

Welcoming Dr. Green

by Sydney and Kiley



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This October, CBSD received a new superintendent, Dr. Green. Green, a Michigan native, is excited about the new chapter in his life. "I came here because it's considered one of the best school districts in the country," said Green. "It's a professional opportunity. I got called by a recruiter and just saw all the good things it has to offer. I moved for the opportunity and for the challenge."

It really is a challenge. Green is coming from a district of only 5,000 students to CBSD, with over 20,000. "Getting to know all the people is the biggest challenge. I need to make more connections. There are 1,300 teachers and it's hard to do that when you don't seem them every day," Green said. Green has some different ideas from previous superintendents. He has a map of every school with all the teachers' names on it with their classrooms. Green wants to keep introducing himself to people as much as he can to get to know everyone.

Green is taking a more personal approach to his new position. On his first week, he took the bus to school with CBSD students. "They were really surprised," he said with a laugh.

During the week of Hurricane Sandy, Green kept students updated through his personal Twitter account, quickly becoming the main source of information when the CBSD website was down.

Not only does he want to be personal, but Green also wants to make a good impression on all the students and faculty. When asked about what image he'd like to present for the district, Green said, "I want to be a leader at school. I want to be looked at as someone who cares about each individual's education. I want to know what is going on and I want the district to actually see me. I don't want to be off in some ivory tower."

Green doesn't have much to change about CB East and he was thoroughly impressed with everything, too. "I was really impressed with the talent of the students. I learned how much people care about doing well for the students and I was so impressed with the staff. CB School District has a great foundation with great schools. I want to build on that. Student achievement is solid- now it's time to tweak and build on that foundation."

Educational background runs in the family. Green's wife, Gale, is a former elementary school teacher. She now teaches private flute lessons in the area. Kate, his twenty-six-year-old daughter, teaches Spanish in middle schools back in Michigan. "It's a dilemma, but we keep constant communication. She's twenty-six and on her own. She's came back on November 18th to run the Buck's County Marathon with me."

One of Green's hobbies is running. He recently ran in a marathon from Michigan to Canada, crossing a bridge between the two. Green also likes to watch movies and read books. "I'm a big mystery guy," he said. "My favorite authors are Lee Child, Vince Flynn, and Michael Connelly." Green also loves sports. His favorite is football and he's a Lions fan. He was also pleased the Tigers made it to the World Series.

Green also travels. He's been to schools in Mexico, England, China, and more. "US schools are the best though, because of the creativity. Teachers allow them to be innovative and expressive, but there, it's not like that."

Green isn't the only member of his family who travels to foreign places. His oldest child, Rodney, is currently in India as a communications director who helps victims who are dealing with human trafficking. He's been there for a year and a half, but is soon coming back to the United States, moving to Bucks County, and looking for a job here.

Along with Rodney, the family will be adjusting to the new life in Bucks County, along with the learning curve of being the superintendent of such a big district. Green is fully prepared for the upcoming years, and is excited to take on such a challenge.



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The New Wing

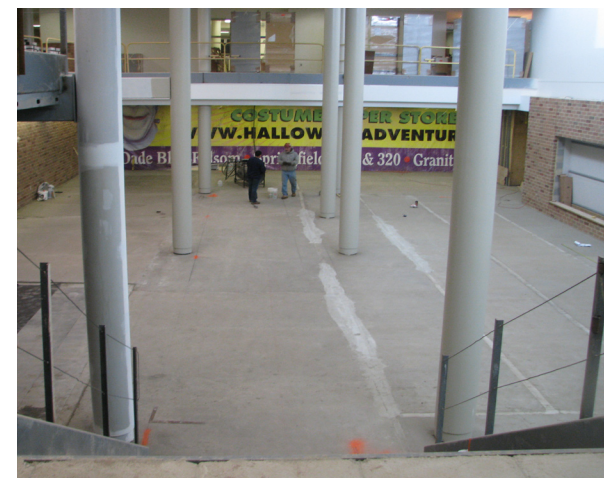
by Dara and Megan

Students should be excited for what's to come in the new wing, which will be open the first day of second semester. East owes many thanks to KCBA, the master designer company, along with Dr. Laws and the principles who began designing the new renovation seven years ago. After many years of hard work and planning, the layout is finally coming to life with new features and designs that will be beneficial and exhilarating to both the students and faculty. The layout includes new classrooms, the main office, an attendance office, along with a new front stairwell. Classes in the new wing will consist of all subjects spanning from math in one room and a social studies class in the next. Some features that Mr. Hayes personally believes to be the most exciting is the gigantic lobby and the grand new entrance to the school.

The lobby has natural lighting provided by new windows. It will have touch screen computers so students have to ability to use the internet to do things such as look up their grades and check upcoming events. Along with that, couches and tables will be placed in the lobby to attribute to a lounge that will benefit the students. The lobby will also include a view to the students below in the main lobby, provided by the upstairs overlook. The new entrance will also be opened with a new overhang for students to stand under in rain or snow. With the new wing opening, students will no longer have to navigate all around the school because hallways will be long and some will even extend from one end of the school all the way to the other. This provides an open view of the whole school. Yes, students have waited awhile for these renovations to be finished, but the wait is definitely worth it. This renovation will reconstruct East into an even better place for the Patriots to learn and succeed.



