

**CEDAR CLIFF HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT  
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**Social Studies Department**

The Social Studies Department is excited to announce their second annual Course Selection Fair. Held on the final day of the semester, students who are currently enrolled in a social studies course have the opportunity to learn about the wide variety of courses being offered for the upcoming year. During the fair, students rotate through a self directed schedule. At each stop in the schedule they have the chance to meet with teachers and ask questions about the classes being taught. This year's fair is especially important because three new courses are being offered by the department. World Religions, Women's Studies and AP American Government are generating a lot of buzz among students. The Course Selection Fair will give students the chance to meet the teachers who designed these rigorous new courses.

**Art Department**

Students in Ceramics and Sculpture classes are creating digital portfolios as a culminating activity this semester. They are creating a slide show that chronicles each project they created. In addition to documenting their projects visually, students are also reflecting on their individual projects and overall growth in the course. Students will then share their portfolios with their classmates in a peer exchange. Please enjoy a couple of selections from the students' portfolios.



Cori Steinour's Personal Totem page



Peyton Hasting's Coil Vessel Page



Kierra Heinly's Mask process page

### **Physical Education Department**

The recent 2-hour delay couldn't keep our Physical Education Sports Leadership students from trying out some new equipment. These students quickly found out cross country skiing is an excellent workout and was a little harder than they imagined it would be. Bring on the snow! Cedar Cliff's PE department is excited share all of our new outdoor activities with our students.

### **Senior Class**

Senior class is selling chocolate candy bars right now. The students can earn money to either pay for or help pay for their cap and gown and/or their prom ticket. It is a great way to help the class raise money for prom and to help themselves to pay for senior expenses.

### **English:**

In Ms. Russell and Mrs. Cauffman's English 1 classes, students are writing their own personal narratives! We have worked as a class to study the creation of dialogue and construct our stories. It has been a fun experience hearing the students' stories and we are excited to learn more about their lives through this project!

Ms. Forsyth's ninth grade students have just finished a unit where they have learned how to analyze a text for symbolism and theme. They have practiced these skills in whole class analysis using the smart board and short texts including poems, and then individually with handouts containing short excerpts from texts, and finally using stories from their Interactive Readers. They will be writing a short story of their own that conveys a theme using symbolism. They will also be giving a book talk to their classmates this week based on their critique of their SSR book that they have been reading in class. In their talks, students will evaluate an author's use of several literary devices and provide quotes from the text to demonstrate their views.

Mrs. Hoch's senior English students have recently read Roald Dahl's short story "Lamb to the Slaughter," which focuses on the impulsive and life-altering decisions made under duress. The story was used to review significant literary analysis terms like irony, conflicts, foreshadowing, and inferencing.

A.P. Language and Composition students continue to develop their skills with a unit on synthesis. They are reading multiple sources about indigenous peoples in the U.S. and exploring the concepts of genocide and ethnocide. Their research will culminate in a paper 4-6 pages in length.

### **Business Department**

Mr. Cook's Penn College Management 105 classes wrapped up their semester this week and it is with pleasure we can announce that all of the students passed and earned 3 transferrable college credits. The best part is that because of the partnership we have with Penn College, it was at no cost to our students.

### **What a difference a little piece of new carpeting can make!**

Great work by the “behind the scenes” staff. For example, this carpeting was replaced in front of this door and they did such a good job. It's nice to see our building well cared for.



### **E Sports**

The Cedar Cliff E-Sports team has begun to practice for their season. Seven students will be working to compete with other High Schools along the east coast through the NASEF league. Students will be practicing and competing on powerful desktops held in a classroom within the library. Mrs. Haun is the team's coach. The team's first game will be on February 10th. The game will be streamed on Twitch <https://www.twitch.tv/coltsesports>



### **Science Department**

The biology classes are studying photosynthesis. We completed a lab that requires the use of fresh leaves. Normally teachers use spinach from the store or plants around the home. This year was very exciting. Students were able to visit the aquaponics lab and choose their own specimens. The leaves were used for the lab and a comparison was made as to which ones work best. We're very thankful for the aquaponics lab and the opportunities it keeps creating. Special shout out to Mr. Weaver for being so flexible with students visiting the lab.

