



OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

LIME OUT



THE GAME

Friday, October 10th, is the lime out football game in recognition of CT student Ethan Matera, who was diagnosed earlier this year with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma (T-LBL). The game will be played against the Cambria Heights Highlanders, and is set to begin at 7 pm. To show your support for Ethan, dress in your lime apparel. The football team and cheer squad are both very excited to play for Ethan in this upcoming game. Senior cheer captain, Cassidy Johns, claims, "I hope that this game can help the Matera family, and bring the support they need." Likewise, senior football starter, Brennan Lohr, is very honored to be able to play for Ethan, stating, "Everyone should attend to show their support for Ethan's battle with cancer, and be sure to wear lime." The Conemaugh Township volleyball team will also be having a lime out game on October 2nd.

FUNDRAISER

The Conemaugh Township Student Council is selling lime out earrings, key chains, bracelets, and CROC charms to support Ethan. You can purchase these trinkets during lunches and Friday night football games.

They can also be bought in Ms. DeBarto's room.

"Together, we stand in support of Ethan and his family.

As his sister Alison was in Student Council and Mary continues that legacy, we wear Ethan's name proudly.

Let's raise awareness for T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma (T-LBL) and show that love and community can light the way through even the toughest journeys."-

Ms. DeBarto.

Along with the student council fundraiser, there was also a lime out t-shirt fundraiser provided by the football boosters. All proceeds for both fundraisers will go to the Matera family.

Links are on the CTASD Facebook for purchase!



New Faces In the Building

MR. CONLEY

Mr. Conley is joining Conemaugh Township as a health and physical education teacher. He graduated from Northern Bedford County High School in 2000 and, after attending Penn State Altoona and the University of Pittsburgh, earned his degree in Health and Physical Education from Slippery Rock University in 2006. He has been teaching for 19 years, most recently at Johnstown Middle School, and before that at Tussey Mountain School District in Saxton, PA. Earlier in his career, he worked in a variety of jobs, including construction, retail, and manufacturing. Mr. Conley is married to his wife Jen, and they have three children—a daughter and two sons. He enjoys staying active by playing ultimate frisbee, spikeball, pickleball, mountain biking, hiking, and camping, and also values spending time with his family and attending church. He is excited to join the welcoming faculty and students at Conemaugh Township and looks forward to making physical education a fun and positive experience for all.



MS. SADIE

Sadie is joining Conemaugh Township as our new REACH counselor. She graduated from Central Cambria High School and went on to attend Saint Francis University, where she played Division I golf on the women's team for four years.

Before coming here, she worked at Conemaugh Valley Elementary School as a behavioral counselor supporting students in kindergarten through sixth grade. She is currently pursuing her master's degree at Liberty University. When asked why she decided to join the Conemaugh Township family Sadie stated, "This position is part of my master's program requirements, but I was also drawn to it because I really admire Sarah. She's an excellent therapist, and I know this is the best environment for me to learn and grow." So far, her favorite part has been meeting the students, who have all been welcoming and kind. Outside of school, she enjoys golfing, shopping, and spending time with family and friends, while her teacup Yorkie, Enzo, keeps life fun at home.





Student Teachers



Mr. Troxell



Mr. Trent Troxell is Mr. Mainharts student teacher. He is a graduate of Conemaugh Township High School, he went on to earn both his undergraduate and law degrees from Duquesne University before completing his teaching certificate at Point Park University. While working at a criminal defense law firm, he decided he wanted to go into teaching where he would make a more positive impact on his community. History and social studies have always been his favorite subjects, and he hopes to help students develop stronger knowledge in these areas while gaining valuable classroom experience. Returning to his alma mater has been both exciting and a little surreal for him, as he reflects on how much has changed in the nine years since his own graduation.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Troxell enjoys weightlifting, coaching football, drawing, painting, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He is an adamant fan of the Steelers, Penguins, and Pirates. His pets include a fish named Gerald and a cat named Dobby. Mr. Troxell is eager to refine his teaching skills, connect with students, and make a lasting impact during his time here at Conemaugh Township.

Miss. Wingard

Miss Isabella Wingard is a student teacher here at Conemaugh Township. She is working alongside Ms. Merribeth DeBarto, and will complete her student teaching in December 2025. Miss. Wingard is a 2021 graduate of Chestnut Ridge High School, she then went on to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, where she will graduate with a degree in Middle Level Education.

