Dear Mahanoy Area High School Students,

I just would like to take this opportunity to wish you the best of luck in exceeding your goals this upcoming school year. My personal goal this year is to extend myself to the student body and open the lines to positive communication. With your help I believe we can work together to make our school the best it possibly can be. We have been through so much here at Mahanoy Area and you have shown your strength and resiliency through it all. I am very proud of you. At times we all will have our disagreements and misunderstandings but at the end of the day we all come together as MAHANOY AREA. I am here to help and assist you in any way I can. My door is always open and my office is not just the place where you’re in trouble.

Sincerely,
Mr. Thomas Smith
Mahanoy Area High School Principal

Congratulations to the Elks Students of the Month, Jacqui Pitts and Marcus Schmerfeld

Congratulations to the Cross Country teams and Coach Holmes for clinching the Schuylkill League Division II Championships

Congratulations to the Golf Team and Coach Killian for winning the Schuylkill League Division II Championship for the second consecutive year

Congratulations to Megan Babinsky, Adam Bahrey, and Matt Derr for qualifying for Cross Country States; Megan Babinsky for placing 7th overall in Class A Cross Districts, Adam Bahrey for placing 5th overall and Matt Derr for placing 8th.
Mahanoy Area Homecoming

Homecoming week consisted of various activities this year. Homecoming candidates were introduced to our student body on Tuesday October 7th. Students participated in a spirited dress down throughout the week. On Friday October 10th students attended a district wide pep rally held at Alumni Stadium. Homecoming festivities included a community parade and the announcing of our homecoming candidates. The following homecoming candidates and escorts were: Katie Babinsky/Trey Macieunas, Noel Bernardyn/Mark Mahmod, Kayla Brinich/Kenny Boyle, Kiera Burke/Luke Holman, Kate Chapman/Daryn Spalti, Giavanna Hannon/Bryce Butcavage, Rebecca Herring/Daryl Andreas, Rylee Kane/Brian Miller, Noel Kaufman/Cody Stetson, Courtney Levy/Adam Bahrey, Maddison Lawrence/Michael Joseph, Jacqui Pitts/Nick Scicchitano, Tori Sallaway/Matthew Reed, Tiffany Spalti/Kody Visgarda, Anne Stramara/Willie Streisel, Tamara Tunstall/Marcus Schmerfeld, Kelly Walinclus/Matthew Derr. Homecoming Queen was Rylee Kane, and the Court consisted of Kelly Walinclus and Katie Babinsky. Homecoming concluded with a Semi formal dance that was held at the Elk’s Lodge in Mahanoy City on October 12th from 6:30 until 10. Over 180 high school students attended.

The Class of 2015 strikes an informal pose after the traditional photo on the hill was taken by local photographer, Nikki Stetson

Students in grades 9-12 who would like to join the Bear Facts staff, should see Ms. Scic any day in the high school art room during remediation or at 2:30. Topics are available or choose one of your own.
Allison Kline teaches 9-12 general music classes and 9-12 instrumental and choral performance. She also advises the marching band, concert band, chorus and chordaires. This is her fifth year at Mahanoy. Ms. Kline used to teach elementary music at Hazleton Area SD, worked as a long term health and phys ed sub at Mahanoy, and manager and lifeguard of the Frackville pool. Ms. Kline graduated from Mahanoy and Lebanon Valley College. She is married and has two “furbabies” named Jet Li Kline, a three year old chocolate lab and Rosalita, a five year old cat.

Ian West teaches AP history, ninth grade US history, current events and civics and coaches baseball. This is his fifth year of teaching at Mahanoy. Mahanoy is his first full time job but he worked for the PA Turnpike for four summers while in college and at a golf academy for six years while in high school and college. Mr. West graduated from Daniel Boone HS and Bloomsburg University. He is recently married.

Jon Shirvinski teaches biology I and II, AP biology and conceptual science 9-12, is the Class of 2016 Advisor, Science Department Chairperson and coaches middle school track. Mr. Shirvinski worked as a radiologic technician at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center before coming to Mahanoy thirteen years ago. He graduated from Mahanoy Area and Bloomsburg University. Mr. Shirvinski is married and is the proud father of seven and a half month old, Sophia.

