

## Remembering 9/11

By Kensey Schol

The skies were gray like the thoughts of the friends and family of the victims from 9/11. It was a very sad day of remembrance for all of the victims. New York remembered the day by having a big memorial. The memorial was filled with 3,000 people including friends, family, and the general public paying their respect. In 2015, they are planning to recreate One World Trade Center. This time next year it will be 1,776 feet up in the air. There's mixed reviews with building the new One World Trade Center. To some people, the overwhelming feel of a return to normalcy in the area threatens to obscure the tragedy that took place. A lot of people are very excited about it. Some say, "It really makes my heart sing." I would agree with the first comment. I don't agree with building a new building. What do you think?



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## You've got more stuff to learn

By James Janis

Picture this: You are in class, and all of a sudden someone in your class goes down and falls to the floor. They are not breathing, their heart isn't beating, nor are they answering to you. What would you do? Most people would freak out and not do anything. Some people would try to stay calm enough to call 911, but others would know to do CPR & use an AED but have no idea how to use either of those. Well, now all of you will be able to be one of the few people that know how to use an AED and how to do CPR.

A new bill was passed over this summer that will help if a situation like that would arise. This bill requires all high school students in the state of Illinois to learn CPR and how to use an AED, but now the question is how we are all going to be able to be taught how to do CPR and use an AED?

When I asked Mr. Stoner about this, he said the plans are not final yet, but the current idea is to train Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Tallon in CPR and AED training. Then, the training would be added into health class for all the sophomores in the future, but there is still the Juniors and Seniors. For them, the plan is to set aside some time in PE to be trained. If you have any other questions, ask Mrs. Tallon or Mrs. Lowe for more information.

## Ebola Crisis!!

By Sarah Knott

Have you heard of the new virus called Ebola? Ebola is an infectious and generally fatal marked by fever and severe internal bleeding, spread through contact with infected body fluids by a filovirus (Ebola virus), whose normal host species is unknown. It is spread through direct contact or with other objects like needles that have been contaminated. Ebola was discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River. Signs and symptoms of Ebola includes fever greater than 101.5°F and severe headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or unexplained bleeding or bruising. Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure, although 8 to 10 are most common. Back in March, an outbreak of Ebola was found in the forest region of Guinea. It spread into Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Nigeria. It has been found in several African countries and it has not been found in the United States. The CDC has deployed several teams of public health experts to the West Africa region and plans to send additional public health experts to the affected countries to expand current response activities from the U.S.



A map of the Ebola outbreak in Africa. Courtesy of Bing Images.

## Sports Corner

By Cody Schindler

MLB- We are in the final week of the Major League season, and teams are battling for their playoff lives. In the AL Central, the Detroit Tigers have a one game lead on the Kansas City Royals. The Tigers had an 89-70 record entering Friday. Kansas City is 87-72 entering Friday. In the AL wild card, three teams are within two games. The Oakland A's and the Royals atop the wild card standings with the Seattle Mariners two games behind. Oakland has an 86-73 record. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Oakland was 72-44. Kansas City is looking for their first playoff appearance since 1985.

As for the Cardinals, they have clinched a playoff berth for what seems to be the twentieth consecutive year. The Cardinals have not yet clinched the division as of Friday, but have a 1 game cushion on Pittsburgh.

As for the Cubs, they have improved on their win total from last season. They are looking to the future with a trio of prospects. Third baseman Kris Bryant hit 43 home runs in the minor leagues with a .325 batting average. Jorge Soler is hitting over .300 since his call-up, and Javier Baez is a middle infielder with absurd power. Perhaps 2015 will be the start of something.

NFL- We are through three weeks of the NFL season, and there has been some excitement. The Chicago Bears are 2-1, featuring a comeback win at San Francisco. Rookie Kyle Fuller had two interceptions, and Brandon Marshall caught three touchdowns in a 28-20 victory. The Bears host the rival Packers this Sunday. Green Bay is 1-2, and coming off one of their worst losses in years, falling 19-7 to Detroit. Aaron Rodgers will look to bounce back, after being held to 162 yards passing in the loss. Indianapolis is 1-2, but they were firing on all cylinders in a 44-17 win over Jacksonville. Andrew Luck made fantasy owners happy, throwing for 370 yards and four touchdowns.

College Football- Florida State is the number one team in the land, but faced some turmoil last week. Quarterback Jameis Winston, last year's Heisman Trophy winner, was suspended from last Saturday's game against Clemson. Winston apparently stood up on a lunch table at a campus event and yelled a vulgar phrase. Winston has been involved in much more serious incidents off the field before, I'm a little surprised as to why this incident led to a suspension. Florida State went on to beat Clemson in overtime. Winston will play this week.



Brandon Marshall makes a one-handed grab against San Francisco. Courtesy of Bing Images.

