

High Point Regional High School

An Inside Look

October 2008

STUDENT STARS

- Congratulations to the following music students who auditioned and were selected to All-County Choir and All-County Band: Choir- **Justine Doherty, Austin Haggerty, KL, DL, SN, JO, Kelly Osborne, Dana Procida, AS and RW**; Band- **SL, Dylan Bassett, KD, Brianna Doran, Hannah Lozaw, Sean Marks, EP, AD, Cody Weber, Julie Tummillo, JD, KK, Tom Aroune, Haven Krynicky, Dave Smith, and Jack Unverzagt**.
- **Erin McCormick** was selected to perform as a member of All-Eastern Choir in Providence, Rhode Island, in March of 2009. This is a huge honor! Erin ranked third in the state in voice and will be performing in November as part of All-State Choir in Atlantic City.
- Media 3 students **BR and Cliff Whitman** entered the Edutopia.org video skills contest. They answer the question, "What do you think is the most important skill to learn for your future?" Please take a few minutes to view their entry at the following web address: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0TgAUCf8vU>.
- Cooperative Work Study student **Stephanie LaForgia** earned a \$50 gift certificate at her work site, (ShopRite of Newton) for collecting the most money for a Make a Difference Fund Raiser which was held for an entire month.
- Cooperative Work Study students, **MS** (of Houghton, Quarty, and Warr Architects in Newton) and **BE** (of The Coffee Beanery in Wantage) assisted their employers in presentations at the Chamber of Commerce Expo at Crystal Springs.
- **Hannah Lindeblad, Liza Cotter, DP, SP, JM, EB, Tom Spring, JS, DM, Lauren Bayse, SB, Colin Fricke, Annalise Knies, SM, and Lenny Wolff** served as junior election poll workers in Frankford, Lafayette, and Wantage Townships under the supervision of Mrs. Loyola.
- Governor's School applicants are **Ian Blanco** (Public Issues), and **Katie Furman** (International Relations).
- **Kayla Collura**, of Mr. Hensal's class, was the number one fundraiser for the DASI Walkathon, with \$255.00 worth of donations.
- The students of the **MCI program** with the assistance of their teacher, **Joan Smith**, participated once again in the a "Make a Difference Day" project. They have raised \$1,072 through fund raising endeavors: a bake sale and jeans day in school, fundraising at the Oct. 18 football game (donations and cards), and a collection on Oct 25 at Ideal Farms. They have received donations from as far away as Oregon! AT&T once again donated 200 phone cards. Their goal is to surpass the \$3300.00 that they raised last year, and hope to be able to buy 200 more phone cards with the donated money. All of the elementary and middle schools in our sending district have been recruited and are writing letters to the troops, as are history students here at High Point. All the money collected will purchase phone cards for the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan to use to call home.
- The students of the **MD program** with the assistance of their teacher, **Jeanne Heinke**, participated in a "Make a Difference Day" project. They chose to support the Wantage Dog Pound. They had a visit from John the Dog Catcher in their classroom and presented him with homemade dog biscuits. On Oct. 18, they attended the football game at High Point and collected donations. On Oct. 25, the class set up a table outside of the A&P in town to collect donations for a "necessity" drive. The class was able to collect 600 lbs. of dried dog and cat food and raised \$300 in donations. Both in and out of school, the class collected towels, blankets, tee shirts, and rags for the animals. Heinke's class also made and sold dog biscuits in school. During the day at A&P, John brought dogs that were up for adoption. One dog was adopted and one dog was reunited with its owner!
- The **MD program** students culminated a cross-content unit that encompassed seasonal fall topics with a trip to **Ideal Farms** where they were able to pick apples, have cider, pick pumpkins, and go on a hayride - wheelchairs and all!
- **Mrs. Shrope's** 11th grade **American History 2** students spent a week and a half in the computer lab generating PowerPoint presentations on a **Holocaust** topic of their choice. The students have expressed genuine interest in the topic and have been producing some quality work. The students have learned a great deal about World War II, its effects on the world as a whole, and its effects on the worldwide Jewish population. Additionally, the students have enhanced their ability to use the computer to produce impressive presentations.
- Graphic Design 3 junior **GN** photographed the homecoming queen candidates for the Student Council. Gabby also created the Stage Door logo design from digital photographs supplied by Mr. Sorchik. It was used for the fall drama playbill, posters, T-shirts, and newspaper ad.
- Fine Crafts and Sculpture students displayed their work at the Sussex County Library branch in Wantage. Exhibiting were **Jayne Bonn, EB, Rachel Bush, JC, Dylan Fluri, Rachele Gaudio, Sarah Johnson, SL and Alicia Worflar**.
- The Coffee Beanery at the new Wantage Town Center had an eight piece fine art display from Crafts, Photography, and Art Portfolio 4. Exhibiting were **Heather Burse, JH, and Hannah Lindeblad** accompanied by additional digital reproductions of artwork from the Class of 2008.
- Senior **Erin McCormick** sang the National Anthem at Back to School Night on Oct. 1.
- Thirty-six students auditioned and twenty were selected for the High Point Chamber Singers (2008-2009).
- High Point Music will have two jazz ensembles this year - Jazz Ensemble and the debut of Jazz Lab.

