

November NEWSLETTER



New Safety Measures at CT

The Conemaugh Township will be welcoming new safety measures to the school district. We are in the process of obtaining these new safety devices from OPENGATE. OPENGATE is a weapons detection system that emits electromagnetic waves to find large, and even small, metal objects that could potentially pose a threat. Mr. Foster stated, "It is a simple and efficient tool to add to the already existing security layers that we have at CT." He added, "Our 500+ people within our walls are our most cherished commodity, I need them to feel the safest that we can make them feel for them to be the most productive that they can be."



Volleyball Marathon

On November 21st, the SADD Club will hold the 9th Annual Volleyball Marathon. This year, the club is raising money for the family of Trinity Mendes, a member of our CT community. SADD Club is hoping to aid the family in helping make her home more handicap accessible after a recent accident. The events will include an all-day students' bracket followed by a teachers vs. students competition at the end of the school day. We will also have lots of excitement with a 50/50 raffle and a duck toss during the school day. SADD Club couldn't be more excited to raise money for one of our Indians!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE TRIBE?

2024 - 2025 CT Musical

This year's Conemaugh Township musical will be *High School Musical*. This is a musical about two high school students, Troy and Gabriella, from different social circles who are discovering their passion for singing. Throughout the musical, they must break all of the "roles" of their social circles while trying out to be leads in their school musical. The musical will take place on March 20-23rd. Junior Isaac Marsh stated, "I am very excited for this year's pick for musical. I can't wait to get started."



Outstanding Young Women

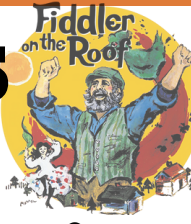
In the Cambria and Somerset counties, young women in their senior and junior years of high school can apply for the Outstanding Young Woman Program. This year, Conemaugh Township's Alexa Gardenhour and Julia Thomas represented Conemaugh Township in the competition. Over the course of two months, these girls participated in many practices where they were able to bond with the other participants. Though it was a lot of work and dedication, they enjoyed this experience.

Bocce Ball

Bocce ball is a sport played between two teams. Each team has four bocce balls with different colors. The game's goal is to aim your team's ball closer to the target than the other team's ball. Former Conemaugh Township student Addy Dull is in charge of the CT bocce ball team this year. They are still building their team and they are expecting a great turnout. CT will be having two home games and two away games. Coach Addy Dull stated, "I am excited for this season! The team has really grown in the year that I have had the opportunity to be their coach. I am so excited to get out there and, most importantly, have fun!"



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS



Fiddler on the Roof

From November 1st through the 2nd, the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown (UPJ) will show *Fiddler on the Roof*. On Friday, November 1st, the musical will be performed at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 2nd, will have shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Our very own MariGrace Lingenfelter will be directing the orchestra. She was interviewed by Hope Springs Eternal Project and was selected to join the team for this musical production. They started to prepare for this production in the spring of 2023, and have been rehearsing five or more days each week since August. Ms. Lingenfelter states, "One of the best experiences for me in this project is working with other adults who are some of the top musicians in our region. There are so many talented actors on stage, directors on the team with me, and musicians in the pit. I have expanded as a musician and am grateful for this wonderful opportunity."

Somerset Country Chorus

On November 25th through the 26th, a group of 20 senior high students will be going to Somerset High School for Somerset County Chorus to sing from 8 a.m. to 4 pm and even perform a concert for the public on the 26th. The students who will be singing in the soprano section will be Colbi Hunsburger, Payton Rensko, Jaylynn Moyer, and Addison Lasure. The alto section included: Julia Thomas, Charlotte Worst, Anna Hunsberger, Adah Konieczny, Greta Mock, Emily Purdy, and Ally Waterhouse. The tenor section includes Evan Grimes, Isaac Marsh, Elijah Sodano, Caven Miller, Daniel Turley, Chris Yoder, and Heath Moser. Lastly, the baritone section will include Nathan Dail and Daniel Maciorowski. The students are grateful for the experience and can't wait to start singing with other schools.