# EXTRA! EXTRA!

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## Time to Apply!

By Madison Schneider

Seniors! What are your plans after high school? If you're planning on going to college, you should be thinking about applying soon. Most colleges have early acceptance deadlines, as well as their general application deadlines. If you're wanting to apply early, you should start now. Most colleges have early application deadlines around the end of October.

As far as financial aid goes, it wouldn't be a bad idea to start looking into what all you will need when it comes time to fill out your FASFA. You can't fill it out until January, but you can make sure you're prepared when the time comes. There will be a financial aid night here at the high school in either December or January. You can also apply for many different scholarships. Colleges will often offer you different scholarships based on your academics after you apply. However, you can also apply to many other scholarships for clubs, sports, and academics. You can talk with your advisors and coaches to find out more about these scholarships, or even look online.

As you can tell, there's a lot to do if you're planning on going to college. However, if you start your planning now, the process will be much less stressful and you will have an advantage over late applicants. You can talk with Mrs. Wenzel if you have any questions about how and when to apply to colleges and for more information on different scholarships.



Our school's counselor Mrs. Wenzel is here to help all students with the college application process.



## Mrs. Kahn

By Wanda Rogers

Many small changes were made to the Foods class this year, including the new additions of a noodle machine, an ice cream maker, and a deep fryer. These new kitchen gadgets will enable the class to be able to make many new dishes and different recipes, which is exciting. Another small change is that the class sizes are a little smaller than they were before.

Mrs. Kahn has also said she "feels like she's won the lottery" with her classes this year, and she is very happy with her students. If any of you are interested in taking Foods, Child Development, or Home Economics, be sure to take one of those classes next year. You'll be sure to learn a lot!



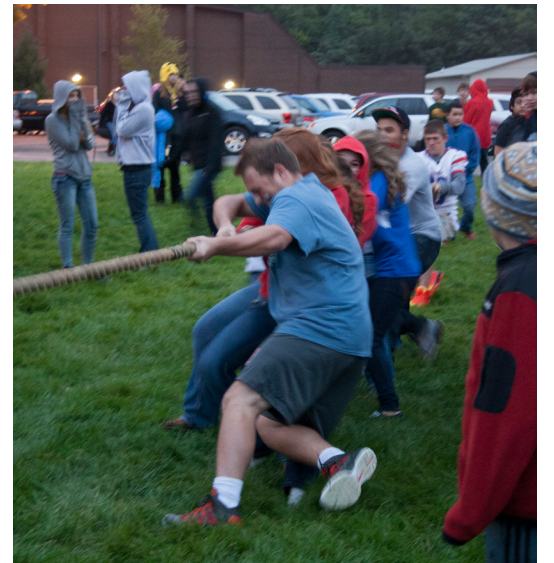
Mrs. Kahn instructs her foods class.

## POST HOMECOMING

By Madilyn Tortat

Homecoming is always a fun time for everyone, but this year it was extra special. First the sophomores upset both the Seniors and Juniors in volleyball. Ignoring the taunting and football throwing by fellow students, the Sophomores also almost pulled out a victory against the faculty. While the Sophomores protested that they won the chant war, the Juniors were the clear victors. The Junior Class also beat out the competition in the spirit wars. The Seniors triumphed in the float building, and the Freshmen, well, made it through the week. The pep assembly featured the "Women in Black," Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Tallon. The bonfire lasted longer than 5 minutes this year, thankfully since it was rather chilly for an early September night. The Out of this World theme at the dance was showcased by stars, some glowed and some just shined, as well as blue, black, purple, and silver balloons. We all danced and sang along to the music. At the very end the dance, the DJ played Don't Stop Believing and the Seniors gathered around for their very last homecoming song together. Overall, the dance was a huge success and everyone had a blast!

## HOMECOMING PHOTOS!



# PATRIOT PRIDE!

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## HS Football

By Cody Schindler

Through four games in the high school football season, our Peoria Heights Patriots are 0-4, but they are improving. After falling to two bigger schools to open the season, the Heights hosted Rushville-Industry, the first conference opponent, on Homecoming. The Patriots would score their first points of the year and on a Jarin Wallace quarterback sneak to take a 7-0 lead. Wallace would score again to give the Heights 14-7 lead going into the half. Jarin Wallace would later have to leave the game and sophomore Blake Begner threw for the first Patriots' touchdown of the year, hitting Quinn Miller on a 17-yard strike. Despite the valiant effort, the Patriots fell 34-20 to Rushville.

In week four, the Patriots traveled to Astoria to take on an undefeated South Fulton team. South Fulton showed off a great rushing attack and won 62-7. Blake Begner threw for his second touchdown, hitting Logan King on a 54 yard strike. The Patriots would get some revenge in the JV game on Monday, beating South Fulton 56-0. Varisty hosts rival Lewistown tonight.



