

February newsletter



Saint Jude's Valentines Cards

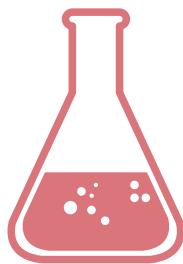
With February being the season of love, our student rotary members want to ensure everyone gets a little love. The members do this by logging into the Saint Jude website to send cards to Saint Jude Children's Hospital. With around 30 active members to the student rotary, each member does five cards. Together the student rotary will send out around 150 cards to spread the love. Members Gracie McCall and Alexa Gardenhour stated, "It is such an easy little way to help share the love during the 'season of love' with the cards being premade on the website and all you have to do is write a little message to brighten their day."

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/send-virtual-cards-online-to-childrens-hospital-patients/valentines-day.html>



Chem with Friends

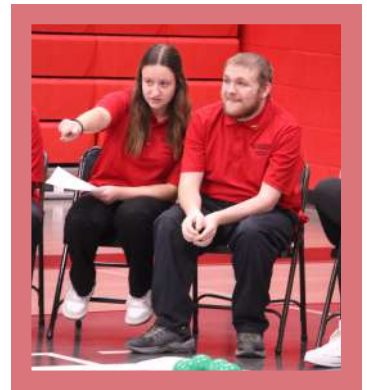
Mrs. Pasierb along with her Chemistry II class has begun a monthly event called Chem with Friends. Chem with Friends allows the Chemistry II students to collaborate and work hand-in-hand with the students of the life skills classes. Each month, this gives the students of Chemistry II the opportunity to share their fun science knowledge with their friends in these classes. So far, they have performed a few fun and interactive experiments, enabling them to learn how to create lemonade and marshmallows, and learn about chromatography. Chromatography involves extracting the different elements and colors of markers. Madee Roman states, "We really enjoy connecting with them and helping them understand more about chemistry."



What's Happening in the Tribe?

Trivia Night

On February 22nd, the Conemaugh Township Rotary is holding their annual Trivia Night. This night of fun is held at the Conemaugh Township Volunteer Fire Department. This is the one, if not the only, time members of the adult and student rotary come together to fundraise for the services they do throughout the year. While the adult members are participating in the trivia, members of the student rotary will be helping out by getting tickets at the door. Each year they hold a night of fun trivia games and participate in a potluck. Although there was a potluck, groups in the past that competed together have brought their own food trays for their table. While trivia is the main attraction for the night there is also a basket party which in the past has had lots of nice adult beverages, coffee machines, and gift cards.



Cafe 118

Mrs. Kopp continues to lead her students into success by teaching them real world skills. One way she does this is by giving them the opportunity to run their own java cafe, Cafe 118. Their usual routines consist of Java that takes place every Friday. Teachers and staff are able to order iced coffee, hot coffee, tea, and lemonade. They recently started extending their craft to the elementary school with their first cafe happening last Thursday where they made chicken noodle soup. They now go to the elementary school on the third Thursday of every month to serve java. In the beginning of February, Cafe 118 will be holding a pup treat sale for teachers. Not only do they create things in the kitchen, but they also create crafts and trinkets that are available for students to buy during lunch periods. The students' hard work and dedication is felt by both students and teachers.

Bocce Ball

Conemaugh Township's Bocce ball team has been hard at work this season with matches against Richland, Bedford, Berlin, and Somerset. This year, they are being led by head coach Addy Dull, a 2023 alumni of Conemaugh Township. This will be her second season as head coach. The players consist of seniors Michael Zyra, Jeremiah Elliott, Davey Micik, Julia Thomas, and Ava Byer. They are joined by Brayden LaBreck, Justin Armstrong, Sarabeth Sullivan, Ella Mankamyer, Emily Purdy, Danika Black, Greta Mock, and Addie Miller. The bocce ball team brought an exciting opportunity to bring together students for good-hearted competition.



Creativity in CT

PMEA District VI Choir

Mrs. Lingenfelter will be joining some of her talented students at the PMEA District VI Choir Festival, which will be held at Berlin High School from February 5th through the 7th. The group will leave on Wednesday at 4 p.m. to kick off the event. All performers had to audition in October to secure their spots, with students such as Jaylyne Moyer, Addison Lasure, Greta Mock, Anna Hunsberger, Julia Thomas, Heath Moser, Evan Grimes, Eli Sodano, Chris Yoder, and Caven Miller qualifying. The festival will feature an exciting concert on Friday, and auditions for the regional choir will take place on Wednesday. This experience will not only showcase these students talents, but will also help them grow in confidence and community.



PMEA District VI Jazz Festival

The District 6 Jazz Festival, held on January 16th and 17th, featured Conemaugh Township sophomore Daniel Turley performing on piano. Daniel auditioned in November for the piano segment and was then selected to participate in the Modern Band portion of the concert. To enhance the experience, professional artists were brought in to instruct the bands, creating a fun-filled atmosphere where students were able to showcase their musical talents.



TSA

A group of students participated in the regional TSA competition this weekend and many came back as placewinners. Be sure to congratulate:

Second Place winners:

Problem Solving - Marshel Jacons and Brady Leonberger

Delta Dart - Braden Sarver

4th Place finishers:

Delta Dart - Brady Leonberger

Dragster Design - Noah Getson

5th Place:

Delta Dart - Marshall Jacobs

6th Place:

Dragster Design - Aiden Chestnutwood

8th Place:

Dragster Design - Braden Sarver



Jazz in Your Face

The following students participated in the side-by-side with Jazz in Your Face:

Heath Moser - Set and Auxiliary

Evan Massimo Grimes - Tuba and Bass

Daniel Turley - Piano

Adah Konieczny - Alto Saxophone

Alonna Bracken - Teno Saxophone

Eli Sodano - Trumpet

Great job, ladies and gentlemen!

