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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the last week of 2011 in Ferndale High! With the New Year on the way, we all reflect back on the past years' memories and some make goals to make the next year even better. All have made memories this year whether they were made at the 'Viva La Vida' themed homecoming, sporting events, or just around the hallway with friends. Many students' achieved great accomplishments which are highlighted in this edition of The Jacket Journal and some students are determined with this upcoming New Year to make their opportunities become their very own accomplishments. With that, I along with many others, bid adieu to 2011, and say hello to the new opportunities of 2012!

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H.O.P.E Offers Help

Hands Open to People Everywhere (H.O.P.E.) is a new club to the Ferndale family. Its main goal is to help those in need. Over 32 students are involved in the endeavor. Decorated boxes were placed at the elementary, high school, and local businesses to collect items for the homeless shelter. According to the groups' founder, Mrs. Johns, "Although the drive ended October 14th, donations are always welcome!"

Students are also asked to save pop top tabs. They will go to the Ronald McDonald Charities-Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Tabs can be placed in the big "house" at the elementary cafeteria.



Mr. Freidhoff

By Mercedes Feathers

This year's big welcome goes to our new band director in his first year at the high school, so if you see him give him a nice hello. We hope that he has a great time at Ferndale. His students are

Fall Sports Recap

By Katie Orris



The golf team had another good season with a 4-5 record. Jake Humphreys, Matt Johns, Garrett Harrison, and Dylan Zelenski each made it to the West Pac tournament. Jake placed third with a score of 88. Matt and Jake both advanced to the ICC Tournament, with Jake placing second with a score of 75. Because of his impressive performance, he moved on to the District 6 Sectionals with a score of 82. Congratulations to him on another successful season.



The football team improved a lot from last year. Their record might have not shown it, but how they played did. They handled a lot of disappointing losses, but came back the week after and worked extremely hard. "Our kids were always in it, and they play with a lot of heart. Couldn't ask for more from them," said coach Penna. The Homecoming game against Blacklick Valley had to be their best game despite the 8-0 loss. The field conditions were horrible; completely muddy because it rained the whole day. Our defense played a hard fought game, but the offense just couldn't get that one big play. Seniors Eric Kowalewski, Mike Dorchak, Jake Toth, Jake Stefan, Greg Walters, Billy Devlin, Jeff Burns, Colton Dull, and Ian Helsel had to feel good for what they accomplished in their years of playing high school football.



The volleyball team, like always, played extremely hard. Even though they didn't win most games, they still played with a lot of heart. The JV team, on the other hand, had a very impressive overall record of 15-3. If they keep up their good work, the volleyball team will be exceptional in

the upcoming years. Seniors Brittany Shawley, Gabby Kull, Kelly Howard, and Ashlee Grow are very talented and will be missed.

Students of the Month

Photos courtesy of: Dr. McDermott



September:

- 12th Grade Chrissy Weaver
- 11th Grade Elizabeth Chobany
- 10th Grade Lindsay Olszewsky
- 9th Grade Ariel Ansell
- 8th Grade Hannah Korenoski
- 7th Grade Lillian Lux



October:

- Grade 12: Sam Clinger
- Grade 11: Courtney Stewart
- Grade 10: Hannah Richards
- Grade 9: Chaliah Kerr
- Grade 8: Kierstyn Middler
- Grade 7: Kaitlin Louder



November:

Grade 7 - Dylan Pusinsky

Grade 8 - Trey McGough

Grade 9 - Aaron Small

Grade 10- Tyler Geiser

Grade 11- Autumn Cunningham

Grade 12 – Myranda Reffner



Veterans' Day

By Mercedes Feathers

Veterans' Day is set aside to remember the soldiers who have served and are serving our country. Senior Kim Dorn had been collecting donations for our servicemen and women. We would like to thank the students who helped support the soldier drive this year. Mr. Mottillo's homeroom turned in the most donations for the drive and received a free breakfast from Panera Bread. We are proud of our Ferndale Spirit and are glad that it is big enough to help our armed services!

putting forth a great effort for our school. We wish them a lot of success in the Halloween Parade this year.

Mr. Freidhoff's favorite thing about Ferndale is that everyone is friendly and works together. He says that his job is fun because his students get to learn new things and he tries to have a good time with his classes. He also loves his students and cares a lot about Ferndale Pride. He chose this job because he heard good things and started teaching. What he likes most about his new job is working with the kids in band because he loves to be here as much as they do. He thinks band directing is really fun because his students get to make music every day. We hope you join us in welcoming our new band director.

School Store Opens

Do you need pencils, pens, notebooks and book covers? How about a Ferndale T-shirt and some socks?

Thanks to the PTO, members of the H.O.P.E. group and Mr. Detwiler's finance students the school store opened in October and you can pop in during the lunch periods. Plans are in the works to add additional items to their inventory; but your support is needed. The PTO is also taking your suggestions; contact Mrs. Johns.

Fabulous Foyer

Thank-you P.T.O. for the outstanding job you have done making our foyer welcoming. From "retro to present" and a little "holiday cheer" we appreciate the things you do☺!

County Band

By Elizabeth Ballow and Ariel Ansell

This year Ferndale Area sent 7 students to county band. Senior High County Band participants were Chrissy Weaver on oboe, Jake Hollis on French horn, and Elizabeth Chobany on flute. Junior High members included Kyler Himes on saxophone, Ariel Ansell and Kacey Murphy on clarinet, and Grace Bailey on trumpet.

These students practiced every free period that they could; they were dedicated and wouldn't let anything stand in their way. I personally watched and sat in on some of their practice sessions and saw how determined these students were to succeed. Because of their hard work, dedication, and determination these students prevailed and brought good graces to the Ferndale Area name. They were well behaved and respectful like the young ladies and gentlemen that they are. The concert was the best that I have ever seen.

The rehearsals were on Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd. The concert was held Friday at Greater Johnstown High School. Both bands, Sr. High and Jr. High performed eleven pieces all together.

All of the young men and women that partook in these festivities should be extremely proud of themselves not only for the spectacular final product that came from their hard work, determination, and dedication but also that these men and women made their school proud and also the entire performing arts community.

3 Cheers for the Cheerleaders

By Katie Orris

This year, with a new coach, the cheerleaders are now helping out in the community. Their first project was to hand out candy to children in the hospital on Halloween. They met after school, and filled ghost shaped baskets with a variety of candy and toys. The baskets were made for infants, toddlers, and pre-teens. The pre-teens' baskets also included candy, but added to them were puzzle books and pens. Included in the infant baskets were baby food, hats, mittens, and toys. The toddlers' baskets included candy, such as Reese's, Snickers, Malt Balls, lollipops, and chewy candy.

Since there were only three kids admitted into the hospital on Halloween, the cheerleaders took the remaining baskets to The Learning Lamp. The cheerleaders also plan on adopting a family for Christmas, getting involved and helping out at the Special Olympics, and collecting money during the holiday season for the Salvation Army.

Homecoming

By Sam Clinger

Our Homecoming this year had a few messy moments on the football field because of the mud puddles, but the dance was nicely decorated. The Viva Las Vegas theme featured a 24 foot arch, cut-out towns, and playing cards as decorations. Congratulations to Colton Dull and Liz Eck who were crowned King and Queen for 2011!

Christmas word search

Words can go horizontally, vertically and diagonally in all eight directions.

Words overlap and share 1 or more letters.

When you are done, the unused letters in the grid will spell out a hidden message.

Pick them out from left to right, top line to bottom line.

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