

APRIL 2015

Patrick County High School



# Cat Tales Newsletter

## Virginia Government Representatives Visit PCHS

On March 31, U.S. Government students attended a presentation featuring distinguished members of the state Republican Party including Virginia State Senator Bill Stanley, 9<sup>th</sup> District House Delegate Charles Poindexter, Martinsville Mayor Danny Turner, and the Chair of the Henry County Republican Party W.C. Fowlkes. Students were instructed on the system of government in Virginia and given an overview of the tenants of the Republican Party. Following the presentation, students were allowed to pose questions to the guests. Thanks to Social Studies Teacher, Jonathan Turchek for arranging the presentation.



Visitors from the Virginia Republican Party, Senator Bill Stanley, Representative Charles Poindexter, Martinsville Mayor Danny Turner and Henry County Republican Party Chair W.C. Fowlkes pose with students and staff from Patrick County High School.

## Course Fair 2015

The Guidance Department hosted a Course Fair for all underclassmen just before registration to introduce students to electives offered by our school.



Creative Writing



Building Trades



Cosmetology



Culinary Arts



Interior Design



JROTC



Emergency Medical Services



Health Occupations



Technical Drawing

**CLASS  
ELECTIVES**

## Off to Convention, Back with Distinction



Pictured above (left to right): Emily Webberson, Savannah Sigmon, Casey Campbell, Megan Kendrick, Trevor Hazelwood, Lorena Delgado, Duncan Merritt, Ashton Young, Caeley Coleman, Hannah Martin, and Sierra Hutchens.

By: Fernando Molina-Aguirre

Senior Beta members traveled to Richmond, Virginia for the 75th Annual Senior Beta Convention on March 19. For four days, a group of 28 students gathered together with other members from schools throughout the state. The Clubs attended several inspirational speeches, voted on new state officers, and competed in various academic, talent, and art competitions. In regards to the activities at the convention, Stephen Biedrycki, a chaperone on the trip, stated, "I just thought it was great to see many kids having a great learning experience and having a sense of community. It may sometimes seem rare to see students voluntarily put themselves in competitive environments. The Beta kids are the future, and the future looks bright."

Furthermore, the following members of the Patrick County Senior Beta Club won various awards: Casey Campbell won in Division I Science, Caeley Coleman won second place in Creative Writing, Lorena Delgado won second place in Mixed Media Arts, Trevor Hazelwood won second place in Division I Social Studies, Duncan Merritt won second place in Division I Agriculture, and the character skit team consisting of Caeley Coleman, Trevor Hazelwood, Sierra Hutchens, Savannah Sigmon, and Emily Webberson won third place for their performance.

National Beta Club is the nation's largest independent, non-profit educational youth organization. Beta is committed to providing students a positive experience in a supportive manner while recognizing and promoting academic achievement, encouraging service to others, and developing character and leadership skills. Since its beginning in 1934, National Beta Club has worked with five and a half million young people in grades 4-8.

### Drama Play

#### *Fools*

A Play by Neil Simon

Presented by: PCHS and  
Career & Technical Center

PCHS Auditorium



Friday, April 24 at 7:01 PM

Saturday, April 25 at 7:01 PM

Sunday, April 26 at 3:01 PM

## Skills USA

PCHS students from the Cosmetology and Building Trades Departments competed in this year's Skills USA Competition. In Cosmetology, Mikayla Tilley placed second, Jasmine Marshall and Christina Glenn placed second in Nails, while Nick Spencer and Kristen Cruise competed in the Fantasy Manikin Competition.

Our Building Trades Team placed third. For their competition, they built a small-scale house that they used basic carpentry, masonry, electrical, and plumbing as applied in the construction industry. Members of the building trades team were Billy Jessie, Zach Johnson, Brandon Barrett, and Hunter Booker.



Cosmetology (left to right): Kristen Cruise, Nick Spencer, Mikayla Tilley, Jasmine Marshall, and Christina Glenn.



Skills A (left to right): Robin Ferguson, Assistant Principal and Career & Technical Director, Zach Johnson, Hunter Booker, Nick Spencer, and Mikayla Tilley.



Building Trades (left to right): Billy Jessie, Zach Johnson, and Brandon Barrett. Not pictured: Hunter Booker.



## Lady Cougars Go to Regionals

Our Varsity Girls Basketball Team improved tremendously throughout the season. One by one we began to play with the intensity and understanding of a varsity player. By February, we were a much different team than we were in December.

