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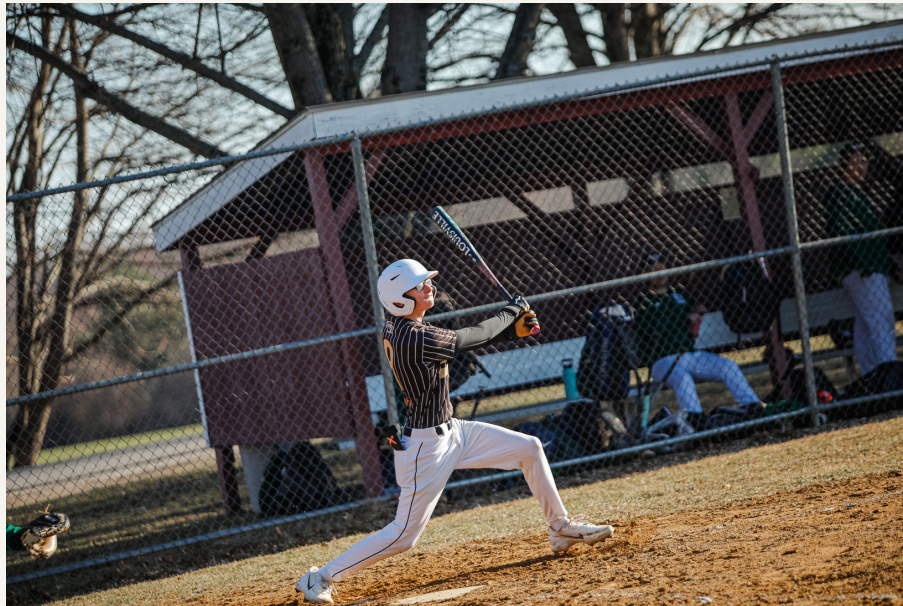


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News of the Nest

Varsity Baseball - April 15th

by Sarafina Anella



This past Wednesday, in their home opener, Varsity Baseball put another win under their belt. Playing Nute High School, the Eagles came in with positive attitudes. Despite a bit of rain, all the weather cleared up for what was going to be a great game of baseball. Grady Howe was the team's starting pitcher, and he also played exceptionally as the third baseman. Unfortunately, Nute was able to get to first base on quite a few walks, and by the bottom of the 4th inning, PCA was down by 7. PCA players gritted their teeth and bounced back to their usual winning ways. Cai Summers took the mound, replacing Grady. Cai was able to strike out many Nute players and really turned the game around. This improved performance increased the team's morale, helping them all play their best. Even though Nute scored a home run, PCA still brought home a win: 13 to 10. The Eagles proved they really wanted the win and were able to turn things around.



Varsity Softball - April 13th

by Mia Airey



PCA secured a strong 2-1 victory over Newmarket this past Monday in their home opening game, due to an amazing first inning and solid defense throughout the game. Right from the beginning, PCA set the tone by scoring two runs in the very first inning. Both Eliza Arwood and Lexi Jordan made it home early, which gave their team a lead that continued to hold them for the rest of the game. Lexi also stood out on the mound, delivering an impressive pitching performance that was able to keep Newmarket from gaining momentum on them.

Defensively, PCA showed focus and teamwork. Catcher Eliza Arwood made a key play behind the plate with a great catch that resulted in an important out, helping to shut down a potential scoring opportunity for Newmarket. Although Newmarket scored one run later in the game, PCA's early advantage on them and consistent strong playing proved to be enough to secure the win. Skillful pitching and quick defense contributed greatly to PCA's success, and we can't wait to see where this season takes them!





Spring Track

by Sawyer Yim



The Spring Track team has officially started their season with two strong meets! Both meets had different weather conditions and unique experiences, but each one brought the team closer together and created lasting memories. On April 10th, the Eagles headed to Belmont High School. It was a chilly day, but that did not stop the Eagles from leaving their mark. Many people had great improvement, and both girls and boys made top 3 in the whole meet. The boys placed third, and the girls won the meet! At the completion, everyone supported one another, whether competing, cheering from the sidelines, or helping teammates prepare for events. The positive energy made the meet enjoyable and showed how connected the team is.

The next week, on April 18th, the Eagles had another meet called Sanborn Invitational. It had much colder and wetter weather, creating a challenging environment for athletes and spectators. Despite the cold, the meet still had a great community atmosphere, and the team stayed positive throughout the day. By the end of the meet, the entire team even ended up sunburned, which became a funny memory from such a rainy and cold day. One of the most exciting moments of the Sanborn Invitational was the “anything but a baton relay” held at the end of the meet. Instead of a normal baton, teams had to pass creative objects during the race. Our team used a GoPro and ran with it, making the event especially fun to watch. The first relay team included Ava Buchanan, Izzy Stevens, Brady Holt, and Gage Hamblet, and the second team was Gabe Rinard, Sawyer Yim, Emma Johnson, and Elijah Howard. Everyone had fun, and it was a perfect way to end the meet. Overall, both the Belmont meet and the Sanborn Invitational were great experiences. Even with difficult weather, the team spirit, support, and memorable moments made both meets special.



