

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



SOCCER ALUMNI GAMES

The Conemaugh Township Boys Soccer team created a new fundraiser over the summer that they hope will become an annual tradition for both soccer alumni and current student-athletes.

The inaugural event was held on August 6th and featured both girls and boys games. The girls game kicked off at 6 p.m., followed by the boys game at 7 p.m. Both games brought plenty of energy and competition to the field, with current players and alumni giving their best effort while also enjoying the opportunity to play together.

The fundraiser was a success for the soccer teams and helped provide financial support for their upcoming seasons.

Next year, the girls soccer team will take over responsibility for organizing and running the event before the 2027 season. By rotating between the teams, the hope is that the fundraiser will continue to grow and become a lasting tradition within the Conemaugh Township soccer program.

The idea for the alumni games originally came from senior Rocco Hagan, who helped bring the concept to life and encouraged the team to create an event that could benefit the soccer programs while bringing past and present players together.

“It was a great success. I talked to Mr. Feathers about the idea, and that sparked everything. All summer, I was coordinating and overseeing the background work that needed to be done with booster officials, the school, and the players. It really made me happy with the support I had from the team and the community. It felt so wholesome to see the turnout of players and fans who came out to relive past glory and support the team for the upcoming season. It is one of my biggest accomplishments at Conemaugh Township. I hope this will become a tradition for the community and team!” — Senior Rocco Hagan



CT in Europe!

From June 10th to 20th, several Conemaugh Township students, family members, and faculty members had the opportunity to travel to Europe on an educational tour. The group went to Paris, Luzern, Munich, and Vienna with a few pit stops along the way.

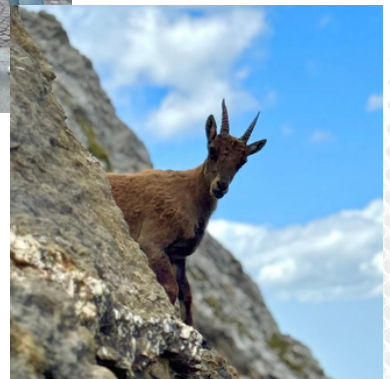
Starting their journey at the high school early in the morning, the travelers left for Pittsburgh Airport for their flight to Toronto. After an eight-hour layover, they were Paris-bound!

In Paris, they saw many famous sights, including Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the Palace of Versailles, and even went on a river cruise down the gorgeous Seine River.

After admiring the beauty of the city of Paris, they traveled by train to Luzern, Switzerland, a first-time experience for many. In Luzern, they enjoyed the beautiful lake, shopped, saw a few monuments, walked the city wall, and traveled up Mount Pilatus. They also had an immersive dining experience to fully embrace the Swiss culture.

From Luzern, they took a bus to Munich, where they made stops in Liechtenstein and the city of Lindau. They also toured the Dachau concentration camp where they were able to pay their respects to those who were lost during the Holocaust. They then traveled to BMW World before heading to their hotel for the night. The following day, they went on a sightseeing tour, saw the gardens of Nymphenburg Palace, shopped, and toured the Residenz.

After Munich, they went to Austria and stopped in Salzburg, famously known for the musical The Sound of Music, for lunch. When in Austria, the crew went on another sightseeing tour and visited Schönbrunn Palace. They concluded their day in Austria with some shopping. To return home, they left Austria for Toronto, had a 6-hour layover, and returned to Pittsburgh. They pulled into the school to conclude their trip around midnight.



Kicking off Fall Sports

BOYS SOCCER

"The team is looking pretty good this year. We are expecting big things, and we all have a clear vision of the things we'd like to accomplish this season. We hope everyone will come out and support us as we plan to make a deep run this season."- Senior, Rocco Hagan

GIRLS SOCCER

"Our girls have been working very hard this season, and I can't wait to see how far we go. We've been putting a lot of work in the off-season, working on improving as individual players and as a team. We are so excited to get this season started and get better every single game. I love my soccer girls and can't wait for this season to see how we do!"-Senior, Mayce Kordell

VOLLEYBALL

"We have put a lot of work in during the off-season, and we are very excited to see how much we can accomplish this year! We are hoping to win Heritage again, and we're ready to take D5."- Senior, Averie Seibert

FOOTBALL

"We're looking forward to a good season. We lost a few key players last year, but we have a strong group of underclassmen who are ready to make another good run for Districts."-Junior, Gabe Valentine

CHEER

"The girls this year are doing great so far. Their hard work and determination really show, and I couldn't be more proud of them all."-Senior, Taylor Miller

GOLF

"With the loss of our Windber Co-op, we were unsure at the beginning of the season, as the majority of our team had either never played in the top eight or were entirely new to golf. After our camp weeks, however, we have seen growth, and slowly the scores have lowered. I'm excited to see where we end up this season!"-Senior, Emily Purdy

MARCHING BAND

"We're excited to welcome many new members this season while also having so many returning faces. Our goal is to see everyone continue to grow, both individually and as a team, so we can be successful during competition season while still making unforgettable memories under the Friday night stadium lights." — Senior, Greta Mock

Teacher Spotlight: Mr. Patrick Berzonski



Mr. Patrick Berzonski is the seventh and eighth grade American Cultures teacher here at Conemaugh Township. He was a member of the 1991 graduating class and returned to Conemaugh Township in 1998–1999, making this his 29th year of teaching.

Mr. B was born at the old Lee Hospital in Johnstown and grew up in Maple Springs, later moved to Hollsopple near the ballfields, and now resides on Saylor Lane in Davidsville. Growing up, he was the youngest of three boys and the son of CT graduates Rich (1964) and Darlene (1969), whom he loves dearly. He lived with his dad after his parents divorced and vowed to make the best of a difficult situation, making him conscious of how he handles his relationships and becoming more self-reliant.



Mr. Berzonski also grew up playing many sports, being a 3-year letterwinner in football and wrestling and a 4-year letterwinner in baseball. He then got a Bachelor's degree in secondary education social studies and a driver's education certification as well. He started his teaching career at Shanksville High School as a driver's education teacher and taught at the former Cambria Rowe Business College for three semesters.



Mr. B and Angie Berzonski (formerly Saylor) celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary on August 19. They have two kids, Erin (age 26) and Shaun (age 25). He is also a grandfather to a beautiful little girl named Cleo ("She's awesome, by the way."). He is the current wrestling coach at Chestnut Ridge and will begin his 14th year there.

"What can I say. I married my dream girl and landed my dream job! Nothing has changed in that regard. I love my wife and my job more than words can express. The experience of teaching at CT has been phenomenal: the kids, the parents, and my co-workers have been great. I'm thankful every day for all of the relationships I've developed at and through CT over the years."

"Mr. B is a good man, a great father, and an awesome educator. His ability to straddle the line between being strict and being funny may be one of his greatest skills and probably the reason he is a favorite among so many students. I've seen the man enthusiastically high-fiving students in the hallway at 7:30 a.m. and putting smiles on the faces of the near walking dead. He brings an energy and positivity to the building that is only matched by the energy he brings to a dance floor."

-Mr. Kramer

"Mr. Berzonski is always there for all of his students. He pushes everyone to be their best selves both academically and in daily life. He constantly preps his students for challenges they may come across and teaches his classes to appreciate the people around them through his hero project. He constantly shows everyone that they are welcome in his classroom. Thank you, Mr. B, for all that you do!"

-Senior, Emily Purdy



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 3 | One-Hour Early
Dismissal**

**Sept. 4-7 | Labor Day
Vacation**

**Sept. 26 | Teacher In-
service**

