



# Buzz from the Hive



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## Special points of interest:

- Homecoming—October 9
- Parent-Teacher Conferences—October 11
- HALT! Kick-off—Cyber Slam—October 18
- Senior Picture Retakes—October 18
- PSSA Grade 12 Retests—October 25-November 5

## One Eighth of the Way

As I look at the calendar I find that we are into October and that progress reports have already gone home. We are now one eighth of the way into the school year.

Keeping this in mind there are several activities, events, and dates to remember. Parent-Teacher Conferences are October 11 from 2-7 pm. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the high school office. This is a good time to sit down with teachers and see what is going on with your son/daughter. The end of the first marking period is October 25 and report cards will be mailed home

November 3.

As we think about grades, please remember to frequently check your son/daughter's grades through the MMS Parent Portal from the district web site ([www.fasdk12.org](http://www.fasdk12.org)). Here you can keep up on assignments, tests, quizzes, and homework. Also check each teacher's homework calendar from the High School's Teacher Pages. Each teacher keeps a calendar for homework, assignments, tests, quizzes, projects, etc. Students and parents can check both locations an unlimited amount of times. If you still have concerns please contact your son/daughter's

teacher and/or guidance counselor.

Other activities that are quickly approaching include Homecoming (dance and football game) October 9 and Senior Recognition for football, golf, cheerleaders and band October 23 and for volleyball October 21. Please come out and help us recognize the dedication and hard work these seniors have put in over the years.

*Jennifer Reiter  
High School Principal*

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## HALT! Bullying Prevention Program

The Ferndale Area Junior/Senior High School will be having a HALT! Kick-Off event October 18 at 9:30 am for students in grades 7-12.

The title of the presentation is "Cyber Slam" and addresses the potential dangers of electronic communication. The story follows five students and the decisions they

make online that begins with a simple argument and escalates into destructive behavior. From people stealing identities to websites full of false information, students will discover how damaging cyber bullying can be. In the midst of this, one girl realizes that her online "buddy" is a cyber stalker. The show is filled with practical methods for dealing

with cyber bullies and internet predators, challenging the students to think before they send.

Any parent/guardian who wishes to also attend may RSVP to the high school office (288-5757) by Thursday, October 14.

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## College & Career Center Update

by Mrs. Dodson



Dual Enrollment with Penn Highlands Community College registration forms and payment are due to Mrs. Dodson by October 15.

Courses that are available are listed in the registration packet. If you would like to pick up a packet, please stop in the guidance office.

Colleges Visiting Ferndale Area High School:

### **UPJ**

Oct. 4 @ 9:30am

### **Penn Highlands Com. Col.**

October 12 @ 7:35am

### **Juniata College**

Oct. 15 @ 8:00am

### **Westminster College**

Oct. 19 @ 12:30 pm

### **Indiana University of PA**

Oct. 28 @ 1:45pm

### **St. Francis University**

Oct. 27 at 9:00am

### **Shippensburg University**

Nov. 4 @ 7:45am

### **York Technical Institute**

Dec. 7 @ TBA

### **Triangle Tech—Visiting Mr.**

Manack's classes Oct. 27

### **October 13—PSAT for all students in grade 10**

**November 9—Careers in Demand Showcase at GJCTC**

### **November 16—ASVAB**

**Promo & Career Typing Introduction**

### **PA Acad. of Cosmetology**

Nov. 22 @ 7:35am

**November 30—ASVAB Test** for all grade 11 students

### Field Trips:

**November 2—Westinghouse-Waltz Mills Site in Madison, PA**

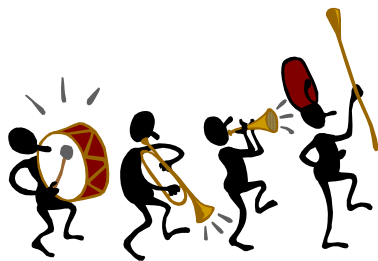
**November 3—Triange Tech of Greensburg tour**

**November 4—STEM Professionals Day at UPJ**

**November 9—Careers in Demand with Goodwill at GJCTC**

**November 10—CPA Passport to Opportunity at UPJ**

## One Band's Journey



Every summer the band attends Band Camp, works hard to put together a half-time show, and then performs at every football game. This year has been like no other; it has truly been a "Journey". The show was chosen and music passed out with the statement, "It must be memorized."