Suzanne Merchlinsky is the school nurse for grades 7-12. She worked at Mahanoy Head Start and Hershey Medical Center before starting at Mahanoy five years ago. Ms. Merchlinsky graduated from Mahanoy, York College and Eastern University. She is married and has two children, Greg (18) and Tony (12).

Kathy Loy teaches accounting I & II, personal finance and money management to grades 10-12. She advises the FBLA/Business Club and coaches basketball (at Blue Mountain). This is her eleventh year at Mahanoy. She has worked as an Internal Auditor for Kmart, PA Blue Shield & Good Samaritan Hospital. Ms. Loy was also an instructor at Schuylkill Institute of Business & Technology, PA College of Technology and PSU-Hazleton, Williams Valley Jr/Sr High School and Loyalsock Township Middle & High Schools. She graduated from Pine Grove Area, Shippensburg University and Bloomsburg University.

Nancy Brylewski teaches health, physical education and sports physiology to grades 9-12. She is also Student Council Advisor, Class of 2017 Advisor and Assistant Swim Coach. Before beginning at Mahanoy twenty-two years ago, she subbed at Mahanoy and Our Lady Of Mercy Academy in NY, her alma mater. Ms. B earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Bloomsburg University and her Master’s Degree from Wilkes University. She will be married 30 years in May and has three children, L.J. (28), Joe (25) and Ellen (22).

Cathleen Stone teaches 9-12 general science (earth and space, environmental science, ecology, and Vo-tech biology. She advises SADD, TAT, and the Envirothon Competition. She has worked at Mahanoy for twelve years. She was a high school science teacher at Hamburg High School before coming to Mahanoy. She graduated from Minersville High School and Kutztown University. Ms. Stone is married and has two children, Gavin (11) and Lydia (5).

Selene Schagen teaches emotional support math, English, science, and history. She was an Itinerant Learning Support Teacher for Schuylkill IU Allentown before coming to Mahanoy nine years ago. She graduated from Allentown High School (in NJ) and College Misericordia. She is married with two children, Sam (11) and Abby (8).

Thomas Smith is the High School Principal. He worked as a TSS/substitute at IU 29 before coming to Mahanoy eleven years ago. Mr. Smith graduated from Mahanoy, Kutztown University and Wilkes University. He is married and has a son, Cameron (4).

Molly Neifert provides Occupational Therapy skilled services to students enrolled in the MASD. This is her third year at Mahanoy. Ms. Neifert worked as an occupational therapist at several nursing facilities before coming to Mahanoy. She graduated from Marian Catholic HS and Alvernia University. She has been married for nine years and has three children, Ignatius ‘Iggy’ (7), Isidora (6) and Cecilia (9 months).

Nicole Luchetta teaches algebra 2, algebra 3, trigonometry, vo-tech geometry, geometry, and honors geometry to grades 10-12. This is her fifth year at Mahanoy. She was employed at Ollie’s, Boyer’s, and the Dollar Tree before beginning her teaching career. Ms. Luchetta graduated from Hazleton Area High School and Bloomsburg University.
WHO’S WHO?

_Cheryl Fegley_ teaches comprehensive science to ninth grade, chemistry, honors chemistry to eleventh grade, AP chemistry and chemistry II to seniors. Mrs. Fegley advises the Interact Club and is very involved in most booster organizations. Before coming to Mahanoy fourteen years ago, she taught at Mount Carmel Area, substituted at George Junior Republic, Mahanoy Area, Shenandoah and Tamaqua and worked at an environmental lab, Alloway Environmental Testing Services in Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Fegley graduated from Mahanoy Area, and attended East Stroudsburg University, Wilkes University and Cedar Crest College. She is married and has four children, Candace (23), Nathan (21), Nolan (17) and Colin (14).

_Amy Wislosky_ teaches English 10, writing lab, and literature Keystone prep. She worked as a writer, copy editor, and features editor at a newspaper for five years before going back to school to become a teacher. She has been at Mahanoy Area for about a year and a half. Ms. Wislosky attended Drexel University (Communications and English), and Alvernia University (Education). She is married and has a 3-year-old Golden Retriever named Penny.