We finished tied for second in our Piedmont District and lost in the semi-finals of the District Tournament. Then we began the Conference 32 Tournament play at home against Blacksburg, defeating them 53-36. Our next game was at #1 Cave Spring. This was our best overall team performance of the year. We built a 19 point lead through the first 3 quarters. Cave Spring made a furious comeback, and we hung on to win 57-52. Beth Williams was the hero with four 3 point shots and a total of 22 points for the game. Some would have called this an upset victory, but in reality it was Patrick County reaching our potential. We reached the Conference 32 Finals and played at Abingdon. With 4 minutes to go, the score was 39-36 (Abingdon). However, we made a couple of turnovers and they scored off of them and the game was over.

Coach Brown of Abingdon made a super sportsmanship gesture by allowing us to give Ebony Reynolds the game ball at the conclusion of the game. When we began that game, Ebony only needed 3 points to reach a thousand points scored. It was a major moment even in a game that we lost.

With the start of the Regional Tournament, we discovered that we would have to go to Magna Vista and play them for the 4th time this season. After having lost to them the previous three times, this was not what we desired. However, thank God things turned in our favor. This was the toughest defensive contest we saw all year. Both teams struggled to score. After three quarters, we were down 18-15. With the score tied and 20 seconds to go, Magna Vista made two free throws to put them up 28-26. As we came to our end, the ball was knocked out of bounds under our basket with 7.4 seconds to go. In the huddle, we asked the players - "Do you want to go for the tie or the win" They said: "The Win." The inbound play we ran was for Beth Williams. The team executed to perfection. Beth hit the 3 pointer (29-28). Then Hannah Scott stole Magna Vista's inbound pass and the game was over.

We went to Hidden Valley to play in the Final Four of the West 3A. There was very little difference in the ability of the teams there. The two teams that made it to the finals had been to this level in previous years. Our lack of experience at this level with this amount of intensity hurt our performance.

Three of our Seniors have made the All-District Team and the All Conference 32 Team. Ebony Reynolds made First Team in both. Anna Shough and Beth Williams made the second team in both. Ebony also made Second Team All State and has been nominated for the State's All Star Game.

—Coach Doug Chilton



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[www.patrick.k12.va.us](http://www.patrick.k12.va.us)

### Spring 2015 SOL Schedule

Wednesday, May 13	Physical Science & Earth Science
Thursday, May 14	World History II & Chemistry (AM) World History I & World Geography (PM)
Friday, May 15	US History & Biology
Monday, May 18	English 8
Tuesday, May 19	English 11
Wednesday, May 20	Geometry
Thursday, May 21	Math 8 & Algebra Parts
Friday, May 22	Algebra I & II

## Teacher Feature



### April Harris, Science Department

**College degree:** Bachelor of Science in Biology

**PCHS Experience:** Physical Science Teacher for 8 years and Chemistry Teacher for 5 years

**Extra-curricular activities at PCHS:** Science Department Chair

**Hobbies:** Running, camping, and spending time with family

**Family:** Husband, Terry Harris and two children (son, Easton and daughter, Samantha)

**Life goal:** To be courageous in all things!

## Dress Code Reminders

With the change in seasons and warmer weather upon us, we would like to remind everyone of our dress code policy.

Hats, bandanas, headbands, head wraps, or any other inappropriate head gear may not be worn in the front office, any classroom, cafeteria, auditorium, library, or gymnasium.

No dress attire that exposes *any portion of the torso or undergarments* may be worn. Half-shirts, tube tops, spaghetti straps, halters, or any other apparel incorporating these items are unacceptable.

All tops, shorts, and skirts will be measured by using a 3X5 index card. The shoulder piece of the top must measure three inches. Shorts and skirts must measure 5 inches from mid-knee.

Legging/jeggings must be worn with a shirt or skirt that meets the 5 inches measurement requirement.

No pajama pants, tops, or bedroom shoes may be worn.

No shirts, hats, or clothing that displays messages or illustrations of a profane nature or advertisement for drugs or any illegal substance may be worn. Tank-tops, basketball jerseys, and vests shall be worn with a T-shirt underneath.

Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.

No jeans, pants, etc. that are cut-off or torn, that reveal any of the private anatomy, or cause a disturbance may be worn. Pants will be pulled to the waist/belt line.

Any student wearing clothes that are judged disruptive (apparel that reflects use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, profanity, sexual connotations) by the principal or assistant principal may be sent home.

Body piercing that endangers the safety of oneself or others will not be allowed.

Dog chains, pocket chains, wallet chains, or any type of chain deemed inappropriate by the administration will be prohibited.