Current construction on East's upcoming lobby and new wing.



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Citizens Help Each Other Through Hurricane Sandy

by Kaitlyn

In 2005, New Orleans, Louisiana, experienced the worst of Hurricane Katrina. It had been fatal to 1,464 people in New Orleans alone. Katrina made history when it earned the title of the sixth strongest recorded Atlantic hurricane. Most recently, Hurricane Sandy brought tragedy into the lives of ordinary people, just like Katrina did, only closer to home. Among the thousands of people affected by this disaster is the Everett family (friends of my family). On October 29, 2012, Rutgers student Zoe Everett, 19, received an unexpected late night phone call that changed her life from that point on.

While cramming for an exam that was around the corner, she was told that her parents had been driving home in the storm, with her two brothers asleep in the back seat. The caller had then continued to inform her that a 100-foot tree fell over and on top of her parents' car. Her mother and father were killed instantly; her brothers were safe and able to escape with only a few scrapes and bruises.

After hearing this horrifying information, Everett explained her reaction: "I needed to get back home to take care of my three younger siblings. I finally made it to the hospital in the morning after battling with Hurricane Sandy all night. I was no longer your typical 19-year-old." Her foremost ambition is to be able to keep her brothers, Theo, 14, and Pierce, 11, and her sister Talia, 17 in the house that they all grew up in. In order to do this, she decided it would be best to focus all of her attention on them which led her to part ways with Rutgers University for the time being. Everett said, "I love them (siblings) more than they could ever fathom and I am ready and willing to put any amount of weight on my shoulders to lessen the load on theirs. They are children who deserve to be kids and enjoy the life they have laying before them. I am going to be strong for them. I am going to be wise. I am going to be patient."

In order to help Everett and support her brave decision, nine days after the accident, a person who works in the same building as Wish Upon A Hero, a fundraising foundation, asked if the foundation could help his friend's girlfriend, Zoe. This wish was posted to www.wishuponahero.com and in less than 24 hours over \$56,000 was raised to help Everett and her family. Everett was extremely thankful for these wonderful donations and announced that she and her family had reached their goal and are now able to live comfortably until they are able to access their own funds. She has requested for any future donations to be put towards others who have suffered the misfortune of Hurricane Sandy.

Everett said, "A moment in time, a second of bad luck, changed my life and my siblings' lives forever." At an age and point in her life that is so pertinent to everyone at Central Bucks High School East, it really puts into perspective the amount of stress, tears, and hardships that she is about to endure; however, with these negatives also come positives. Because of her courage, strength, and resilience, she is sure to gain plenty of first-hand experience and craft many new memories in the years to come. Even though Zoe Everett has not chosen this path for her and her family, she has touched so many people by her mature and implausible outlook. With the help of friends, family, and their community, the Everetts are sure to get through these tough times.



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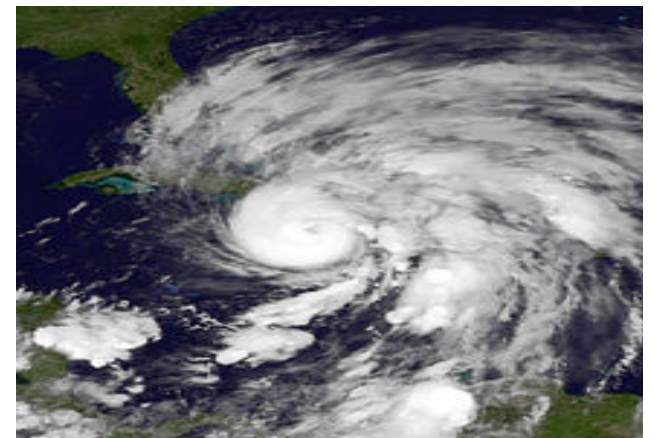


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SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENTS

The Pride

by Rebecca

Garbage. Rise. Direction. Energy. These words seem completely random when placed next to each other. However, they are not irrelevant to each other, as these key words are essential in living a successful, fulfilling, and amazing life. These four simple words have major significance to Mr. Mussari (East art and digital imaging teacher), the creator of a group at CB East called The Pride, as they have been themes of previous Pride meetings. The group was created in 2011, because according to Mr. Mussari, "Our students needed to be united, strengthened, inspired." He was "concerned about the atrophy of the overall health of our students," and wanted to create an outlet where students could have something in common; the goal of living an amazing life, while attempting to ignore distractions along the way.

These distractions include illegal substances, which can create a swarm of misconceptions. As Mr. Mussari says, "A lot of people feel that the Pride is a straight-edge club, or an anti-drug and alcohol group." He refutes these claims and explains that resisting harmful substances is just a "piece of the pie." He uses a metaphor to describe this thought: Imagine driving in a car, and seeing something beautiful through the windshield. The Pride is about looking in the rearview mirror and leaving bad relationships and harmful substances behind, and driving "towards an inspiring life."

According to their website (www.iamthepride.org), "The goal of The Pride is to inspire students to live an amazing, beautiful, and harmonious life." Mr. Mussari realizes how students at East have so much potential, and the Pride exists to motivate students to work hard towards their goals. "When you are part of The Pride, you will be joining others who share the same level of enthusiasm for achieving one's dreams and encouraging others to do the same."

