



# Cat Tales Newsletter

PATRICK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

September 6, 2016

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

## Back to School Assembly

Our students were welcomed back to school with an assembly on Friday, August 12. The Student Government Association President, Cassidy Largen called the meeting to order for the senior class to march into the gym. PCHS SGA members introduced the school administrators and outlined their roles in our school: Mr. Trey Cox, Principal, 12<sup>th</sup> grade discipline; Mrs. Becky Rogers, Instruction and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade discipline; Mrs. Robin Ferguson, Career and Technical Director and bus discipline; Mrs. Denise Clark, Guidance, Special Ed and 9<sup>th</sup> grade discipline; and Mr. Terry Harris, Athletic Director and 8<sup>th</sup> grade discipline. Officer David Haymore, School Resource Officer was also introduced. Administrators then presented Academic Awards, Perfect Attendance Awards, and the Top Ten Seniors. The assembly was concluded with an acknowledgement of each class and an energetic rendition of the PCHS fight song by our Marching Band.



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## SGA Officers



Left to right: Logan Morrison, Historian; Ashton Young, Treasurer; Allison Eames, Reporter; Jessica Bryant, Secretary; Lexy Carico, Vice-President; Cassidy Largen, President

## Top Ten Seniors

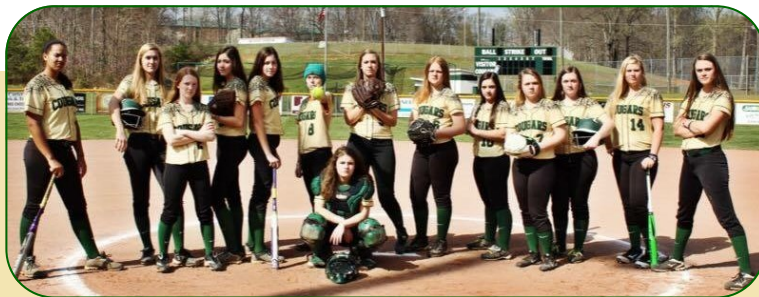


(In order 1st--10th): Jake Martin, Alyson Nelson, Cheyenne Epperson, Melissa Pendleton, Abby Hutchens, Trevor Hazelwood, Elizabeth Cole, Cassidy Largen, Casey Campbell, and Sydnee Burnette



### Softball 2016

The Lady Cougars had an outstanding 18-5 season making 2016 the third year in a row they made it to the Regional Semi-final Game. Reaching this level of play is a team goal each year even though it is a challenge in the tough Conference and Region in which we compete. The game against Rockbridge County was one of the most memorable games of the season. The girls won 8-0 by pulling together and playing a great game as a team, proving they were meant to be there. Congratulations to the team for a well-played season.



—Coach Nikki Handy

### 2016 Spring Track and Field

The PCHS Track Team ended the season with excellent performances at the Virginia 3A State Meet. Our goal coming in to the meet was to compete aggressively and two individuals and two relays earn first team All-State honors. Our kids surpassed our expectations, as we had 4 first team All-State performances and several PRs.

Lexy Carico placed 4th in the discus to earn first team All-State honors. To place that high as a sophomore is very impressive and indicative of a bright future. Emma Hubbard put an exclamation point on her high school career by placing 5th and earning All-State honors in a very strong 800m race.

The PCHS foursome of Armonte Carter, Emma Hubbard, Lindsey Marshall, and Autumn Hubbard earned All-State honors in the 4x800 and 4x400 relay at the 3A State meet in June. The girls ran an incredibly gritty race in both events.

The girls 4x800 had a monster day on the track. They smashed the previous school record by 7 seconds, running 10:00.5 to place 5th in a stacked race. Armonte went out aggressively, which set the tone for the whole race. Lindsey and Autumn were extremely solid in the middle, both running big PRs. Emma closed hard and reeled in several teams, including one in the final 50 meters, to secure 5th place and be named All-State. The girls 4x400 came in 8th place and really worked together as a team. We are extremely proud of them.

One hundred and three teams were represented at this year's 3A State Meet, and our girls' team finished in 11th place overall with 14 points. Track and field is typically a numbers game, but what we lack in quantity, we more than make up for in quality. Our athletes came into the state meet ready to perform, and they certainly did not disappoint. We had a great year and are already looking forward to the 2017 track season!

