



Upcoming Events

End of 3rd nine weeks – Apr. 1

Talent Show – Apr. 9, 7pm, TJHS

PSSA E.L.A. Grades: 6, 7, 8-
Apr. 11-14

PSSA Math. Grades: 6, 7, 8-
Apr. 19-21

PSSA Science. Grades: 8-
Apr. 26-27

Boys Basketball Season Comes to a Close



By: Jenna Fox & Sierra Randolph

The boys' basketball season has come to a close. The 8th grade team ended the season undefeated while the 7th grade team ended the season 11-3. Mr. Shosky said that it was a great season. He enjoyed the group of kids he coached and would like to coach them again in 8th grade if he takes over Mr. Martinis's spot. Their toughest opponent was Clairton commented Mr. Shosky. We interviewed a few players to see what they had to say:

"I think we did pretty good this season. My favorite highlight was when we defeated West Mifflin at West Mifflin. I will be playing next year." replied Jake Pugh, 7th grade.

"We did pretty good, undefeated actually. The last game of the year in front of the school was one of my favorite highlights. I plan on playing next year in the high school," responded Isaac McNeil, 8th grade.

This was the last year Mr. Martinis coached the 8th grade team. He says he will enjoy watching his children play basketball as a parent instead of watching as a coach. Mr. Martinis has coached the 8th grade basketball team for 13 years. This was his only year undefeated. Getting to coach his son this year and getting to know and coach all of the boys were some of his favorite highlights.

Are the PSSAs Important?

By: Molly Dixon

Every school year students face the struggle of testing for days with the PSSAs. Teachers make a HUGE deal out of these exams, yet do they really take the time to

explain the reason for them? After countless interviews and searches, the mystery has come to a close. As explained by Mr. Como, Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Zunic, the PSSA exam shows how much students learn and progress over the school year. The tests additionally represent our community and give us a "report card." PSSAs are also used to place students into the correct classes. The higher you score the more challenging class you are placed into.

People speculate that the school's results dictate how much money the school receives. However, this is not true. PHMS will always get the same funding, no matter the results.

In order to do your best on the test, you should take these tips into consideration:

1. Pay attention in class
2. Get plenty of sleep the nights before
3. Eat a healthy breakfast
4. Read the questions carefully
5. Don't stress over the results

What does PSSA stand for?



By: Molly Dixon

"Pennsylvania State School Assessment" – Madison Lear, Nevada Kraus, Lexy Wagner, and Eddie Pazo

"Pennsylvania State Standards of Achievement or as I call them, Pupils Strenuous Struggle for Achievement" – Mrs. Miller

"Pennsylvania School System Assignment" – Lydia Lewis and Isabella Sanderson

"Pennsylvania State Standardized Assessment" – Mrs. Mitko

"Pennsylvania Standard State Assessment" – Logan Danielson and Dylan Mallozzi

"Pennsylvania State Standards of Assessment"- Mrs. Kassimer

"Pennsylvania Standard State Assessment"- Trevor Porter and Pavel Sidun

"Pennsylvania State Student Assessment"- Mrs. Clark

"Pennsylvania Student School Assignment" – Anthony Bekavac

"Pennsylvania State Standardized Assessment" – Mrs. Kolenda and Mr. Cenna

"Pennsylvania State System Association" – Chase Lautner and Alec Grmusa

"People Should Stay Away" – Mr. Gennaula

"Pleasantly Sliding Snake Association"- Luke Giger

Thank you to all of our creative repondees!

Sudoku

	6	9	5		1	2		7
2	3	1	6		8		5	
4		7	2				1	
		4	8		2			
	9		4	1	6	8		
3			9	5	7	1		
1		2				3	9	4
5	4			2				
9			1			5	6	

Family Fun Night

By: Jenna Fox

Family fun night was a huge success, we would like to thank all of the students and helpers who helped make the night one to remember. Thanks to the huge turnout, we were able to raise \$8,000 that will go towards our school trip to Niagara Falls!