One way that the Pride encourages students to achieve their goals is to have speakers at meetings. Mr. Vassalluzzo (Silver Fox) spoke at a Pride Meeting last year, and shared his life story, choices, and how martial arts created a path towards excellence for him. He encouraged students to always try their hardest and be "on a quest" to do their best.

Having speakers is important in order to inspire students, but the Pride has much more to offer than motivating messages. "Besides having dynamic speakers that cover a variety of topics," the Pride has held many "fun, unique, and diverse activities," according to Mr. Mussari.

There are seventy-one members of the Pride from CB East alone, but the Pride's popularity has not been confined at East, it has already spread to CB West with twenty new members this fall. The Pride hopes that the group will continue to expand, and challenge students with a group that has never existed before. The Pride has a mission statement, which encompasses their main beliefs. Each student can personally connect with a few lines of the with a few lines, and Navia identifies with the lines "I will ... encourage those who struggle, and celebrate the accomplishments of others" and "I will give aid to the less fortunate and defend those who cannot help themselves." She feels that "you should say that a person did a good job when they deserve it and that they should know that it was seen by others; and I feel that it is our duty to help those who are less fortunate than us because some day we might need their help."

Mr. Mussari would like to encourage all students to "let go of what you thought of East." The Pride will help students realize their highest potential, and can transform CB East to not only one of the best high schools in the state, but perhaps the greatest high school in the United States.

"This really could be the beginning for you."



Student Reveals Comedic Talent

by Chad

As he walks on the stage at Puck comedy club in Doylestown, PA the nerves start to disappear for CB East student and aspiring comedian Harry. Harry, 15, is an upstart comedian who has recently started doing comedy bits at Puck.

Most fifteen-year-olds would be intimidated by performing in front of a crowd twice their age, but when questioned about the nerves he experienced, Harry responded, "I was nervous at first, but once I got up there I was ok."

When Harry performs at Puck there are other more experienced comedians that perform, and he doesn't take this for granted. "I have learned a lot from all the other guys who perform there, they have taught me three important things: performance, technique and style."

Harry, like every comedian, has his own distinct style self-described as the "hate style" which entails talking about what he hates and how it plays into his own life. Richman doesn't model this style after any one in particular, but appreciates the comedic styling of fellow Puck performer Louis. "I would like to do more of Louis' style, which is sort of a ranting style."

Some people would think that comedy is something that Harry has just recently started doing; however he has been doing comedy since the 8th grade. Even though he has been doing comedy since 8th grade, Harry didn't always know if he wanted to pursue it. "I always appreciated a good laugh at an early age, but I never thought of actually making people laugh."

Harry didn't believe he could actually become a comedian until eighth grade at his lunch table. "Once I started to preach my first jokes at the lunch table and I got a good reaction, I knew I wanted to do this."

While Harry loves performing comedy, he realizes the importance of other pursuits. "It's more of a dream than a reality for me; I plan on going to college and treating this more as a hobby. If I went big off of it great! If not it's no big deal."

Harry finds a calming influence in this mentality stating, "I know that it's not my number one priority and I like that."

Only time will tell how long Harry will pursue comedy, but right now he is enjoying every moment.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun

by Kari

The announcements encouraging students to attend the Fellowship of Christian Athletes meetings can be heard almost every day during a typical week at Central Bucks East. According to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes website, FCA is the largest Christian sports organization in the world. Students are lucky that Mr. Kelly, a teacher at East, was willing to step up as head of the club. Mr. Kelly feels an emotional connection to the club, as he was with it from the start. The original idea for it came from Lance, a former student, and Kelly was instantly on board with the plan. He felt that starting an FCA club at East would be a positive experience on the spiritual developments of the students who have chosen this path. Kelly commented saying, "This club is having a remarkable impact on many students here at East."

The club meets every Friday morning at 6:45 in Mr. Kelly's room where their "huddle" meetings take place. Senior Luke says that "an average Friday morning consists of you sitting at a table enjoying some coffee and listening to the student leader share a short lesson, followed by some thought-provoking questions."

When asked what the most rewarding parts of being the adult mentor of the club were, Kelly responded that he "thoroughly enjoys the opportunity to help the student leaders of FCA develop in their leadership skills." Leadership is one of the main ideals of the club with others that include positive encouragement, by providing an opportunity for students to explore their faith and spirituality in a comfortable environment. FCA strives to be a club where students can feel comfortable while learning about the guidance for life that is provided in the Bible and asking more in-depth spiritual questions.

While the name of the club denotes that it has a strict category of Christians and athletes, Whittington enjoys that "...it manages to bring together people from all areas of the school. From football players to Patriot Players." The Fellowship of Christian Athletes club is currently attempting to schedule several FCA-sponsored events for later in the school year. Some events that are in discussion right now are the 2nd Annual Local FCA Leaders Brunch and the 3rd Annual Volleyball Tournament of Champions. The brunch would be coordinated by Mr. Scott Leuz, the area FCA director. This event was held last year at East and was attended by local schools such as CB South, CR North and CR South. Both the Girls and Boys Volleyball Teams support the Tournament of Champions, another popular event with the East students. According to Kelly, "All proceeds previously were donated to local charities, including Katie's Crusaders (in their fight against cancer in children) and Team Morgan." The club is also always looking for ways to serve the East community, both students and the faculty. FCA leaders have talked about supporting athletic contests and putting together goody bags for athletes and the Patriot Players group.

