

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



2024

ELITE PIANIST

SOPHOMORE DANIEL TURLEY HAS TAKEN HIS MUSICAL TALENTS AND ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS AN ELITE PIANIST. DANIEL IS A PART OF JOHNSTOWN MUSIC LEAGUE'S CHROMATICS JUNIOR CLUB AND RECEIVED THE STATE CHAMPION TITLE IN THE MEDIUM ABILITY LEVEL IN APRIL 2023. DANIEL STARTED PLAYING WHEN HE WAS IN FIRST GRADE AND HAS DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS TO THE ART, PRACTICING DAILY AND HAVING FORMAL LESSONS WEEKLY. HE WAS ABLE TO FIRST QUALIFY FOR THE REGIONAL COMPETITION IN PITTSBURGH BY PERFORMING TWO PIECES, ONLY ONE OF WHICH CAN BE FROM AN AMERICAN COMPOSER. HE HAD TO PERFORM IN FRONT OF JUDGES AND RECEIVED HIS RATING OF "SUPERIOR," WHICH GAVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ON TO REGIONALS. DANIEL THEN PLAYED HIS PIECE, "RUN AND HIDE," IN FRONT OF YET ANOTHER PANEL OF JUDGES. BY WINNING REGIONALS, HE THEN FINALLY MOVED ON TO THE STATE COMPETITION AND PLAYED IN FRONT OF A LARGER AUDIENCE. HE STUNNED THE CROWD, EARNING THE STATE CHAMPION TITLE. HIS CT COMMUNITY IS SO PROUD OF HIM AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT ELSE HE ACCOMPLISHES WITH HIS TALENTS AND DEDICATION TO HIS ART!



THE MOST MAGICAL TRIP ON EARTH

ON DECEMBER 7TH THROUGH DECEMBER 12TH, THE CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP MUSIC DEPARTMENT TRAVELED TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA TO PERFORM AT DISNEY SPRINGS. BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE, CT HIGH SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL JIM FOSTER WISHED THE BAND WELL, STATING, "I KNOW YOU GUYS WILL HAVE FUN. YOU ALWAYS REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL WITH THE BEST ATTITUDE." THE BAND LEFT THURSDAY MORNING TO START THEIR JOURNEY TO THEIR FIRST STOP, ANIMAL KINGDOM. THEN, THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO DISNEY SPRINGS WHERE THEY PERFORMED A 25 MINUTE SET, REPRESENTING CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. THE BAND SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THEIR TIME IN FLORIDA VISITING ALL OF THE DISNEY PARKS, RIDING RIDES, HAVING FUN, AND MAKING MEMORIES. ON THEIR WAY HOME TO DAVIDSVILLE, THEY EVEN MADE A STOP AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS. THE STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR MUSIC DEPARTMENT TEACHERS WORKED HARD TO FUNDRAISE FOR THIS EVENT AND PREPARE AND PRACTICED ENDLESSLY TO PERFECT THEIR PIECES, AND ALL OF THESE EFFORTS FINALLY CULMINATED IN A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF OUR STUDENTS' TALENTS AND TRUE LOVE OF MUSIC.



Music Department News

DISTRICT JAZZ

***WE HAVE REPRESENTATION IN EACH ENSEMBLE!**

HAYDEN LINGENFELTER – TROMBONE – RED BAND (ONLY TAKE 4)

LANDON WEEKS – TROMBONE – YELLOW BAND (ONLY TAKE 4)

JONATHAN FOCHTMAN – ALTO SAXOPHONE – MODERN BAND (ONLY TAKE 1-2)



DISTRICT BAND

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PMEA DISTRICT 6 CHORUS

***WE HAD ALL 11 OF OUR STUDENTS WHO AUDITIONED
ADVANCE TO THE FESTIVAL IN JANUARY:**

SOPHIA STANGO – SOPRANO 1

JAYLYNNE MOYER – SOPRANO 2

JULIA THOMAS – ALTO 1

TANNER HUNSBERGER AND ALEXA GARDENHOUR – ALTO 2

HEATH MOSER AND JONATHAN FOCHTMAN – TENOR 1

HAYDEN LINGENFELTER, CHRISTOPHER YODER, CAVEN MILLER, AND EVAN GRIMES – TENOR 2



DISTRICT VOCAL JAZZ: VOCAL EVOLUTIONS

***THERE ARE ONLY FIVE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR EACH VOCAL SECTION**

SOPHIA STANGO – SOPRANO

TANNER HUNSBERGER – ALTO (TANNER PLACED 1ST!!!)

