



Mrs. Barnes's student teacher

By Kailey Klute

Have you met Ms. Annes yet? She is Mrs. Barnes's student teacher. After high school, Ms. Annes came to Bradley University. She is currently teaching math with Mrs. Barnes, but is wanting to teach middle school math soon. She has always liked school, even since when she was little. Ms. Annes also wants to be able to have her own classroom where her students feel like they can learn. I am sure that Ms. Annes will become a great teacher, whether that is here at Peoria Heights or at another school.

Yearbook

By Seth Boyer

This year's yearbook is set to be another great one! The journalism staff is working hard and is trying to decide on a yearbook theme now. We have many great ideas for this upcoming yearbook, and you will get to see it a little bit of them early when we bring around the look book towards the end of the school year. If you or your parents would like to purchase a senior page, now would be the time to do so. And with a full page costing \$170 and a half costing \$90, both of those are a great deal! And of course, if you are interested in buying a yearbook for yourself, they will be for sale all year for \$50, you just need to see Mrs. Gibbons or Mrs. Hendrics

Job Shadowing

By Kailey Klute

On Friday, October 30th, the juniors had the day off of school to do their job shadowing. Job shadowing is when you pick a career you are interested in and you get to "shadow" a person in that career for a day and see what they do. In order to do this, there was much planning and hard work to set this up. Calling that person to set up a time, asking what they should wear, and asking what to do for lunch is just some of what has to be done in order to set up job shadowing. Even after all the planning, the juniors still had to interview whom ever they are job shadowing when they got there. After their job shadowing experience, they each had to give an eight minute speech in English class about their day and if they are still interested in the career they shadowed



Cody Stewart gives his job shadowing speech in Mrs. Allen's class. Cody shadowed an Accountant at Ameran last Friday.

Leading the Way!

By Shawna Stewart

After six long weeks of spending two hours learning about leadership on each Saturday, the time had finally arrived for the nine students of the second annual Leadership Academy to graduate. The Leadership Academy graduation took place on October 27th at the Center for Prevention of Abuse. The ceremony started at 6:30 and ended around 8:30. The nine students who graduated were Gabby Williams, Taylor Peterson, Cole Reilly, Shawna Stewart, Davion Patterson, Madilyn Tortat, Kensey Schol, Kayla Martin and Taylor Hess. Roger Larson, the coordinator of Leadership Academy, spoke first and congratulated the graduates on a job well done. Michael Phelan, Eric Heath, and Joe Stoner all shared some encouraging words with the students. Madilyn, Cole, and Davion also presented speeches and each was very inspiring. Carol Merna, the Executive Director of the Center for Prevention of Abuse, gave her speech last and left all the graduates thinking about what the next step in their life is. Although they have already graduated, there is still much work to do. The group is now starting their project in which they have to design, coordinate, and lead a project all by themselves. Madilyn and Kensey have been elected as co-chairs for the project and Taylor Hess was elected as secretary. The Leadership Academy graduates have decided to do an appreciation night for the police department, the fire department, and the teachers. The group has also decided to do a fundraiser with all the proceeds going to the newly formed Richwoods Township/ Peoria Heights High School Leadership Academy Scholarship Fund. They will start their project next week and continue to work on it until May. Thank you to everyone who came together to make this program possible. This is a great experience that I will never forget.



Congratulations Leadership Academy graduates! Graduates from L to R : Cole Reilly, Taylor Peterson, Kensey Schol, Kayla Peterson, Taylor Hess, Madilyn Tortat, Shawna Stewart, Gabby Williams, and Davian Patterson

Special Edition Banner

Did you take a look at the top of the paper? Notice something different? Brianna Carnes has taken the time to create a special banner for us this week on our newspaper. We like it a lot, and if you do as well, make sure to thank her. If anyone else is interested in creating a custom banner for the paper, talk to Mrs. Gibbons or James Janis and we'd be glad to take them. Thanks Again Brianna!

Counselor's Corner

By James Janis

With the first quarter and already two weeks of the second quarter, there is much going on around the school, but more importantly, many deadlines approaching.

Seniors – believe it or not, scholarships are available now and some are due EVERY DAY, you just need to go out and find them. Check out websites like myscholly.com and scholarships.com for tons of scholarship opportunities. Also, a financial aid informational meeting will be held in December for anyone with questions and concerns. FASFA will also be coming up shortly in January, so be sure to keep a lookout for that. Lastly, don't let senioritis happen and affect your grades! Your grades during your senior year will determine what scholarships and grants you can get, so keep those grades up!

Juniors – As some of you may already know, the school will not be providing the ACT for you all this year, so make sure to sign up for a test date and STUDY, STUDY, STUDY!!!! Mrs. Wenzel will be coming around later this month to help you all sign up for a test date.

Sophomores – It's never too early to start prepping for college, so now is a good time for you to research schools and a possible field you would like to go in to. Make sure to keep those grades and your GPA up though, but most of all, keep involved in school and your extra-curriculars.

Freshmen – Congrats, you have made it through your first quarter of high school. How did you like it? Are you having fun? Make sure to keep involved in high school and try to have some fun while you are at it. Also, although it seems so far away, keep your grades up because what you do freshman year affects what colleges you can get in to and what scholarships you can receive during your senior year.