Overall, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes club has shown examples of how its fundamentals have impacted the student body. The lessons teach the members how faith can be incorporated into sports as well as inspiration for how to live a life to be proud of.

Next time the announcement for the FCA meetings comes over the PA system during homeroom, students should think about attending a meeting. The leaders of the club are confident that if East students are nervous about coming, they should show up regardless because they definitely won't regret it.

EAST EVENTS

Red, White, and Blue Night

by Peyton

Red, White, and Blue Night is an extremely fun event that was added to East's agenda in 2010. It is a night where the sophomore, junior, and senior classes can come out and compete for the most points and the winning title. It has grown every year and has become a highlight of many students' school year.

This year's exciting events included the twizzler-marshmallow relay, hula hoop contest, tug-of-war, leap frog, four square, dizzy bat relay, and the balloon pop. Students signed up for different events at lunches and looked forward to showing their school spirit.

The sophomores represented themselves by wearing white, the juniors wore red, and the seniors sported blue. The students went all out by wearing face paint, body paint, and odd articles of clothing.

This year, the competition was incredibly intense. The night began with the juniors in the lead. The seniors became fired up as they saw the win being taken from them. They pulled themselves together with a huge victory in trivia. They won the night overall and ended it with a huge sing-along to "Hey Baby" in the stands. Red, White, and Blue night will always be a night to remember. Students will never forget the opportunity to come together as a school and show their pride for their class!



Hannah excels at the Limbo competition.



The junior boys get ready to compete.



The senior class gets fired up about winning.



Anthony leads the senior pack into the gym.

The Little Mermaid

by Kyle

School had barely been in session for a week when Patriot Players, CB East's theatre club, held auditions for their fall children's musical, *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* Three months and countless hours of rehearsal later, the Patriot Players performed to four sold out houses on November 30th, December 1st and 2nd.

Patriot Players, led by Mrs. Eisenberg and Madame Fichtman, has gained a reputation at East and in the community for performing high-quality productions that sell out quickly, and *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* was no exception. An hour and a half long stage version of the classic Disney movie, the production included such beloved songs as "Under the Sea," "Part of Your World," and "Kiss the Girl," along with other new tunes such as "Human Stuff" and "She's in Love."

What set this show apart from previous productions was the extensive use of special effects, including flying, pyrotechnics, and even Heelys! Many of the audience members exclaimed that it was a "visual spectacle," and were glad that they and their children were able to meet the characters after the show for autographs. Rachel, who starred as Ariel, could be seen to be swamped by children asking for pictures and autographs following each performance.

Perhaps the highlight of the production was Patriot Players' donation of \$7,000 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which allowed for their sponsor child to go on a trip to Disney World with her family. The sponsor child and her family were able to make it to the Friday night show, the night before they left for their trip, and were called up on stage for a special gift presentation at the end of the performance.

If you're interested in becoming a part of Patriot Players or their next production, *West Side Story*, there will be an informational meeting on December 13th in the auditorium at 2:45 P.M.!



Rachel and Kyle share a moment as Ariel saves Prince Eric.



Dylan plays Sebastian and has a blast singing "Under the Sea."



Katie sings a solo as Flounder the fish.



Rachel takes the spotlight as Ariel.

OUT AND ABOUT

Frozen Yogurt

by Kylie



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The latest obsession has finally reached Bucks County, and it seems to be all that students at CB East are talking about...froyo! With new stores popping up everywhere, it has become a new phenomenon that has people of all ages raving about the endless selection of flavors and toppings.

So what makes frozen yogurt so much different than traditional ice cream? At new froyo stores, everything is self-serve and priced by weight, so you truly do get whatever you want! After talking with several students from all grades, it turned out that more girls than boys preferred frozen yogurt over other desserts. Also, when talking about the new sensation, it was discovered that only girls from CB East worked at the local shops.

The closest stores near East territory are YOGO Factory, yogurtree, Love it, and Blue Penguin. Based on a survey for the favorite new froyo store between grades 10 and 12, Love it came in third, YOGO Factory came in second, and yogurtree was the favorite of the majority.

With unique, welcoming atmospheres and designs, these new stores are convenient and enjoyable places to hang out and grab a quick treat with friends. Not only are flavors like Irish Mint, Cake Batter, Cinnabun, and Peppermint Stick incredibly tasty, they are a healthier alternative to regular ice cream! Frozen yogurt is loaded with probiotics and active cultures, which plays a major role in regulating the digestive system. So next time you're craving something sweet, experience the new trend...pick froyo!



Photo Courtesy of www.froyoworld.com

Domani Star

by Bella

Domani Star is a quaint, very popular restaurant located in the heart of historic Doylestown. This place that people rave over has been family owned and operated for ten years now, with sixty years of experience under their belt. Domani is located on 57 West State Street in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. This delicious little place is packed and bustling with customers on the weekends, especially around dinner time.

They have exceptional cuisine such as Penne Rigate alla Bolognese, which is one of their most popular dishes. Their extensive menu and welcoming staff really make the restaurant what it is today, and keeps customers coming again and again. They have many new additions to their brunch, lunch, and dinner menus for the upcoming winter season.

