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Summer Break

By Kailey Klute

I think we all can agree that summer went by way too fast. Some students went out of town, some stayed home, others were here at the school playing sports. I asked some students what they did over the summer. Not surprisingly, most everyone said they did nothing and stayed home, but some said differently. Taylor Allen said she hung out with friends and spent most of her time at the school for sports; Zoie Potter said she went to concerts; Shawna Stewart said she went to Disney World; and many others did exciting things this summer. I hope everyone had a great summer and has a great school year!



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Attention Freshmen

By Sarah Knott

Hey there freshmen, you started your first year of high school on the 17th, how is it going so far? Here are some helpful tips to stay on task for this year.

- 1) ALWAYS ask for help if you need it. Any teacher is willing to help you because they do not want to see you struggle.
- 2) If you get lost, just keep going you will find it eventually, or if not, ask a fellow classmate or an upperclassmen.
- 3) High school is not a time to goof off; it is a time to really try and get good grades because it will determine your future.
- 4) You only have high school for four years, so make it the best four years of your life so far. Don't take it too seriously and have some fun with it.
- 5) Get involved in high school and do everything that you can. You never know what you could be really good at .
- 6) Take each opportunity, no matter how hard it is, as a chance to grow and become better.

High school is what you make of it. Have fun freshman this might be the best four years of your life. For any other tips and help, don't be afraid to ask the upperclassmen for help.

New Faces: Mr. Moore

By Charles Schneider

Mr. Evan Moore, a native of Peoria Heights, is a new student teacher here at PHHS. A fan of all things History Channel, Mr. Moore grew up in a teacher family. Mr. Moore told me that though he attended Peoria Notre Dame for high school, he al

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ways loved the feel of the close-knit Peoria Heights community. After high school, Mr. Moore stayed in Peoria to attend Bradley University, which he is currently still attending. As a student teacher, Mr. Moore loves that, while teaching, he is also learning. He told me that his short-term goals are to start learning the students' names, become a part of the school culture, and finish his college schooling. Long-term, Mr. Moore would like to use what he learns student teaching to help him become a great teacher in the future, whether that be at PHHS or at another school. Mr. Moore stressed the community aspect of Peoria Heights, and how that community is a great environment for learning and teaching. Mr. Moore is ready and excited to help start teaching



Mr. Moore is teaching one of his classes in Mr. Youngren's class.

Yearbook Updates

By Kensey Schol

This year we are bringing some new and creative details to the yearbooks. We're going to be starting up on yearbook design very soon. Part of this will be seniors receiving a packet with some questions for the yearbook.

Last year's yearbooks are finally here as well! If you didn't order a yearbook last year, but you want one, talk to Mrs. Hendricks or Mrs. Gibbons to be put on the list. Yearbooks cost \$50, so when you sign up, make sure to have your money with you. But don't wait! They will be going fast and there won't be many available for long!

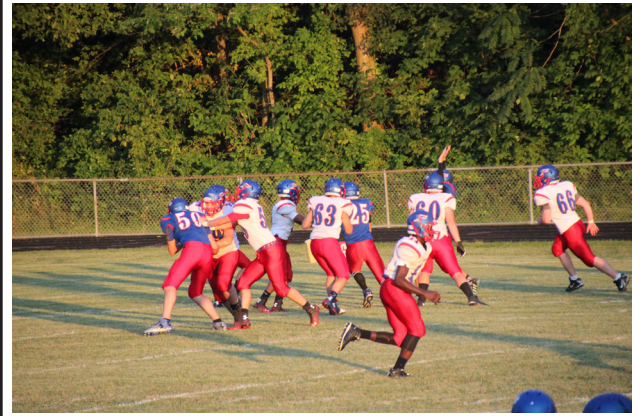


The yearbooks are finally in! If you didn't get one, some are still available in the office for \$50!

Meet the Patriots!

By Shawna Stewart

Meet the Heights-Quest Patriots took place on August 21st, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The players also played a scrimmage game where they divided up into two separate teams and played against each other for practice. During *Meet the Patriots* they introduced all the players and the coaches. The coaches for the 2015 football season are: Jon Adkins (Head Coach), Garrett Younger (Defensive Coordinator), Tyler Gorman (JV Coach), Adell Hawks (Running Back Coach), Adam Herman (Wide Receiver Coach), John Smith (Defensive Line Coach), and Sean Mac (Offensive Line Coach). As in previous years, the boys will be having a team meal every Thursday night at T-N-T's. There will be another pep assembly held on Friday, August 28th at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate their first game that night! It is home against Ridgewood at 7:00 pm. So come out and support your Patriots!



A Snapshot taken from the scrimmage last week.

Changes to the Broadcast

By Cole Reilly

This year on the Town Crier's weekly review we'll be mixing things up. We won't necessarily have a set duo (or even group) of on-screen talent students, and we have further advanced our editing and writing knowledge compared to the previous year. Expect a lot of new things and new people from the Journalism class's video segments. We will be interviewing frequently and requesting input from students on certain topics around the school. Sadly, I can't reveal all of what we have planned because then nothing would come as a surprise. So, make sure you keep watching to keep yourself up to date!