The Patriots venture through the crowd, as they take the field.

## In the Win Column

By Tiffanie Miller

The varsity volleyball team went 1-4 at the Princeville Tournament last Saturday. They played Annawan, Princeville, Stark County, and had a victory over Manual. It felt good to bring home a win and hopefully that will carry on to the home games this week. Unfortunately, after playing Rushville, Roanoke, and Henry, the varsity lady patriots didn't get a victory but they played to their full potential. The game against Henry yesterday finished 25-11 and 25-19, but it was a great game to watch. The junior varsity won against Henry, making them 3-7. Volley for the Cure will be held on October 7 and there will be raffles available to students and parents. It's a great opportunity to come out and support the volleyball team and to donate to a great cause. We hope to see you there!



The varsity volleyball team huddles up before a match.

## A Storm Is In the Wake

By Cole Reilly

The signs are clear. The analysts have all come to the same conclusion. Some schools have already been scared for standing in its path. The storm is coming, its coming stronger than it has before. With the restless seniors, the deafening juniors, the spirited sophomores, and some unfamiliar freshman in our stands this year, we will get into their heads. Last year no fan section could compete with the amount of noise we produced, let alone best us. This year will be the same but; we're more becoming organized, we're preparing the equipment, and we're still getting louder. We have the starting lineup, but new recruits are always welcome. We can be found at most of the Volleyball games (although we were told to stop chanting), we make appearances at football games, but it starts becoming real during basketball season. Our fan section shines during basketball season, we demoralize and distract the other teams with ease. The louder we get, the harder we are to ignore. So, this is a call to all students of Peoria Heights High School, the Red Storm wants you, will you join the ranks? The shirts are being designed, seating arrangements being made, and chants being created. We are ready. Are they?

Keep reading the Town Crier for more information.



Members of the Red Storm recently came out to a volleyball game.

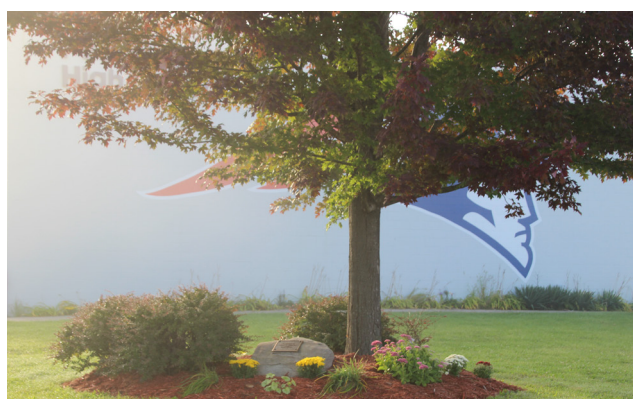
## Lettermen's Club!

By Kirstan Bennett

It's that time of year for Lettermen's Club to get started. Have you seen the fresh new flowers the Lettermen's Club has provided for the school? Since the inside of the school got a new makeover Mrs. Lowe decided the outside needed it also. Sabrina Sedekum helped to put down new mulch.

The Patriot Invitational will be on Oct 18. Mrs. Lowe is in need of 10 to 12 Seniors or Juniors in the club to help run the event.

Lettermen's Club is for anyone who has one earned or more varsity letter. This Friday there is a meeting during A lunch for the people that received a letter from Mrs. Lowe. We will be electing a president and vice president of the club. Join in a varsity sport to get involved with our club!



The Letterman's Club's first project.

## The Odd Couple

By Shawna Stewart

This year's play has been decided! We will be doing the *Odd Couple* by Neil Simon. The original play consisted of two guys, Felix and Oscar. The play we will be performing is about two girls, Olive and Florence. It will be a new experience for people who have seen the play or watched the movie before. It's a comedy, but it's more for mature audiences. The plot is about two mismatched characters who are both divorced and trying to live together in the same apartment. Olive is sloppy and casual, while Florence is neat and tidy. This causes a lot of trouble to arise between the two characters. The Cast List includes: James J., Shawna S., Emmy T., Susan K., Brandon M., Kara S., Brianna V., and Calia W. This year's play will be directed by Mr. Jimmy Ulrich. They have changed the date of the play. This year the play will be performed on November 7, at the grade school. So come and enjoy a great show!

## Cross Country

By Shannon Son

Have you met our cross country runners? The team is very small, but consists of Senior Ty Coleman, Senior Michael Raices, Senior Tre Connors, Junior Kelsey Walton, Sophomore Zephen Schaille, Sophomore Josh Beeney, and Freshman Brandon Mirabal. Last Saturday they had a meet in Dunlap. It wasn't the best they've had, but they all improved on their times! This sport, I'd imagine is very difficult to participate in, and also hard to keep up with. So, great job guys!



The 2014 cross country team.

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