- ☉ All eleventh-grade students in the Integrated Math III course took part in an on-line HSPA trial on October 29 and 30.
- ☉ Congratulations to **JW** on being named "Student of the Marking Period" for the Math Department.

ATHLETICS

- ☉ Congratulations are in order for the following girls' soccer players who have been recognized by the league as outstanding players: **Megan Verba** and **Sam Ritter** (Honorable Mention).
- ☉ Please congratulate the following Cross Country All-League students for achieving this great honor: Boys - **DM**; Girls - **KS**; and All-League Honorable Mention - **Stephanie Peterson and Matt Plaskon**.
- ☉ The November issue of **ESPN Rise** magazine contains an article about our wrestling program.
- ☉ Homecoming was held on October 11. The football team played an excellent game against Sparta.
- ☉ Girls' tennis finished the season with an 18-3 record. They qualified for states and finished second in the SCIL.
- ☉ Boys' Soccer finished the season with an 8-9-1 record and qualified for states.
- ☉ Parents' Day was held on November 1. Over forty senior athletes and their parents participated.
- ☉ Girls' Cross country finished second in the SCIL with a record of 8-1.
- ☉ Girls' Cross Country finished 2nd in the SCIL Festival.
- ☉ The following are highlights from the Field Hockey season:
 - Held first Alumni game at Homecoming on October 11; Fifty former players played to a 2-2 tie with odd years playing even years;
 - Finished season with a 16-4 record;
 - Qualified for states and lost a heartbreaking double overtime game to Montville;
 - Twenty-seven parents, players, and coaches participated in the Light the Night Leukemia/Lymphoma Walk-A-Thon at Horseshoe Lake in Succasunna, raising \$510.00;
 - Junior Varsity finished the season undefeated.

STELLAR STAFF

- ☉ **Mike Langan** chaperoned the Poll Workers Project with **Kory Loyola**.
- ☉ **Mike Langan's** American Conflict classes visited West Point on November 5, 2008.
- ☉ The Health and Physical Education Department participated in the county-wide DASI Walk-A-Thon on October 17.
- ☉ **Brian Feuer** and **Linda Abrams** will help chaperone the Peer Counseling retreat on November 14.
- ☉ **Anna Cuneo** designed an interactive "Jeopardy style" review game for the SMARTboard. Her template was shared with all department supervisors.
- ☉ **Brian Feuer** taught a two-day, hands-on lesson that required students to construct polyhedrons out of drinking straws. The student's work can be seen in Room 331. The second day of the lesson allowed students to explore virtual three dimensional shapes on the computer.
- ☉ Geometry B students explored the Mandelbrot Set using internet technology. The exploration was part of a unit on Fractal Geometry. **Tom Costello** and **Gene Emering** teamed up with Forensics students to explore the mathematics of blood splatters using trigonometry.
- ☉ **Kevin Fenlon** passed the Apple Certified Trainer Exam for iLife 08. This will allow our school to offer certification to our students and staff.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 On October 17, **Mrs. Carolyn Acker** attended a workshop at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ, to review and assist in developing curriculum materials to be used in conjunction with the opening of The Exhibit: A Journey to Life at the Monmouth Museum in Lincroft, N.J. The exhibit will bring to life the lost world of Holocaust victims. Suitcases, symbolic of the travels and travails of so many Holocaust victims, will present the life experiences of local survivors. Scrapbooks containing treasured photographs, letters, documents, and other mementos will weave the story of each survivor's personal journey. Maps, timelines, video clips, and other exhibit materials will be part of each suitcase. Mrs. Acker will use this exhibit with her students in the English elective, Literature of the Holocaust and Genocide.
- 💡 **Nancy White** is working toward her Master's Degree in the Art of Teaching and is currently taking Collaborative Action Research and Effective Classroom Management. Her research is focusing on the implementation of technology in the classroom.
- 💡 **Brian Drelick** attended the NJTEA Northern Regional Workshop at Northern Highlands High School on October 21. The topic was "Free Ware in the Classroom."
- 💡 **Brian Drelick** attended teacher orientation workshops for the Panasonic Design Challenge in Newark and the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Challenge in Morris Plains.