New Additions

By Kensey Schol

Have you seen the new student teachers? Mrs. Gorman recently got a new student teacher, Miss Barron, and she came from the Chicago suburbs, Downers Grove. Miss Barron went to a small Catholic school, so she's used to the small environment of Peoria Heights. She said she likes the 1 on 1 work that comes with a small school. It's easier to build a strong relationship with other students. Miss Barron came to Peoria to attend Bradley University and achieve her goal of becoming a special education teacher. She chose to teach in special education because she has a learning disability herself. She wants to help kids who have had some of the same struggles that she went through while trying to learn. I asked if she had some advice for anyone interested in teaching, and she said, "Make sure you have some experience with people." She also said to work on your social skills and your organizing and patience.



Dia de los Muertos.

By Sarah Knott

Dia de los Muertos, The Day of The Dead, is a festival celebrated in central and southern Mexico during the chilly days of November. It starts November 1, and ends on November 2. The Mexicans celebrate The Day of The Dead because of the traditional belief that the gates of Heaven are opened at midnight on October 31, and the spirits of all the deceased children are allowed to reunite with their families for 24 hours. On November 2, the spirits of the adults come down to enjoy the festivities that are prepared for them. On the afternoon of November 2, the festivities are taken to the cemetery. People clean tombs, play cards, listen to the village band and reminisce about their loved ones. Tradition keeps the village close. Day of the Dead is becoming very popular in the U.S. ~ perhaps because we don't have a way to celebrate and honor our dead, or maybe it's because of our fascination with its mysticism. They are decorated with candles, buckets of flowers (wild marigolds called cempasuchil & bright red cock's combs) mounds of fruit, peanuts, plates of turkey mole, stacks of tortillas and big Day-of-the-Dead breads called pan de muerto. The altar needs to have lots of food, bottles of soda, hot cocoa and water for the weary spirits. Toys and candies are left for the children, and little folk art skeletons and sugar skulls, purchased at open-air markets, provide the final touches. Here at PHHS, we celebrated Dia de los Muertos with nachos and a movie, in spanish of course. Spanish students also learned about the customs and traditions of Dia de los Muertos and decorated the room with skulls.

Courtesy of:

<http://www.mexicansugarskull.com/support/dodhistory.html>

A New Beginning

By Cole Reilly

Every good thing has to start somewhere. Comparable to a business graph, once sales start declining it's hard to stop them, but when a business is booming, it's hard to hinder its success. The PHHS Football Team is booming. And, it's going to be incredibly hard to slow them down. Coming off of an 0 – 9 season full of blowouts, shutouts, and I'm sure a couple of other –outs and forming a playoff team from two schools who had never interacted prior to the co-op, except for on the basketball court as opponents, is far from declination in sales in the football business. Not only will the majority of the players be returning to put together another great season next year, but they have something other than an every-team-beats-us-every-game season to thrive off of. They will come back ready to compete. They will come back knowing what it feels like to win, and respecting the other teams knowing that losses may happen. This combination of retained emotions from this season will help them strategically approach each game as though there is no upper hand. Let the dogs loose.

Cross Country

By Taylor Peterson

The cross country season has officially come to an end. Everyone on the team had a tremendous year, improving his/her times immensely by the end of the season. A special congratulations to freshman, Mason Hill, for advancing to the sectional meet with the time of 17:12. Because of the rain and harsh weather conditions, Mason took a tumble and wasn't able to finish the race. He still had a great season and we are excited to see what he will bring to the team over the next three years!



Mason Hill standing at the line ready to start at the Patriot Invitational

Blood Drive

By Noah Nelson

Are any of you donating blood this year? This year's blood drive will be held this Friday the 6th. There was sign ups during both lunches last week. You have to be at least sixteen years old and 120 pounds to sign up for the blood drive. The Key Club members will be helping with the snacks and drinks, dismissing the students from class to donate, sit and talk with the donors, help set up in the gym, and help clean up after the blood drive is done. Last year we reached our goal of 32 pints. 1 pint potentially saves up to 3 lives. Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood. Thank you for everyone that signed up to give blood.



DeMarcus Carter giving blood during last year's blood drive

Sports Corner

By Madilyn Tortat

MLB- Baseball season is officially over. The Kansas City Royals hoisted the Commissioner's Trophy Monday night for the first time since 1985. The Royals seemed to force improbable comebacks in almost every game of the series, including game 5. It was the 9th inning rally that tied the game and forced the game into extra innings yet again. The Mets' closer Familia became the first player to blow three saves in a World Series. The Mets offense also struggled throughout the series, with postseason hero, Daniel Murphy, only batting .150. Salvador Perez took home MVP honors after batting .364. The Royals celebrated their win with the annual parade, and it drew some of the biggest crowds ever. 800,000 people crowded into the streets, which is almost double the population of Kansas City itself.

NHL- The defending champion Chicago Blackhawks are not off to their typical start, with a record of 6-5. The St. Louis Blues are currently 8-2. The Dallas Stars are leading the division, along with several offensive categories.

NBA- Not many games have been played this season so far, so the stats are slightly skewed. Stephen Curry is currently leading the league with 39.9 points a game, while Andre Drummond is averaging 16.3 rebounds a game. The Bulls are currently 3-1, and The Cavs are right behind them at 2-1.

NFL- The Packers suffered their first loss Sunday night against the Denver Broncos. Four undefeated still remain, including Denver, New England, Cincinnati, and Carolina. The Bears continue to struggle, falling to the Vikings at the final second on a field goal. St. Louis's rookie running back, Todd Gurley, continues to dominate, helping the Rams secure a 27-6 victory.



The Royals held their parade on Tuesday the 3rd after winning the World Series in game 5 on Sunday with a score of 7-2. Image courtesy of Google.