Their lunch hours are Monday to Friday, from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Brunch is on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Dinner, on Sundays, and Mondays through Thursdays, are from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. On Fridays and Saturdays, the dinner hours are 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Domani says, "Quality goes into everything we do. It's our #1 ingredient." The quality of their dishes is truly astounding. It is clear to see that a lot of care goes into making each dish, which is one of the main reasons they have so many loyal customers who visit weekly.

Don't just take our word for it; the customer reviews speak for themselves. According to Yelp.com, Domani is rated 3.5 stars. This remarkable establishment has countless loyal customers who keep coming back for more. One customer from Conshohocken, PA said, "Went here on a Thursday night with my fiancé for dinner. The food was excellent and the staff was very attentive. I will definitely go back again soon."

Also, a local woman named Diane really seemed to be a fan of Domani. She said, "Great meal! I love that it's a BYOB, and it's great to go with a group of friends." Another fan of Domani Star is Elizabeth, from Pipersville. She says that Domani Star is a "cute Italian restaurant with a fabulous seasonal menu." There are an infinite amount of reviews such as these that make it clear that Domani is a truly unique eating experience. The next time you're hungry and want to go out to eat, stop into Domani Star. It might just become your new favorite.



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Planet Smoothie

by Ashley

Planet Smoothie provides balance in a world of extremes; it is all about a healthy, convenient snack for people on the go. They are a community business that always volunteers to get involved in fundraisers to benefit their customers. With a staff full of welcoming smiles and laughs, you always feel welcome when you walk in. Planet Smoothie is one of the hot spots in town after the high school football games; you will always find the fan section enjoying a nice smoothie with each other. They have an assortment of smoothies that fits all desires and keeps everyone satisfied.



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Their smoothies vary from fruits to chocolate to coffee and come in all different sizes for everyone's needs. Their merchandise doesn't just end at smoothies; they also offer gluten free cookies, yogurt, energy bars, healthy drinks, and soft pretzels. Planet smoothie offers more than 25 different flavored smoothies with creative names to pick from such as Chocolate Elvis, Hangover over, Twig and Berries, and Mediterranean Monster. The smoothies are also offered with blasts to benefit each customer individually. These blasts consist of energy, fat burner, protein, immunity, and super fruit. Planet Smoothie is a great place to stop in with the family during a day in town.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Andy Reid Must Go

by Andrew

It is at the point where it is nothing short of painful to watch the absolute debacle that is the 2012 Philadelphia Eagles. A team once a lock for NFC title games in the not-so-distant past turned into a team one game below .500 halfway through the season. A team with an embarrassing 3-9 record that could easily be even more ridiculous. A team whose three wins has come by a total of five combined points. And at the center of it all? Andy Reid. He must go; it is as simple as that.

The Andy Reid era is long past in Philadelphia. For years, angry fans have been calling for the firing of the head coach. It is finally clear to me that the time is now, not tomorrow, not next week, not even at the end of the season. Today, Reid, more than halfway through his 14th season as the Eagles head coach, is the longest tenured head coach in the entire NFL, and he has basically nothing to show for it. One Superbowl appearance? The NFL is a business; if you aren't first, you're last. I am tired of the Eagles finishing last.

The Eagles entered the season full of promise. Young, talented stars like Jeremy Maclin, Desean Jackson, and LeSean McCoy were poised to break out under the leadership of veteran quarterback Michael Vick. Since then, the team has completely fallen apart. By all standards, a season full of promise for progress has ended in a tremendous regression. Perhaps worst of all, the team has stopped caring. Fans waived signs at a previous Sunday's game calling for Reid to follow the lead of his players and simply quit. Nobody is motivated to play. How could you be? For what? The Eagles are dead last in their division and have virtually no shot at the playoffs.

What the team needs is a spark, something to get them excited about winning again, even if it isn't going to be immediately. The firing of scapegoat defensive coordinator Juan Castillo (the Eagles did that back in October) was certainly not that spark.

I am tired of the laughable play calling. I am tired of Reid blaming himself solely for the loss in the postgame press conference but doing utterly nothing about it. I am tired of watching a lifeless team that is seemingly content with losing. They've got no heart, and heart begins with the head coach.

Jeffrey Laurie, the team's owner, ought to be truly embarrassed. He and GM Howie Roseman must accept the failure of the "Michael Vick experiment." He has four straight seasons with a significant injury, with many speculating that he will sit for the rest of 2012. Vick is out of Philly after this year, and Reid must go with him. Just pull the plug on the whole thing. End the misery that Reid is certainly suffering through and just fire him. Please. For the fans. It is, after all, ownership's obligation to fulfill the desires of the fans. Find me a fan that has a solid defense for Andy Reid keeping his job and I will stop arguing. The problem is they don't exist.

One must acknowledge, in making such an argument against Reid in Philadelphia, the possible impact of the tragedy that the Reid family suffered during training camp: losing their son Garret to heroin overdose. Some argue that firing of Reid would add insult to the injury, and letting him finish out the season is the only way to give him the respect that he deserves. But I have a hard time believing that Andy wants to keep his job because people pity him. At the end of the day, you have to do what is right for the team.

