



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



VOLLEYBALL MARATHON

Conemaugh Township's SADD Club's 10th annual Volleyball Marathon will be held on November 13th. It is a fundraiser and awareness event that raises money for a community member or local organization in need. Throughout the school day, 12 teams signed up to compete against each other, trying to be the best and win. In the morning, the action will pause at the high school while senior SADD club members go down to the elementary school to compete against the elementary teacher team. During the event, classes will be able to come down to enjoy the action. In the evening, students will return to the school to watch the final teams compete, along with the Senior SADD club members versus the teachers' team game. The evening will also feature a basket party, a student and teacher Save It or Shave It event, a Duck Toss, and a 50/50 Raffle. This year, the money raised from the volleyball marathon is going to one of our own Indians, Ethan Matera. Ethan was diagnosed with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma (T-LBL) earlier this year and has been fighting hard since. Liv Ryan, SADD Club Vice President, states, "The Volleyball Marathon is so special to our community and students here at CT. This year should be a big success due to so many people rallying together to help support Ethan and his family."



ALUMNI CONCERT

On Wednesday, November 26th, the CT Music Department's current students and alumni are coming together again to support a special cause. In support of the "Music Makes Us Stronger Fund," our current and past musicians will come together to try to help an individual who may be battling cancer. These funds are donated to students at CT, music alumni, music alumni's children, or individuals in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District VI to alleviate some financial burden in their battle. By joining together to show off their talent and bringing another evening of musical entertainment to our community, these musicians will use their musical gifts to make a real difference. The last reunion held at Conemaugh Township was in 2017, and since the program was started, it has helped 12 individuals. Entrance for the concert will be \$15. CT alumni T-shirts and polos will be sold at the event, and the evening will also offer a silent auction, raffles, and other opportunities for donations. Clear your schedule on November 26th so you and your family can attend this event that brings our talented musicians from over the years back to our beloved school in support of a great cause!





Best Wishes, Mrs. Troxell!



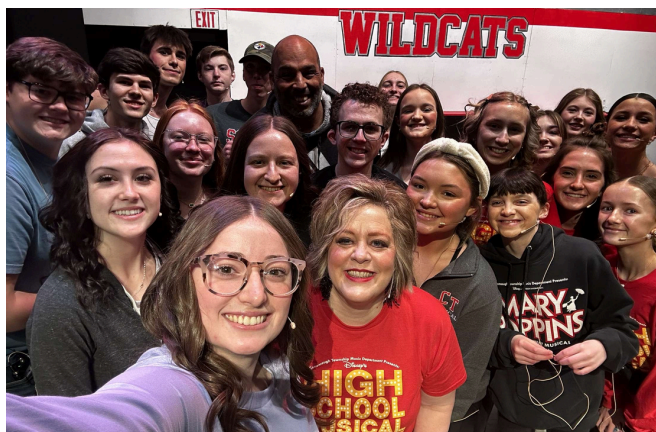
One of our beloved school board members and a staple in our CT community will formally be retiring from the school board in December. Mrs. Chrissy Troxell is a devoted mother to her three children, Trent, Zane, and Katie, and a respected professional in the community. She works as a pharmacist at Martella's in Boswell, where her commitment to care and precision continues. Beyond her professional role, Mrs. Troxell has dedicated an impressive 16 years of service to the Conemaugh Township School Board, consistently advocating for the best interests of students, staff, and families. She has brought so much joy and light to Conemaugh Township in these years, always having a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Throughout the years, she has brought people together, cheered others on, and worked hard in the background.



Mrs. Troxell's presence at Conemaugh Township High School has been nothing short of inspiring. Her deep commitment to the students and her tireless involvement in school activities have made her a beloved figure in the halls and hearts of the community. Whether she's lending her creative talents to help bring to life the annual musical, adding festive flair to the Post Prom activities, or decorating display cases around the school to brighten our hallways and attitudes, Mrs. Troxell brings warmth, enthusiasm, and a personal touch to every project she undertakes. Last year, she even took on the task of playing the role of Ms. Darbus in Conemaugh Township's production of High School Musical. Mrs. Troxell is known for the little things that make a big difference. She's the positive voice always bringing to light student and staff accomplishments. She can make an entire graduating class individually feel like the success stories they are.



