



HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Inside Look – October 2009

STUDENT STARS

- Congratulations to the following students for being selected to perform with this year's County Band and Chorus: SL, Dylan Bassett, BL, KD, Brianna Doran, Hannah Lozaw, Nicole Demarest, Julianne Tummillo, JD, Kelly Osborne, Catherine Kedala, Justine Doherty, Kara Jenne, JO, JO, David Pauls, AS, LM, KL, LO, RW, and Austin Haggerty. They will perform on Friday, November 20, at Wallkill Valley High School.
- If you have these students in class or see them in the hall, please congratulate them for making the following teams: - All Conference, 1st team (girls) - KS (senior); Carly Zinner (sophomore); Stephanie Peterson (sophomore); All Conference Honorable Mention (girls and boys) - Jessica Norman (sophomore); Allison Provenzano (senior); MO (senior); Matt Plaskon (junior). Only 9 athletes are chosen per team (1st or 2nd); this is quite an accomplishment
- TSA National First Place Team received a check for \$500 to start the patent process from a Colorado venture capitalist.
- FBLA, under the direction of Mrs. LiTrenta and Mrs. Hennion, has been conducting a week-long food drive to benefit local food pantries in the community. To date, over 400 items have been collected.
- The Math Department would like to congratulate Carli Smolen (730), Cody Weber (800), and EP (710), each of whom scored above 700 on the October 2009 Math SAT. High Point has had twenty-nine students achieve this distinction over the past three school years.
- GN was selected as Student of the Marking Period by the English Department for her commitment to the arts. G is a true Renaissance Woman: an artist, a poet, and a thinker. Congratulations, G.
- Fred Martins was a guest speaker in Chris Henry's Sociology and Mickey Thomas' Street Law classes.
- The Debate Team participated in the Princeton Debate Tournament.
- The High Point Theatre Arts Department, led by Theresa Riccardi, treated the High Point community with an outstanding production of *The Man Who Came to Dinner* on October 30, 31, and November 1.
- Seventy-five Spanish III students traveled to Union City on Friday, October 23, to interact with native speakers in a variety of real-world settings such as stores, kiosks, and restaurants.
- The International Club enjoyed a large turnout at their October meeting to hear Dr. Barbara Berge-Miller explain the study abroad options provided by Rotary International.

STELLAR STAFF

- Congratulations to Dan Muller on his recent selection as Outstanding High School Technology Education Teacher by the International Technology Education Association.
- Mark Wallace was selected to Strathmore's Who's Who. Each year, Strathmore's Who's Who recognizes and selects key executives, professionals, and organizations in all disciplines and industries for outstanding business and professional achievements. This recognition is shared by those who have reached a distinguished level of success in their chosen profession.
- James Delaney and Kevin Fenlon successfully participated in developing and writing measurable goals and objectives for student IEPs.
- Lesley Lubanski was inducted into William Paterson University Athletic Hall of Fame.
- PE-fitness testing students did very well!
- Ashley Westra loves using the SMARTboard for her health class and the students love it, too.
- Christine Henry's Student Council attended the NJASC Fall Conference at TCNJ.
- The Biology teachers will be working to read and analyze the results from the Biology End Of Course Assessment from last May.
- Rebecca Patterson, Joy Carter, and Madeline Travaille attended a workshop on the revised New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in Science.

