

# Cat Tales Newsletter

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PATRICK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

April 27, 2018

## Staff Win Technology Awards



Two PCHS staff members were recognized for outstanding contributions to and use of technology at our school. The Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium held its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Awards Banquet on Wednesday, March 14 at Longwood University.

Mrs. Amy Corns won the Faculty Award for consistently integrating technology in her Algebra I and II classes. She has fully embraced the Chromebook initiative, trying and using new apps throughout this year. She has “flipped her classroom” by uploading her lessons on to her own YouTube Channel. Students can see her lessons before coming to class, review, or catch up when out, thus doubling their exposure to her lessons.



Mrs. Sandra Rakes received the Instructional Support Award for playing a central part in the rollout of Chromebooks this year at our school. She oversees the checking in and out of loaner devices to students and is responsible for sending damaged units out for repair. She consistently assists the technology department whenever needed and is ready to help teachers with any issues they may have with their classroom technology.

## Ninth Grade Assembly and Field Trip

Clark Gas & Oil will sponsor the annual field trip for the entire ninth grade class to visit a college campus on Tuesday, May 1. This year we will be visiting Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. On April 18, there was an assembly with a panel of recent college graduates who are now working in the Patrick County area. These graduates talked about how college changed their lives and what benefits and opportunities they gained from college that they may not have expected. We are looking forward to an enlightening trip for many of our students who may have never visited a college campus before.

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The mission of Patrick County High School is to build a foundation for lifelong learning that prepares students for responsible citizenship.

## Teacher Feature



### Janice Largen, English Department Head

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in English from Longwood University. Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from James Madison University

**Past work experience:** Four years in Mortgage lending; three years as Supervisor in Boat Titling and Registration at the Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries

**Family:** Son, Jacob Lovell

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Former Senior Beta Sponsor; Former Forensics Coach; SACS/CASI Review Committee Chair; Yearbook Advisor; and English Dept. Chair

**Hobbies:** Golf and spending time with friends



## Spring Non-Writing SOL Dates

Monday, May 14	Math
Tuesday, May 15	English
Wednesday, May 16	Science
Thursday, May 17	Social Studies
Friday, May 18	Math & English Retakes
Monday, May 21	Science Retakes
Tuesday, May 22	Social Studies Retakes

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## Test Taking Tips

1. Practice, practice, practice. The more you practice, the more familiar you will be with the test format, and the less likely you are to panic when you take the test for real.
2. Studying for the test over an extended period is much more effective and lasting than cramming for the test at the last minute.
3. Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test.
4. Visit the restroom 15-30 minutes before the test.
5. Get a full night's sleep before the test. Do not pull an all-nighter cramming before the test. A lack of sleep will affect your performance.
6. Wear comfortable clothing.
7. Don't panic. If you start getting anxious, take slow deep breaths. Don't worry about other people finishing early. Smart people know to use all available time to double-check their work.
8. Pace yourself. Calculate the amount of time you have to answer each question and avoid getting bogged down on any one question.
9. If you have time left over at the end of the test, review your answers. Don't second-guess an answer unless you are certain that you misread or misinterpreted the question. Watch out for careless errors. Also double-check that you wrote all of the answers in the correct locations.
10. Read the question in full before trying to answer it.

Good luck Cougars!

Taken from: Mark Kantrowitz. "Top Standardized Test Taking Tips." Fastweb!

<http://www.fastweb.com/back-to-school-2012/articles/top-standardized-test-taking-tips>



## SENIOR DATES

Tuesday, May 1	Tickets for Graduation 8:00 A.M. Cafeteria
Friday, May 4	Decision Day
Saturday, May 5	Prom
Monday, May 7	Senior Honors Banquet Forms Due
Friday, May 11	Senior Trip to Carowinds
Thursday, May 17	Senior Honors Banquet 6:00 P.M.
Sunday, May 20	Baccalaureate Auditorium 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, May 22	Exams 1st and 2nd Blocks Picnic 12:00-3:00 P.M. Rotary Field
Wednesday, May 23	Exams 3rd and 4th Blocks Sportslanes Party 6:00-10:00 P.M.
Friday, May 25	Graduation Practice 9:00 A.M. Return to PCHS 5:00 P.M. Graduation 7:00 P.M.

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 9th Grade Field Trip 8:00a Senior Graduation Tickets in Cafeteria 4:30p JV SB @ Ben Franklin MS 6:30p V SB @ Ben Franklin MS</p>	<p>2 4:30p B/V Track @ Halifax 4:30p G/V Tennis TBA 4:30p B/V Tennis TBA</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Senior Decision Day 5:00p V BB @ George Washington HS 5:00p V SB @ George Washington HS 5:30p G/V Soccer @ PC 5:30p B/JV soccer @ George Washington HS 7:00p B/V Soccer @ George Washington HS</p>	<p>5 Junior/Senior Prom</p>
6	<p>7 4:30p G/V Track @ Bassett 4:30p B/V Track @ Bassett 4:30p G/V Tennis @ PC 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Bassett</p>	<p>8 TG SOL 5:00p V BB @ Tunstall 5:00p JV BB @ PC 5:00p V SB @ Tunstall 5:00p JV SB @ PC 5:30p G/V Soccer @ PC 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Tunstall 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Tunstall</p>	<p>9 Blood Drive 4:30p G/V Tennis @ Martinsville 4:30p B/V Tennis @ PC</p>	<p>10 TG SOL 5:00p JV BB @ Bassett 5:00p V BB @ Bassett 5:00p V SB @ PC 5:00p JV SB @ Bassett 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ Bassett 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ PC 7:00p G/V Soccer @ Bassett 7:00p B/V Soccer @ PC</p>	<p>11 Senior Trip to Carowinds</p>	<p>12 TBD G/V Track @ Halifax TBD B/V Track @ Cave Spring TBD B/V Track @ William Fleming TBD B/V Track @ Halifax</p>
13	<p>14 SOL Math TBD G/V Soccer TBA TBD B/V Soccer TBA TBD V SB TBA TBD G/V Tennis TBA 5:00p V BB TBA 5:00p JV BB TBA</p>	<p>15 SOL English 7:00p Band/Chorus Concert—Auditorium</p>	<p>16 SOL Science TBD G/V Soccer TBA TBD B/V Soccer TBA TBD V SB TBA TBD G/V Tennis TBA 5:00p V BB TBA 5:00p JV BB TBA</p>	<p>17 SOL Social Studies 6:00p Senior Honors Banquet</p>	<p>18 SOL Retakes TBD B/V Track @ Franklin Co. TBD G/V Soccer TBA TBD B/V Soccer TBA TBD V SB TBA 5:00p V BB TBA 5:00p JV BB TBA</p>	<p>19</p>
20 6:00p Baccalaureate Auditorium	<p>21 SOL Retakes</p>	<p>22 SOL Retakes Senior Exams 1st &amp; 2nd Blocks 12:00—3:00p Senior Picnic @ Rotary Field</p>	<p>23 TG Retakes Senior Exams 3rd &amp; 4th Blocks 6:00—10:00p Senior Bowling at Sportslanes</p>	<p>24 TG Retakes</p>	<p>25 9:00a Graduation Practice 5:00p Seniors Return 7:00p Graduation</p>	<p>26 TBD B/V Track @ Staunton River</p>
27	<p>28 Closed - Holiday</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Exams 1st &amp; 3rd Blocks</p>	<p>31 1:00p Dismissal Last Day School Exams 2nd &amp; 4th Blocks</p>		