Mrs. Troxell's dedication and commitment to Conemaugh Township and the community have forever impacted many, many people's lives. She has become someone that people look up to and admire, constantly being that light for others. Thank you, Mrs. Troxell, for everything you've done for this school community, and know that this is a better place because of your influence! We appreciate you and wish you the best of luck in your next endeavors!



"My time on the board has been a wonderful experience, stressful at times, but wonderful. I have so much respect for my fellow board members, and I know being fiscally responsibility and the welfare, safety, and education of the students are all always their top priorities. We have a fantastic community, a great school, and fabulous students. It has been an honor and a pleasure to sit on the Conemaugh Township School Board, and I wish the best to the elected official who takes my seat."

– Mrs. Troxell



Rotary

ROAD CLEAN UP

Following the excitement of the Homecoming parade, the Rotary Interact Club took the time to give back to the community by cleaning up the roads of Davidsville, branching onto the 219 exit and entrances. The kids started bright and early with their vests, gloves, and big trash bags. Starting at the school, they worked to Route 219, picking up all sorts of trash. After making sure they gathered up all of the garbage and the count of 462 cigarette buds, they headed back up to St. David's Church, ensuring the town looks its best.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child is an annual project held by Samaritan's Purse, where anyone can participate. This project brings Christmas gifts to children whose families cannot afford to purchase them on their own, whether that's due to poverty, natural disasters, or areas affected by war. Boxes are filled with items that the kids might need and want. Some examples are: clothes, toys, and school supplies. You can also personalize their box; writing a letter or holiday card is a great way to add that personal touch. These boxes are distributed to the children throughout December and are followed by an invitation to attend an introductory-level bible study.

BLOOD DRIVE

The annual blood drive at Conemaugh Township will be held in the gymnasium on November 14th from 8 AM to 2 PM. Blood donations will be open to anyone, ages 16 and up. The drive will also be open to faculty and members of the community. Rotary will be partnering with the Red Cross, whose nurses will be doing blood work.

Rotary volunteers will be helping with registration and the distribution of refreshments. If you decide to donate blood, you will receive some awesome socks and a \$10 gift card!

DECORATING LAURELVIEW

On the 10th of November, Rotary Interact volunteers will be heading down to Laurel View Village. These students will be helping the residents put up their Christmas decorations, bringing on the Christmas spirit. This includes all the themed trees, indoor and outdoor lights, and so many nativities. The residents and students each year feel so honored to get to share their stories while setting up for the wonderful Christmas spirit. Jaeden Holsopple, president of the Rotary Interact, said, "It's always fun interacting with the residents at Laurel View while preparing for Christmas."



CT MUSIC

MUSICAL

This year's musical will be the four-time Tony Award-winning musical, Matilda. This musical is based on the book of the same name by Roald Dahl, published in 1988. The story tells of a gifted girl with the power of telekinesis living with her cruel parents. It follows her through her days at school where an evil principal, Agatha Trenchbull, makes her life miserable. The music department is very excited to bring this show to life!

The following students will have the honor of bringing this show to life: Anna Hunsberger and Abbey Shropshire as the dual-cast Matilda, Chris Yoder and Alexa Gardenhour as Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood, Daniel Turley as Agatha Trenchbull, and Addison Lasure as Miss Honey. With many more of our talented students helping form an amazing cast. Practices start in December, and the cast couldn't be more excited to present this story to the community. Make sure to stop in on the evenings of March 12th -14th and on the afternoon of March 15th. Tickets will be for sale closer to the show dates.



DISTRICT CHOIR

On October 18th, nine of our CT choir students traveled to Shanksville to audition for the District VI choir. The students received their audition music back in May and put in lots of work practicing the songs during homeroom with the help of Ms. Lingenfelter. The following students cut to get into the festival:

Bass 1: Chris Yoder and Daniel Turley;
Tenor 1: Adah Konieczny;

Alto 1: Greta Mock and Anna Hunsberger;
Alto 2: Emily Purdy.

They will find out which pieces they will be performing at the end of November.



Chris Yoder
Bass 1



Dan Turley
Bass 1



Adah Konieczny
Tenor 1



Anna Hunsberger
Alto 1



Greta Mock
Alto 1



Emily Purdy
Alto 2



CT MUSIC

COUNTY CHORUS

A few members of the Conemaugh Township choir will be traveling to Berlin to perform with numerous other schools in their county chorus performance, on November 24th-25th. These students are: Erin Fochtman, Kyla Rowe, Abbey Shropshire, Callee Hoover, Ava Boyle, Rebecca Purdy, Jacob Oleksa, Addison Lasure, Laniyah Lohr, Anna Hunsberger, Emily Purdy, Charlotte Worst, Greta Mock, Adah Konieczny, Eve Dougherty, Hailey Williams, Avalee Bosnick, Isaac Marsh, Daniel Turley, Christopher Yoder, and Nathan Dail. Congratulations on this accomplishment, ladies and gentlemen!



