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## The New PHHS Student Council

By Charles Schneider

This year, Student Council is changing in a large and exciting way. In past years, Student Council has strictly planned Homecoming and other small tasks; however, starting this year, Student Council will become much more of a student government. While Student Council will still plan Homecoming, it will also do many other things throughout the year such as attending school board meetings, attending village board meetings, and trying to make any changes to the school that it deems fit. What does this mean for PHHS students? It means that through their officers, students will be able to have their voices heard for any suggestions they have to improve the school. Whether the improvements be large or small, the new Student Council is built around a general goal: to improve the school in any way that a Student Council can. Expect to see a lot more out of the Peoria Heights High School Student Council very soon!

## Leading the Way!

By Shawna Stewart

The second year for the leadership academy is underway! The adult sponsor of Leadership Academy this year is Mr. Roger Larson. He leads all the meetings and is a teacher to all the members of the academy. The members of the Leadership Academy this year are: Taylor Hess, Madilyn Tortat, Gabby Williams, Kensey Schol, Shawna Stewart, Blake Begner, Taylor Peterson, Charles Schneider, Cole Riley, Cody Stewart, Noah Nelson, Kayla Martin and Jessi Webb. The first meeting took place on August 29th at the Peoria Heights High School. At this meeting we learned about leadership personalities, and then we took a test to figure out what color personality each member had. The next meeting was held on September 12th at the Village Hall. At this meeting, we had a panel of guest speakers to talk about leadership in our community, and Mayor Mark Allen was the main speaker. After that, we had a meeting on September 19th at the Chamber of Commerce. We had another panel that week that included speakers such as David Koehler and Jehan- Gordon Booth. The next Leadership meeting will be held on September 26th at Peoria Heights Public Library.

## The ACT

By Taylor Peterson

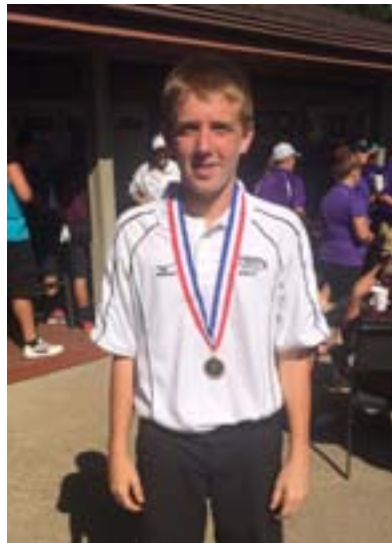
Are you juniors ready for the ACT this year? There's been a few alterations with taking the ACT. Every junior taking the ACT will have to pay for it by his/her self. Also, they must schedule the date they would like to take it on their own. Mrs. Wenzel will be having a meeting soon to talk about the changes with all juniors interested in taking the ACT this year. Mrs. Wenzel also has study books that any junior can borrow to prepare for the ACT. She will be helping us all throughout, so if you have any questions, feel free to go talk to her at any time.

## Golf and Cross Country

By Seth Boyer

The golf team is doing great for their first year ever competing! Mr. Lewis is the coach this year, and he is coaching Trevor Heath and Charlie Schneider. Trevor Heath scored a 93 on the meet on Wednesday. With that score he is now considered an all-conference athlete.

The cross country team is doing extremely great as well. Mrs. Cocquit is doing a better job than ever coaching over the runners, and it shows in their improving times. Noah Raices and Seth Boyer both got their personal bests at the last meet. The season is not over yet though, so be prepared for more personal records broken and everyone's times improving. Come to both the golf and cross country meets to cheer on your fellow patriots. Thanks for reading the Town Crier and keep reading for more updates!



Trevor Heath makes all-conference after he scored 93 on Wednesday's meet

## Fall festivals

By Kensey Schol

Fall is right around the corner, and that means it's fall festival time! Canton held their festival last week. The highlight of the Canton Friendship Days is the parade. The parade included floats, bands and vintage cars. Also last week, Pekin held their Marigold Festival. The festival includes a carnival, a pageant, etc. Last week the Annual Pumpkin Festival started up. They had some new things. Some worked out, some didn't. Even though it got rained out Friday, it was still a very successful year! On October 24th and 25th Petersburg is hosting a fall festival at Lincoln's New Salem. Life from the 1830s will be demonstrated. These people will demonstrate daily tasks such as candle dipping, butter churning, soap making, basket making, spinning wool, gardening, natural dyeing, and fishing with nets. It would be a very interesting thing to go see for yourself.

## We play daily, you play weekly.

By Sarah Knott

The volleyball team went to Midland on September 14th. JV and Varsity took the Timberwolves to three games, but they ended up losing. As Coach Barnes says, "We are knocking at the door for our first victory." September 15, the lady patriots took on the Princeville Princesses at home. Both JV and varsity lost, but there is still hope for that victory. September 17, the team played the Brimfield Indians, both teams lost. On Saturday, September 19 the Varsity team went to Princeville for a tournament and went 2-2 and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the whole tournament. Congratulations to A. J. McCumber and Taylor Peterson for being selected for the all tournament team from our school. Monday, September 21, they played at Rushville-Industry. JV and varsity fought hard, but they did not win. Tuesday, September 22, they played Roanoke-Benson, and both teams lost in two games.