_Thomas Malkemes_ teaches 8th grade tech ed, 9th grade science, and 11th & 12th grade physics. This is his second year at Mahanoy. He has worked as a delivery driver, collision repair, and substitute teacher. Mr. Malkemes graduated from Tunkhannock Area and attended Bloomsburg University and Penn College of Technology. He is married and has two daughters, (2 and 3 months)

_Cindy Richmond_ has worked in the business office for twenty-three years after working at an insurance agency and shirt factory office. Ms. Richmond graduated from Mahanoy Area and McCann School of Business. She is married and has two children, Josh (27) and Jenn (26).

_Daniel Nester_ teaches English 12, English 12 Lab, public speaking, contemporary film and literature. Mr. Nester advises the Quiz Bowl (Academic Team), freshmen class of 2018 and assists with theater arts. The 2014-2015 school year will be his sixth year in the district. He graduated from Mahanoy Area High School and Albright College.

_Mrs. Kelchner_ teaches vo-tech algebra 2, vo-tech geometry 2, calculus, probability & statistics, algebra topics, SAT math, Keystone math and algebra 1 lab. This is her third year at mahanoy. Ms. Kelchner graduated from Hazleton Area and Misericordia University. She is married and has a chocolate lab named Mocha.
**SKI CLUB MAKES A CHANGE**

The Ski Club will not be heading to Big Boulder for its weekly ski trips anymore. Members and advisors decided to attend Blue Mountain Ski Resort instead. Tentative trip dates are January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 2015. Students will be given a total of five tickets. Individual trip tickets will not be sold. All payments must be made before the season begins. If a student misses a trip, after March 8, 2015 any unused lift access may be used at any time on your own. Before March 8, tickets must be used on Friday, Saturday or Sunday from 4-10 pm. A parent or guardian must sign the liability form for any student under eighteen years of age. Passes are not transferable to another person. Lessons are mandatory for first time skiers.

To be eligible to attend a ski trip, students must be academically eligible, have returned the drug testing policy paper, have had no ISS or OSS, must not have a negative balance in their ski club account. Money for buses will not be accepted the day of the trip.

Three fundraisers are planned. There will be a clothing sale in November, popcorn and/or Scentsy in December and Tastefully Simple in January. See Ms. Flexer for prices or with questions.

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**Olweus Program Starts in the High School**

A group of students were trained to lead the Olweus class meeting. They will be in charge of a homeroom activity as part of the new anti bullying program in the high school. The students that were trained are Katie Babinsky, Jeremey Markiewicz, Tori Sallaway, Tiffany Spalti, Lily Leahy, Annie Stramara, Bailey Forte, Melissa Mormando, Nick Seicchitano, Kelly Walinchus, Jason Richmond, Darryl Andreas, Noel Bernardyn, Kierra Burke, Gia Hannon, Maddison Lawrence, Courtney Levy, Jacqui Pitts, Mark Mahmood, Ryan Jessman, Noel Kaufman, Cody Stetson, Marcus Schmerfeld, Rori Sullivan, Joe Hullihan, Corbin White, Cali Snyder and Tamara Tunstall.

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**Youth Summit 2014-2015**

On September 16, three of our student ambassadors attended a Youth Summit meeting with Mrs. Brylewski. This meeting started the planning process for the 2015 Schuylkill County Youth Summit. The county assists in the planning of a county/community project. Our student ambassadors also attended a Youth Summit breakfast to present this past year’s community project. This has been a great forum for our students to take a leadership role in their community and county. This year’s youth ambassadors are Daryl Andreas, Marcus Schmerfeld, Kimberly Loughlin, Nolan Fegley, Mark Lawrence, and Katie Loughlin.

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**Student Council**

Recently, Student Council elected officers and new members. Student Council is an invaluable resource for our district, local community, and surrounding areas. They participate in various events, representing Mahanoy Area in a positive manner.

Student Council Adviser is Mrs. Nancy Brylewski. Officers are President Jacqui Pitts, Vice President Jason Richmond, Secretary Katie Babinsky and Treasurer Noel Bernardyn.