District VI Band

On November 20th, students throughout 10-12th, in concert band, will be auditioning for district band. Students who are planning to attend district band have had their music since May 5th and have been working with instructors over the summer into the fall. This year's district band will be held at Bellwood Antis. After the students audition, they get their scores and feedback from the judges. Then, they will be given chair placements and assigned parts for the festival. Whenever the schools come together, participants know their music and get ready to put a concert on in two days. When auditioning, if they score high enough they can be accepted into regional, state, all-east, and national levels in these competitions. Mrs. Grove, our school's band director, stated, "Festivals are a great experience for any student in music. It allows them to build their skills, meet friends/musicians from across them to build their skills, and meet friends/musicians from across

Blair, Bedford, Cambria, and Somerset Counties. They have the opportunity to work with high level conductors and professors from college bands."

District VI Jazz

On November 27th, students within the 9-12th grade concert band will be auditioning for District VI Jazz. District VI Jazz is very similar to district band, but includes modern band ensembles (rock band), traditional jazz bands, and a vocal acapella group. District Jazz is judged by a team of band directors who studied their instrument in college. Their auditions are ranked and rated based on their tone, intonation, rhythm, note accuracy, interpretation, and technique on their specific instrument. The music that they are preparing for the concert is more difficult than what Conemaugh Township concert band members are used to, so it brings a great challenge to enjoy the work they put in.

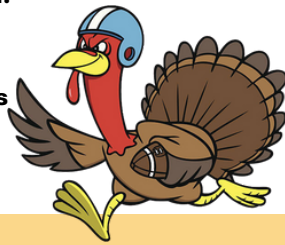


CT SPORTS

Fall Recap

The Conemaugh Township fall sports teams are finishing off their regular season with lots of wins. The volleyball team finished off their season with a 19-5 record with Ava Byers and Laikyn Reynolds hitting monumental numbers in kills and digs, respectively. The boy's varsity soccer team finished off their season with a stunning 18-2 record. The girl's varsity soccer finished the season with a record of 16-5-1, with Izzy Slezak and Ashlyn Fetterman both breaking school records for number of goals scored and number of assists, respectively. Our volleyball team and both soccer teams were District V silver medalists. Our school's golf team ended their season 14-4 and member Alex Boring went to states and placed 19th overall.

Emily Purdy who is involved in golf, varsity soccer, and cheer, stated, "I am grateful for the wonderful seasons we have had and I'm ready for winter sports to start."



Winter Sports Preview

With the start of November, our school's winter sports begin practices. Conemaugh Township's winter sports include basketball, rifle, and wrestling. Our varsity basketball senior players include Ava Byer, Ashlyn Fetterman, Katie Wiley, and Kieran Kane. Our senior rifle members include Brooke Szala, Maddie Costigan, Savannah Hitechew, and Bella Fuska. Wrestling senior members include Haiden Henry and Dylan Hovanec. Ava Byer stated, "We are ready and willing to put in the work to have a good season." Maddie Costigan stated, "The other members and I are excited to get back in the range and start practicing."



DISTRICT CHORUS PRE-AUDS RESULTS

SOPRANO 1



**JAYLYNNE
MOYER**

**ADDISON
LASURE**



ALTO 2



**EMILY
PURDY**

**CAVEN
MILLER**



TENOR 2



**CHRISTOPHER
YODER**

ALTO 1

**JULIA
THOMAS**



**ANNA
HUNSBERGER**



**GRETA
MOCK**



**HEATH
MOSER**



TENOR 1

**ELI
SODANO**



**EVAN
MASSIMOS
GRIMES**



ROTARY

Veteran's Day Card

On November 6th, the current members of the high school Rotary Interact will each be turning in three Veteran's Day cards to be handed out on Veteran's Day, November 11th. They believe this is a nice way to serve a part of our community with a card of gratitude for their services and duties they still provide to the community and country.



Rotary members decorating with residents of Laurel View.

Blood Drive

On November 14th, Rotary Interact will be holding a blood drive with the Red Cross. They will be holding sign-ups in the near future. Students who are 16-17 years old will need parental consent. There will be snacks for the donors and lots of support from the Rotary Interact members.



Group of Rotary Interact members before they head out and clean the roads.



Our girls varsity soccer players on military night.