Kensey Schol, Cole Reilly, Madilyn Tortat, and Seth Boyer take a quick break from recording the broadcast to take a picture.

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Fall Sports

By Madilyn Tortat

Fall sports are in full swing here at Peoria Heights. Golf is our newest addition and their season has already begun. Last week they competed at Farmington, with Trevor Heath finishing in the top five. Cross Country is also underway and they are still looking for members, so see Mrs. Cocquit if you're interested! Volleyball has also begun practicing and their first game will be on August 31st in Henry. The new and improved football team opened its season with a scrimmage last Friday. It was the first opportunity for parents and students to see the co-op in action and everyone has since been greatly anticipating tonight's game at home. With all these great teams this year, make sure to come out and support all of them this season!

Batman Killed In Accident Crash

By Noah Nelson

Do you know who Leonard Robinson is? Leonard Robinson of Owings Mills, Maryland is known for visiting hospitalized children dressed as Batman. In July 2012, he visited the Children's Hospital of Peoria to do just that. In 2012 Robinson spent more than \$25,000 on Batman related items for the kids. He bought the kids toys, t-shirts, books, and many other items. On August 16, 2015, Robinson was on his way home from a car show when he had to stop in the fast lane of the highway to check his engine in his Batmobile. While he was checking his engine a car hit the back of his Batmobile and it slammed into him. Leonard Robinson was pronounced dead on the scene.

When he visited kids in the hospital, he made them forget that they were sick. They felt like he was their superhero. Leonard was inspired to become Batman through memories of playing with his young son and seeing the joy that the character brought him as a child. He provided kids with so much hope and made kids happy and whole. He was such a hero because of how he lived his life.



Leonard with a kid at one of his events.

School Tech

By James Janis

Technology is all around us. It's in our pockets, in the computer lab, even in our cars, and now it is appearing more and more in our school.

For the last few years, we have had many new additions to our school technol

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ogy department. Two years ago, we acquired some Microsoft Surfaces for use in any class, but many of us remember using them in Ms. Markovich's class. Last year, we more than doubled our Surfaces and had a mobile cart for them that would move around from class to class all over the school for whichever teacher needed it.

This year though, you may have noticed another one of these carts in Mr. Sulek's room. This cart houses our new Chromebooks for our digital classrooms. Chrome books are laptops that are running on Google's operating system and these are great for schools since they already come with Google's office suite on them. There's also the old red cart in Mrs. Smallwood's room with all the Microsoft Surfaces that are still available for use to use.

Technology is a huge part of our lives and it's finally making its way into our education. Who knows, maybe one of these days we could be one of the schools that has a laptop for every student. Stay tuned to the Town Crier for any other updates.

New Faces: Mr. Sulek

By Charles Schneider

Mr. Alex Sulek is a new science teacher here at PHHS. A couple interesting facts about Mr. Sulek are that his favorite book series is the Harry Potter series and his favorite show is *Scrubs*. Growing up in Lombard, Illinois, Mr. Sulek had several influential teachers who made him know he wanted to teach. After high school, Mr. Sulek attended Illinois State University in Normal, IL. He was immediately drawn to high school teaching, because of the more advanced labs and projects that older kids can do. When asked about his teaching style, Mr. Sulek stated that he gives students the material to succeed. It is then their responsibility to use it. He further went on to describe how he always has an open-door policy, and that students should always feel free to ask questions. Mr. Sulek would like students here at Peoria Heights to view him as not only a teacher, but also as someone who is there for them when needed. Overall, Mr. Sulek is very excited to be a teacher here at PHHS!



Mr. Sulek seen here teaching one of his new classes.

Upcoming National Sports

By Seth Boyer

This upcoming year is going to be extremely exciting in all national sports. One of the most exciting sports coming up is going to be the National Football League. The preseason has already started, and we are finally seeing some of the most anticipated rookies get some playing action, like Marcus Mariota and Jameis Winston. Both have performed well as rookie quarterbacks, so we will see how they do when the official season of NFL comes up. In MLB the Cardinals are still on top, dominating the other teams. Along with that, the Cubs went on a nine game winning streak last week but lost to the White Sox on Sunday, August 16th. There will be much more upcoming news about all sports, and I can't wait for it! Keep on reading the Town Crier for more updates about all news.

Counselor's Corner

By Taylor Peterson

Do you know who Mrs. Wenzel is? Mrs. Wenzel is our wonderful guidance counselor, who has been very busy making sure everyone is comfortable and ready to succeed in the new school year. She has very high hopes for the new year. She will start planning college prep activities, and encourages everyone to take advantage of all the opportunities given throughout the year. Mrs. Wenzel is even encouraging the freshman to begin the college prep courses. "It is important that the freshman start planning for college and take part early in their high school career, to get the most out of their time here," Mrs. Wenzel exclaimed. She is here to help support and guide us throughout the time we are here at PHHS, and wants everyone to know that they can come talk to her if they need help with anything, or if they just have questions. If she is not in her office at the time, write your name on her white board, and she will get back to you as soon as possible.



Charles Schneider sits down with Ms. Wenzel to talk about future plans.