Student Life

Spring Girls' Night

by Anna Odom

On Friday the 17th, the picnic tables and lawn outside of Troiano Hall were transformed into the purple and twinkling world of Girls' Night! The evening started out without a cloud in sight. A beautiful array of food was lined up, from a two-tier cake and macarons to stunning charcuterie boards.



After getting food, the girls gathered around to hear Ms. Michelle Weisberg give a devotion on being the light of God. One of her first encouragements was that in order to be Christ's lights, the believers must take the time to bask in God's light by getting to know Him. In reflection of the message, the girls broke off into small groups to discuss and pray.

Finally, in the last few minutes of sunlight, the girls painted beautiful lanterns and spent time in community while the movie Tangled played on the outdoor theater in the background. Overall, Spring Girls' Night was a perfect time for girls of each grade to connect and spend time pouring into one another's lives. Thank you so much to all the girls who helped make it possible!





Niagara Falls Interview

by Alex Child

With April break quickly approaching, a part of our missions club is getting ready to go on a trip to Niagara Falls. I had the joy of interviewing one of the people going on this trip: Shanelle Gray. She thinks this trip will be different from previous trips at PCA because of the smaller group setting. She's excited to not be split up into groups, enabling her to connect with the others. She is also looking forward to taking the tiny eaglet because it will be different and fun. When asked about the impact she hopes they will experience on the trip, she replied that she hopes to see everyone grow in their faith. She wants everyone to work for the Lord and not for themselves. Reflecting Jesus's love through service is something that is important to her. She prays that God shows the group miracles and reveals Himself throughout the whole trip.



She summarized her expectations by saying, "Honestly, I don't really know what to expect at all, and every time I think of it, I don't really have a straight vision of what to expect or what it is going to look like, so I feel like right now I will go into it with a clear mind rather than expectations about how it is supposed to look. I don't have any hesitations; I am just super excited for all the things I am going to get to experience."



Teacher Trivia

Guess who said what...

Answer Bank

Dr. Gamble	Mrs. Sporko	Mr. Beal
Mr. Dunphy	Mr. Sharbaugh	Mr. Abood
Mrs. G	Ms. Weisberg	Señora
	Mr. Foley	

- a. "I was the defensive captain on my high school powderpuff football team."
- b. "I was on television and fell out of my chair."
- c. "I like to watch Little House on the Prairie reruns at home."
- d. "I won a fiction-writing competition in fourth grade."
- e. "I hiked a live volcano while it had a minor eruption."
- f. "I let Michael Sweet, lead singer of the band Stryper, wear my gloves while standing on top of a skyscraper."
- g. "I conducted a performance of a piece by Tchaikovsky."
- h. "I have spent over 75 days at Disney World."
- i. "I was in a marching band that performed at half-time during a Rams vs. Cardinals football game."
- j. "I dated Minnie Mouse from Disneyland for two years and got discounts at the park."



Devotion

By Lily Druge

Timothy 4:12 “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”

For this edition of the post, I’d like to acknowledge that our community is going through tough times right now as many of us are dealing with a number of different struggles. But as I reflected on these things, this verse stuck out to me. It commends youth as a way to show faith, even to those in our community who are older or more experienced. It reminded me of the students in our community who, despite their youth, have shown this community the overwhelming joy and love of the Lord. Community in Christ is not boastful or arrogant, but loving. We can come to each other in our struggles and doubts, not to be condemned, but to be lifted up in the Lord’s house, no matter our age or the era of our faithfulness. For we are called to be an example not to judge the faith of others, but to carry them along in it. We are called to conduct ourselves in love, faith, and purity, and to be firm and blooming in these qualities despite our age. It’s a beautiful thing to show compassion, forgiveness, and kindness, and to extend understanding even when things seem beyond our ability to comprehend. This is the case especially when things seem unfair. There is significant weight on our community right now, as we all navigate our own struggles. However, now is not the time to bottle these things up or turn away from each other, but to instead gather as a community and surround one another in the warmth of Christ. Joy defeats fear, and no matter the outcome of struggle, rallying together as a shield of faith is powerful. Never forget that an impact no matter how small, is still valuable. I encourage us all to choose kindness, compassion, and strength of heart in these times as we remember the calling to live in love, faith, and purity.