At band camp the students tediously practiced, felt like giving up many times, but

kept pressing on. Three quarter time is something that is really not seen by marching bands, however, "Open Arms" is all about three quarter time, 1-2-3, 1-2-3, 1-2-3.

The band also starts its show with a new drill, beginning at the far end of the field and marching on to "Any Way You Want It" by Journey. As musically inclined as they are, members of the band find it

very difficult not to dance to "Don't Stop Believing" as they end the half time show.

From Kennywood to football games and parades in between, the camaraderie is always there and through all the "Journeys" they come across they will always be a band family. Hope to see you at the games!

Brittney Wiesheier  
Band Student Vice President

## Birthdays

### August

Joe Carnevali (3), Josh Moss (3), Luc Kulback (4), Alexander Reese (4), Julian Wright (8), Katie Orris (9), Devlin Hale (10), Samantha Moore (11), Georganna Verdenburgh (11), Chad Eisenhuth (12), Megan Wilson (12), Sanad Hammad (14), Sam Clinger (17), Ben Speicher (18), Daniel Wozniak (20), Kyler Himes (24), Aimee Weaver (26), Tony Holcomb (27), Nathan Kornprobst (27), Alyssa Mangus (27), Kacie Murphy (28), and Alexa Mills (31)

### September

Jeremy Barber (1), Cody Berkebile (1), Edward Jakab (1), Ceara Ohler (2), Jordan Colbert (6), Vincent Nightengale (6), Lauren Olshewsky (7), Carlos Mason (8), Antonio Boyer (9), Charles Boyer (9), Jeremy Hoffman (9), Brett Pribulsky (9), Hannah Morris (11), Devlin Williams (12), Wayne Irons (13), Malik Ream (13), Aaron Tomak (13), Tara Barbarich (14), Lashauna Richards (15), Zach Sanna (15), Brittney Michaels (16), Samantha Sheehan (19), Joe Morris (23), Lindsay Shay (23), Zach Toth (23), Shyanne Miles (24), Stephen Thompson (25), Zach Beneke (30), Jonathan Bobak (30), and Lucas Levergood (30)

### October

Autumn Cunningham (6), Alicia McClafferty (6), Haley Reighard (6), Jessica Ambroe (7), James Hollis (8), Jaiden Locher (9), Erin Maher (9), Cara Sweeney (9), Genevieve Anderson (10), Shawna Woodlin (12), Anthony Rhoads (13), Hannah Richards (12), Megan McClain (15), Brenden Lovejoy (17), Matthew Dorchak (19), Genevie Shaffer (20), Kennedy Hess (23), Kayla Thomas (23), Brandon Geiser (26), Taylor Rhoades (27), Raymond Gorham (29), David Horvath (30), and Jocelyn Mattis



# Student Spotlight

Have you ever looked around an elementary classroom and noticed the letters that show how to print and cursive letters? Last year one of Ferndale Area's students was asked to create these posters for the Ferndale Elementary teachers. Tony Holcomb was that student.

Tony is a senior at Ferndale Area High School. He attends the Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center for Graphic Design. At the end of last year he was approached by Mr. Augustine to do the letter posters and he took on the project with excitement. He

began the project in May and had the posters completed in about one week. Already this year he completed one large chart (2 feet by 3 feet) that has all the letters; he did this the 3rd day of school.

Tony is a hard worker and likes doing stuff for his school. He says, "I take on as many Ferndale Area projects as I can. As much as I complain about the school I am still proud of it."

Tony's big project on the table this year is his senior project. While he is still kicking ideas around he is looking to do

posters with the school logo to put around the junior/senior high school. He is happy to do anything.

His future Plans are to attend college, possibly taking on-line courses through the University of Phoenix for graphic design. Currently he has an Internship with Valley Printing but is looking for an opportunity with the GJCTC Co-op Work program.