- 💡 **Dan Muller** attended the 69th Fall Conference sponsored by the Technology Department at SUNY Oswego. The topic was green sustainable design.
- 💡 **Pat O'Donnell** is a Practicum student with **Seamus Campbell**.
- 💡 On October 13, **Special Education staff** attended various training sessions with the different departments in which they teach content. This was a great opportunity for the departments to learn together and from each other.
- 💡 On October 13, **Jeanne Heinke** and **Joan Smith** attended a meeting of Special Education, MD, and MCI program teachers at middle and high school levels from Kittatinny, Vernon, and Belvidere school districts. They were able to share experiences and learn teaching techniques from each other.
- 💡 On October 13, **Jeanne Heinke, Jennifer Britt, Carla Mancuso, and Joan Smith** attended the mandatory Alternative Proficiency Assessment training.
- 💡 **Marti Eidam** completed an online course on Neurophysiology and Neurogenic Speech and Language Disorders.
- 💡 On October 15, **Harold Woods** judged the trumpets and horns auditions at the Sussex County Band Auditions held at Kittatinny High School.
- 💡 Five teachers from the mathematics department (**Anna Cuneo, Susan Moss, Christina Puzio, Justine Riegel, and Marie Walsh**) attended sessions at the two-day AMTNJ (Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey) annual conference. The conference was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Somerset, New Jersey, on October 23-24. Sessions included SMARTboard, computer, and graphing calculator workshops, as well as the latest in hands-on lessons, real-world applications, and teaching strategies.
- 💡 All math department members attended a mathematics-specific SMARTboard session sponsored by Rutgers University as part of the October 13 in-service.
- 💡 The math department has made a conscious effort to infuse technology into all courses at all levels.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

The New Jersey Herald, October 26, 2008 "Back in the Game – KV returns from serious injury"

The New Jersey Herald, October 15, 2008 "High Point girls top Sparta"

The New Jersey Herald, October 15, 2008 "Wildcats at the top of their game"

The Star Ledger, October 9, 2008 "Differing opinions over fate of SCIL"

The Star Ledger, October 9, 2008 "Anxiety abounds at northern schools"

The New Jersey Herald, October 9, 2008 "Realignment breaking up SCIL teams"

The New Jersey Herald, October 3, 2008 "High Point shuts out Walkkill Valley"

WHAT'S NEWS AND NOTEWORTHY (CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT)