CT Sports Leveling Up

Rifle

The rifle team's season has been exceptional, marked by precision, focus, and outstanding performances. The team demonstrates incredible discipline and consistency, improving their skills with each match. Micah Lehman, Maya Denault, Maddie Costigan, Roy Oswalt, and Brooke Szala be going to states at Everett during the weekend of the 14th.

Basketball

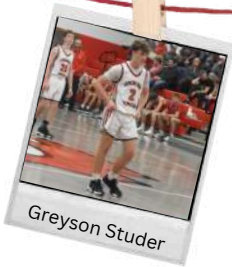
The basketball season was nothing short of amazing from both boys and girls teams. The players showcase incredible skills, teamwork, and resilience, making every game exciting to watch. The dedication from the players, coaches, and fans make this season truly special, setting a foundation for even greater success in the future. Both are expected to compete at districts.

Wrestling

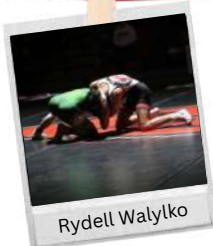
This year's wrestling season was outstanding, filled with intense competition, personal growth, and unforgettable moments. The team shows incredible dedication, pushing themselves to new limits and securing impressive victories. From hard-fought matches to unexpected upsets, every wrestler contributes to the team's success. They look to wrestle in the next levels of competition at the end of this month and into March.



Maddie Costigan



Greyson Studer



Rydell Walyko



Micah Lehman



Dylan Hovanec



Averie Seibert

Final Fall Sports Awards

Our very own **Ms. Fetterman** was recognized as the Somerset County Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.

Finishing the season with a record of 16-5-1 and leading her girls to set many milestones in our school's history, the Conemaugh Township community couldn't be more proud! She's only been varsity head coach for one year, but she's already left an immense mark on this program. We can't wait to see where she takes it!

Great work, Ms. Fetterman and the CT ladies soccer team!

Our varsity boys soccer team also rounded out their year proving that the in this program leadership and skill level is unmatched. **Mr. Mainhart** was presented with the honorable title of MVP Coach of the Year for Somerset County Men's Soccer, receiving the appropriate acknowledgement for his dedication to this program and the development of his players. The following athletes were named Somerset All-County team in their respective positions: **Johnny Bihun** (defense), **Gentry Sotosky**, (defense), **Rocco Hagan** (midfield), and **Jackson Sotosky** (striker). With unwavering leadership in a coach like Mr. Mainhart and a team full of young men who have so much heart, it's no surprise that this season brought great success to the men's program as well. Congratulations, gentlemen!

Outstanding Indians

Middle School Students of the Month



“Anna Hostetler is kind and caring towards others. She works hard in class and always puts forth her best effort.”

“Kenli Tunstall is polite and friendly. She is a hard worker and always makes sure to stay on top of her assignments.”



“Julianna Sodano is a kind, bright, and personable student. She is quick to volunteer and help others.”

Senior High Students of the Month



“Cayden Dail is helpful and respectful to everyone. He pours his heart into everything he does and he does a great job balancing school with all of his extra activities.”

“Averie Seibert is sweet and thoughtful. Her willingness to help is consistent and always unprompted. She is kind to her classmates.”



“Jacob Bartis goes above and beyond to help those around him. He is reliable, trustworthy, and honest. He is a pleasure to have in class.”

“Haiden Henry is hard working, reliable, and kind. He carries himself so well and always has a positive attitude and something kind to say.”



Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Andrew Byer

Growing up on Tire Hill and graduating from Conemaugh Township, Mr. Andrew Byer has always been a deeply involved member of the CT community. After high school, he pursued higher education at UPJ and later at Slippery Rock University, where he expanded his knowledge in education. In addition to earning his degree in mathematics, he played college basketball, which sparked his passion for coaching. Following graduation, Mr. Byer and his wife of 12 years, Kristie, moved to Virginia to begin his teaching career. He spent six years teaching there before deciding to return to Conemaugh Township, where he and his wife settled down and started their family, welcoming two children, Lexie and Brodie.

Since returning to Conemaugh Township, Mr. Byer has taught a variety of math courses, including Math 7, Algebra A and B, Statistics, and Pre-Calculus. His love for basketball has led him to coach junior high teams as well as boys and girls varsity teams. Beyond his role as a teacher, Mr. Byer has become a mentor and role model to both his students and fellow teachers. His calm demeanor, willingness to offer practical advice, and lighthearted sense of humor makes him a trusted teacher and source of peace in our students' often stressful and overwhelming lives. When asked what he loves most about teaching, he shares, "My favorite part about teaching is getting to know each student every year and getting to watch students grow up in the school. It's very tight-knit here, so it's easier to form relationships with students and staff."



"Mr. Byer is a wonderful and understanding teacher who has faith in his students. His demeanor and caring attitude makes him a perfect teacher for the changing times and for the future. He has the perfect temperament to succeed as a teacher and coach for many years to come."

- Mr. Charles Lesko



"Mr. Byer is a great man and leader in the classroom. He has always been someone that I can go to when I need help with something."

- Sam Shaffer

"Mr. Byer has always been a great teacher and role model."

- Jackson Sotosky



UPCOMING EVENTS

2-7 | ACT 80 DAY

2-17 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

2-17 | TEACHER ACT 80 DAY