Fine Arts

Choral and Jazz Concert

By Chloe Tan



On Thursday April 9th, the PCA community gathered together in the Gym to celebrate a semester of hard work from all the choral and jazz ensembles in the school. The Middle School Jazz Band opened with three charts. I wanted to include a special shout out for the mallet percussionists who truly demonstrated their commitment and love for the art; it was so fun to watch them play with such precision! The Upper School Jazz Band followed, with many of the members

standing to improvise solos, including their conductor Mrs. Veno. Jazz Band ended their set with Anna Odom singing “A Nightingale Sang at Berkley Square” to wild applause and a standing ovation! The 5th and 6th Grade Choir took the stage next, with two musical theatre selections and a last piece in Spanish. Dressed head to toe in pastels and florals, they radiated joy, and their growth from the Christmas Concert to this one was incredible to see. They were followed shortly by 7th and 8th Grade Choir, who presented a wide variety of genres. Inviting the audience to join in singing, they closed with Sweet Caroline and were met with raucous participation. As the choir transitioned offstage, voices sounded from all around the gym. Members of the Upper School Voices began a Latin round titled Dona Nobis Pacem, weaving melodies in and out as they approached the stage. Their program was incredibly diverse, ranging from pop arrangements to fifteenth century motets, a French cantique, and a gospel style song. The highlight of their set was Wayfaring Stranger, a traditional African American spiritual that was arranged by none other than former Fine Arts Director Carroll Stevens! Voices had the privilege of being the first choir to perform it for him live. The night closed with a moment of recognition for the eight seniors involved in all the performing ensembles, and one last song – Amazing Grace, performed by all the choirs and jazz band members, as well as the members of the audience. It was a beautiful night of celebrating the work of our Fine Arts department in the last semester! I’m personally so grateful for the opportunity Voices has given me to become a part of a family and a body wholly dependent on the individuality of each of its members. It’s been such a privilege to sing for this group for the last four years, and I can’t wait to see how Voices continues to evolve after I leave! For anyone considering joining – this is your sign!



Upper School Symphony Concert

by Anna Odom

On Tuesday the 14th, the US Symphony closed out its last concert for the year with a bang! The high school performers started at the end of the middle school's portion, joining with the 7th and 8th grade band before claiming the stage. Senior Kyla Collins had the amazing opportunity to conduct the 5th grade band, and as she did, was awarded a special, personalized baton to mark the beginning of her own music education journey.



Afterward, the Symphony opened their repertoire with an eerie silence, quickly followed by a dramatic reading which introduced a well-known crowd pleaser, Phantom of the Opera. The audience was met immediately with a striking chord that reached every corner of the room. The piece featured several highlights of the famous Broadway musical, featuring Sienna Littlefield (clarinet) and Anna Odom (flute) on solos. Following the popular piece was a softer ballad memorializing the Civil War.



Before the final piece was played, the Symphony took the time to acknowledge their seniors, as well as their Gordon Honor Band and All-State participants. Sienna Littlefield closed the bittersweet moment with prayer, and the Symphony came together one last time for another well-known musical hit, American in Paris, featuring Jason Hornbeck on trumpet. Congratulations to all performers of the night, and a special congratulations to Symphony All-State performers!



All State

By Grace Wack and Chloe Tan



This past weekend, nine student musicians attended NHMEA's Classical All-State Festival. Kyla Collins and Simeon Howard were accepted as cellists into the All-State Orchestra. Brooke Leger was accepted as a Soprano One into the All-State Treble Choir. Jeremiah and Isaac Conant were accepted as Bases into the All-State Mixed Choir, along with Luke Schmunk as a Tenor, Chloe Tan as an Alto, and Grace Wack and Anna Tolley as Sopranos. The festival began Thursday afternoon as four hundred of the best high school musicians around the state descended upon Concord High School. Rehearsals began right at 4:00 PM, lasting until 9:30 that night as ensembles congregated, conductors introduced themselves, and initial run-throughs were completed. Friday constituted of seven hours of rehearsal for each of the respective ensembles. Though the All-State students had been given the music months in advance to learn on their own, the world-renowned conductors of each ensemble used this time to really refine the sound produced by the group. PCA ended the night by ordering delivery and eating dinner in the common area of the hotel, laughing and spending time in community before the day of the concert.