MARCHING BAND WRAP-UP

The Conemaugh Township Class and Taste Marching Band concluded their season at their states competition at Altoona on Saturday, October 25. They finished at a rank of 4 out of 7, and improved their overall score by about 17 points.

“With such a small and young band, we were very happy to see such improvement over the season. Everyone worked so hard to get us to the point that we ended at, and we’re all so excited for next year and what these kids can do!”-Greta Mock, Junior member



Adah Konieczny

ADAPTED MUSIC

The Conemaugh Township adapted music class has been going strong all October, playing their spooky Halloween songs. They will now be switching the holiday seasons and beginning their Christmas songs for their upcoming Winter concert.

The students are excited to show their talent to the school, along with getting to have their family members see all of the work they put in, and truly get in the Christmas mood.



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Sports

Volleyball

The team finished their regular season with a record of 15-2. They then carried their season to the KCACs and beat their previous losses of Purchase Line and West Shamokin. The Heritage champions then competed in Districts, but sadly, lost on Saturday, November 1st, in the District championships.

Football

The team finished their regular season with a record of 6-4. They continued to Districts, where, as of 11-3, they will be playing Meyersdale for the District title on November 7th. Results will be posted.

Boys Soccer

The boys finished their regular season strong, having a 16-1 record. The team entered the run for Districts and sadly ended their season with a loss against McConnellsburg. Even though the end of the season was a bit of a heartbreak, the boys ended their season well with a Heritage title and an overall winning season.

Girls Soccer

The girls finished their regular season at 8-9-1. They entered the Districts and made it to their second round of playoffs with a win against Everett. Sadly, the team ended their season with a loss against Windber.

Cross Country

Hudson Lease reclaimed his title of D5/D8 champion with our co-op at JCS in their District meet on October 21st. He ran with a time of 17.27. He continued his season in the States on Saturday, November 1st. Congrats, Hudson, on a successful season!

Golf

The Conemaugh Township golf team finished its season with a record of 14-1. They were successful in their run for Districts, taking first place, but sadly fell short in their State match.

Cheer

The cheer squad spent the entire football season cheering on the football team through victories and losses. They enjoyed the entire season and are excited to support the boys and girls basketball teams in their respective seasons.

OUR PRIME PUMPKINS

Middle School Students of the Month



"Brantley Moyer is always ready to go for class, consistently volunteers, and is helpful and kind. He is a stellar kid. with a great attitude."

"Levi Kiser is an awesome student to have in class. He has a very pleasant disposition and is willing to go the extra mile to be successful!"



"Kyla Rowe is always helpful and attentive in class. She is honest and considerate. She works hard and is very polite."

Senior High Students of the Month



"Molly Hunsberger embodies the best parts of being a student – she's hardworking, thoughtful, and brings a positive attitude to everything she does. She's polite, respectful, and balances hard work with having fun."

"Ricky McKee has a fantastic attitude and is always respectful. He goes above and beyond to assist his teachers and never complains about his workload."



"Mya Kane is always sweet and polite. She volunteers to help out regularly and is an immensely reliable student. Her work is fantastic. She is a pleasure to have in class."

"Gracie McCall is a mature and loving individual. She goes above and beyond to help her teachers and her peers. She always has a smile on her face and brightens any room she enters."





Pick of the Patch Teacher: Mr. Rising

For eight years, Mr. Jakeb Rising has been inspiring Conemaugh Township students through his passion for math, science, and creative problem-solving. Known for his enthusiasm, kindness, and dedication, Mr. Rising brings an innovative spark to every class he teaches. He began his teaching career at Conemaugh Township in 2018, and this school year marks his 8th year of teaching. Over the years, he has taught Algebra, Trigonometry, Physics, Programming, Robotics, and Strategy & Logic — a unique course emphasizing strategic thinking and logical reasoning through board game design. He also leads the Middle School Gifted Program, coaches academic teams for MathCounts, Scholastic Quiz, Heritage Math, M3 Challenge, and Physics Olympics, and serves as an afterschool tutor.