- 👤 On Monday, October 13, six High Point students from the Literature of the Holocaust and Genocide class attended a lecture by Ishmael Beah, (author of the memoir *A Long Way Gone*) about his experiences as a displaced orphan and child soldier during the civil war in Sierra Leone. The students - **BA, KB, Chloe Jaretsky, Breana Montalvo, Veronica Papenmeier, and Hope VanDenAkker**, who had just finished reading his memoir for their class, were able to talk to and have their picture taken with the author after the lecture. **Mrs. Acker, Ms. Hassenplug, and Ms. Reedy** also attended the lecture.
- 👤 To commemorate Violence Prevention Week, **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing students wrote poems that speak out against some form of violence in our society. Completed poems will eventually become part of an anti-violence bulletin board displayed near Room 215.
- 👤 On Friday, October 17, **Carolyn Acker's** Literature of the Holocaust and Genocide class visited **Heather Strout's** Creative Writing class for a reading experience. Ms. Strout's class had just finished a unit on poetry that speaks out against violence; Ms. Acker's class had just completed "protest songs." The group of over forty students shared their work in a supportive environment that promoted discourse and reflection.
- 👤 **Erin Meyers** and **Heather Strout** engaged in a cross-curricular project with their Fine Sculpture and Creative Writing Workshop classes. Meyers' students created "found sculptures" with natural objects, modeled after the work of British artist Andy Goldsworthy. After studying the sculptures, Strout's students composed original poems based on their observations. Photographs of the artwork and copies of the writing will eventually be displayed together.
- 👤 **Mrs. Beth Hatler's** English 9 Honors classes joined **Mrs. Joan Smith's** MCI class to create computer generated handmade cards for soldiers as part of the Make a Difference Day project.
- 👤 Forty Art History, Fine Sculpture, and Creative Writing Workshop students attended a field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on Thursday, October 23. The trip was chaperoned by **Lisa Hodgins, Erin Meyers, and Heather Strout**.
- 👤 Sophomore American Literature students attended a performance of the short stories and poetry of Edgar Allan Poe at the Pax Amicus Theatre. They were accompanied by English teachers **Carolyn Acker, Kevin Lockwood, Patricia Porter,**

Caroline Bodnar-Keimel, and Mary Hassenplug and Social Studies teachers **Kory Loyola, Dave Ruppert, and James Brown.**

- 👩🏫 **Mary Hassenplug and Rena Mills** attended an articulation meeting with the curriculum coordinators and grade 6-8 Language Arts teachers from Frankford, Lafayette, and Sussex-Wantage.
- 👩🏫 Guest speaker Kathy Perry visited **Nancy White's** senior academic classes for the culminating study of *The Catcher in the Rye*. Mrs. Perry has been a psychiatric nurse for over 35 years and currently works at Newton Memorial Hospital.
- 👩🏫 Northern Highlands Regional High School has adopted our Women in Engineering course.
- 👩🏫 **Jackie Sutton** completed ninth grade curriculum work with Beth Hatler for the 9th Grade Honors program.
- 👩🏫 **THE TROUT HAVE ARRIVED!** The **Fundamentals of Science** and **Basic Biology** classes are participating again in the New Jersey Trout Unlimited Program to raise brook trout in their classroom. There is a tank full of hatchling brook trout in Room 436 if anyone would like to stop by and see. The students will be studying the life cycle of the trout and charting their growth rate and food consumption. At the end of the project, the brook trout will be released into a local stream.
- 👩🏫 The **MD Program** made and presented a scarecrow for display in the main office to commemorate the season of harvest!
- 👩🏫 On October 26, seventy-two Spanish III students, led by **Faye Paskas and Amy Librizzi**, participated in the annual trip to Union City.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 📅 NJIT will be giving a presentation on GIS and Surveying to the Technological Studies Department on November 20.
- 📅 Rutherford High School is planning to visit our Technological Studies Department in November.
- 📅 Berkeley College will be presenting to our Business Studies students on November 21.
- 📅 A presentation by the New Jersey Society of CPAs will be made to **Mrs. Hennion's** Accounting I class on November 18.
- 📅 The International Culinary School at the Art Institute will be visiting the Foods I and Foods II classes on November 4.
- 📅 **Chris Henry, Kory Loyola, and Jackie Sutton** will attend the Pass-it-Along project with Tilly's Kids in Newark, NJ.
- 📅 **Chris Henry** will attend the state Student Council Convention on December 12, 2008.
- 📅 **Scott Ripley** and **Seamus Campbell** will attend an I&RS Meeting Day on November 17, 2008.
- 📅 **Scott Ripley** and the Debate team will attend the Princeton University Debate Tournament.
- 📅 **Ashley Westra** and **Bill Cosentino** will attend the CFLE's 2008 Annual SEX.ED conference on November 13, 2008 sponsored by Rutgers University.
- 📅 The NJEA Convention will be held on November 6th and 7th. **Brian Feuer, Anna Cuneo, Kate Harnish, and Laura Elmo** will attend.
- 📅 A TI-Graphing Calculator Workshop demonstrating the new TI-Navigator System will be provided for all department members in January.