--Coach Danel Slaydon



*Left to right: Lindsey Marshall, Armonte Carter, Autumn Hubbard, and Emma Hubbard*



*Emma Hubbard*

## Flexible Seating — Room #132

We are excited to introduce Math 360° paired with flexible seating to PCHS. Math 360° is an initiative in math classrooms across the United States that encourages and fosters active learning for students. White boards encompass the classroom, so students are up, out of their seats and engaged in the activity. The benefit to this classroom style is that students take ownership in their work while the teacher observes their efforts and provides immediate feedback for enhanced student growth. Along with the white boards, PCPS is using our classroom as an experiment to test new flexible seating to inspire students to collaborate with their peers on a daily basis. These chairs have been well received by the students at PCHS. Students have been able to quickly move to work with other students in small groups and stations. I am excited to share this new experience with my students as well as the faculty and staff at PCHS. Hopefully, more classrooms will be able to have this awesome flexible seating in the future.

—Amy Corns

### Student responses to the new classroom:

*"I love this classroom because it is very interactive and we are always moving. I'm a type of person who cannot sit still and this is just perfect and an amazing experience."*

— Riya Patel

*"I love this class because it's pretty much the only class that I don't fall asleep in. The board work helps a lot and the chairs keep me awake."*

— Amanda Ramey

*"I love this class because it's hands-on and makes learning much more fun than sitting down and staying super quiet and listen to the teacher for 90 minutes straight."*

— Skye Mitchell

*"I like being a student in this classroom because we can get more involved in class and work together."*

— Grace Ghammashi

*"I am so in love with this classroom. In most math classes that I've had, you sit still and copy notes. This class allows us to interact and move around which keeps me tuned in instead of zoning out."*

— Allison Eames

*"I love this class because I'm an active person and the seats allow me to move instead of being still all the time. I love getting to go to the boards and using them to practice."*

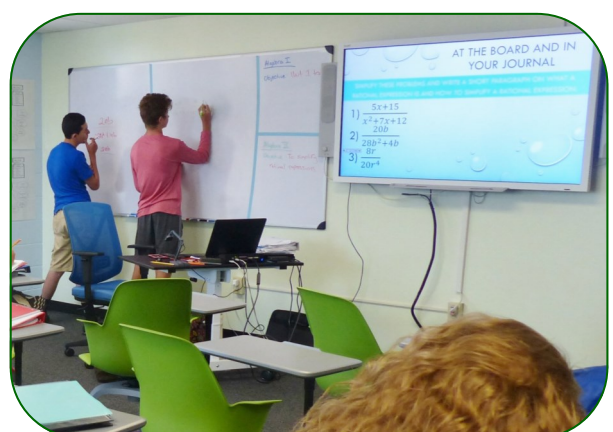
— Colby Vernon

*"I enjoy this classroom because of the freedom of mobility. I enjoy the white boards, also."*

— Matthew Coffey

*"I really enjoy this classroom setup because I love being able to roll my chair over to my partner if we get in groups. I also think the chairs are more relaxing than regular chairs. I also like being interactive at the whiteboards."*

— Savannah Roberts



## New Teachers:



### Houston Boles, Special Education

**Education:** Bachelor of Science from Less-McRea

**Past work experience:** Grade 1 teaching assistant at Stuart Elementary; Instructor for Partnership for a Drug-Free North Carolina

**Family:** Daughter of Danny and Lynn Boles; older sister, Erika Boles; younger brother, Morgan Boles

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Assistant Coach for JV and Varsity Girls' Soccer; Plan and decorate for After-Prom Party

**Hobbies:** Playing and coaching soccer; helping on family farm; enjoying nature through hiking and other outdoor activities; and drawing and painting.