The day of the concert started bright and early for the musicians. They began with a group photo, and those playing in the Orchestra and Band left for their dress rehearsals shortly after. After rehearsals, those singing in the choirs watched the Orchestra and the Band perform from the balcony. The high-quality music that came from both ensembles left those watching and listening with their jaws on the floor. With a brief intermission and a lunch from Subway, risers were moved to the stage, and dress rehearsals for the Treble and Mixed Choir started. The Treble Choir opened the second half of the show with beautiful, breath-taking choral pieces that left the audience amazed. The Mixed Choir wrapped up the day with their pieces of music, some written by their own conductor. The day ended with a huge round of applause, the music from the orchestra and band, and the voices from the choirs still echoing throughout the theater. Every family member, teacher, and musician left with a proud smile on their face, already excited for their return next year.



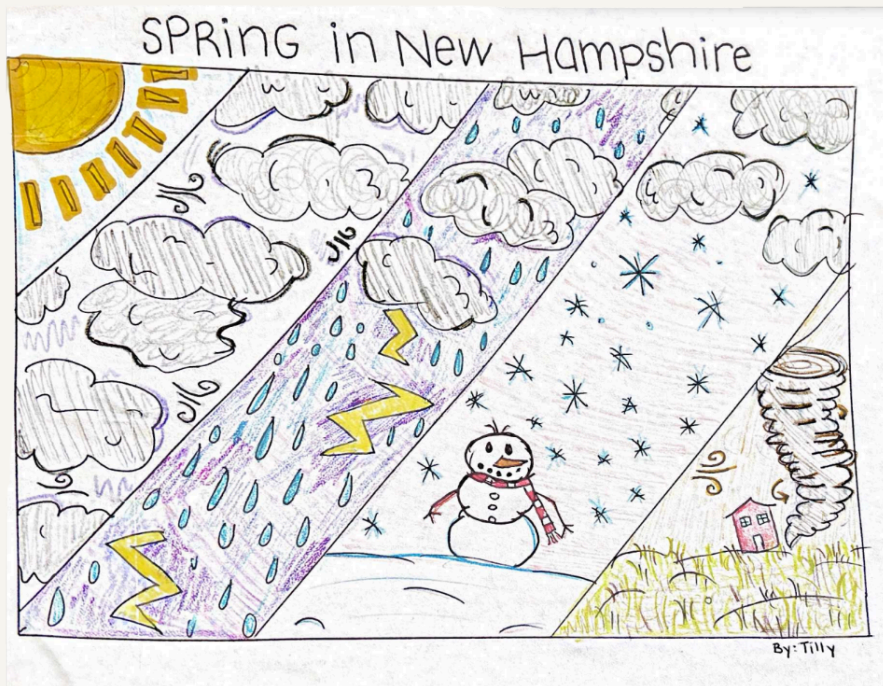
Artwork Special

by Aubrey Gagne



Spring in New Hampshire

by Tilly Arico





Eagle Eyes

Abby Tan by Linnie Ngamcharoenthana

This edition, I got the special honor of interviewing one of my cast-mates, small group members, and personal friends, Abby Tan! Abby has been coming to PCA since 4th grade, and I think it's safe to say that she is a well-loved member of our community. She serves on Student Life Council as a class representative, and is involved in many extracurriculars, such as the upcoming spring musical, where she has a special part as a featured dancer. She has also been part of the Festival show, *Back Cover*, and will be performing at New Englands in Vermont next weekend! During the Festival journey, she has seen the Lord working through the cast as they've traveled and spent time among many unbelievers. Abby often prayed, "Don't just bring us to festival to win, but to give us the opportunity to share the light of God." It's wonderful to know that He has given that opportunity to all of us wherever we go. Now, as some of you may already know, Abby is also a very skillful seamstress. She shared that sewing had always been in the background of her life, which she started in 3rd grade. She started really leaning into it two years ago and has gotten some great experience. She is actually handmaking Joseph's Coat of Many Colors for the musical! Combining her many creative gifts, Abby hopes to pursue a career in event planning or the wedding dress industry, where she will surely thrive.

Jafari Ogembo by Maeve Bowden

This week, I got the chance to chat with Jafari Ogembo! He is a senior and has been at PCA since preschool, making this his 14th year here! Because of his long standing time with our school, I asked how he has seen the Lord working to grow him through this community. He told me that getting to come here for such a great amount of time has allowed him to reflect on those who have helped support and shape him over the years. His peers who he has grown up attending school with and the teachers here, who he said, "noticeably love their jobs," have made him who he is. Next year, Jafari is planning to go to UNH where he will pursue a degree in business and administration, which his parents have influenced and helped him decide upon. A fun fact about Jafari is that in third grade he won a crown made of balloons at chapel after answering a question about the Christian faith from a lady with a yoyo. Also, in his free time, he loves watching movies and playing video games with his friends. Jafari said that while he is unsure of what the future holds for him, he is grateful to have had the opportunity to be brought up in a loving community.