The football team went to Rushville Industry on September 11th. They lost 21-34. It was not a fair game, but that is okay. They still went out and fought their hardest during that game to try and get that victory. September 18th was our annual white out night at home. The game was against South Fulton, and even though it stormed all the way up till kickoff, the football team won 26-8, so now that leaves them 2-2 going up to face Lewistown on Friday, September 25th. Please come out and support your Heights- Quest family!



The football team charges onto the field ready for another home game.



The volleyball team huddles up during a quick timeout.



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## Colleges to Consider: Bradley University

By Charles Schneider

Every year around this time, Peoria Heights High School upperclassmen begin looking at colleges. However, some may overlook some of the great colleges we have close to home. A great example is Bradley University, located here in Peoria, Illinois. With an acceptance rate of 67%, Bradley University accepts around a thousand freshmen into its college each year. Bradley also has a 12 to 1 student to faculty ratio, and they have over 100 undergraduate programs spread across their five colleges. If you are looking for sports, Bradley does not disappoint. As a division 1 school, Bradley offers 15 varsity sports that each participate in the Missouri Valley Conference. Overall, Bradley University is a great college that is close to home. Keep Bradley in your mind as you search for the right college!



The alumni building after the opening ceremony a few years ago. Courtesy of Google Images.

## College Visit

By Madilyn Tortat

Have any of you seniors taken a college visit yet? For those of you who haven't, I'll explain a little bit about my experience. This week, Kensey Schol and I traveled to Saint Louis University to attend an admissions presentation and a campus tour. The presentation included all the information needed about applications, tuition, activities, etc. The tour was student led and spanned about two hours. We got to see the beautiful campus in its entirety. Some of the campus's unique features include hammocks in the quad, a five story library, numerous food establishments, and a pool/sand volleyball arena dubbed "Sluruba". The visit was a perfect opportunity to tour a school I've been interested in for a while, and only increased my interest. To the seniors that are unsure of where they'll go after graduation, I recommend touring a few campuses. Also juniors, it's not too early to take your visit days!



One of the many beautiful parts of campus Madilyn and Kensey saw during their campus visit.

## Sports Corner

By Noah Nelson

**MLB:** The MLB season is almost over and it's almost time for the playoffs. So far the St. Louis Cardinals is the only team who has clinched a playoff spot. The Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds Monday night 2-1. The Pittsburgh Pirates are 4 games back from the Cardinals. The Pirates beat the Colorado Rockies Monday night 9-4. The Chicago Cubs are only 2 games back from the Pirates. The Cubs beat the Milwaukee Brewers 9-5 Monday night.

**NFL:** The NFL season are underway this season. The Chicago Bears record is 0-2 so far. They lost to the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday 48-23. The New England Patriots beat the Bills 40-32. The Patriots are 2-0 this season. The Packers are also 2-0 this season. They beat the Seahawks 27-17 this week. The Colts lost to the Jets 20-7 on Monday night. They are 0-2 this year.

**College Football:** NCAA Football is now on week 4. The number 1 team in the country, the Ohio State Buckeyes won a nail biter 20-13 over the Northern Illinois Huskies. The Fighting Illini lost to North Carolina Tar Heels 48-14. The Alabama Crimson Tide was ranked 2nd in the country got beat by 15th ranked Ole Miss Rebels 43-37. The Crimson Tide got knocked down to the 12th ranked team and Ole Miss moved up to the 3rd ranked team.



Courtesy of Google images

## MOJO

By James Janis

Mojo is underway again for this year, and the first Mojo day is coming up quicker than you think. Next Wednesday, Freshmen will have their first Mojo day and it will be a blast. We are going to try some new activities with you to build teamwork and leadership skills, so be prepared for a little thinking, but mostly fun when you show on Wednesday.



This year's new MOJO shirt!

## The Chase is ON!

By James Janis

Did you hear about the exciting news about what happened in Peoria recently? A high speed police chase happened in the Peoria area last Tuesday, September 15th at about 4 a.m.

The chase started in Creve Coeur at the Lucky Break Tavern and ended off I-74 on the Knoxville exit ramp. It all started with a simple call to the police for a disturbance, but when the police arrived, the suspects were getting into a black SUV. Police ordered them to stop, but they did not, so the chase was on. The chase traveled through Creve Coeur, through East Peoria, and across the river on I-74 to the Knoxville exit ramp. On the ramp, the suspects crashed and were apprehended and then taken to OSF St. Francis Medical Center with minor injuries.



The case ended here on the Knoxville exit ramp after racing through Creve Coeur and East Peoria. Courtesy of WEEK 25

## Counselor's Corner

By Kailey Klute

Have you talked to Mrs. Wenzel yet? Mrs. Wenzel is always available to answer any questions you may have.

In your math and English classes you have probably been taking map tests. You need to do the best you can because it is important to see how you are doing in your classes.

**Juniors-** It's never too early to start studying for the ACT. If you would like to start studying you can see Mrs. Wenzel for study books. This is the first year that you have to pay for the ACT by yourself. In the spring Mrs. Wenzel will be passing out packets of information about the ACT and how to sign up.

**Freshmen-** It's time to realize that it's the beginning of your GPA. So you need to get the best grades that you can and don't slack off. Also make sure that you get involved with things around the school.



Charlie sits down and talks with Mrs. Wenzel about future plans.