



Current/Upcoming Events

6th Grade Holiday Concert
Dec. 8 at PHMS 7pm

7th Grade Holiday Concert
Dec. 9 at PHMS 7pm

8th Grade Holiday Concert
Dec. 10 at PHMS 7pm

Holiday Recess
Dec. 24 – Jan. 3

End of Second Nine Weeks
Jan. 22

Bathroom Signs

by: Jenna Fox & Molly Dixon

Have you ever noticed a problem with the bathroom and locker room signs? The signs have an apostrophe in the wrong place. The signs say BOY'S/GIRL'S. This indicates that only one girl or boy owns the bathroom. The signs should be written as GIRLS'/BOYS'. These restroom and locker room signs were put up when the school was renovated in 2003. Mrs. Hilf, the middle school secretary, says that the building contractor ordered the signs during the renovation. Nobody from PHMS had any input when the signs were ordered. According to Mrs. Hilf and Mr. Como, nobody has ever reported the mistake. Mrs. Hilf also wants to clarify that she didn't order them. So what do you think? Do you think the signs should be replaced or is this being too picky about grammar?



Current sign design



This is how the sign should look

We asked some students to state their overall opinion of the bathroom sign issue & if they think we should change the restroom signs or not:

Laci Steiner (7th grade) –
“Change it and make it right.”

Ian McVicker (8th grade) –
“Change it of course!”

Robert Buzard (6th grade) –
“Nothing, everyone is overreacting.”

Anthony Bekovac (7th grade) –
“Leave it; future students need to learn [from] our mistakes.”

Feature Teacher

by: Barret McCauliffe



Mrs. Clark

Mrs. Clark is loved by many here at Pleasant Hills Middle

School. She has a fun personality and good sense of humor. Recently, we got an interview with Mrs. Clark to find out a little bit more about her.

Since she was a young girl, Mrs. Clark has always wanted to be a teacher. She received her degree from Shippensburg University. She taught first grade in the Chestnut Ridge School District. Then, she moved to Pittsburgh where she started in kindergarten. After taking some time off to raise her two sons, she came to WJHSD in 1997 and has been there since! She enjoys teaching the scrapbooking interest group after school and sharing her passion with her students. You can clearly see Mrs. Clark does a lot for her students and PHMS!

TJ Hockey

by: Pavel Sidun

On October 9th, the middle school hockey team played against Peters Township. They suffered a loss by the score of 7-2. Thomas Jefferson had goals by Brady Rotolo, unassisted on a power play, and another goal by Riley Holzer, assisted by Hunter Fairman and Brandon Kibe. Luke Ripepi was in the cage, facing 25 shots and making

18 saves. As of now, the Middle school team is 0-2-0. Hopefully, we can manage a win. Please come and support our middle school team!

Switching gears, we go on to the high school game, which took place on Friday, October 16th. They were able to smuggle a win against Wheeling Park, with the final score being 7-5. Former PHMS students Danny Harrold, Michael Kreiger, Nikita Sidun, Johnny Piscitelli, and Anthony Carilli managed to score goals.

Jordan Blosl managed to stop 13 out of the 18 shots put his way. The games are filled with action, shooting, and yelling. Please help make the attendance number rise. Going to one of the varsity games means a lot to the team. Please arrive and show your spirit!

What If?

What if you could fly? What would you do and where would you go?

“I would fly to Florida and migrate with the birds.” Aidan Knorr 7th grade.

“We would go to China and see the great wall.” Paige Hummer and Cami Fast 6th grade.

“I would probably go to California since my uncle lives there.” Caitlyn Dziadyk 8th grade

Food Drive

by: Mirza Ahmad

The food drive has been a tradition that PHMS has been doing for many years. This year is no different. Over the years, PHMS has donated thousands of pounds to West Elizabeth Food Bank, which is part of the Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank. Each year, we set a goal to donate, and each year we meet that goal. This year we set our goal to almost double our past amount. Our new goal was 10,000 lbs. With amazing effort from PHMS students, we collected over 15,000 lbs. Mr. Kerr, coordinator of the food drive, would like to thank Marco Gambino and Steven Hall for outstanding participation in this food drive.



PHMS Boys & Girls Basketball

The boys' basketball season is just about wrapped up. Both boys and girls teams would appreciate a show of student support at the home games. Here are schedules for the upcoming home games:

Day	Date	Opponent
Thursday	12-17-15	Clairton
Thursday	01-14-16	Mt. Lebo
Thursday	01-28-16	Canon Mac
Monday	02-01-16	W. Mifflin
Tuesday	02-09-16	South Park
Thursday	02-18-16	Steel Valley
Monday	02-22-16	Peters
Friday	03-04-16	Clairton
Tuesday	03-08-16	E.F.

All games are all here at the P.H.M.S. and start after school.

Shave McCabe

by: the Prowler Staff



On the morning of October 30, 2015, Mr. McCabe, the team 7-1 social studies teacher, had no regrets on his decision to get his head shaved. Teachers and students warned him he would look like a minion or Gru from Despicable Me, Gandhi, but he didn't care. But all around, everybody agrees, no matter how funny he looked, it is for a good cause. Mr. McCabe says, "Anytime you help one person it is good, but the fact that we are helping many is the icing on the cake!" His daughters, Mycah and Riley, were very worried they wouldn't recognize their daddy.

While the hair was raining down, Mr. McCabe did become a little more scared because the kids were so nervous their hands were shaking! However, he kept his cool and didn't let it bother him. One of his students asked if they could shave Mr. McCabe's eyebrows and it was quickly returned with a prompt and stern no. Mr. Hrvatin, however, was all for the eyebrows, previously exclaiming, "It all must go!"

Finally, after the hair and beard had been shaved off, Mr. McCabe was proud of what the students had done. They managed

to bring in 1,061 cans for the food drive. His family was not pleased with the lack of hair, but were thrilled with the results. His daughters had trouble recognizing him! Overall, Mr. McCabe did a great thing to help the food drive. He will go down in the history books as one of PHMS's greatest teachers!



Mr. McCabe & students during the event

PHMS Pool?

by: the Prowler Staff



Was this the PHMS pool?

For as long as most students & teachers can remember, there have been rumors that a swimming pool exists (or did exist) in the PHMS building. Our investigative team did a field report to get to the bottom of this story. Look for a special Prowler video report on the morning announcements (coming soon!).

Student Art



Drawn by: Jada Sinclair

Citizen of the Month?

by: the Prowler Staff

Something new is headed our way via the Pleasant Hills Police Department! They will be awarding a "Good Citizenship Award" to a different PHMS student each month.

The Good Citizenship award is presented each month to one PHMS student that has been nominated by a faculty member or fellow student. To be selected to receive this honor, each nominee must demonstrate one or more of the outstanding qualities in the following categories:

Community Service:

The student volunteers time and services to members of the community

Character:

The student performs random acts of kindness, maintains a friendly rapport with peers and faculty, and is a positive role model

School Spirit:

The student participates in extra-curricular activities and exhibits pride in being a Jaguar

For more information and/or to request a nomination form, please see our school resource office (Officer Porupsky) in Room 209, across from Computer Lab 206. Nomination forms can also be picked up at the nomination boxes which are located near the counselor's office, lunch room and library.



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