The Eagles must look past this season and into the future. The firing or resignation of Reid will be the definitive start of a new era in Philly. Not only will there be a new coach, but Nick Foles, the young rookie quarterback out of Arizona, finally has his chance to prove his worth with Vick on the sideline. Perhaps those two things are enough to spark this team and guide them back to their winning ways.

There are a number of ways to salvage this otherwise failure of a season, and they all seem to start with getting rid of Andy Reid. He has had a good run in Philly, but at the end of the day, he couldn't get it done when it mattered most. The season won't get any easier. During the second half of the season, the Eagles play all three teams from their division at least once, as well as formidable opponents in Tampa Bay and Cincinnati. End Reid's suffering. Do what is right for the fans, the team, and for Andy Reid. Fire him. Now.



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Flyers Return?

by Sean

As days pass, and winter seems to come closer, the NHL hockey season has been missed. With the current lockout in effect, no hits, no fights, no sirens, no edge-of-the-seat anticipation, and no leveling of Sydney Crosby crosses by mind daily. My dedication to The Flyers is on par with my dedication to the habits of eating and sleeping. It is hard to eat or sleep when I know that the hockey season has still not started.

The NHL lockout has had a mostly gloomy forecast and it's possible there won't be a season at all this year. I still have high hopes- though some say I am too optimistic. On December 5, representatives for the players and owners met and they described it as the "best day we've had."

NHL players have taken this opportunity to travel back to their home countries and be stars in various minor leagues around the world. NHL superstar and Flyers point-leader, Claude Giroux, has signed a contract with a German KHL team to stay as fit and ready to play as possible so he can return to the NHL as if he never left. International leagues like the KHL thrive in times of lockout when NHL players need somewhere to go. So if you ever see KHL on TV and desire an unfulfilling lack of excitement, then keep the channel on!

As a serious Flyers fan, Sophomore Devin also feels the pain of hockey withdrawal. "Not being able to go to the games with family and friends has been really tough," said Devin.

As for the more up-to-speed NHL, hopefully, it won't take too much longer to solve the disputes of the lockout. And by the way, if you ever pass by Mr. Gorlick in the hallway, ask him how he is taking the lockout. Last I checked, he is suffering even more than me.

CB East's Pat Riot Making Noise in the Stands

by Tyler

Central Bucks East High School students have long been recognized for their excellence in the classroom, but this year students are looking to go above and beyond their academic achievement. In an act to increase passion on the playing field, students have established the Pat Riot, named in a play on words inspired by East's mascot, the Patriot.

"The Pat Riot is an organized, fun cheering section that everyone can enjoy and feel a part of. Three words that could best describe us are passionate, intense, and proud," explains senior co-founder Anthony. "We bring an extra element to the game; we like to consider ourselves the extra man on the field."

Anthony, also known as "the Noisemaker" by his classmates, has the role of leading the chants and igniting the crowd. "It's important to have organization in any cheering section. I bring energy, and I personally lead the 'I believe that we will win!' chant before every kickoff. I try to bring the fire every time I go out there."

East's inspiration to create a solidified fan section came from last year's graduation class of 2012. "They were a good drive for us. We just wanted to make this year count like they did. They really were a passionate group of kids," states senior co-founder Chris. "What sets the two classes apart is [the class of 2013's] uncanny knack for supporting our community."

One example of this support was evident in this year's opening football game, for which the cheering section held a "green-out" to support former coach Larry Greene in his battle with cancer. Two years ago, Coach Greene was inducted into the Central Bucks East Athletic Hall of Fame. During his 20-year coaching tenure, Greene had a record of 125-84-4, and led East to three state playoff appearances. "I feel like it was a good way for us to all come together and support him as a whole," says Anthony. The decorated coach has been described as an inspiration for his athletes with his "indomitable spirit, friendliness, and professionalism."

Overall, Anthony feels this year has gone well thus far, crediting at least a portion of East's recent athletic successes to the raucousness of the Pat Riot. Roggio believes the Pat Riot has been an "awe-inspiring victory" for the students. He shares, "Our fall teams have been great, and I can't wait for winter sports, as our fans can definitely utilize the loudness of the indoor arena."

As a varsity player on East's basketball team, Anthony will be relinquishing his role as primary noisemaker. Chris believes that he and the others on the Pat Riot can fulfill that role well. He says, "We definitely have a lot of potential. So far I'd have to say we're pleased with our recent excellence in the stands; it just goes to show we are the most passionate fans out there."

The Pat Riot looks to prove this claim as the East winter sports season begins.

Teenage Driving Regulations

by Lizzie

Teenage drivers taking the wheel of a car can become a dangerous activity when the responsibility is not taken seriously. As many drivers know, driving friends around can cause a distraction if priorities are not in order. New drivers that have just started driving want to be able to drive their friends around but, as of now, there is a limit to this freedom.

On December 27, 2011 the driver limitation law was passed which allows only one passenger in the car with a junior drive, according to PennDot. This rule is in effect for junior drivers and lasts for 6 months. The law is trying to limit the distractions that young drivers can face behind the wheel of a car.