**NOTE: THIS EVENT IS THE SAME TIME AS DISTRICT JAZZ BAND, SO THE STUDENTS
HAVE TO PICK BETWEEN AUDITIONING FOR BAND AND CHORUS.**

Outside the Tribe

EQUESTRIANISM

MULTIPLE OF CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP'S STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EQUESTRIANISM. TENNYSON KEAFER, A 6TH GRADER AT CT, HAS BEEN AN EQUESTRIAN FOR SIX YEARS. OVER THE YEARS SHE HAS PERFORMED WITH THREE HORSES: MAGIC, ALASKA, AND TANGO. TENNYSON HAS COMPETED FOR THE YOUTH EQUESTRIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OR YEDA. ON DECEMBER 10TH, SHE COMPETED IN A MEET WHERE SHE WAS SCORED BY TWO SEPARATE JUDGES. THE JUDGES SCORE EACH RIDER ON MULTIPLE ELEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE CONTROLLING THEIR HORSE, DOING TRANSITIONS, AND MANEUVERING AROUND CONES. SHE PLACED 1ST AND 3RD IN ONE CATEGORY AND 6TH IN ANOTHER CATEGORY. THESE CATEGORIES ARE ENGLISH RIDING AND WESTERN RIDING.

ZOEY FURMAN, WHO RIDES FOR CIRCLE M EQUESTRIAN TEAM, HAD BEEN RIDING FOR MOST OF HER LIFE. ZOEY HAS ALWAYS LOVED HORSES, AND FOUND HER PASSION IN RIDING. ELLIE, HER HORSE, HAS JOINED HER IN YEDA AND AQHA COMPETITIONS, WHERE THEY HAVE PLACED IN 1ST MULTIPLE TIMES.

KENNEDY LEHMAN IS ANOTHER CT STUDENT WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS ADVENTEROUS SPORT. SHE HAS BEEN RIDING FOR 5 YEARS AND COMPETES WITH PQHA OR THE PA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION. SHE RIDES TWO HORSES: PEPPY, WHO IS HER SHOW HORSE, AND CINNAMON. KENNEDY MADE IT TO DISTRICTS IN ALL OF HER EVENTS (RIDING, TRAIL, RAIL, AND REINING) AND WENT ON TO PLACE 9TH IN STATES FOR RANCH RAIL. HER TRAINERS ARE ALICIA WEAVER AND CASEY MILLER, BOTH HAVE HELPED HER BECOME THE RIDER SHE IS TODAY. KENNEDY SAYS, "MY FAVORITE PART IS GETTING TO KNOW OTHER PEOPLE WHO RIDE HORSES, GOING TO SHOWS, AND SPENDING TIME WITH MY OWN HORSES."



BETH SHALOM

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, MRS. JENNIFER CUSTER TOOK A GROUP OF HER STUDENTS TO THE BETH SHALOM CONGREGATION TO ATTEND A SERVICE. MRS. CUSTER HAS BEEN EDUCATING HER STUDENTS ON THE JEWISH FAITH, AND AS AN EXTRA CREDIT PROJECT SHE GAVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT JOHNSTOWN'S SYNAGOGUE. BEFORE ATTENDING THE SERVICE, THE GROUP WENT TO JOURNEY, A RESTAURANT IN DOWNTOWN JOHNSTOWN THAT OFFERS AN ARRAY OF CULTURAL CUISINE. THEN, THEY MADE THEIR WAY TO BETH SHALOM AT 6:30, WHERE THEY WERE ABLE TO ASK RABBI IRVIN BRANDWEIN QUESTIONS ABOUT JUDAISM. "THE EXPERIENCE WAS VERY INTERESTING. IT WAS NICE TO ACTUALLY EXPERIENCE THE JEWISH FAITH AFTER LEARNING ABOUT IT," SAYS CT JUNIOR JEMA CALASARA.