Feature Teacher

By: Barret McAuliffe

Mrs. Davis



Have you ever wanted to learn more about Mrs. Davis, our school librarian? Recently, I asked Mrs. Davis more about herself to learn some interesting things about her. It is no doubt that everyone loves the fun spirited librarian who intends to stay at W.J.H.S.D. as long as she can. In her spare time she enjoys scrapbooking, crafting, reading, and knitting. She remembers when her sons, Matt and Collin, went to Jefferson Elementary School, when she was a teacher there. If Mrs. Davis wasn't a librarian, she thinks she would be a professional organizer. How did she end up teaching at W.J.H.S.D.? Well, her husband went to T.J. so after they became married, they moved to Pleasant Hills. That is when she decided to work at W.J.H.S.D. and she has been here ever since!

What If?

By: Jenna Fox

What if you could go back in time? Where would you go? What would you do?



"I would go and fix my mistakes." – Sami Garbowsky 6th grade

"I would go back to the 1990's and party." – Emma Winters 6th grade

"I'd probably go back and apologize to people after I did something." – Brooklyn Mervis 6th grade

"I'd probably go back to meet George Washington in the Revolutionary War." – Erin Gruber 7th grade

"I guess I would go back to see the old world trade center." – Richard Allan 7th grade

"I would go to the first president and ask him questions." – Becky Pham 8th grade

"I'd probably go back to a famous movie set." – Julia Putignano 8th grade

"I would probably go to the 2007 World Series and watch the game" – EJ Blaker 8th grade

"I would go back to when I was a kid in middle school and tell myself to worry less" – Mr. Hiller, 7-1 Math

"I would go back to Roman times and save Julius Caesar from his death." – Ms. Ziemski, 6-2 S. Studies

"I would go to Rome, Italy during the height of Roman power. I would eat pizza and hang out." – Mr. Fratangelo, Art



8th grade students EJ Blaker and Luke Thurner pondering the "What if...?" question posed by the Prowler staff

Student Poetry



Nature Is Springing

By: Christine Rossi

Morning sunrise

To open your eyes

Take a look

At the bright blue brooks

A gentle breeze

Whistling the leaves

The sun shining over day

Blooming flowers in May

Green growing grass

Birds flying fast

Flower petals pop

With colors that don't stop

Nature is springing



Spring

By: Carly Burdett

Spring is coming, Spring is near
Get your flowers, get them here
Winters gone For Spring is coming,
Spring is here

I look outside blink my eyes
And guess what I see to my surprise
flowers flowers

Here and there flowers flowers
everywhere where do they come
from? Where do they go? Were they
buried under the snow?

T.J. Hockey

By: Pavel Sidun & Trevor Porter



The middle school hockey team tried to keep up with the competition, but fell short with a record of 1-13-1. The middle school team was comprised of some of the middle school's finest hockey players such as Eddie Pazo, Riley Holzer, Will O' Brien, Jake Schmidt,

Brandon Kibe, Hunter Fairman, Luke Rayman, Mason McGuirk, Nicholas Stock, Brady Rotolo, Jake Gardiner, Dylan Gooch, Ryan Kelly, Ryan Sluk, Cole Vernet, Nathaniel McElhinny, John McCann, EJ Bernstein, and Luke Ripepi. The goalies were Luke Ripepi and Ryan Sluk. Congratulations to the top three scorers: Eddie Pazo, 5 goals, and 5 assists, Riley Holzer with 5 goals and 3 assists, and Will O'Brien with 6 goals, and 1 assist. The team tried their best, but did not make the playoffs. Hopefully next year, at least one of the two teams will make the playoffs and bring home the championship to PHMS.

Natural Wonders!

By: Jenna Fox

This year, our school-wide unit let us learn all about the wonders of the world. For example, in Reading class we learned about people past and present who journeyed over Niagara Falls. In Social Studies we learned interesting facts about the natural wonders. We also created blackout poems about our favorite wonders.

To continue our school-wide unit, each grade will go on a field trip to Niagara Falls. Students can choose one of three afternoon activities to do while at the falls. The students can choose between the *Maid of the Mist Boat Excursion*, a boat ride right up close to the falls, the *observation tower and 3D movie adventure*, a bird's eye look at the falls, then a 3D movie about the falls and people who ventured the falls, and the *Cave of the Winds* walking trip, a hike on bridges right below the falls.



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