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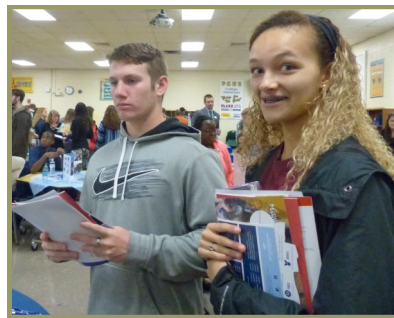


PATRICK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Cat Tales Newsletter

College Fair 2017

This year's PCHS College Fair, held on September 12, featured forty-eight schools: two were trade schools, two were two-year schools, and the rest were four-year schools. Of these, most were from Virginia, but there was representation from North Carolina, West Virginia, Tennessee, and Ohio. All juniors and seniors attended throughout the morning. They had the opportunity to learn about various schools and ask their own questions. Before the event, students were given a list of possible questions to ask the representatives, such as, class sizes, financial aid, and study abroad opportunities. According to College Advisor, Lindsey Rosenthal, talking to representatives of the schools is a great start, but visiting schools is the best way to figure out which schools might be a good fit; it's never too early to start doing that!



SCAEL

This year's SCAEL teams are about to begin their season. The Social Studies Coach is Scott Sherrill and Team Captain is Emily Keith. The Literature Team Sponsor is Kristie Goard and Team Captains are Abigail Goard and Helen Dawson. The Math Team Sponsor is Jeanie Stanley and Team Captain is Chaney Merritt. The Science Team Sponsor is Cheryl Wade and Team Captain is Emily Wood. SCAEL will have two home matches on October 30 and November 13 and two away matches on October 23 and November 20. Scholastic Bowl will begin in December with matches on December 4 and 11, as well as, January 8 (at home) and January 16, and 20.

SOVA Youth Expo 2017

Our 8th and 9th graders attended the Career ChoICE (Imagine Connect Explore) on September 27 & 28 at the Olde Dominion Agricultural Center in Chatham, VA.



Upcoming Homecoming 2017 Activities

Homecoming will be held the week of October 23. PCHS's Homecoming theme is Road-trip. The students of PCHS will be taking a trip all across the United States.

Monday: California (Hollywood) — Character Day/ Hollywood Star Day

Tuesday: Florida — Under The Sea/ Tacky Tourist Day

Wednesday: Wild West — Cowboy/ Cowgirl Day

Thursday: New York — New York Culture/ Vintage New York Style Day

Friday: Patrick County — PC Pride Day

Friday afternoon, the students and staff will participate in a Pep Rally in anticipation of our football game with Tunstall on Friday night. The students voted to have an outdoor scary movie to be shown after the game. We are expecting an awesome week sponsored by our Student Government Association.



Voter Registration



A big thank you to Mrs. Susan Taylor, Patrick County Registrar, for coming to the PCHS Library on Thursday, October 5 to speak with seniors who are taking government classes this semester. Mrs. Taylor brought voter registration forms, demonstrated how the voting machine operates, and reviewed voting procedures and requirements. Students were able to ask questions, cast a sample ballot, and fill out their voter registration form. She encouraged students to volunteer at our local voting precincts for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 7. Thanks again for this informative presentation for our students.

Special Olympic Field Day

This year's Special Olympic Field Day was such a wonderful event thanks to so many kind businesses and individuals that were willing to give their time, talents, and resources. It was a beautiful day, in every way, which highlighted the incredibleness of our small but mighty community.

A huge thank you goes out to Clark Gas & Oil and On the Run for sponsoring the 2017 Special Olympic Field Day. They made it possible for participants to enjoy a variety of new and exciting activities. We sincerely appreciate the love that they pour into our community. We really appreciate Outdoor Entertainment, Infinity Acres Petting Zoo, Jeb Stuart EMS, and Stuart Fire Department for giving their time to enrich the lives of our participants. Their services greatly enhanced the event and brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Our community raises GREAT kids! We had 130 enthusiastic PCHS students volunteer to work this event. From being a buddy, to passing out food, they were absolutely phenomenal. We had eight classes that were able to give generously by applying what they are learning in their respective classes. Thank you JROTC, Pride of Patrick County Band, Art, Cosmetology, Theatre Arts, Teachers for Tomorrow, Nursing, and Culinary Arts for selflessly serving our participants.