Fall Varsity Sports Accolades

VOLLEYBALL

DAILY AMERICAN FINEST 14 - **ALISON MATERA, KENDRA HUBER, AND AVA BYER**
SOMERSET COUNTY 1ST TEAM - **KENDRA HUBER AND ALISON MATERA**
SOMERSET COUNTY 2ND TEAM - **AVA BYER**
SOMERSET COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION - **LAIKYN REYNOLDS, BRIANNA SHETLER, AND MADEE ROMAN**
ALL DISTRICT 1ST TEAM - **ALISON MATERA**
ALL DISTRICT 2ND TEAM - **KENDRA HUBER AND AVA BYER**
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ALL-STAR - **ALISON MATERA AND AVA BYER**
SCHOOL RECORD 2507 SETTER ASSISTS - **ALISON MATERA**
HERITAGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
DISTRICT 5 RUNNER UPS

BOYS SOCCER

HERITAGE CONFERENCE ALL-STARS - **DYLAN GIFFIN, MAX MALICKI, JACKSON SOTOSKY, AND COLTON LEHMAN**
SANTA FUND - **DYLAN GIFFIN, MAX MALICKI**
DAILY AMERICAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR - **JACKSON SOTOSKY**
SOMERSET COUNTY ALL-STARS - **DYLAN GIFFIN, MAX MALICKI, DRAKE ROUSER, JACKSON SOTOSKY, AND ROCCO HAGAN**
ALL-COUNTY OFFENSIVE MVP - **DYLAN GIFFIN**
ALL-COUNTY GOALKEEPING MVP - **JACKSON SOTOSKY**
ALL COUNTY 1ST TEAM - **DRAKE ROUSER, MAX MALICKI, AND ROCCO HAGAN**
ALL-STATE - **DYLAN GIFFIN** (CT BOYS SOCCER HISTORY FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW HONOR)
COACH OF THE YEAR - **FRED MAINHART**
FANTASTIC FIFTEEN- **DILLON DEFIBAUGH, MAX MALICKI, JACKSON SOTOSKY, DYLAN GIFFIN, AND ROCCO HAGAN**
HERITAGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
DISTRICT 5A CHAMPIONS

GOLF

DISTRICT V INDIVIDUAL MEN'S CHAMPION - **SAM SHARBAUGH**
EBENSBURG TOURNAMENT CHAMPION - **SAM SHARBAUGH**
HERITAGE CONFERENCE CHAMPION - **ALEX BORING**
DISTRICT V INDIVIDUAL WOMEN'S CHAMPION - **ALEX BORING**
BOTH SAM SHARBAUGH AND ALEX BORING PLACED AT STATES IN TOP 23
DISTRICT V TEAM CHAMPIONS

GIRLS SOCCER

SUPER 16 ALL-STARS - **IZZY SLEZAK, ASHLYN FETTERMAN, BRIAR BERKEY, AND JORDYN SNYDER**
HERITAGE CONFERENCE ALL-STARS - **IZZY SLEZAK, ASHLYN FETTERMAN, BRIAR BERKEY, AND JORDYN SNYDER**
SANTA FUND - **JENNA BRENNEMAN AND HAYLEE THOMAS**
SOMERSET COUNTY ALL-STARS - **ASHLYN FETTERMAN, IZZY SLEZAK, JORDYN SNYDER, HAYLEE THOMAS, MATTY MAUZY, LIV MAUZY, BRIAR BERKEY, JENNA BRENNEMAN, ANDIE HUNSBERGER, AND KATIE WILEY**
DISTRICT 5A CHAMPIONS
HERITAGE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
SCHOOL RECORD FOR GOALS IN A SINGLE SEASON AT 51 GOALS (PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 40) - **IZZY SLEZAK**
100 CAREER GOALS ACCOMPLISHMENT - **IZZY SLEZAK**

FOOTBALL

2023 ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE TEAM - **JON UPDYKE**
2023 ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSIVE TEAM - **SAM SHAFFER**
2023 ALL-COUNTY - **JON UPDYKE**
2023 SAFCA KEN LANTZY ALL-STAR CLASSIC-OFFENSE- **JON UPDYKE**
2023 SAFCA KEN LANTZY ALL-STAR CLASSIC-DEFENSE- **SAM SHAFFER**

Outstanding Indians

TO HONOR OUR STUDENT BODY FOR ALL OF THEIR EXCEPTIONAL QUALITIES, WE WILL BE DETERMINING A STUDENT OF THE MONTH IN EACH GRADE LEVEL. THIS DETERMINATION WILL BE BASED OFF OF CITIZENSHIP, WORK-ETHIC, KINDNESS, HELPFULNESS, ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT, ETC. WHILE IT MAY BE TAKEN IN TO CONSIDERATION, THIS SELECTION WILL NOT BE BASED SOLEY ON ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE. THESE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND THEN SELECTED BY THE TEACHERS WHO SERVE AS THEIR EDUCATORS, COACHES, AND ADVISORS. IN ADDITION TO BEING HONORED IN THE NEWSLETTER THAT IS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD, THE STUDENTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE BOUTIQUE BUCKS TO USE IN OUR NEWLY OPENED CT BOUTIQUE.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL!