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### Senior Dates

Wednesday, April 22	Cap & Gown Orders Arrive
Monday, April 27	Graduation Tickets Distributed
Tuesday, April 28	Senior Cap & Gown Pictures
Friday, May 1	Carowinds Senior Trip
Thursday, May 14	Senior Honors Banquet 6:00 PM
Saturday, May 16	Athletic Banquet 5:00 PM
Sunday, May 17	Baccalaureate Service 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 20	Senior Picnic (DeHart Park) 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday, May 26	Sportlanes Graduation Party 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Wednesday, May 27	Senior Exams, Blocks 1 & 3
Thursday, May 28	Senior Exams, Blocks 2 & 4
Friday, May 29	Graduation Practice (Football Field) 8:45 – 10:00 AM
Saturday, May 30	Senior Breakfast (Cafeteria) 8:00 AM Graduation (Hooker Field) 10:00 AM

# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9 Sophomore Ring Orders	10 Sophomore Ring Orders	11 4:30p G/V Track @ Blacksburg 4:30p B/V Track @ Blacksburg
12	13 Smiles Mobile Dentist  4:30p G/V Tennis vs Bassett 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Bassett	14 5:00p V/SB @ G. Washington 5:00p JV/SB vs G. Washington 5:00p V/BB @ G. Washington 5:00p JV/BB vs G. Washington 5:30p G/JV Soccer vs G. Washington 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ G. Washington 7:00p G/V Soccer vs G. Washington 7:00p B/V Soccer @ G. Washington	15 4:30p G/V Track @Tunstall 4:30p B/V Track @ Tunstall 4:30p G/V Tennis vs Blacksburg 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Blacksburg 5:00p V/BB @ Blacksburg 5:00p V/SB vs Blacksburg 5:00p JV/BB vs Blacksburg 5:00p JV/SB @ Blacksburg	16 9th Grade Assembly  4:30p G/V Tennis @ G. Washington 4:30p B/V Tennis vs G. Washington 5:00p MS/BB @ Martinsville 5:00p MS/SB @ Martinsville 5:00p JV/SB vs Hidden Valley 5:00p V/SB @ Hidden Valley 5:00p V/BB vs Hidden Valley 5:00p JV/BB @ Hidden Valley	17 End Six Weeks  Club Day	18 Prom 4:30p G/V Track @ William Fleming 4:30p B/V Track @ William Fleming
19	20 Field Day  5:00p MS/SB @ Laurel Park MS 5:00p MS/BB @ Laurel Park MS 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ Halifax Co 7:00pm G/V Soccer @ Halifax Co	21 4:30p G/V Tennis vs Magna Vista 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Magna Vista 5:00p JV/SB @ Franklin Co 5:00p V/SB vs Franklin Co 5:00p V/BB vs Franklin Co 5:00p JV/BB @ Franklin Co	22 Distinguished Patrick Countian Assembly  Senior Cap & Gown Orders Arrive  5:00p JV/SB @ Cave Spring 5:00p V/SB vs Cave Spring 5:00p MS/SB vs B. Franklin MS 5:00p MS/BB vs B. Franklin MS	23 Report Cards  4:30p G/V Tennis @ Hidden Valley 4:30p B/V Tennis vs Hidden Valley 5:00p JV/BB vs McMichael 5:30p B/JV Soccer vs Hidden Valley 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ Hidden Valley 7:00p V/BB vs McMichael 7:00p G/V Soccer @ Hidden Valley 7:00p B/V Soccer vs Hidden Valley	24 TBD G/V Track @ Floyd Co TBD B/V Track @ Floyd Co 5:00p V/BB vs Abingdon 5:00p JV/SB vs Abingdon 5:00p JV/BB @ Abingdon 5:00p V/SB @ Abingdon 5:00p B/V Tennis vs Abingdon 5:00p G/V Tennis @ Abingdon 5:00p B/JV Soccer vs Abingdon 5:00p G/JV Soccer @ Abingdon 6:30p G/V Soccer @ Abingdon 6:30p B/V Soccer vs Abingdon  7:01p Drama Play	25 10:30a MS/SB @ Halifax Co 10:30a MS/BB @ Halifax Co 12:00p MS/SB @ Halifax Co 12:00p MS/BB @ Halifax Co  7:01p Drama Play
26 3:01p Drama Play	27 Senior Graduation Tickets  4:30p G/V Tennis vs Halifax Co 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Halifax Co 5:00p JV/BB @ Halifax Co 5:00p V/BB vs Halifax Co 5:30p B/JV Soccer @ Magna Vista 6:00p G/V Soccer vs Magna Vista 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Magna Vista	28 Senior Cap & Gown Picture @ 8:30a  4:30p B/V Tennis @ Martinsville 4:30p G/V Tennis vs Martinsville 5:00p MS/SB @ Fieldale-Collinsville 5:00p MS/BB @ Fieldale-Collinsville 5:30p JV/SB vs Halifax Co 5:30p V/SB @ Halifax Co 5:30p V/BB @ Halifax Co 5:30p JV/BB vs Halifax Co	29 Blood Drive  TBD MS/SB TBD MS/BB 4:30p G/V Track @ Franklin Co 4:30p B/V Track @ Franklin Co	30 Senior National Decision Day  TBD MS/SB TBD MS/BB 4:30p G/V Tennis @ Halifax Co 4:30p B/V Tennis vs Halifax Co 5:00p V/SB @ Tunstall 5:00p JV/SB vs Tunstall 5:00p JV/BB vs Tunstall 5:00p V/BB @ Tunstall 5:30p G/V Soccer @ Tunstall 7:00p B/V Soccer @ Tunstall		