Rotary Decorates at Laurel View

On November 12th, a group of Rotary Interact students will be volunteering at Laurel View to help the residents get their winter decorations up for everyone to see. They plan to be there for up to five hours helping to hand up light outside and putting up Christmas trees and other winter decorations within the community building.



Daniel Turley giving socks to former student after giving blood at last year's event.

Kindness Week and a Half

Throughout November 18th - 27th, Rotary Interact will be sponsoring their kindness week. This includes: reading to the elementary students, post-it notes with kindness, thank you cards, secretary plants, cookies for EMS and police, giving out candy canes, and volunteering at Saint Francis Sharing and Caring.

OUTSTANDING INDIANS

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



"Braxton Schlosser works very hard in class, is willing to help those around him, and he is always well-behaved."

"Brayden Dail always participates, is helpful to his classmates, and consistently has a positive attitude. He is a true pleasure to have in class."



"Sarah Weyand is a kind and polite student! She is compassionate, responsible, caring, and courteous!"

SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



"Vayda Korenoski is a very hard worker and is kind to everyone. She pours her heart into everything she does."



"Heath Moser has mentored and helped younger percussionists. He is a model for many, and is a driven leader."



"Eden Denault has shown so much personal growth. She has developed a good confidence within herself and is accountable and friendly!"



"Chris Yoder gives his best effort and does his best to encourage others. He brings a positive attitude to class no matter the assignment or objective."



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: MRS. KOPP

"Mrs. Kopp always brings a bright attitude to the day. Her energy is just amazing to be around." - Jacob Bartis

Mrs. Kopp has been a lifetime resident of Davidsville, PA. Living here her whole life has only made her love for the Conemaugh Township Community grow. Along with being an integral part in students' and her fellow teachers' lives, Mrs. Kopp now gets to share her love and care with her son, Oliver, who was born earlier this year. Growing up in Davidsville, Mrs. Kopp attended and graduated from Conemaugh Township High School in 2010 before earning her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2014. In 2020, she furthered her education with a master's in Mathematics Education from the same institution.

Mrs. Kopp holds multiple degrees, including a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (PreK-6 all subjects), a Bachelor of Science in Special Education (PreK-12), and a Master of Education in Mathematics (PreK-8). Her teaching career began with a high school job at the Shoe Department and continued to become an assistant group supervisor at St. David's Learning Place during her time in college. From 2014 to 2019, she served as a learning support teacher at Rockwood Elementary before returning to Conemaugh Township in 2019 as a middle school learning support teacher, eventually becoming the Life Skills teacher.

In her sixth year at CT, Mrs. Kopp loves the supportive community and the spirit among her colleagues. Having been a student at CT herself, she admires the work ethic of the teachers and is most proud to be part of such a dedicated team.

Family is very important to Mrs. Kopp's life. She and her husband reside in Davidsville with Oliver, their dog Mia, a turtle named Elvis, and a bearded dragon named Agatha. The couple met at IUP's martial arts club and share a love for spending time outdoors, cheering for the Pittsburgh Penguins, and enjoying movie nights.

In her free time, Mrs. Kopp enjoys crocheting and has achieved a third-degree black belt in karate, further illustrating her multifaceted personality and commitment to growth in all areas of her life. As she balances her roles as a mother and educator, Mrs. Kopp continues to inspire those around her with her passion and dedication. Thanks for being such a big part of our CT community, Mrs. Kopp!



"Mrs. Kopp is one of my best friends. She's not only an incredible teacher but she is also an incredible person. She goes above and beyond for her students always. She has a heart for all creatures, big and small. I'm lucky to have her as a friend. You can always trust her." - Mrs. Spengler

"She is the best teacher ever. She's very helpful, and patient. She makes school very exciting everyday." -Justin Armstrong



"Mrs. Kopp is one of my favorite teachers. She always has the best advice and is so fun to be around. She is the nicest!" - Colbi Hunsberger

"Congratulations on being teacher of the month!" -Sarabeth Sullivan



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 4 | Report Card Issued

November 8 | One Hour Early Dismissal

November 11 | Veterans Day Vacation

November 12 | Parent Conference Day | No School for Students

November 27 | One Hour Early Dismissal

November 28 - 29 | Thanksgiving Vacation