New Members are Seniors Brian Miller, Rylee Kane, Maddison Lawrence and Lily Leahy. Freshmen members are Justin Letcavage, Matt Lewandowski, Megan Bisco, Megan Babinsky, Brendan Bennett, Kathryn McCarthy, Nick Cavenas and Payton Bernardyn.
Mahanoy Area Clothes Closet

If a student is in need of clothes, the Mahanoy Area Clothes Closet will donate what is needed if it is available. If a student spills something on their clothes they may borrow and return the clothes. If a student is out of dress code they are asked to change, the infraction is documented and they must return the clothes. All clothes are washed after each time they are worn.

Currently, the closet is in need of girls’ shoes in sizes 7.5, 8, 8.5 and 9, girls size medium polos, and girls pants in sizes 0-3 and size 8. Also needed are boys shoes in sizes 11, 12 and 13, large and medium size polos and pants in sizes 32 and 34. Mahanoy tee shirts are also needed in all sizes for dress down days.

Tobacco Stats

Did you know that even though tobacco is the leading cause of preventable illness and death in the US, there are still over 3,000 kids a day that smoke their first cigarette?

Did you know that 9 out of 10 smokers start before the age of 18?

The single most effective way to stop smoking is to never start in the first place.

This link is for the US Department of Health and Human Services Be Tobacco Free website:
http://betobaccofree.hhs.gov/index.html

Elementary Yearbooks For Sale

The cost for the elem. yearbook is $20.00. It contains 68 colored pages with events and pictures taken throughout the year. You may pay the $20.00 all at once or make two $10.00 payments. Orders should be placed as soon as possible but the TOTAL payment is not due until February.

LCCC English students visited the Schnecksville campus as part of their class, taught by Mrs. Sally Fallon. Open to seniors only, students earn college as well as high school credit for this dual enrollment class.

Safe Trick or Treat Night Planned

Mahanoy Area Education Association will be one of many organizations sponsoring a table for the Safe Trick or Treat on October 30 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the middle school gym.

This event was a lot of fun last year so get your costumes ready (not necessary but fun!)

Student Luncheons Are Back!!!

Mrs. Shegan is rekindling the quarterly luncheons for students that have been recognized for an “action” that deserves more recognition than Student of the Week. Teachers that would like to nominate a student write a letter, either hand written or typed, addressed to the student telling them what they saw or experienced that stood out. The letters are not signed. They are then read and given to the student at the luncheon. The student will try to figure out who wrote the letter.

The Student Luncheons will be held during each of the lunch periods in the high school library. The first luncheon is scheduled for November 7th.
Cold, Flu, or Allergy?

Stuffy, runny nose; sore throat; cough
Treated with rest, fluids, over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to ease symptoms

Seasonal Flu
Symptoms usually last 1-2 weeks
High fever (100-102 °F, or higher in youngsters), headache, aches and pains, weakness, exhaustion, cough, chest discomfort
Treated with rest, fluids, OTC medicines, prescription antiviral drugs

Treatment depends on which you have. A health professional can help you choose the best therapy.

Common Cold
Symptoms last up to 2 weeks

Oct. 27th to Oct. 31st

Red Ribbon must be worn in order to dress down!!!!!
NO SHORTS!!!
Monday – Being Drug Free is “NO SWEAT!”
Wear: Sweats & T-shirt
• No lettering on butt
• No pajamas
• No jeans
• T-shirts must be MA or solid dress code approved crew neck shirt
• Outerwear must be MA or solid dress code approved
Tuesday – “COLOR ME DRUG FREE”
Wear: Colored t-shirt and blue jeans
• Seniors and 8th gr.– red
• Juniors and 7th gr. – orange
• Sophomores and 6th grade – yellow
• Freshman and 5th grade– green
• Teachers – blue
• Admin & staff – purple
• No bandanas or scarfs
• No colored sneakers/shoes (dress code)
• T-shirts only (crew neck)
• Only blue jeans or uniform pants

Wednesday – “TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS”
Wear: Sports teams
• Only blue jeans or uniform pants
• Sports teams t-shirts (crew neck) or jerseys
• Sports teams crew neck outerwear

