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Homecoming Game, Huge Win

By Chartria Kearney

How do you get hype? Well, throughout the homecoming week the North County Poms gave the Varsity Football players snacks to hype them up and have them ready for the big homecoming game against the Southern Bulldogs. Poms just wanted the guys to have a little more umph in their step.. And, as it turned out, the boys were more than ready for the big game.

Although JV football did not get the same treatment, the JV Knights gave the Bulldogs all they had and beat them 6-0. The Varsity Knights also gave Bulldogs their all and won the game 42-0!

During the varsity game, Junior Brandon Ferguson was able to sack the quarterback in the first quarter. He said, "I felt good!!! When I made that sack, I knew that I had made an important play for my team which caused

Southern to punt the ball back to us and that gave our offense another chance at scoring."

Offense took advantage of that chance and scored another touchdown in that quarter. (Continued on page 3)



Deontez Parker stays clear of the Bulldog defense. The Knights maintained control throughout the contest.

Photo Credit: Frank Lee

Pep Rally Rocks

Spirited celebration indoors

By Nick Matiz

Pep-Rally is a big motivator, pumping students up for the homecoming game, dance, and other events. On September 30, the kids' awesome reactions and optimistic attitudes helped the school get ready to S.T.A.N.D tall and support our teams.

Mr. Noplos, SGA adviser and one of the teachers who planned and prepared for the Pep-Rally, said, "I think the most memorable thing I enjoyed seeing was the positive responses from the students and the administration."

His Co-Adviser, Ms. Goforth, noted that this year the student faculty game was changed from soccer to flag (Cont on page 2)



Poms pumps up the crowd at the indoor Pep-Rally.

Photo Credit: Frank Lee

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football. "It's fun to change up the overall theme of the Pep-Rally because it keeps the students interested and engaged."

Students also commented on the fact as well. Student Chartria Kearney said, "I liked the students vs. teacher flag football game. It was very interesting."

Foreign exchange student Nathaniel Hovlund experienced his very first American pep-rally. He said, "I liked the atmosphere; everyone was in such a good mood."

And, surely, as Ms. Goforth said, "It's a celebration of the whole school community."

The lead up of the Prep-rally was the Spirt week. Kids, administration, and faculty participated in the five dedicated days to pump our spirit. Monday was 'Merica Monday, Tuesday was Twin Tuesday, Wednesday Wild Wednesday, and Thursday was Sports Jersey Thursday, and Friday was Class Color Friday. It was a true eye-sight for our spirit.



Photo Credit: Nick Matiz

Hispanic Heritage Month: Students urge greater notice

By: Chavoné Davis

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated September 15 – October 15, deserves more recognition at NCHS. Even some of our Hispanic students were unaware of the cultural month.

Catherine Sanchez, a senior who's Dominican, said, "I would like to see people talking about the history and all the good things Hispanics have done. I'd also like to see the school embracing heritage and maybe showcasing something for all of the Hispanic students of North County."

Since 1988, the government has set aside this time to honor the many honorable Hispanic Americans that have done great things in our country. Many celebrate the rich history and culture of American citizens whose ancestors came from Mexico, Caribbean Islands, Central and South America.

"I don't like that the school doesn't talk about Hispanic Heritage Month because it feels like our heritage holds no importance and instead of celebrating our heritage

and where we come from, we just rarely hear about it in textbooks," said Sanchez.

Ms. Newcomer, a Spanish teacher said "Yes, I think it's very important because we do it for other important months so why would it be different for Hispanic Heritage Month?"

The day of September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of Independence Day for several Latin American countries including El Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and 18th.

"I would have like to do an awareness for the month; For example, posters, announcements, and much more" said Newcomer.

Club Focus

The Black Heritage Society welcomes students

By Sheyenne Elder

The Black Heritage Society is a new club addition to our school, starting up just last year.

Founding staff include guidance counselor Mr. Hackney and English teacher Ms. Broadnax.

Mr. Hackney said, "The Black Heritage Society (BHS) provides a vehicle for students to learn and embrace the rich history that African Americans have contributed to our nation...the society provides an avenue for members and non-members to participate in seminars, college visits and showcases that promote cultural awareness."

Some of the events they have sponsored include a heritage day last February, with more planned for this year.

When I asked Mr. Hackney who the people are who join BHS, he said, "BHS membership is comprised mostly with students of color; however, membership is open to any North County High School student who has an interest in learning, embracing, promoting and preserving the history and accomplishments that African Americans have contributed to society."

Mr. Hackney and Ms. Broadnax have a lot planned, including a book drive, a dance group, and field trips. One of the most exciting trips will be to Washington DC to visit the brand new National Museum of African American History and Culture. The Black Heritage Society meets during Knight Time in room B 104 on Tuesdays.

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All in all, the football players are bringing it and not letting anyone get in their way. The homecoming game was the first game the Knights won this season, but with such a convincing victory, more are likely.

One highlight of the homecoming game was the crowning of the King and Queen of the Knights. Brionna Delaware and Akiel Baker took the crown, joining Juniors Sarah Davis and Kaleb Narlee, Sophomores Lexi Raynor and Anthony Dabrowski, and Freshmen Zamani Cole and Christian Oakry to round out the court.

Step it Up

Step Team coming to win

By S. Briscoe

The Step Team Is Back At It AgainThe North County Step Team is bigger and badder. With their new leader, Leah Jones, there is nothing in their way. New steps and new chants are on the way.

Step originally started in South Africa as traditional dance. As years went on, step innovated. Step developed more into a rapid pace with rhythm and style. Fraternities and sororities began using step in the early 1900's.

Senior captain Leah Jones said, "We have new people, meaning they can bring different talents to step." Not only do they have new people,e they have new steps that they developed for the fall pep rally. Later in the year, co-captain, Chavoné Davis said that the "annual Black Heritage Showcase will have more shows, and one show will be at night so family and friends can come and watch."