Born and raised in Indiana, PA, Mr. Rising grew up the middle child of three with an older brother, Andy, and younger sister Hannah. His father worked first as a dairy farmer and later as a truck driver, while his mother is a Speech-Language Pathologist. From an early age, he loved learning and challenging himself — participating in scouting, academic competitions, and church youth activities, and earning the rank of Eagle Scout in March 2014. A graduate of Marion Center High School, where he was salutatorian of the Class of 2014, Mr. Rising went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Secondary Mathematics Education and Applied Mathematics (with a minor in Physics) from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in 2018. He later completed a Master's in Physics from Texas A&M Commerce (now East Texas A&M) in 2023 and is currently pursuing Computer Science teacher certification through Carnegie Mellon University's CEOI program, and he is expected to finish in Spring 2026. Before joining Conemaugh Township, Mr. Rising worked at a bookstore, served as a resident assistant, SI leader, and tutor, and spent his summers at Camp Sesh Mack as both Ecology Director and Program Director.

Outside of the classroom, Mr. Rising continues his passion for science education through involvement with the American Association of Physics Teachers – Physics Teacher Resource Agents (AAPT-PTRA), where he leads professional development workshops and was recently elected Co-Chair of the AAPT Physics in K-12 Education Community. He also contributes to the Quantum for All initiative, helping bring quantum physics education to students nationwide. At home, Mr. Rising shares his life with four cuddly cats — Chance, Zephyra, Cookie, and Butterscotch — and two energetic dogs, Hank and Bruce. He and his partner Jesse will celebrate two years together this December. When he's not teaching or mentoring, he enjoys traveling, baking, board games, and everything Pokémon-related. He also assists with Euro Club and Scouts, continuing his lifelong love of learning and leadership.

"I love working with CT – the students, teachers, and families are all so involved, making this a truly wonderful community. One of the most rewarding parts of teaching for me is taking the fear out of difficult subjects like physics or math and watching students grow into confidence with them."



"Mr. Rising and I started our journey of teaching the same year and we have been friends ever since the day we met. Mr. Rising is one of my closest friends and he is the type of person that gives 110% effort toward all his endeavors. In physics, the definition of "unstoppable force" is described as having infinite energy and being able to move any object it encounters. Mr. Rising is an unstoppable force in his field of physics. His witty, kind, and empathetic personality "moves" all who know him. He is one of the most loyal, intelligent, and kind people I have ever met and I am incredibly lucky to call him a friend."

—Mrs. Spengler



"The great thing about Mr. Rising is that he truly does care about the students' wellbeing. He also pushes us to learn while giving us time to have fun."

—Jaeden Holsopple

"Mr. Rising is a great teacher because he is always willing to help. No matter who you are, he puts everything else aside to put you first and make your day brighter."

—Noah Nagy





UPCOMING EVENTS

11 - 7 | One Hour Early Dismissal

11 - 10 | Parent Teacher Conference
Day

11 - 11 | Veterans Day Vacation

11 - 26 | One Hour Early Dismissal

11 - 27/28 | Thanksgiving Vacation



Who is in charge?



Jr. Editor Emily Purdy

Emily Louise Purdy is from Davidsville, PA. She participates in soccer, golf, hockey, bocce ball, basketball, track, softball, and is a cheer captain. She also has been a part of four musicals. Emily has participated in District Choir for one year, and is a part of numerous clubs including, Rotary, NHS, Student Council, and SADD. Her interests include singing, reading, writing, traveling, ice skating, and volunteering. Emily is also an active member at Camp Parc and is an Adapted Music teacher.

Sr. Editor Maya Denault

Maya Lynn Denault is from Hollsopple, PA. She is the captain of the Rifle Team, a dedicated dancer both recreationally and competitively, and has also participated in many musical productions. Maya has lettered twice in Rifle, competed at Nationals twice for dance, and is actively involved in leadership and service as the runner / editor of two newsletters, a member of the National Honor Society, and Vice President of Rotary. Her interests include photography, volunteering, crafting, reading, gardening, and, of course, dancing.

Jr. Editor Hannah James

Hannah Grace James is from Jerome, PA, where she is actively contributes to her community through involvement in organizations such as Rotary Interact, Spanish Club, and Tribe Time. Beyond her community contributions, Hannah has a passion for playing piano and singing. She also likes to spend time with her friends during her free time in addition to this, Hannah is eager to explore new experiences, always striving to learn and grow both personally and academically.