

DECEMBER

NEWSLETTER



TUNING IN TO THE HOLIDAY SEASON

This year's Senior High Choir and Band Winter Concerts will be held on December 4th with the Junior High Concert to follow on December 6th. Both the choir and band have been hard at work creating a show for family and friends to enjoy.

The choir will be performing an array of pieces that Ms. Lingenfelter hand-picked for her students. Along with this, many of the pieces will have soloists. 'Masters in this Hall' will be accompanied by Daniel Turley on piano, 'Seasons of Love' will have soloists Heath Moser, Hayden Lingenfelter, Sophia Stango, and Tanner Hunsberger, 'Sim Shalom' will have Kaitlyn Turley on piano and soloist Julia Thomas, and 'Christmas: Baby Please Come Home' will have soloists Tanner Hunsberger and Hayden Lingenfelter.

As for our CT concert band, the senior leadership of Jonathon Fochtman, Nick Yoder, Katelyn Turley, Lily Newfield-Fingerhoot, Michael Folton, Derek Pongrac, Tanner Hunsberger, Sophia Stango, Sam Thomas, Hayden Lingenfelter, Landon Weeks, and Mercedes Mull will be helping to bring in the Christmas season. Ms. Kasun reflected on the coming comfort of playing at home after a long season. Kasun stated, "It's always nice to perform on our own stage." The band's musical pieces will include a mixture of classic pieces such as 'Sussex Mummers Christmas Carol' and 'The Thunderer,' with more modern pieces such as 'Wonderful Christmastime' and 'Take on Me.' Ms. Kasun stated it best when she stated that "A lot of people say that they don't feel like it's the Christmas season until they get to hear the band and chorus concert."

LIGHTS... CAMERA... FUNDRAISING!

Our Video Production I and II classes are currently running a fundraiser through the DonorsChoose program. DonorsChoose is a nonprofit organization that allows donors to donate directly to public school classroom projects. Through this fundraiser, our students are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a quality camera, lens, and stabilizer so that they can continue bringing the district hype-up videos for sports, highlighting the accomplishments of our music department, and showcasing all of the exciting and wonderful events and activities that happen daily in our community. Mrs. Feathers shared her excitement with the project. She stated, "I am so hopeful that we'll be able to meet our goal for this. My students have amazed me with their creativity and passion for this field, and I have absolutely loved learning all about video production along with them. They've been using my family camera to film so many events, and I would like to get them the equipment they need to continue to provide high quality productions to showcase the truly amazing skills they have and the amazing accomplishments of our district." The classes will only receive their supplies if the project is fully funded by March 19th. As of November 28th, just one week into fundraising, the project has received approximately \$1,600 from twenty- three donors, putting the class almost halfway towards the final goal.

MILLION DOLLAR TECH

The USDA has recently awarded Conemaugh Township with a 1 million dollar grant for technology purposes. This grant is given to rural schools, which causes many schools to be unable to apply. This financial award is primarily used for distance learning and telemedicine. Conemaugh Township plans on using this grant for new technology such as new interact boards, laptops for teachers, projectors, and telemedicine carts. A large sum of this money will be used on the auditorium renovations. Some of these renovations will include new projectors, screens, and microphones. This will open new doors for teaching and learning for large groups of students. Another objective is to have a portable medcart called telemedicine. These carts have new technology that can aid in medical needs and emergencies. Overall, this grant will be very beneficial. Mr. Foster says, "We have done some great things and when we have new tools to enhance what we are already doing, you can only make it better."

Sport Highlights

SNOWBALLING INTO WINTER SPORTS

Conemaugh Township athletes and coaches are getting ready to begin winter sports, all of which have promising seasons ahead of them. Both the boys and girls basketball teams are entering a new conference this year. They have young teams with mostly freshmen, but have high expectations for this season. Senior Jenna Brennaman says, "I'm really excited to see what we can accomplish this year!" The boys team is being coached by returning basketball veteran Mr. Chuck Lesko and Township record breaker Mr. Andrew Byer. The senior leadership on the boys basketball team is approaching this season with a "no excuses" attitude. Senior Jon Updyke says, "Do or do not, there is no try."

CT's wrestling team has filled their weight classes, which results in less forfeits overall and allows the true abilities of these athletes to really shine. They have a young team with a good future. Wrestling senior Tristan Hawkins says, "I'm excited for this season. I think it's going to be very promising for all of us."