The step team will be visiting Brooklyn Park Middle School in late October. While it looks like they are doing it for practice to get the newbies ready, but Davis shut that down by saying that they are just doing it as a favor. So, not only are they talented, they are kind and sweet. Now we just have to wait our turn to see the step team get loud with our school spirit.

Do you hear those chants? Do you hear them stomp? Just wait to you see them. The North County Step Team is coming to win.



With Akiel Baker, Brionna Delaware celebrates her victory.

Photo Credit: Frank Lee

PSAT Change Test moves to weekend

By Kevin Chan

During High school you will be faced with many tests, and whether you fail or succeed will help to decide your future. However, there is one test that almost all high-schoolers must take in order to succeed in college: the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

In the past, the SAT was available for free for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders in Anne Arundel County. This year, it was only available for 11th graders, and with a fee of \$15. College Board only allows two PSAT tests per year, and AA County usually opts for a Wednesday test. This year, it was moved to the Saturday date, October 15th.

On the day of the test, students were required to bring their personal calculator and their own pencils. Scrap paper, or any possibility of cheating is not allowed. Just like with the SAT, you must arrive at the stated time,

Coming to America

Q and A with our German exchange student, Joshua Niemetz

By Nathaniel Hovland

Q: How did you decide that you wanted to be an exchange student?

A: It was a decision I made with my friends. We all decided that it was something we wanted to do. It's also a great opportunity to learn English, and it looks good on a future resume.

Q: How has your experience been so far?

A: It has been great. I have met a lot of great people, and I'm having a good time here.

Q: What similarities are there between your school in Germany and here?

A: It is very different. I can't think of many similarities.

Q: What has been the biggest change when it comes to school?

A: I feel like most of the things we do here are easier than they are in Europe. Classes are also more relaxing here. School teams are also something that's different. In Germany we play for club teams, not school teams.



when they will allow you in.

Prior to the test itself, you must fill in forms, making sure that none of the test material will be revealed to the public. This is to make sure no one cheats on future tests. Phones must be turned in and turned off.

Unlike the ACT, The PSAT has no science portion, just reading, writing, and two math portions, one with the use of the calculator, and one that forbids it. In between the tests, there are ten minute breaks, and snacks in case anyone gets hungry.

According to unofficial sources, the ACT may be replacing the PSAT as a test for all juniors. It is scheduled to be offered to juniors in April 2017, on a Wednesday. No further word on that account.

Q: How has it been to adjust to an American high school?

A: Adjusting has been easier than I thought it would. People are really nice here, and they made it easy to adjust.

Q: How is it to be surrounded by a completely different language?

A: It is definitely one of the harder parts about being in a different country. I struggled a lot in the beginning, but it's getting a lot better already.

Q: What is your favorite part of American high school?

A: I really like the concept of school teams. I think it's cool to be able to represent your school.

Q: Is there something you don't like?

A: Not really, but school has been a little difficult so far. But I'm sure it will get better.

Editor's Note: This interview was conducted by Joshua's host brother, Nathaniel Hovland, an exchange student from Norway.

Halloween is Here: Cook up some spooky treats

By Chartria Kearney

Halloween is mostly known for candy, parties, and monsters. So why not combine the three? Here are some recipes to make your happy sweet tooth even happier.

Wicked Broom Sticks

Ingredients needed:

1. Bag of mini Reese's.
2. Bag of skinny pretzel sticks.
3. Red vines or Twizzlers pull and peel.

Materials needed:

1. Parchment paper

Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients on an open area.
2. Place the Mini Reese's on the parchment paper any way you prefer, making sure they are spaced out accordingly.
3. Take the pretzel sticks and place one stick in the middle of each Reese's. Apply little pressure when pushing it in, as you do not want the top of the Reese to snap in half.
4. Take one red vine and tie it around the pretzel stick and make a bow, or just tie it into a knot.
5. Do that with the rest, and once you are done, you have a boat load of wicked broom sticks.

Ghostly Strawberries

Ingredients needed:

1. Fresh Strawberries.
2. White chocolate melts/chips.
3. Semi sweet chocolate melts/chips.
4. Mini semi sweet chocolate chips.
5. Coconut flakes

Materials needed:

1. Parchment paper
2. 2 spoons
3. 1 Measuring cup
4. 1 bowl
5. Tooth picks

Instructions:

1. Place all ingredients on an open area.
2. Prepare the strawberries, washing them very well.
3. Heat up the white chocolate melts/chips and a teaspoon of coconut flakes. Fill the white chocolate melts to the 1 1/2 mark and put a half a tablespoon of coconut flakes. Put the melts in the microwave for 30 seconds stir, back in for 15 seconds, and stir and keep on stirring. If the chocolate is not melted after the constant stirring, put it back in the microwave for 15 more seconds.
4. Once the chocolate is fully melted, pour the chocolate in one of the bowls.
5. Take a strawberry and cover it with the chocolate 3/4 of the way up the strawberry. Do as strawberries as you choose, melting more white chocolate if needed.
6. Let the strawberries set and firm in the fridge for ten minutes. While the strawberries are firming up, wash out the measuring and fill the cup up 1/2 of the way up with the semi sweet chocolate melts/chips and half a tablespoon of coconut flakes.
7. Put the semi sweet chocolate melts/chips in the microwave. Heat them up for 30 seconds and stir. If not yet melted, put back in the microwave for 15 seconds. Stir until melted.
8. Take the strawberries out of the refrigerator.
9. Take a strawberry and a toothpick and dip the toothpick in the semi sweet chocolate and make a mouth in the middle of the strawberry, then take two of the mini chocolate chips and put them on the strawberry to make eyes.