Justin Adams was integral behind the scenes, and this day would not have been possible without his diligent efforts. Also, thank you to all of the PCHS staff who helped out. The custodians were essential to help us set up for this special day. Extra big thanks go to Larry, Darla, Jamie and Paycheck for going beyond the call of duty. Thank you to Kim Rakes for contributing her incredible gift of photography and video making.

Lastly, but definitely not least, we would like to thank our joyful participants! Their zest for life and genuine appreciation truly blessed everyone involved. They are true heroes and inspirations to us all! We are already looking forward to next year!

--Danel Slaydon



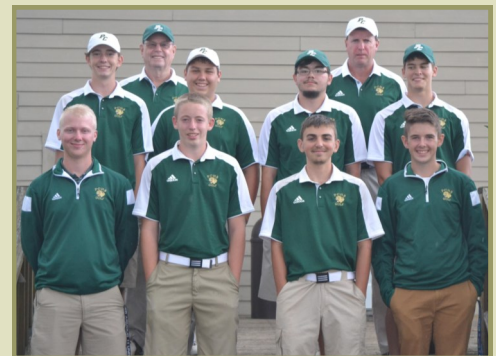
PCHS

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

PCHS Golf Team

The Patrick County Golf Team finished 3rd in the Region 3 District Tournament to end their season. Daniel Smith received 1st Team All-region honors. Jarrod Burnette and Wesley Diggs both received 2nd Team All-region honors.

Cougars



Front row (left to right): Luke Jessup, Daniel Smith, Nate Scott, and Wesley Diggs. Second row: Thatcher Blankenship, Jacob Lovell, Jared Burnett, and Evan Hopkins. Back row: Bob Helms, Coach and Phillip Stegall, Head Coach.

New Teachers



Tyler Belcher, Physical Education

Education: Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance with an emphasis in Physical Education from Ferrum College

Past work experience: Doe Run Farm

Family: Parents, Danny and Marie Belcher and brother, Trevor Belcher

Extra-curricular activities: Pitching Coach for Baseball

Hobbies: Baseball, hunting, fishing, and all outdoor activities



Robert Cunningham, Special Education

Education: Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Sports Management from Ferrum College

Past work experience: Has worked in a pallet shop, a greenhouse, and a car brake & rotor shop

Family: Wife, Kiaira and a baby daughter, Kylie. He also has three sisters.

Extra-curricular activities at PCHS: Assistant football coach and head wrestling coach

Hobbies: Basketball, football, wrestling, Frisbee, and relaxation



Lynn Deckel, English

Education: University of Maryland Baltimore County

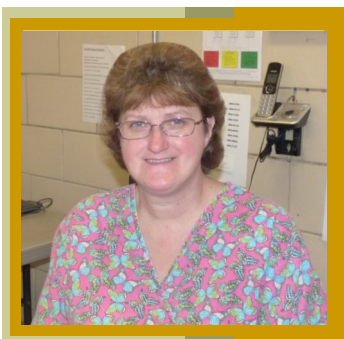
Past work experience: Has taught in Roanoke, VA and Baltimore, MD. Also, currently works at a Runnings store and as a track attendant at a Go-Kart Track

Family: Parents, Bob and Crystal Deckel; younger brother, Brad

Extra-curricular activities at PCHS: Head cross country coach and head track & field coach

Hobbies: Running, hiking, hunting, camping, and hanging out with friends

New Cafeteria Manager



Sandra Perry, Cafeteria Manager

PCHS is pleased to have Sandra Perry as our new cafeteria manager. Mrs. Perry is a 1981 graduate of PCHS. She has worked in our cafeteria for the past twelve years. Prior to that, she was employed at the Blue Ridge Nursing Home. She has a daughter, Crystalynn Flippen and a son, Brandon Flippen. Her husband, Chuck, drives a school bus for Patrick County Public Schools. In her spare time, Mrs. Perry enjoys cooking, sewing, and crafting. She also loves spending time with her family and participating in church activities.