This year's rifle team is focused on expanding their prior successes in WestPAC to their new Heritage Conference. The team is looking solid, and the senior leadership is looking to their underclassmen to step up to continue their successes. Senior Noah Lehman advised, "They [coaches] tell us all the time to be a little bit better everyday, and it pays off."



ALL-STATE ALLSTAR

Conemaugh Township Senior Dylan Giffin has received a position on the All State soccer team for the second year in a row. This is the first time in CT boy's soccer history that a player has made the team both junior and senior year. Dylan was very excited and surprised to have made the team. He says, "It's a huge honor to have made the team." He earned this title by being nominated by his coaches. Coaches in the area then vote on each player that was selected. Dylan says his highlight this season was winning districts. "My senior year went well. From my freshman season to now, there was a very good build up," he says. Dylan plans on furthering his soccer career after high school and into college. Congratulations Dylan!



What's Happening in the Tribe?

COMING THROUGH FOR CHLOE



The 8th Annual Volleyball Marathon was a huge success, raising a grand total of \$6,210 dollars for Chloe Croyle and her family. The event was filled with excitement throughout the day as a total of 13 teams competed, and the evening brought even more fun with the duck toss, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, Save it or Shave it, and the teachers vs. students and the championship game. The winners of both the duck toss and 50/50 donated their winnings back to Chloe. Mr. Kramer came out victorious and bearded in the Save it or Shave it, raising \$878 to remain a bearded beauty. Great work, CT!

BOCCE BALL

Conemaugh Township's Bocce Ball Team will be having an upcoming season with new and exciting faces. The team consists of Jeremiah Elliott, David Micik, Mike Zyra, Haiden Fye, Mercedes Mull, Julia Thomas, Ava Byer, and Danika Black. Practices start November 28th, which are being taken over by Addy Dull, an alumni from Conemaugh Township. They will have four games this season. They face Bedford on December 10th, North Star on January 10th, Richland on January 18th, and then Berlin on February 1st. Good luck to our very own Bocce Ball team!



CT BAND TAKES ON DISNEY

Our very own Conemaugh Township Junior and Senior Concert Bands will be performing on December 7th-12th in Disney Springs. They will perform on an internationally recognized stage, and will be treated as a professional concert band. This holiday season, they will be spreading holiday joy beyond our Township community. Ms. Kasun, CT's band director, says, "I can't wait to see them grow as musicians!" Julia Thomas, junior trombone player, is thrilled for her first trip to Disney. She stated, "I am so excited to finally go to Disney!" What an experience for these students!



What's Happening in the Tribe?

PREPPING FOR THE REAL WORLD



In early November, seniors in Mrs. Feathers' public speaking class were lucky enough to have a taste of a realistic interview scenario in class. Local business owner, resident, and school board member Jeff Alesantrino came in to interview these students, helping them work out some of the interview jitters and capitalize on experience and advice from someone who has been a part of hiring through dozens of interviews, including those of several of their own teachers! The students were required to dress professionally, and were prompted that they would be having a five to six minute entry-level interview. Senior Larry Weaver stated, "I think it was a great experience for me and the other students. Because I have been in an interview before, I can say Mr. Alesantrino treated the interviews very professionally and really gave all of the students things to prepare for as we start into adulthood." Following the success of this activity, Mrs. Feathers stated that she hopes to bring Mr. Alesantrino back again along with some other local professionals to participate in these interviews with next semester's classes.

CT BOUTIQUE

CT Boutique is set to open this month. This boutique will give students and staff the chance to buy affordable clothing and personal needs items. CT is joining with Saint Francis Caring and Sharing to supply the boutique. Valerie Zambanini along with the help of SADD club members, Mrs. Kopp's students, and the Art club have been hard at work to create this incredible project. Students will pay with 'Boutique Bucks', a form of currency that they can receive from teachers and staff throughout the year by doing random acts of kindness.





UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4 and 7 | 08.00 AM- 2.30 PM | SADD Students help at Santa Shop

December 4 | 07.00 PM | Senior High Band and Choir Winter Concert

December 6 | 07.00 PM | Middle School Band and Choir Winter Concert

December 7- 12 | Music Students Travel to Disney

***December 8 | Act 80 Early Dismissal for Students
Teacher Inservice Half Day***

December 21 | 07.50 AM | TSA Mario Cart Fundraising Event

December 22 | One Hour Early Dismissal

December 25- December 29 | Christmas Vacation