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT)
QUINN MOSER (8TH), GEMMA STUDER (6TH),
JAYLA FEATHERS (7TH)

SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT)
BEN RININGER (9TH), JAEDEN HOLSOPPLE
(10TH), LARRY WEAVER (12TH), ASHLYN
FETTERMAN (11TH)



Teacher Spotlight: Tara Kimmel



"TARA IS ONE OF THE MOST GENUINE, CARING PEOPLE I KNOW. SHE TREATS BOTH STUDENTS AND FELLOW COLLEAGUES WITH RESPECT AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND AN EAR TO ANYTHING THAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE.... I LOVE SEEING HER IN THE HALL WITH HER HAPPY-GO-LUCKY DEMEANOR, ASKING HOW YOUR DAY IS GOING OR JUST SAYING HELLO. TARA IS TRULY SPECIAL AND I AM SO GLAD SHE IS A BIG PART OF OUR SCHOOL AND ITS SUCCESS." -MRS. DURICA



"SHE IS VERY TRUSTWORTHY AND LISTENS TO OUR PROBLEMS. SHE'S WELCOMING AND MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST." -LAIKYN REYNOLDS



"SHE'S MORE ON A PERSONAL LEVEL WITH US. I CAN TELL HER MY PROBLEMS AND SHE'LL GIVE ME REASONABLE ADVICE AND RATIONAL SOLUTIONS. I RESPECT HER AS A TEACHER, AND SHE'S SOMEONE I CAN TRUST." -ISAIAH DIGUARDI

MRS. KIMMEL GREW UP IN LEWISTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA. SHE GRADUATED FROM MIFFLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AND WENT ON TO ATTEND JUNIATA COLLEGE WHERE SHE EARNED HER BACHELORS DEGREE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION AND ENGLISH. SHE THEN ATTENDED IUP TO RECEIVE HER MASTERS DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCES. MRS. KIMMEL'S HUSBAND JOE IS A CT GRADUATE AND FORMER CT TEACHER AND IS NEWLY RETIRED AFTER BEING AN ADMINISTRATOR IN MULTIPLE SCHOOLS. TOGETHER THEY HAVE THREE DAUGHTERS: TAYA, NATALIE, AND KYRA.

IN HER TIME AT CT, MRS. KIMMEL HAS WORKED AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THEN TAUGHT ENGLISH AND READING FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADES BEFORE BECOMING OUR FAVORITE NOVEL GURU AND RESEARCH PRO IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY. SHE ALSO BOASTS A 10-YEAR SOFTBALL COACHING CAREER. SOME TK FUN FACTS INCLUDE GETTING VOTED CLASS CLOWN OF HER SENIOR CLASS, CHEERING COMPETITIVELY THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, AND SHARING HER WEDDING DAY WITH MR. LESKO AS THE BEST MAN.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER FAVORITE PART ABOUT TEACHING AT CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP, SHE STATED "THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT THINGS AT CT, BUT THE THING THAT STANDS OUT THE MOST IS THE GOOD-HEARTED KIDS. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT OF COMMUNITY AND PARENT SUPPORT FOR OUR SCHOOL."

IF YOU ASKED ANYONE IN THE CT COMMUNITY WHAT MAKES TARA KIMMEL A GREAT TEACHER, HER PRAISES COULD FILL AN ENTIRE BOOK. TARA KIMMEL IS A TRUE CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP TREASURE THAT HAS MADE OUR SCHOOL A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG AND ARE LOVED.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1 | New Year's Vacation

January 10-12 | District Band @ Johnstown

January 12 | Act 80 Early Dismissal for Students
12:00 Middle/High School
12:45 Elementary

January 15 | M.L King Day Holiday

January 17 | End of Nine Weeks

January 18-19 | PMEA District 6 Jazz Festival @ Tussey Mountain

January 24 | Report Cards Issued

January 24-25 | PMEA District 6 Choir @ Westmont