The elementary teachers had good things to say about the letter posters and were so happy to know they were designed and completed by a Ferndale Area student. Thanks



**Homecoming  
October 9, 2010**

# 1 ARK

Mr. Boyle has a sign outside his door that simply reads "I ARK". What does this mean and why is it outside his door?

"I ARK" simply is short for One (1) Act of Random Kindness. He has "challenged" the stu-

dents and staff at the Jr./Sr. High to do at least one kind act every day. One kind act by every student/staff member in the school can only make the school a better place to be.

So far this year we have wit-

nessed several good deeds from students such as returning of lost money, picking up dropped students books and holding open doors for people.

Keep spreading the word and do "I ARK" per day!



# Homecoming 2010

*Waltzing Through Wonderland*

The 2010 Homecoming events will take place beginning October 4 with spirit days.

Monday—Mix Match & Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday—Twin Day

Wednesday—Opposite Day

Thursday—Homecoming T-Shirt & Crazy Hat Day

Friday—Black & Gold Spirit Day and Pep Assembly

On Saturday, October 9, the Homecoming Ceremony begins with a parade from the high school to the field at 12:30 pm, the crowning of

the 2010 king and queen during half-time, and a dance Saturday evening from 7-10 pm in the high school gym. Tickets for the dance are \$3 person or \$5 couple and can be purchased during all lunches in the cafeteria.

T-Shirts will be sold for \$7 before homeroom in the lobby and during all lunches in the cafeteria.



Front Row: Megan McClain, Brianna Shawley, Brittney Wiesheier, Jocelyn Mattis, Hannah Genovese

Back Row: Matt Porter, Tanner Kulback, Zack Toth, David Horvath, Dustin Urban

# Upcoming Events/Sports

## October 1

Football vs. Blacklick Valley 7:00 pm (Away)

## October 4

JV Football vs. Blacklick Valley 4:00 pm (Home)

Volleyball vs. Shanksville-Stonycreek 6:00 pm (Home)



## October 5

JHG Basketball vs. Conemaugh Valley 4:00 pm (Away)

Volleyball vs. Salisbury-Elk Lick 6:00 pm (Away)

## October 7

7th/8th Football vs. Blacklick Valley 4:00 pm (Away)

JHG Basketball vs. Shade-Central City 4:00 pm (Home)

Volleyball vs. Meyersdale Area 6:00 pm (Home)

## October 9

Football vs. Windber Area 1:00 pm (Home)\*HC



## October 11

JV Football vs. Windber Area 4:00 pm (Away)

JHG Basketball vs. Greater Johnstown 4:00 pm (Away)

## October 12

JHG Basketball vs. Blacklick Valley 4:00 pm (Home)

Volleyball vs. North Star 6:00 pm (Away)

## October 14

7th/8th Football vs. Windber Area 4:00 pm (Home)



Volleyball vs. Conemaugh Township 6:00 pm (Home)

## October 15

Football vs. Conemaugh Township 7:00 pm (Away)

## October 18

JV Football vs. Conemaugh Township 4:00 pm (Home)

## October 19

JHG Basketball vs. Windber Area 4:00 pm (Away)

Volleyball vs. Portage Area 6:00 pm (Away)

## October 21

JHG Basketball vs. North Star 4:00 pm (Away)

7th/8th Football vs. Conemaugh Township 4:00 pm (Away)

Volleyball vs. Conemaugh Valley 6:00 pm (Home)\*SR

## October 23

Football vs. Portage Area 1:00 pm (Home)\*SR

## October 25

JV Football vs. Portage Area 4:00 pm (Away)

JHG Basketball vs. Greater Johnstown 4:00 pm (Home)

## October 26

JHG Basketball vs. Portage Area 4:00 pm (Home)

Volleyball vs. Windber Area 6:00 pm (Away)

Halloween Parade in Johnstown 7:00 pm



## October 28

7th/8th Football vs. Portage Area 4:00 pm (Home)

## October 30

Football vs. Freedom Village 1:00 pm (Home)

*Big enough to challenge,  
small enough to care!*

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