Thursday – “HIDE AWAY FROM DRUGS”
Wear: Camouflage
• No camouflage pants with cargo pockets on the side, & etc.
• No colored or camouflage shoes/sneakers
• Jackets must follow dress code(no hoods; large pockets)
• Blue jeans can be worn with camouflage t-shirts
• No bandanas or hats

Friday – “THE MAHANOY BEARS DON’T DO DRUGS”
Wear: Black & Gold
• Solid crew neck black or gold color t-shirt or MA t-shirt (logo approved)
• Blue jeans or uniform
• No writing on solid color t-shirt other than MA
Nikki Stetson Photography
purchase photos of your favorite Golden Bears

at

www.nikkistetson.com
Yearbook Photo Contest

The yearbook is sponsoring a photo contest. The photos must be school appropriate, and they must include only Mahanoy Area students. Underclassmen should submit pictures ONLY from this year. Seniors may submit ANY pictures from K-12th grade. Each week’s winner is guaranteed a spot in the 2015 yearbook. Send your photos right from your smart phone to mayearbook2015@gmail.com

Blood Drive A Success

Thank you once again for making another Blood Drive a success here at Mahanoy Area. Special thanks to our maintenance and cafeteria staff. I want to thank our first time donors, you did great! Our next drive will be in January in memory of Senator Rhoades and will be open to the public. -Nurse Merchlinsky

GOLDEN BEAR MAGNETS FOR SALE

The elementary school is continuing to sell Mahanoy Area magnets as a fundraiser. All proceeds from this sale will directly benefit the elementary children through the Elementary Student Activity Fund. This fund pays for elementary awards, holiday celebrations, BEAR programs, and assemblies. The magnets are black, white, and lemon yellow, five-year fade resistant, MADE IN THE USA, and measure 5.6” by 5.4”. Cost is only $5.00 each! We would hope that every family could buy or sell two to help us continue to provide the children with fun and educational activities. Contact Mrs. Gloria Dudash or Mrs. Melissa Honus for more information.

16 Minute Program

16 Minutes is a targeted program for students approaching their sixteenth birthdays, which is incorporated into our tenth grade schedule. The program ran from October 10th to October 31st. Sixteen Minutes gives students who are preparing to get behind the wheel for the first time a chance to talk personally with law enforcement and hear what older teens have to say about the driving experience. The program focuses on several issues relevant to safe driving including, impaired driving, aggressive driving, distracted driving, fatigued driving, and occupant protection. This focused presentation lasts for approximately 16 minutes and can make a life lasting impression.

Feed the Need

The high school has been asked to help with the “Feed the Need” campaign in the middle school. Donate stuffing mix, instant potatoes, or canned vegetables. Drop off box is outside the cafeteria.

#20 Million Memorial

Remembering Those Who Have Died Because of Smoking. Fifty years ago, the U.S. Surgeon General released the first report on smoking and health. Since then, there have been an estimated 20 million deaths due to smoking. This online memorial honors those 20 million people – spouses, mothers, fathers, children, sisters, brothers, friends, – who we have lost. View their stories and honor your loved ones by visiting the #20Million Memorial campaign here.

http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/campaign/tips/connected/twenty-million-memorial.html#legal

Football Boosters Donation

The Mahanoy Area Football Boosters will be sponsoring a bonfire on October 30th. The Boosters will also be donating $1000.00 to the Rita Holman Foundation from the sale of the pink tee shirts.
“FOR LASTING MEMORIES”

Daniel’s

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Student Government

Class officers were named for the 2014-2015 school year. Class officers were voted on by their peers after nominations and speeches.

Freshman Adviser: Mr. Danny Nester President- Nick Cavenas Vice President- Jordan Hannon Secretary- Danny Wall

Sophomore Adviser: Mrs. Nancy Brylewski President- Michael Joseph Vice President- Mark Lawrence Secretary- Trevor Flynn Treasurer- Matt Derr

Junior Adviser: Mr. Jonathan Shirvinski President- Luke Holman Vice President- Jennie Neifert Secretary- Trey Macieunas Treasurer- Nolan Fegley

Senior Adviser: Mrs. Christine Evancho President- Gabriel Lorady Vice President- Bailey Forte Secretary- Kiera Burke Treasurer- Brian Miller

Teachers of the Week

The high school has developed a program to recognize a teacher each week. The teacher can be nominated either by a student or fellow teacher. The teacher is then awarded with a special lunch.

