
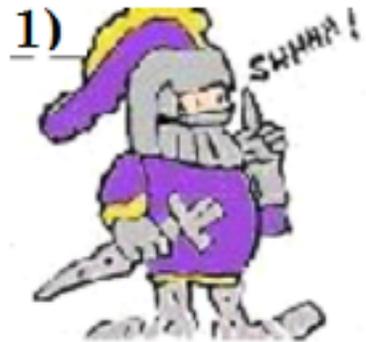


Just For Fun

Find your way out of the snowman!

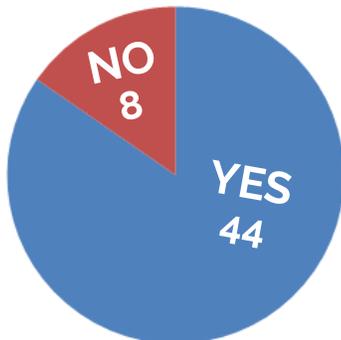


Name that song!



Answers: 1) Silent Knight 2) O' Christmas Tree

Do you stay up to watch the ball drop on New Years?



Can you guess what the following says?

Remember, it's not about what you say, it's what you hear!



Eye Pillow
Fizz Sign

Answer: Apple of his eye

PICTURE THIS

The photograph below is a close up of a larger image, and was taken in our school.

Can you figure out what it is in the photo, AND where in our school it was taken?

You could win a \$1.00 Voucher to our school cafeteria.



Three Ways to Submit Your Answer!

1. E-mail your answer to: informer@wgsd.org.

Please include "Picture This" in the subject line.

2. Text your answer to the same address: informer@wgsd.org.

Be sure to have parental permission to text, and remember - the unauthorized use of cell phones during class time is PROHIBITED.

3. Fill out a contest entry ticket.

Entry tickets are available in Mr., Rychtarsky's room (401).

All entries must include your full name, grade, and homeroom teacher name.

One winner from Middle School, and one from High School will be chosen from all correct responses.

Winners will receive a voucher for use in our school cafeteria!

October PICTURE THIS Contest Winner:

The image from our last contest was a photograph of the Penn State poster outside the Office of Student Services. We must have stumped you, because no one got it right. One person did come close, so we shall call him the winner. Samuel Wilson, grade 7, was the closest. While we normally wouldn't count "close" answers as correct, he did identify what the image was. Apparently, Mr. Vallano has the same poster in his room, setting on a cabinet, and Samuel had the keen eye to notice. With that, congratulations Samuel, your voucher for our school cafeteria will be sent to your homeroom teacher. Thank you for entering our contest, and feel free to try the one above!