In high school, she was very active in sports, playing both softball and basketball. She then continued her softball career during her freshman year of college. She chose to join Conemaugh Township to meet new students, create memories, and learn the ways of teaching while making a positive impact.

Some of Isabella's hobbies include golfing, attending Pittsburgh Penguins games, and spending time at Dunkin'. Ms. DeBarto shared that having Isabella in the classroom has been like "a breath of fresh air," bringing new energy, creativity, and enthusiasm that inspire both students and staff.



Student Spotlight

Ben's Summer Adventures

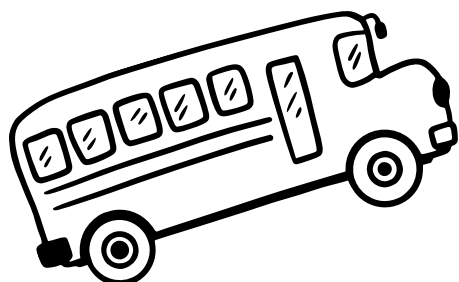
This past summer, Ben Rininger, a junior student with a passion for buses, had a remarkable experience during an internship at McIlwain Transportation. The summer internship not only gave him hands-on experience, but also allowed him to explore his unique talents and interests in a supportive environment.

During his internship, Ben had the opportunity to help with a variety of tasks. He cleaned buses, carefully placed placards on them, and even had the opportunity to work with buses from multiple locations, including Johnstown, Westmont, and our Conemaugh Township. His favorite part of the experience was exploring the buses and putting the placards in place.

In addition to his hands-on work, Ben earned certifications recognizing his dedication and accomplishments throughout the internship. The program also introduced him to a welcoming and friendly team, including Tim, Bridget, Mark, Ian, Sam, and Colleen, who supported him every step of the way.

Ben also has a truly special talent and knowledge of buses. He can identify each bus by the type of fuel it uses — for example, he knows which buses run on diesel and can distinguish between a 48-passenger, 72-passenger, and the small buses by their length and the sounds of their engines. His fascination extends beyond technical details; he watches the buses daily as they arrive and leave from school, knowing when buses are late and the exact order they should arrive in.

This summer experience at McIlwain has been a perfect match for Ben's interests, showcasing both his dedication and unique talents. From learning practical skills to connecting with a supportive team, he had a summer full of growth, learning, and fun.



Student Spotlight

Renata

This year we have a foreign exchange student, Renata Savignone, all the way from Chile. Renata is spending her senior year at Conemaugh Township to get out of her comfort zone, meet new people, have new experiences, and practice her English. She is spending her time here with her host family Bill and Jeanette Hunsberger.

When first arriving in Davidsville she said, "It reminded me of a movie, kind of like high school musical, but it's also a calm place that reminds me of home". While she's been here she has tried some local foods, her favorite being perogies.

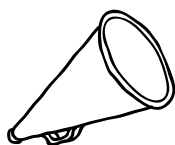
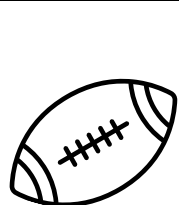
When asked about the biggest difference between Davidsville and Chile she answered, "Everyone is very nice, but they are just not as open with how they feel here. For example when someone sees someone they know they just say 'hi', while in Chile we give each other a hug or a kiss on the cheek." While Renata didn't choose Davidsville specifically to do her exchange year at, she is enjoying her time here.

Renata is adjusting to life at Conemaugh Township quickly, saying, "I think I'm doing pretty good. I don't have much trouble with English and the people are easy to work with". She says that she's most looking forward to improving her English, becoming more confident in her speaking abilities, and making some good friends and connections while she is here.

Renata is embracing her experience by being involved in SADD Club, Rotary Club, and Grill Team. One of the biggest differences she's noticed about school is that there are no breaks during the day. She also mentioned that we have dances here and in Chile they do not.

It is very exciting to have Renata here at Conemaugh Township. It is a new and exciting experience for the both the school and Renata, and we're looking forward to what we can all learn from this opportunity.