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					1  Senior Carowinds Trip  TBD G/V Track @ William Fleming 4:30p B/V Track @ William Fleming	2  SAT  TBD B/V Track @ William Fleming TBD G/V Track @ William Fleming
3	4  4:30p G/V Tennis vs Franklin Co 4:30p B/V Tennis @ Cave Spring 5:00p V/BB @ Cave Spring 5:00p JV/BB vs Cave Spring 6:00p V/SB vs Chatham 6:00p JV/SB @ Chatham	5  5:00p V/SB vs Magna Vista 5:00p JV/BB @ Magna Vista 5:00p JV/SB @ Magna Vista 5:00p V/BB vs Magna Vista 5:30p B/JV Soccer vs Magna Vista 6:00p G/V Soccer @ Magna Vista 7:00p B/V Soccer vs Magna Vista	6  4:30p G/V Tennis vs Cave Spring 5:30p G/JV Soccer vs Cave Spring 7:00p G/V Soccer vs Cave Spring	7	8  5:00p V/SB @ Franklin Co 5:00p JV/SB vs Franklin Co 5:00p JV/BB vs Franklin Co 5:00p V/BB @ Franklin Co	9  TBD G/V Track @ Franklin Co TBD B/V Track @ Franklin Co 2:00p JV/SB @ Halifax Co 2:00p V/SB vs Halifax Co
10	11 SOL Retakes  5:00p V/SB vs Bassett 5:00p JV/SB @ Bassett 5:00p V/BB vs Bassett 5:00p JV/BB @ Bassett 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ Bassett 5:30p B/JV Soccer vs Bassett 7:00p G/V Soccer @ Bassett 7:00p B/V Soccer vs Bassett	12 SOL Retakes	13 SOL  5:00p V/SB vs Martinsville 5:00p JV/SB @ Martinsville 5:00p JV/BB @ Martinsville 5:00p V/BB vs Martinsville 5:30p B/JV Soccer vs Martinsville 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ Martinsville 7:00p B/V Soccer vs Martinsville 7:00p G/V Soccer @ Martinsville	14 SOL  Senior Honors Banquet 6:00p	15 SOL  5:00p JV/SB @ G. Washington 5:00p V/SB vs G. Washington 5:00p JV/BB @ G. Washington 5:00p V/BB vs G. Washington 5:30p B/JV Soccer vs G. Washington 5:30p G/JV Soccer @ G. Washington 7:00p B/V Soccer vs G. Washington 7:00p G/V Soccer @ G. Washington	16  5:00p Athletic Banquet
17  6:30p Bacca-laureate Service	18 SOL  TBD B/V Soccer TBD G/V Soccer TBD V/SB TBD V/BB	19 SOL  TBD G/V Soccer TBD V/SB TBD V/BB	20 SOL  Senior Picnic 12:00p -- 3:00p (DeHart Park)  TBD B/V Soccer	21 SOL  TBD G/V Soccer TBD V/SB TBD V/BB	22 SOL  TBD B/V Soccer 6:00p V/SB vs Chatham	23  TBD G/V Track TBD B/V Track @ Blacksburg
24  TBD G/V Soccer TBD B/V Soccer TBD V/BB TBD V/SB  	25 Closed—HOLIDAY	26 SOL Retakes  Seniors Sportlanes 7:00p —11:00p	27 SOL Retakes  Senior Exams 1st & 3rd  TBD G/V Soccer TBD B/V Soccer TBD V/BB TBD V/SB	28 SOL Retakes  Senior Exams 2nd & 4th	29 SOL Retakes  Graduation Practice 8:45a — 10:00a  TBD G/V Soccer TBD B/V Soccer TBD V/BB TBD V/SB	30  8:00a Senior Breakfast  10:00a Graduation  TBD G/V Track @ Turner Ashby TBD B/V Track @ Turner Ashby
31  Exams 1st & 3rd	JUNE 1  Exams 1st & 3rd	JUNE 2  School Closes 1:00p  Exams 2nd & 4th				