ATHLETICS

- 🏒 Freshman field hockey's record was 15-0-1! It was a great season, with a lot of anticipation for a very strong team in years to come.
- 🏈 Junior Billy Smith became the All-Time Tackle Leader with 177 tackles for his career on Friday night, November 6, during our overwhelming win against Vernon (35-6). If you have him in class or see him in the hallways, please congratulate him. Thank you from the Football Staff!
- 🏃 The girls' cross country team took 2nd on Saturday, November 7, at the North 1 Group 3 sectional meet at Garret Mountain. The girls were defending their title from last year, but this time without their captain, senior and #1 runner KS (due to an injury). The girls all stepped up collectively and ran the most impressive race of the season. If you have any of these girls in class or see them in the halls, please congratulate them for an incredible race and finish: Carly Zinner, Steph Peterson, Jessica Norman, Allison Provenzano, KF, Erin Miller, and KF. The girls advanced to the Group 3 meet next weekend at Holmdel.
- 🏈 Mugs Media named High Point's football team as Team of the Week for the Morris Hills game. Other Mugs Media recognitions were as follows: Billy Smith - Lineman of the Week (vs. Morris Hills) and JB - Player of the Week (vs. Parsippany Hills).
- 🍝 Several hundred students attended the October 9 pasta dinner, bonfire, and pep rally night. High Point Regional High School worked with the Football Booster Club and Wildcat Booster Club to put together an outstanding night.
- 🏈 The following students made the boys' soccer All Conference Team: Larry Cibenko-2nd team; Mike Oldock-2nd team; Jason Steiger-Honorable Mention.
- 🏈 Cheerleaders open their competition season on November 14 at West Milford High School, November 15 at Wallkill High School, and November 22 at Vernon High School.
- 🏈 Channel 10 names girls' soccer Game of the Week vs. Pope John and Game of the Week in the Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tri-County final vs. Hunterdon Central. They also achieved the title of Tri-County Champs with their win over Hunterdon Central (2-0). They gave up only one goal throughout the tournament!
- 🏈 Sophomore JC won the girls soccer Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex Tri-County Tournament MVP.
- 🏈 Christina Kehoe is the Athlete of the Month for girls' soccer.
- 🎺 Marching Band performed at pre-game and half time shows for football games.
- 🏃 Girls' cross country – Took 2nd place in the NJAC Tournament; KS took 4th, Carly Zinner took 6th, and Stephanie Petersen took 9th
- 🏃 Girls cross country took 5th place in the Hunterdon- Warren- Sussex (HWS) Tournament- KS took 8th place, Stephanie Peterson took 11th place, and Carly Zinner took 19th place.
- 🏃 Girls' cross country took 3rd place in the Passaic County Coaches Tournament.
- 🏒 Field hockey defeated Northern Highlands Old Tappan, 1-0, in the first round of states.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 💡 Mr. Wallace attended a presentation on the new Personal Finance 2.5 graduation requirement hosted by the DOE on October 27, 2009.
- 💡 Special Education staff participated in several technology in-services on October 12, 2009, including training in Moodle, Kurzweil, IDE Portal, and Study Island.
- 💡 The Math Department attended a Moodle workshop on October 12. Plans are currently in the works to finalize an H1N1 Emergency Continuation of Education Plan for this year and virtual course offerings for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 💡 On Tuesday, October 20, Heather Strout attended a full-day poetry colloquium at Centenary College. The day featured workshops, panel discussions, and open conversations with a variety of nationally-renowned poets, such as Mark Doty.
- 💡 On Thursday, October 22, Creative Writing Workshop, Fine Art Sculpture, Honors Art History, and Photography students attended a field trip to the Hudson Valley Region. The trip was facilitated by Lisa Hodgins, Rich Cutrona, Erin Meyers, Whitney Stanek, and Heather Strout. Destinations included the Vanderbilt Mansion, Dia: Beacon, the Howland Cultural Center, and Storm King Art Center. Student groups are responsible for creating a cross-disciplinary project that reflects the field work they

completed throughout the day. Eventually, there will be a creative exhibit of finalized products for the school and community.

- 💡 Beth Hatler's 9th grade English class joined Joan Smith's class for a carnival celebration of the reading of *A Recipe for Robbery*. The money raised will go toward Mrs. Smith's class's Make a Difference Day project which is Pennies for Peace, an organization that builds schools for children in Central Asian countries. Students in Mrs. Smith's class also gave a presentation to Mary Hassenplug's senior classes on the Pennies for Peace program, which was inspired by the memoir *Three Cups of Tea*, a book being read by students in Ms. Hassenplug's class.
- 💡 Students in Heather Strout's Creative Writing classes recently completed a unit on poetry that speaks out against violence in our society.
- 💡 Jackie Sutton visited Heather Strout and Lisa Premock's team-taught 9CPC English classes to discuss the Holocaust, meeting Elie Wiesel, and a variety of other topics relevant to the students' study of Night.
- 💡 Heather Strout's Creative Writing Workshop class created original pieces of writing based on pieces of found sculpture created by Erin Meyers' Fine Art Sculpture students. These cross-curricular projects will eventually be displayed for the school community to enjoy.
- 💡 Becky Patterson and Liana Heller will address the Social Studies Department on the use of the SMARTBoard Student Response System.
- 💡 Dave Ruppert will address the Social Studies Department on the use of Moodle.
- 💡 The Biology teachers will be working to read and analyze the results from the Biology End Of Course Assessment from last May.
- 💡 Beth Hatler attended the ADHD Collaborative Project for Sussex County Professionals: Best Practice Standards at SCCC, October 16, 2009 and she also attended the Information Session for Richard Stockton College at Main Branch of Sussex County Library, October 28, 2009.
- 💡 Lisa Frisbie attended the New Jersey School Boards Association Annual State Board of Education Convention Formula For Change , October 29 - 30, 2009 in Atlantic City. She attended several workshops with the following topics: *Educational Methods to Address Dating Violence, Conversation with the Commissioner, Using Web 2.0 Tools to Improve Communication & Collaboration, How to Write Good Policy, and Building Relationships and Communicating with Parents in 2009*.

