

where's the fire?

by Fred Lunt

The bonfire is one of Pen Argyl's oldest traditions, but a rumor has been started that it will not be held because of a land buy out by the Pen Argyl borough. Do not fret about these rumors, Mr. Smith is on top of things, and he will work everything out to make sure that we still have our bonfire. Mr. Smith seems quite confident that it will remain a tradition here at Pen Argyl for a long time. He stated, "I will do everything possible and not to even think about not having it." One of the main senior privileges is getting to miss school to build the bonfire. Not only do seniors and underclassmen alike look forward to it every year but teachers as well can join in the excitement and help with the construction. The bonfire will still be held in the usual lot behind Turkey Hill as it is every year. For right now there is nothing we students can do to help but if Mr. Smith is denied the use of the lot then he will turn to the senior class to help, although it is highly unlikely that he will be denied. The bonfire is a huge tradition in which anyone can attend to enjoy a night of fun before the football team takes on Bangor the next day. Mr. Smith is working hard to make sure that the tradition stays with us, and he will keep us posted on the status of gaining permission from the borough. Until then, do not stress yourself because Mr. Smith has the situation under control.

scholastic scrimmage

by Ryan Hutchison

You may think the words "team" and "competition" only apply to sports, but there are a lot more competitive activities in Pen Argyl High School than you might expect. One of them is Scholastic Scrimmage. Scholastic Scrimmage is an activity where the students' knowledge is tested when they are asked trivia questions about various school subjects, and scored for correct answers in a format very similar to, but not exactly like the game show Jeopardy. Scholastic Scrimmage is held during activity period every A, C, and F days. There are three tournaments where our team against other schools each year, the PBS tournament, which will be aired on TV. The team will be competing against Palmerton, it will be filmed on December 9th, 2009 and you can watch it on PBS on January 9th, 2010. If we win this match, we will continue competing on TV until we lose a round. This winter, usually some time in early February, there will be a Jeopardy-style tournament at Phillipsburg High School and then in late March or early April there is the Colonial IU20 tournament. The winner of that tournament goes to Harrisburg to compete for the state championship.



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Mr. Snelling is the advisor, which he has been for the past few years. When asked what his favorite thing about being the scholastic scrimmage advisor, he replied "I think it is interesting to see how many people know so many different things." He said he is excited for this year's season, since many veterans have returned and there are several new sign ups. This year's returning team consists of (in alphabetical order) Justin Davis, Alex Grossman, Ryan Hutchison, and Alex Wallace. There are several new team members, including Alicia Altemose, Ross Reagan, and Taylor Moyer, along with several other freshmen and sophomores who are looking to the seniors for leadership. When I asked a few new members why they joined scholastic scrimmage, one student replied "I wanted to do something fun and different and Mr. Snelling is my favorite teacher". Another answered "It seemed fun because I like Jeopardy". The next opportunity to join this awesome club is next semester during activity selection.

students and their jobs

by: Jessica Marascio

Ever wonder why your friends have money and you, well, don't? Are you currently looking for a job, or just thinking about getting one sometime soon? Part time jobs are in high demand among high school students, especially now because of the shaky economy. The Pen Argyl/Wind Gap/Plainfield area offers several choices for minimum wage, part time employment. When you think "job" what comes to mind? Many people would think "boring," but there are many positives to getting a job. You can meet new people



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and have tons of fun. When asked about his favorite part of his job at Weona Park, Michael Dietrich, sophomore, says, "I got to meet a lot of new, interesting people, and the random questions about the carousel are always a good time." You can learn things they don't teach you in school. Also, making your own money gets you one step closer to being independent. Senior Amy Caracio says that getting a job has, "made her realize the value of money, and taught her how to deal with people, which is going to be a skill I'll need for the rest of my life." Amy works as a waitress at Giordano's in Pen Argyl. So if you're up to the challenge of something new, and looking to have fun and make money at the same time, I encourage you to go out and start searching for a job. Don't be discouraged if you're not successful right away, it takes time and patience to get hired. It will all be worth it when you get your first paycheck.

2nd mile club goals

by Kyle Coley

The Second Mile club helps out with bake sales, retirement homes, and it helps out with senior citizens day here at Pen Argyl High School. It is run by Mrs. Miller. Her goals for this year are to:

- 1) Create a community of leaders within the Club
- 2) Have successful fund raising efforts
- 3) Support Families First and the Pen Argyl Area High School in all endeavors
- 4) Support Operation Christmas Child - shoe box gifts for children
- 5) Support Senior Citizen Day at PAHS