This rule has been made to help junior drivers have a safer road experience and receive valuable driving time out on the road with fewer distractions. The law was passed with the good intentions of trying to stop the problem of young drivers dying in car crashes. "Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among 16-24 year olds. Some key contributors to crashes involving teen drivers in Pennsylvania include driver inexperience, driver distractions." according to justdrivepa.org.

Even though the law has sacrificed convenience, it is helping stop the irresponsible and inexperienced driver from causing a fatal car accident. "The more friends you have in the car the more distracted you become, and in the end you are focusing less on the road., said junior license holder Dara.

There are so many distractions that drivers already face on the roads today including cell phones and radios. Law makers are just trying to help new drivers take the road alone and have one less distraction. Young drivers are sometimes going to find this law inconvenient, but in the end it is helping drivers get a little more practical driving experience on the road before they encounter the added distraction of multiple passengers.

"The law gives you the opportunity to learn how to drive responsibly for the first few months that you have your license. It gives you time to learn how to drive without a guardian being there giving you advice," said Dara.

The law is clearly working in Pennsylvania because, according to PennDot, "Enhancement to teen driver safety and has proven effective in reducing crashes and fatalities for 16-and 17-year-olds." A junior license holder only being able to have one passenger in the car with them for the first six months is a small inconvenience, in order to save lives.

"The passenger regulation is only a six month law, which is a very short amount of time when you consider how many years you will be driving for. After your six months is over than you will be prepared to have more passengers and will be a more prepared driver." said Dara.

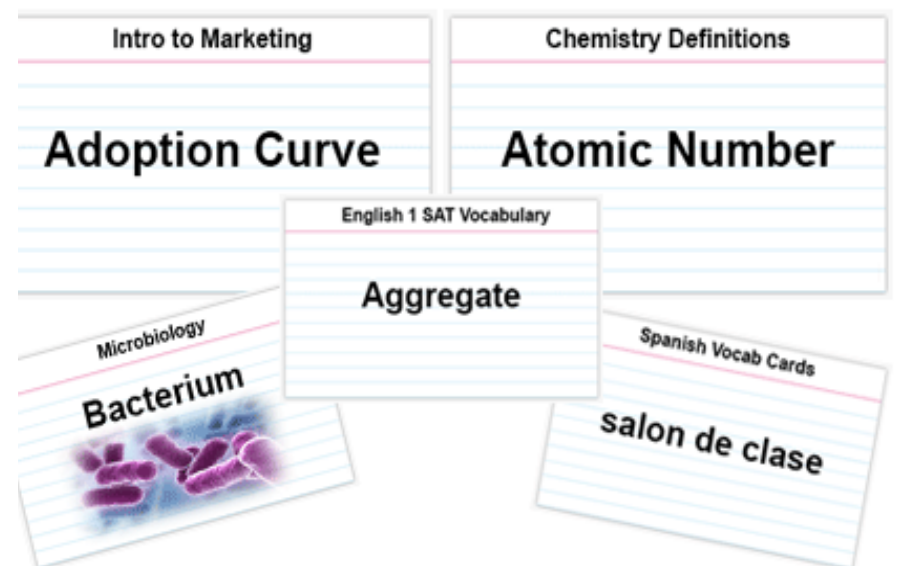
Even though teen drivers may not like the regulations limiting the amount of friends they can have in the car, it is helping save lives. In the end, the state legislature has done a good thing in passing the driving regulation laws for junior drivers and this has only helped make Pennsylvania roads safer for everyone traveling on them.



David foolishly texts and drives.

Flash Those Cards

by Kari



Creating flash cards to use as a studying device is often viewed as the number one study strategy in the average high school. Whether it's studying for an exam or practicing for a presentation, note cards can be beneficial in different scenarios.

When studying, it is often seen that students will review the information from their textbook or notebook. This can be less helpful because even if they cover up the answers with their hand, it can be tempting to peek at the answer without allowing themselves enough time to think about the question. With note cards, the answer is still easily accessible but when it is on the back the students are more likely to try to answer the question correctly before looking.

Some students like to study by themselves, which is another example of how note cards are helpful. If a student is studying alone, they can use the note cards to quiz themselves. With a question on the front and a brief answer/explanation on the back, note cards are a fast and easy way to memorize information quickly. In the same respect, note cards are helpful to use when studying with a buddy because they can ask the question on the front while the other student responds. Even if the study buddy knows nothing about the topic, the answer is right on the back to make it simple to study either alone or with friends.

In addition, some students who learn better from repetition can benefit from writing the information down on the cards. Writing the information once into a notebook during class and then again onto a note card at home helps some students memorize the facts without staring at an open book trying to memorize the same information. Another positive use for note cards is to write down lines from a script or key phrases when doing a presentation. Many students use note cards when having to present any sort of project because it makes the presentation seem more professional as well as to sound more rehearsed.

Some might argue that rewriting the information from a notebook to a note card might be a waste of time. Students that write lengthy responses tend to take a lot of time making the cards but don't remember that much information when finished. For these students, the note card method probably wouldn't be the best option. However on a larger scale, the benefits of note cards outweigh the bad.

Note cards have several advantages including that they are portable as well as helping student be informed about where they are having the most trouble and where they understand the information by heart. Psychologists at Indiana University have done studies showing the benefits of students who used flash cards to study for an exam versus those who didn't. In the end, studying devices that take more time to make are allowing the student to spend more time in the material and are therefore more beneficial. Note cards are a great technique for students to use for multiple purposes.

