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WATERVLIET GIRLS REACH STATE SEMIS BY NAE WHITE

The Watervliet girls' varsity basketball team ended its playoff run in the state Final Four with a 30-24 loss against Oneonta at Hudson Valley Community College. Nae White, Tierney McGlynn, and Ailaya Demand combined for 21 points, but it wasn't enough down the stretch as a questionable foul call against the Cannoneers sealed their fate late in the fourth quarter.

The team's accomplishments this year include a 19-4 overall record, Section 2 Class B championship, Regional championship, and the NYS Class B Final Four.

Fan support for the girls was amazing down the stretch, and the team would

like to thank all of their fans for supporting them. winning tradition.

The outlook for the future is bright for the young Cannoneers who, despite losing seniors Nae White, Tierney McGlynn, Julie Keegan, and Emily Roden to graduation, return a solid core of young players who have gained valuable playoff experience and are hungry for more championships. Freshmen Ailaya Demand and Lashana Tolliver, sophomore Kate Murray, and junior Kristin Skelly will be asked to lead the team next year and continue Watervliet's



Nae White goes up for a shot against Oneonta at HVCC

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- 4/6: Varsity Baseball vs. Heatly
- 4/8: Varsity Softball @ Berlin
- Varsity Baseball vs. Fonda
- JV Baseball @ Fonda
- 4/12: Varsity Baseball @ Schalmont
- JV Baseball vs. Schalmont
- 4/13: Track @ Academy
- Boys Tennis @ Schoharie

JR. HIGH CELEBRATES PI DAY BY ERIC RAY AND PAUL SAMUELS

On March 14th, Watervliet's Junior High students celebrated the third annual Pi Day.

Pi Day is an interdisciplinary celebration of the mathematical theory of pi, as well as Albert Einstein's birthday. On this day, stu-

dents have the opportunity to throw a cream pie at many of their teachers and administrators. Among those getting a pie in the face were Dr. Padalino, Ms. Caplan, and Mr. Wareing.

Event organizer and math teacher, Ms. Degnan, said

that the students really got into the pie throwing, but also the lessons in the classroom. Proceeds from Pi day will be used toward the Jr. High trip to the Bronx Zoo.



Mr. Wareing loves pie!

WJSHS ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TEAM GOES TO ‘FOOD COURT’ BY PAUL SAMUELS

This year, a brand new team was formed at W.H.S. and has already brought home a championship. We’re not talking about an athletic team, though. This is the new Odyssey of the Mind team.

On March 10, the Odyssey of the Mind team placed third in the local Odyssey competition, held at Shen, in it’s very first year in existence.

Team members include Amanda Luck (senior), Katlynn Solini (junior), Megan Angus, Thomas Aviles, Sean Vallee, Amanda Lannone Judge (all sophomores), and freshman Alison Fandle.

The team worked on a problem called “Food Court.”

Students had to create and present a humorous performance where a food item is accused of being unhealthy and must defend itself among its food peers. Under the direction of Ms. Cahill, the team started practicing in September, and met twice a week for an hour. With their program already achieving success, team members are exciting about working together next year and doing even better at the competition.



The Odyssey of the Mind team prepares for the competition

3 MINUTES? BY CHRISTIAN SLUUS

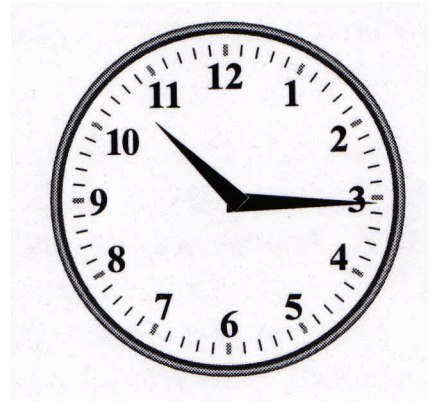
As a student at W.H.S. I have been late to class (from time to time). I have also been reprimanded for being late to class. Everyday, students are getting detentions, parents are getting phone calls, and our attendance is suffering because many just can’t seem to get to class on time. Many students believe that three minutes is just not enough time between classes.

Watervliet High is a fairly small school, but when back to back classes are scheduled on opposite sides of the building (say, from gym to sci-

ence), three minutes is just not enough time to get to class and be in your seat by the bell. This becomes even more complicated if it is necessary to stop at your locker or use the bathroom (which is a rationale that many teachers use: “Go to the bathroom between classes, not during class.” Yeah, right, as if there is time to do that!). Further complicating the issue are the crowds of students that “clog-up” the hallways and slow down traffic. And don’t even think about getting to class on time if there is some “drama”

going down in the halls!