Education Class Conducts Socratic Seminar

The Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow class fosters student interest, understanding, and appreciation of the teaching profession and allows junior and senior students to explore careers in education. As part of the course competencies, students are asked to analyze the differences between schools, the governance of schools, the role of the teacher, and the influences on student learning.

To learn this, students have been reviewing historical and current events and policies in education, the structure of national and state educational systems, and the differences between types of schooling and educational philosophy. In this context, Patrick County's Teachers for Tomorrow class had the opportunity to visit the Piedmont Governor's school on the Patrick Henry Community College campus. The Piedmont Governor's school is a science and math academy serving Henry County, Danville City, Martinsville City, and Pittsylvania County. The Governor's school mission is to provide a challenging, project-driven, and research-based curriculum.

Following the field trip and classroom content, students reflected on their learning and experience using the Socratic seminar method. A Socratic seminar is a formal discussion in which the facilitator asks open-ended questions. Within the context of the discussion, students listen closely to the comments of others, thinking critically for themselves, and articulate their own thoughts and their responses to the thoughts of others.

During the Socratic seminar, students discussed the similarities and differences between the Piedmont Governor's school and Patrick County High School, teacher qualities that make learning successful, the oversight and governance of different schools, and the recent success of Patrick County Schools. The class is taught by Family and Consumer Sciences faculty member Rebecca Renegar.



Junior Ring Day — October 5, 2017



School Bus Behavior

The same level of discipline and behavior maintained in schools is expected on the school bus. Student behavior on the bus is under the driver's control at all times. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats. Upon entering the bus, the student is to be seated and remain seated during the entire time the bus is in motion. Passengers on the bus will refrain from any behavior which is detrimental to the safe operation of the school bus, such as:

- ♦ loud talking, screaming, laughing, or profane or obscene language.
- ♦ eating and drinking on the bus.
- ♦ the use or possession of tobacco products, drugs, drug paraphernalia, or alcohol.
- ♦ willful or careless damage to the bus or contents (The student must pay for damages).
- ♦ objects must not be thrown inside the bus or out the window. Any object thrown out of the bus window may result in criminal charges and/or loss of bus riding privileges.
- ♦ fighting or slapping others.
- ♦ no part of the body may be extended out the bus window.
- ♦ combustible or flammable materials are not to be carried on the bus (cigarette lighters).
- ♦ or anything else that would distract the driver or result in a poor public image.

Video cameras are used to observe student behavior.

--Patrick County High School Student Handbook, p. 31



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pch.patrick.k12.va.us

Marching Band News

The PCHS Marching Cougars' 2017 show is "Clue: Board Game of Mystery." The band is directed by Joseph Whitt and Drum Major, Kelly Durham.

Competition schedule:

Sept. 23 - Chilhowie Apple Festival (Chilhowie, VA)

Sept. 30 - Celebration of Pride (Stuart, VA)

Oct. 7 - Franklin County Classic (Rocky Mount, VA)

Oct. 14 - Battle Marching Invitational (Bristol, VA)

Oct. 21 - VBODA State Marching Band Assessment (Richlands, VA)





November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:00pm JV FB Bassett	3 7:00pm V FB Bassett	4 7:45am SAT
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends 	6	7 	8	9 10:00am Veterans Day Assembly	10 Holiday — Closed 	11
12	13	14	15 Interim Report 5:00pm V B BB Pulaski Co 5:00pm JV B BB Pulaski Co	16 Reality Store	17	18
19	20 SCAEL Team	21	22 1:00 Early Dismissal	23 Holiday — Closed	24 Holiday — Closed 	25
26	27	28 5:00pm JV B BB Gretna 7:00pm V B BB Gretna	29 ASVAB Testing 5:00pm JV G BB Hidden Valley 7:00pm V G BB Hidden Valley	30		