Holiday Fun

by Laura



With the Holidays bring an immense amount of activities to do with your friends and family. From picking out the perfect tree to decorating your house, it is all fun. In addition to all of these great festivities, here is a list of some other things you and your friends can do around the holidays.

Shady Brook Holiday Light Show

2012 Pricing

- \$20/carload (Mon. – Thurs.)
- \$25/carload (Fri., Sat. & Sun.)
- Horse-drawn Hayride – \$12/person (reservations recommended Sun. – Thurs.)
- \$50/Bus, \$30/Mini-Bus

Multi-Pass Prices:

- 3 visits – \$40
- 5 visits – \$50
- 8 visits – \$60

You can buy tickets to the show at their Farm Market or at the Holiday light Show ticket booth.

A very Town and Country Christmas

The Players will take a step away from the usual plays and musicals with a show complete with their own collection of classic Christmas songs.

Price: \$15

Date: Saturday, December 15th at 8:00

Peddler's Village Grand Illumination

Peddler's Village features a beautiful display of lights through December.

Wiz Khalifa's New One

by Matt

The highly anticipated wait for rapper Wiz Khalifa's new album has come. O.N.I.F.C was released December 4th, 2012 with hundreds of thousands of fans waiting to critique Khalifa's latest work. Expectations were high for his last mixtape Cabin Fever 2 and expectations were even greater for his album O.N.I.F.C since some were displeased with Cabin Fever 2. On top of this, the album was originally supposed to be released on August 28th, 2012 which gives fans even more of a reason to be hyped up over this release.

With guests 50 Cent, 2 Chainz, Juicy J, Cam'ron, Pharrell and many more featuring on O.N.I.F.C it seems destined to be a hit. Cam'ron may not be known by many people but to Wiz he was his greatest idol growing up. For Khalifa to have someone of such importance feature on one of his biggest albums to this day is an accomplishment. Amber Rose, Wiz Khalifa's fiancée, also appears on his new album while at the same time they are expecting a baby. After just recently getting engaged and a baby on the way in the next two months, Wiz has a lot on his plate!

Popular Gifts For the Holidays

by Yelena and Taylor

'Tis' the season for gift-giving and gift-receiving. With the holidays coming quickly, people are struggling to get their gift lists together. In fact, most people freeze and panic when asked what they want for the holiday season. Why not start off with asking for these top gifts this holiday season?

1. **iPhone 5**- Being the newest iPhone in the market, it is the gift to get for those friends and family members who want the latest thing. With a lighter, thinner design and a bigger screen, it's the ideal phone. It is available on Verizon, AT & T, Sprint, and Virgin Mobile (www.apple.com).

2. **iPad Mini**- The iPad Mini is a smaller version of the popular iPad 2. Its size makes it easier to carry around and it's lighter than previous models of the iPad. This makes it a must-have this holiday season (www.apple.com).

3. **Wii U** - The Wii U is a newer version of the popular Wii. With two new controllers (the Wii U GamePad and the Wii U Pro Controller) Wii gaming is more dynamic than ever. The Wii U supports HD graphics, is capable of producing video output of up to 1080p and has a memory of 2 GB. It comes in two versions; a basic white-colored version and a deluxe black-colored edition (www.nintendo.com).

4. **Halo 4**- The newest version in the Halo series, this video game is out just in time for the holidays. It is the first game in the new trilogy of Halo games known as the Reclaimer Trilogy. It's available for the XBOX 360 gaming console (www.halowaypoint.com).

5. **Northface Jackets**- Nothing is more important in cold weather than a jacket to keep you warm. Northface Jackets are available in many colors and designs for both genders (http://www.thenorthface.com/en_US/index.html).

6. **Toms**- When buying Toms, you wouldn't just be giving to one person this holiday, you'll be giving to two people. With every pair of Toms shoes that is purchased, TOM will give a pair of new shoes to a child in need. These comfy shoes are available in many different styles and are available for both genders (<http://www.toms.com/>).

7. **Air Jordan 4 Retro**- The Air Jordan 4 shoe has always been popular. However, they were released in a new color this November. They are now available in Black/Cement Grey-Fire Red (<http://www.nike.com>).

8. **Sperry**- Sperry's are popular shoes for both genders. Coming in the form of boat shoes, topsiders, rain boots, loafers, and deck shoes, there are many colorful and different designs for everyone. That makes them the perfect preppy gift for this holiday season (www.sperrytopsider.com/store/SiteController/sperry/home).

9. **Concert tickets**- You can never go wrong with concert tickets. Many popular artists like Maroon 5, P!nk, Kenny Chesney, and Taylor Swift going on tour in 2013 which makes these tickets perfect for gift giving. People love music, so get them some great seats (www.ticketmaster.com).

10. **Snowboarding/Skiing gear**- With the recent snow fall, it looks like it is going to be a snow-covered winter. This means that ski resorts as Bear Creek, Blue Mountain, CamelBack are going to be packed with eager snowboarders and skiers and you can't go snowboarding/skiing without the right gear. Snowboards, skis, new jackets, goggles, gloves, etc. are essential for the typical snowboarder/skier. (<http://www.burton.com/>).



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