Golf Tee Shirts for SALE

In an effort to raise money to purchase banners commemorating two Division Championships, the golf team members are selling tee shirts. Orders can be placed with Ms. Scic in the high school art room or by calling the high school. Tees are $10. Orders will be taken until November 7, 2015. Donations are happily accepted as well.

Students of the Week

This program is to recognize high school students for doing something positive. Teachers nominate students. The office rewards each student with pizza for lunch on Friday of that week. Students of the week for the first three weeks of school were Jacob Ulicny, Jeremey Markiewicz, Riley Marion, Jackie Pitts, Anne Stramara, Nathan Macleary, Darryl Andreas, Joseph Grutza, Daryn Spalti, John Wiekrykas, Sandra Supplee, Decoda Brill, Maci Arnold, Amber McCarthy, Kate Chapman, Cali Snyder, Ryan Long, Monica Arnold, Ali Mazack, Abigail Foose, Tori Salloway, Emily Matz, and Bethann Blackwell.

Share the Road Program

On October 14th, seniors were presented with Walmart Share the Road Program. Walmart provided two tractor trailers at our high school. Senior students were presented with information regarding side blind spots, rear blind spots, front blind spots, backing blind spots, and wide right turns. These are areas around the tractor trailer where collisions are more likely to occur. These blind spots are locations where your vehicle may “disappear” from the drivers view inside the tractor.

YES Field Trip

The YES students toured Solar Innovations, located in Pine Grove, on October 3, 2014. As they were guided around the facility, students were in awe of the products designed and produced at Solar Innovations. The owner and president, Greg Header, conducted the tour and even took one student into their IT department and introduced him to his staff. This really had an impact on this particular student, who is now making those “networking” connections and setting up a summer internship. In addition, the YES coordinator would like to take a state representative with us on our next tour because Mahanoy Area has such respectful and mature students.
“Night at the Wax Museum”
The Musical

The hysterical meets the historical in this comic romp through the wackiest wax museum in history! School’s out for summer, but not for six unlucky students who don’t know much about history—they have to retake the class in summer school. First year teacher, Heather Fairchild, has arranged for them to help her two aunts set up a new wax museum as a class project. Though the students’ eyes glaze over with boredom, there’s a twinkle in the wax figures’ eyes when a mysterious incantation from the back of Cleopatra’s bracelet brings them to life! King Henry VIII finds himself smitten with Cleopatra, making his queen, Ann Boleyn, furious. If she can just not lose her head, John Adams is there to serve as her divorce attorney! When Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, Blackbeard and a bevy of lady pirates show up, everybody’s out for one thing—treasure! Supposedly, there’s a mighty valuable one hidden in the museum! It’s a wild goose chase to find it, with a greedy museum landlord and her bumbling son joining in the mad search. And why is Lizzie Borden lurking in the shadows, since the aunts say they never had a wax figure of her!? The magic of history comes alive-literally—when spiced with Bill Francoeur’s cinematic score, including “Egyptian Love,” “Summer School” and “Glory Days.”

The leading roles of Heather Fairchild and Skip Webster will be played by Noel Bernardyn and Matt Reed. Cast in supporting roles are Gia Hannon, Amber McCarthy, Hunter Freil, Katie Babinsky, Tiffany Spalti and Madison Ansbach. Additional roles will be played by Devon Smith, Amberly Blashock, Brendan Bennett, Megan Bisco, Nicj Cavenas, Megan Babinsky, Nathan McCleary, Elizabeth Matz, Peyton Bernardyn, Brad Hornung, Kathryn McCarthy, Jacob Ulicny, Hannah Bruce, Jessica Waldron, Miranda Strollis, Chris Caravella, Brandon Hullihan, Journey Cunningham, Evan McKenzie and Madison Milewski. Dancers are Luke Holman, Samantha Gnall, Matt Yedsena, Jacqui Pitts, Nolan Fegley, Sydney Gnall, Lenny Duksky, Kate Chapman, Mason Evits and Maddi Lawrence. Chorus includes Mickayla Backo, Justin Letcavage, Meghan Letcavage, Katie Loughlin, Kimmy Loughlin, Jennie Neifert, Haley Obrzut, and Lauren Starkey.