These problems could be avoided if we had more time between classes, or if backpacks were allowed in school. If backpacks were allowed (like they used to be) we wouldn’t need to stop at our lockers between classes and some of the hallway issues could be fixed.



‘VLIET BASEBALL HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS BY CHRISTIAN ASHLINE

The Watervliet varsity baseball team is a young, but talented team. Coach Strand is known for having his teams prepared and bringing the best out of his players, and this year should be no exception. Captains Kevin Pontore, a five-year varsity player, and Ryan Manning return from last year’s team that made it to sectionals. They are ready to lead the team back to the

playoffs.

With only two seniors on the team, Pontore and Andrew Etman, the majority of the team is young and ready to prove themselves on the field. The pitching rotation of Pontore, Danny Nittinger, and Brandon Leagult is solid and can carry the team to a winning record.

Fan support is important as the team prepares to open its

season. Please come out and support the Cannoneers.



TALENT SHOW PLANNED BY ASHLEY WALSH

Calling out to all W.H.S. students: come support the student council as they host the 2010 Talent Show!

The show is scheduled for April 21 at 7:00 in the W.H.S. auditorium and features special guest Charlie Don’t Surf. Tickets are \$5.00 (\$3.00 for students and \$1.50 for National Honor Society members).

Try-outs for the show are scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 and Thursday, April 1. C’mon all you singers, musicians, dancers, comedians, and magicians; show your talent. The talent show is always a fun and exciting event.



JACKIE TORRISI AT THE LAST TALENT SHOW!

MR. POTATO HEAD BY ISABEL CABAN

Mr. Gaddy is doing an excellent job with his Food and Nutrition and Gourmet Cooking classes. With a lot of skill and knowledge, he is rapidly expanding the idea of baked potatoes being served at lunch next year. They are fast and easy, and there are many condiments that can be added to a simple baked potato.

Recently, Mr. Wareing and Mr. Cowles came in to try the class’ baked potatoes. They were very surprised by how good they tasted and stated that serving them at lunch was an excellent idea.

The cooking class is also a great way to learn how to cook quick and easy healthy foods. We get great recipes

that we can keep and refer to when we want to prepare a meal. This class offers many benefits that we will take with us after graduation. Thanks, Mr. Gaddy!



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EDITORIAL

Attendance Policy Unfair by Christian Sluus

As we are now approaching April, many of the seniors are anticipating the next step in their education: college. Unfortunately, there are two seniors who have already had this opportunity taken from them; not because of their grades or behavior, but because of attendance.

Our attendance policy is unfair. It is a policy that is unforgiving. An absence is an absence. If someone is out for family reasons: absent; illness: absent; death in the family: absent. The policy does not take into account absences that are beyond a student's control. Once the DA is written on the report card, all hope is lost and the choices are summer school or repeat the course.

The policy was created to motivate students to attend regularly. However, I believe it is having the opposite effect. Once a student DA's, their motivation to attend actually decreases even more. Who would want to sit through a class and not receive any credit?

Watervliet would be wise to investigate why so many other local school districts have eliminated or drastically changed their attendance policies. They are punitive and do not help students succeed.

DEAR PHOEBE

Dear Phoebe,

The other day I was at the movies with a senior from another school. I'm only in 9th grade, but he doesn't know that.. I lied to my parents about it because they don't approve. He has a reputation of breaking girls' hearts, but he tells me that he loves me and he won't hurt me. I hear that he still flirts with a bunch of other girls. Should I continue to go behind my parents' backs and keep lying for this guy?

-Torn Between Rules

Dear Torn,

I don't think you should continue this relationship. If he has a reputation for being a heart breaker, then he is most likely not going to change his "player" ways for you. Lying about your age and to your parents is only going to get you into trouble. Your parents are going to be there for you your whole life. This boy will walk out of your life.

-Phoebe

Dear Phoebe is an advice column for all students. In each edition of the Chronicle, one question will be selected and answered. To submit your questions, write them down and place them in the box in room 203.

Senior Profile: Tierney McGlynn

by John Delaney



Tierney has been a member of the varsity basketball team for three years and has been a starter each season. This year she was voted team captain and honored by the Times Union as one of the best high school players in the area. Tierney's love of basketball began many years ago, as she would watch her brother play and also play with her friends.

In addition to basketball, Tierney also runs track and is an honor student. She plans to attend either Norwich or Morrisville in the fall.