MEDIA RECOGNITION

The Advertiser News, October 29, 2009: "A classic show comes to the High Point stage"

The New Jersey Herald, October 16, 2009: "High Point establishes itself as a dangerous foe"

The Advertiser News, October 15, 2009: "Nerds, jocks, hicks and preps"

The Advertiser News, October 15, 2009: "Homecoming 2009 Battle of the classes"

The Advertiser News, October 15, 2009: "Three Cheers"

The Advertiser News North, October 15, 2009: " It's good to be queen"

The Advertiser News, October 7, 2009: "Teens honored for helping the hungry"

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

- 👩 We are happy to be hosting the French singer, Eric Vincent, in concert again this year at High Point on Monday, November 9. The concert will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a reception ending around 11:30 a.m. French students from some other area schools will be here to join us for the concert.
- 👩 Dover Business College, Johnson and Wales, and Berkeley College gave presentations on credit and technology along with their school offerings to the Business and Technology Department students.
- 👩 The DECA Leadership Team attended leadership training at Picatinny Arsenal on October 20, 2009. Students attending were as follows: Courtney Wirths, Brian McGinness, Dan Fiorentine, Kristen Roche, Brendan Post, and Krishna Desai.
- 👩 Jeanne Heinke and her class collected pet food and money donations for Make a Difference Day on October 24. Donations amounted to the purchase and delivery of one and a quarter tons of pet food to High Point's sending districts.

- 👩‍🎓 October was a very busy month in the Guidance Department. On October 13, we held our annual College Mini Day, and thanks to the assistance of Janet Brummell, over 25 colleges were in attendance. On October 22, the Guidance Department sponsored Pathways to Your Future/Mock Admissions Panel. The event was led by Joanne Koch with the assistance of the counselors. The evening event began with a mini college fair followed by a mock admission presentation in the auditorium. The mock admission session was facilitated by the Director of Admissions at Rider University, Mr. William LaRousse. Joining Mr. LaRousse were admissions representatives from Lafayette, TCNJ, William Paterson, and Seton Hall.
- 👩‍🎓 Bill Wyman completed his student teaching observation. Bill Bowser is just beginning his student teaching observation.
- 👩‍🎓 Mr. Langan's American Conflict classes visited West Point Military Academy.
- 👩‍🎓 The Guidance Department was blessed by many new additions. First, we are delighted to have Ed Blevins join our staff each day during period 6 to assist with the freshman students. We welcomed Kate Kelly's baby, Benjamin, into the world on October 7. Then, Vicki Stohr joined our department to fill the secretarial vacancy. Finally, we welcomed Alan Mantz, freshman counselor to our department three days a week until February.
- 👩‍🎓 The Science Research Club is actively working after school on their duckweed project.
- 👩‍🎓 The Science League is preparing for their season with practice tests for the students.
- 👩‍🎓 The Science Olympiad is getting together in preparation for their competition in January.
- 👩‍🎓 Ed Blevins and Dave Ruppert are taking five students from the Casting Crew to Ontario for a fishing trip.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 📅 Seventeen FBLA members will be attending the National Fall Leadership conference in Baltimore, Maryland, from Nov. 4 – 7, and will be accompanied by advisors Mrs. LiTrenta and Mrs. Hennion.
- 📅 Mickey Thomas' Street Law classes will visit East Jersey State Prison in May.
- 📅 Erik Carlson and Erin Koster will attend Model Congress Party Day.
- 📅 Lisabeth Sunda is preparing the annual Whale Watch Trip to Cape Cod in May.