Blood Drive

The first blood drive of the school year was held on October 7th. We had approximately 19 donors give blood. Thank you to the senior members of student council who served as registration and canteen attendants. We are again participating in the scholarship program with the American Red Cross and if we meet our donation goals for the year a $500 scholarship will be awarded to a senior.

SWIM TEAM PREPARES

Swim team workouts will begin Monday, October 27th from 3:00 to 4:30. Workouts will be held every Monday and Wednesday.

Food Drive

The class of 2016 is having a Halloween food drive. We also collecting travel size shampoos, conditioners, deodorant, soap for Children and Youth and Women in Crisis. Please give your donations to Mr. Shirvinski by November 3rd.

Winter Sports Physicals

Physicals for winter sports will be given on November 10th starting at 10a.m. Cost is $25. Anyone playing a PIAA winter sports needs to see Nurse Merch for paperwork. If you are interested in getting a physical please sign up in the nurse’s office.

Formal Wear Sale

On Sunday November 2nd, 2014 at the Schuylkill mall from 12pm to 4:00 pm, formal dresses, shoes, purses, and accessories will be sold. Formal dresses are $10. All proceeds benefit Frackville Rotary Community Projects.
November is the eleventh month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with the length of 30 days. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning “nine”) when January and February were added to the Roman calendar. November starts on the same day of the week as February in common years, and March every year.

**Significant November**

Thanksgiving - fourth Thursday in November in the United States; second Monday in October in Canada; commemorates a feast held in 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians.

All Saints’ Day (formerly All Hallows Day), a Christian holy day, is celebrated on November 1, the day after Halloween. In Sweden the All Saints’ official holiday takes place on the first Saturday of November.

In Ireland, November 1 is regarded as the first day of Winter.

In the Roman Catholic calendar, November 2 is All Souls Day. It is known in Mexico as el Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), and the whole month of November is especially dedicated to praying for the dead.

Veterans Day: November 11

Day of the Dead: The celebration occurs on the 1st and 2nd of November, in connection with the Catholic holy days of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day which take place on those days. The Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos in Spanish) is a holiday celebrated mainly in Mexico and by people of Mexican heritage (and others) living in the United States and Canada. Observance of the holiday in Mexican-American communities in the United States has become more important and widespread as the community grows numerically and economically. The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and relatives who have died. Traditions include building private altars honoring the deceased, using sugar skulls, marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these as gifts.

Election Day is the first Tuesday after the First Monday of November. In the United States, elections are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. They therefore fall between November 2 and November 8. In even numbered years, members of the House of Representatives are elected to two-year terms, and about one third of the U.S. Senate are elected to six-year terms. The President of the United States is elected in years divisible by four. Most U.S. states, counties, and municipalities have some part of their election cycle coincident with this date.

The Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society occurs on the (third Thursday of November), one week before Thanksgiving. Smokers are encouraged to quit smoking for these 24 hours, in hopes that they will quit forever.

National Adoption Day - Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Day - Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The day after Thanksgiving in the USA is A famous day for shopping known as “Black Friday.”

Buy Nothing Day is the day after Thanksgiving in the USA and is observed as a holiday against Black Friday.

Monday immediately following Thanksgiving Day in the USA is Cyber Monday.

Advent: starts on the 4th Sunday before December 25; in other words, the Sunday between November 27 and December 3 inclusive.

**ITS NATIONAL MONTH OF...**

Adoption Month
Home Care Month
Flu Awareness Month
Good Nutrition Month
Latin American Month
Georgia Pecan Month
Real Jewelry Month
Aviation History Month
Hunger Awareness Month
International Drum Month
National Alzheimer’s Month
National Sleep Comfort Month
National Fragrance Month
Native American Heritage Month