Sports



Football

"The season is going well. As a group we're all really bonded and are having a lot of fun. We are currently 3-2. Our 2 losses were results of us playing lower than our expectations. I believe our squad has the capability to win districts if we play to our capability. Our team has improved as a whole, we are more connected and play overall better as a team. We all have each others backs, which is something we've lacked in years previously"

-Josh Baker

Volleyball

"I think the team has been doing fantastic. The chemistry is really there and we've never felt more like a family. I'm proud of all the hard work our girls have put in. I'm looking forward to playoffs and heritage because I really believe we can go far!"-Csenge Szabo

Girls Soccer

"We're a young team, but we are learning how to work together, move together, and just be a better team. We're improving throughout each game."-Andie Hunsberger

"We have been putting in the work at practice, and practicing extra hours. Although we have a young team, we all have a great bond with each other, and get along very well." -Alexa Gardenhour

Boys Soccer

"We're not doing bad, there's still a lot to work on. We have four weeks until the playoffs to fix how we're playing when we face McConnellsburg. Our team is currently 8-1 and there's a lot more team cooperation this year compared to past years"-Grayson Kusher

Golf

"We're having a great season, we've been working really hard to get ready for districts next week at Iron Masters. We're really hopeful for a win at districts, with only one loss in our regular season, and a win at the Heritage Conference championships!"-Gracie McCall

Hockey

"Our team is working hard in practices, working on our penalty kills and power plays. I think our offense is phenomenal, we have a lot of talented players. Our defense can make some improvements but overall I would say were a pretty good team so far this year, and our first game is October 14th against McCourt at the War Memorial" -Brandon Petrilli

Cheer

"The team is doing really good, we have a big, strong squad. We're working great together and we're led well by our captains, especially Lindsay"-Taylor Lepley

"Our cheer squad is doing really well so far and I hope that we progress more as a team. Everyone's energy is really high up there and they're putting their best foot forward"

-Akira Irizarry

Clubs & Creativity



Marching Band

The Conemaugh Township Class and Taste Marching Band hosted and competed in their first competition of the season on Saturday, September 20th. The competition took place at Johnstown high school, and had 6 other schools participating. "Even with the adversity of switching stadiums last minute, we still played our best show yet"

-Senior member, Dan Turley

Rotary

The Conemaugh Township High School Rotary Interact has many projects that they complete each year, the most recent completion being the packing and sending out of the college care packages. These packages get sent out to the now college freshman who were a part of Rotary in the 24-25 school year. Rotary will now be going into their Operation Christmas Child Project, by the Samaritan's Purse.



Scholastic Quiz



The Conemaugh Township Scholastic Quiz team competes at Westmont Highschool every Monday against various schools like Somerset, Johnstown, and Windber. "This season, we have a lot of smart kids on the team who are all great in various topics. We haven't won many matches yet, but with it being early in the season, we are optimistic about future outcomes."-Freshman member, Noah Nagy

District Choir Auditions

On Saturday October 18th, nine of our CT choir members will be traveling to Shanksville to audition for District 6 Choir. These students are: Chris Yoder, Daniel Turley, and Isaac Marsh on the bass part; Anna Hunsberger, Greta Mock, and Emily Purdy on the alto parts; Adah Konieczny on the tenor part; and Addison Lasure and Amelia Mitchell on the soprano parts.



Frightfully Fantastic Students

Middle School Students of the Month

"Caelyn Bell is a hardworking and respectful student. She has a positive attitude about learning and school and she always tries her hardest in class. She is such a great role model for her peers."



"Lira Feathers is sweet, kind, and helpful. She always has a big smile on her face and is a hard worker. She's a really great kid."



"Abram Mayak is respectful, courteous, does the right thing and encourages others to do the same. He's always smiling and a pleasure to be around!"

Senior High Students of the Month

"Brinley Franchic is a sweet student with a calming demeanor. She has a great work ethic and is always respectful and kind to her teachers and peers."



"Cora Oswalt is always engaged in class and is an active participant. She is reliable and responsible. She can be found helping her classmates often as well as working hard daily. She is a joy to have in class and is always smiling!"



"Jeremiah Johnson has so far demonstrated a great effort and overall helpfulness this year. He's been pleasant and respectful."