Mrs. Engelhardt's meteorology class studied climate change. Students are researching local and national companies that are contributing to climate change by polluting our environment. They are writing to the leaders of these companies and educating them on climate change. Students are also suggesting ways to make changes to reduce pollutants that are negatively impacting our environment. We will be mailing our letters this week as our final project!

## JROTC



JROTC cadets from Cedar Cliff High School (from L to R: Josh Weber, Tom Sorrow, Caleb Roadcap, Michael Morales, Becca DuBose, and Avion McCane) visited Allen Middle School on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> in an effort to help prepare 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they face the upcoming transition from middle school to high school. Questions ranged from the use of information technology to the types of food served in the cafeteria.



Leadership Education and Training Level 1 JROTC cadets show off some of the awards they earned over the course of the semester. Cadets participated in a number of Community Service efforts to include Vickie's Angel Walk, the Veteran's Day Spaghetti Dinner, the Fall Blood Drive, and the annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in New Cumberland.

### Technology Education

Students in Mr. Uibel's Programming and Developing Code course explored HTML and Python throughout the semester, and finished with Programming mBot robots. The robots were programmed using block coding and java console to include pre-programmed pathways. Eventually, Students were capable of programming the object sensor, to make the robots move on their own independently and not run into obstacles. And finally, students programmed them to respond to Infrared Controllers. The students could control speed, direction, stopping etc. Students put their robots through a timed maze to test their designs.



### Friends Forever

Friends Forever had a very exciting month of December. There was a Winter-FUN-derland activity at Medard's House where there were snacks, games and karaoke. Some of our friends who are in college came back to visit us and hang out as well. It was great to see them! We also had college friends come back to visit at school.

The connections made through Friends Forever are everlasting as demonstrated by the college students coming back to visit. In February we will have a Valentine's Day activity after school on February 13th.



### Athletics:

Winter athletics is hitting the second half of their seasons with post-season competition right around the corner. Both Boys and Girls Basketball are battling for the top spot in the Keystone

Division. The teams have an exciting Doubleheader coming up this Friday, January 17 v Hershey. Varsity girls at 6PM, followed by Varsity boys at 7:30PM. Cedar Cliff will also be recognizing their new inductees to the Wall of Honor. This year's inductees are as follows:

1. Sam Brinley- Class of 1995- Excelled in football
2. Susan Kocher- Class of 1983- Excelled in softball
3. Larry Albert- Class of 1968- Excelled in football

Join us Friday night in between the Girls and Boys game to welcome our new inductees and learn more about their tremendous careers as a Cedar Cliff Colt.

The Cedar Cliff Wrestling team is coming off an exciting 35-32 victory over Red Land last week. The teams battled back and forth all night. Towards the end of the match both Cedar Cliff and Red Land were trading pins back and forth. Ultimately, the Colts held on for a very hard fought victory over the Patriots. The team is looking towards the upcoming Team District tournament in defense of their Team District Title. It won't be easy, but the wrestlers are working their hardest to continue the proud tradition of the program.

Finally, our Swimming and Diving team takes to the water and has enjoyed the resurgence of numbers to the program. Although some injuries and illness have taking its toll on the team, they continue to battle every time out. The team is grateful for the upgrades that have occurred in the Natatorium. The new record boards look fabulous, and is a great inspiration for this generation and future generations as they look to reach new heights.

### **Music Department**

Cedar Cliff Productions is well underway with their production of Into The Woods. Rehearsals began in early January and the whole community is getting excited about the show. There will be nearly 100 students and dozens of volunteers working on the project over the next 3 months. Incorporating many of your favorite fairy tale stories and an exploration of the difficult aspects of real life, the production team is most excited to see the growth of our wonderful students. Tickets go on sale on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - we hope to see you at the show!