### Deena Collins, Special Education

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Radford University; Master's Degree in Teaching English as a Second Language from Shenandoah University

**Past work experience:** Patrick County Elementary teacher since 2008

**Family:** Husband, Chad; sons, Cameron, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at HRMS and Eli, age 4

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends; listening to music; traveling to new places; and watching sports



### Mike Hedrick, Physical Education

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Lenior Rhyne

**Past work experience:** Women's basketball coach at University of Charleston and Francis Marion University

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Head women's basketball coach

**Hobbies:** Reading and watching horror movies



### Angela Huff, English

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in English from Hollins University; Master of Arts in Teaching from Liberty University

**Past work experience:** Substitute teacher in both Floyd and Botetourt County Public Schools

**Family:** Husband, Lindsey Huff; two rescue dogs, Disney and Hendrix

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** She is looking forward to finding out where to help out!

**Hobbies:** Gardening; cooking; hiking; and reading

## New Teachers:



### Judy Ison, Math

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Eastern Illinois University

**Past work experience:** Many years teaching in Florida and Henry County

**Family:** Husband, Ralph; three children, Katelyn, Bill, and Kenny; one grandson, Levi

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family; traveling; reading; and playing with her grandchild!



### Ryan Pendleton, Social Studies

**Education:** Bachelor of Science in Social Science with a minor in Political Science from Radford University

**Past work experience:** 20 years of teaching

**Family:** Wife, Heather; daughters, Melissa and Josie

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Girls' basketball and softball coach

**Hobbies:** Playing golf; coaching softball; and watching movies



### Libby Ragsdale, Family and Consumer Science

**Education:** B.B.S. in Business Administration and Economics and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Radford University

**Past work experience:** Taught at PCHS for six years and Magna Vista for three years

**Family:** Husband, Chase; son, Mason, age 7; daughters, Molly, age 5, and Paige, age 2

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Middle school volleyball coach

**Hobbies:** Reading; exercising; cooking; and spending time with family and friends



### Kevin Shinault, Special Education

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts from Emory and Henry

**Past work experience:** Taught K-12 PE; middle school social studies, math, English and Spanish; coached football, baseball, basketball, tennis, softball, and volleyball

**Family:** Wife, Kara; daughter, Kaitlyn a RN; son, Kyle a Christian Youth Leader

**Extra-curricular at PCHS:** JV baseball coach

**Hobbies:** Sports; fishing; community and Christian causes; and adult constitutional education

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**Abigail Stephens, English**

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in English from Radford University

**Past work experience:** Cashier and substitute teacher

**Hobbies:** Reading; hiking; roller skating; watching TV; and playing video games

**Emily Wimmer, Special Education**

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Biology and Psychology from the University of Virginia

**Past work experience:** PCHS College Adviser

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Senior class sponsor

**Hobbies:** Being outside; spending time with family; running; and crafting



## College Fair

On September 13th, all juniors and seniors are invited to join representatives from forty-six colleges and universities from across Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and West Virginia for the annual VACRAO College Fair. Held during first and second blocks in the PCHS cafeteria, the college fair is an opportunity for students to interact with college admissions office representatives to find out more about each school's admission requirements, student life, academic majors and minors, athletics, and unique offerings. It's a great opportunity for seniors to narrow down a list of where they might want to apply, and for juniors to explore different types of college offerings. With any questions about the fair or other college-related topics, visit Ms. Rosenthal in her office next to Guidance, or email her at [lindsey.rosenthal@patrick.k12.va.us](mailto:lindsey.rosenthal@patrick.k12.va.us). Can't wait to see you at the fair!

**HOMEcoming WEEK**

9/12 College / Team Day

9/13 Hawaiian Day / Tacky Tourist Day

9/14 Twin Day

9/15 Disney Day

9/16 Homecoming T-Shirt Day / Mickey Ears

**School Bus Policy:**

All students riding the bus must follow the instructions of the bus driver. Bus drivers have the authority and the responsibility to supervise the behavior of students while on the bus in order to ensure safe transportation. Failure of students to follow bus rules and the authority of the bus driver will result in a loss of riding privilege. The school bus, and the area in which students wait for the school bus, is considered as an extension of the school grounds. Therefore, from the time students arrive at or leave the bus stop and arrive at or leave school, they are considered under the authority of school officials and must adhere to all rules.

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 or 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 damage.)
- ◆ Objects must not be thrown inside the bus or out the window. Any object thrown outside the bus will result in losing riding privileges for ten days
- ◆ 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

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**Check out changes in the Library:**



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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