"Ethan Matera is a respectful and considerate student. He is always polite and works so hard to stay on top of his demanding academic schedule. Our school is lucky to have a person like him."



Our Spooktacular Teacher: Mrs. Lyons



"Mrs. Lyons is kind and supportive of everyone. She makes us feel valued, encourages us to keep trying, and always reminds us that we are capable of more than we think."

-Maya Denault



"Mrs. Lyons is a great listener and always gives amazing advice. She cares for and encourages all of her students and wants each and every one of them to succeed. Mrs. Lyons truly believes in every one of us."

-Josh Baker

"Alyssa Lyons is one of the most selfless individuals I have ever known. She carries this in both her classroom and in her interactions with her coworkers. She is brilliant in the classroom, challenging her students but giving them the compassion and love that shows them that she truly cares about them as individuals. She is a true empath who cares so deeply for the people in her life. She has taught me so much as an educator, and being friends with her has made me a better person."

-Mrs. Feathers

For the past 19 years, Mrs. Alyssa Lyons has been a dedicated member of the CT community. Her classroom is a place where students can challenge themselves and find comfort. She teaches honors algebra, 7th grade math, and 8th grade English. Mrs. Lyons has taken on the responsibilities of Connumach Yearbook Co-Advisor/Bad Idea Police and junior class advisor.

Mrs. Lyons grew up in West Chester, PA. While she was in highschool she was part of the varsity cheer squad. After school she went to Pittsburgh University and got her Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction for Kindergarden - 9th grade.

She has been married for 20 years to Terry Lyons.

Alyssa and Terry have 2 boys, Sam (14) and Luke (11). Outside of school Mrs. Lyons enjoys reading, skiing, and watching her son play football, baseball, basketball, and soccer. She also really enjoys spending time with her "homies" and shopping.

"Being the yearbook advisor is THE BEST part of my job. It allows you to get to know students outside of a regular classroom setting. No other club has a better time than we do. It's a ton of work, but it's also a ton of fun." - Mrs. Lyons

"Mrs. Lyons is so funny! I love seeing her cute outfits in the hallway, and spending time with her on yearbook work days. She brings light to every room she's in, and is always honest... in a good way!"

-Lilly Oakes

"Alyssa Lyons is an extraordinary teacher and an even more remarkable person. From the very beginning, it was evident that she didn't just possess intelligence; she radiated kindness and genuine care. Her deep commitment to her students and her unwavering support for her friends make her truly special. I had the privilege of mentoring her, but in many ways, she mentored me with her authenticity and compassion. She is, without a doubt, one of the most caring and genuine individuals I have ever met. I am lucky to call her my friend and colleague."

-Ms. Debarito



UPCOMING EVENTS

10-1 | BONFIRE

10-3 | HOMECOMING GAME

10-13 | NO SCHOOL / COLUMBUS
DAY

10-24 | ACT 80 DAY

10-31 | HALLOWEEN



Who is in charge?



Jr. Editor

Emily Purdy

Emily Louise Purdy is from Davidsville, PA. She participates in soccer, golf, hockey, Bocce ball, basketball, track, softball, and is a cheer captain. She also has been a part of four musicals. Emily has participated in District Choir for one year, and is a part of numerous clubs including, Rotary, NHS, Student Council, and SADD. Her interests include singing, reading, writing, traveling, ice skating, and volunteering. Emily is also an active member at Camp Parc and is an Adapted Music teacher.

Sr. Editor

Maya Denault

Maya Lynn Denault, is from Hollsapple, PA. She is the captain of the Rifle Team, a dedicated dancer both recreationally and competitively, and has also participated in many musical productions. Maya has lettered twice in Rifle, competed at Nationals twice for dance, and is actively involved in leadership and service as the runner / editor of two newsletters, a member of the National Honor Society, and Vice President of Rotary. Her interests include photography, volunteering, crafting, reading, gardening, and, of course, dancing.

Jr. Editor

Hannah James

Hannah Grace James, is from Jerome, PA, where she is actively contributes to her community through involvement in organizations such as Rotary Interact, Spanish Club, and Tribe Time. Beyond her community contributions, Hannah has a passion for playing piano and singing. She also likes to spend time with her friends during her free time in addition to this, Hannah is eager to explore new experiences, always striving to learn and grow both personally and academically