

## February 2020

Special points of interest

- 2/3-2/8 GBBB TVC Tournament
- 2/8 Speech (A) Gothenburg
- 2/11 GBBB (A) Red Cloud
- 2/12 P/T Conferences
- 2/12 Early Dismissal
- 2/13 JH BB (H) Gibbon
- 2/14-2/15 District Wrestling
- 2/17-2/18 GBB Subdistrict
- 2/20-2/22 State Wrestling
- 2/20 GBB Subdistrict
- 2/21 No School
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## Reindeer Games

By Katie Long \& Jenna Jaeschke


Before the first semester came to an end, Kenesaw students kicked off the holiday season with a bit of Christmas cheer. On December 20, the Reindeer Games competition was won by the sophomore class. The games played by the students and the school staff were as follows: Santa's Sleigh Ride with the seniors pulling Santa across the floor on a carpet the fastest. Face the Cookie in which the three staff members sat on a chair and moved a cookie from their forehead to their mouths using only their faces before all of the other teams. Marshmallow Toss, consisting of two people facing each other while one throws marshmallows and the other player tries to catch the marshmallow in his mouth, was tied with the staff and seventh grade. Newspaper Dance ended with the sophomores as the last couple dancing around a newspaper and when the music stopped, both the contestants had to have both feet completely on the newspaper but each round the newspaper was folded in half. Hungry Hungry Hippo was won by the hungry hungry seniors with one student lying on a scooter and another held his legs and pushing his partner into a circle full of small plastic balls with a third member to collect the balls retrieved. Musical Chairs resulted in the freshmen class taking home a victory and getting the most sought-after seat in the gym. The staff showed off their athleticism and ability to drink quickly in the Root Beer Guzzle, in which contestants ran across the gym and chugged a solo cup of root beer then run back to tag their team member. The Carpet Ride victory was swiped by the seniors sitting on a beach towel and scooting on their butts across the gym in a two-person relay. To finish out the games was the fan favorite dodgeball tournament. With a victorious tournament, the sophomores sealed their festive first place overall finish.

The students ended the day in two large circles surrounded by their friends, opening Secret Santa gifts and laughing about the events of the day while reminiscing about the previous years of Reindeer Games.


Second Quarter \& First Semester Honor Roll<br>A HONOR ROLL/2 ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ QUARTER 7th GRADE:<br>Avery Kelley, Chase Uden, Maddox Wagoner<br>8th GRADE:<br>Katelyn Edwards, Levi Schroeder<br>\section*{9th GRADE:}<br>Luke Burr, Jaydn Jackman, Joel Katzberg, Nickolas Kuehn, Madeline Pulver, Trinity Sidders, Randyn Uden<br>\section*{10th GRADE:}<br>Lisa Johansen, Rylee Legg, Garrison Newell, Chloe Uden, Izabella Voelker<br>11th GRADE:<br>Deric Goldenstein, Kaylee Larson<br>\section*{12th GRADE:}<br>Stefanie Anderson, Jenna Jaeschke, Paityn Jameson, Elisha Reiners, Sydney Weiler<br>A HONOR ROLL/Semester 1<br>7th GRADE:<br>Avery Kelley, Chase Uden<br>8th GRADE:<br>Annika Hellner, Levi Schroeder<br>\section*{9th GRADE:}<br>Luke Burr, Jaydn Jackman, Joel Katzberg, Nickolas Kuehn, Madeline Pulver, Trinity Sidders, Randyn Uden<br>\section*{10th GRADE:}<br>Lisa Johansen, Garrison Newell, Chloe Uden, Izabella Voelker<br>11th GRADE:<br>Deric Goldenstein, Kaylee Larson<br>\section*{12th GRADE:}<br>Stefanie Anderson, Jenna Jaeschke, Paityn Jameson, Payton Morrow, Elisha Reiners, Sydney Weiler

## B HONOR ROLL/2nd ${ }^{\text {nd }}$ QUARTER 7th GRADE:

Madyson Ciemnoczolowski, Shelbi Goldenstein, Alivia Hellner, Austin Mack, Bentley Olson,
Marisa Richardson, Elise Schukei, Sam Uden

## 8th GRADE:

Kynsie Adams, William Belz, Annika Hellner, Kassandra Kimle, Jillian Larson, Blake Steer

## 9th GRADE:

Blake Hoelting, Kayla Mack, Cecelia Parker, Lydia Schukei, Taten Uden

## 10th GRADE:

Tyson Denkert, Sean Duffy, Cassidy Gallagher, Eli Jensen, Natalie Kyle, Shawna
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Madeline Kennedy, Lauryn Kenning, Trevor
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Rayne Cole, Madeline Kennedy, Lauryn Kenning, Trevor Kuehn, Hope Nienhueser

## 12th GRADE:

Chiara Castellano, Micha Cordes, Wyatt Hansen, Paige Morrow, Tabitha Sidders


## Corey Frase

Corey Frase, son of Jeremiah and Cheryl Frase, is currently in football, basketball, track and SkillsUSA. He plans to go to UNK, and his major is currently undecided. His advice for the underclassmen is "enjoy your final years." The thing he will miss most is sports. Mrs. Bonnie Engelhardt has helped prepare him for the future by keeping it tough. His favorite memory from high school is "don't ask; you don't want to know."
"Always remember that you're unique, just like every-
 one else." -Unknown

## Dalton Smith

Dalton Smith, son of Paul and Lisa Smith, is currently in football, basketball, Gibbon Trap Team, K-Club, and choir. He plans to go to trade school. His advice for the underclassmen is "Don't put stuff off to the side and then do it last minute." The thing he will miss most is choir class. Core classes have helped prepare him for the future. His favorite memory from high school is game nights.
"The comeback is always stronger than the setback" Dr. Jill Murray

## Stefanie Anderson

Stefanie Anderson, daughter of Doug and Tonya Anderson, is currently in volleyball, Cheer, NHS, 4-H, FFA, FBLA, KClub, and Journalism. She plans to go to Peru State and major in elementary education. Her advice for the underclassmen is, "Don't stress about things you can't control. When you feel like everything is going wrong, just know things can only get better." The thing she will miss most is eating lunch every day with her friends. Being busy forced her to learn good time management skills and has helped prepare her for the future. Her favorite
 memory from high school is volleyball subdistricts in 2019 when the team was down 2 sets both nights and came together to win both games.
"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right" -Henry Ford

## Girls Basketball

By Kaylee Steer
After a rough start to the 2019-2020 season, the Lady Blue Devils seem to be making a turn for the better. Itching to find their groove, the 0-7 Devils worked to improve their skills and find a spark on the court to give them a boost of confidence. That spark was found against the Axtell Wildcats, leading them to a fourgame winning streak. With some tough games behind them, the girls have a goal to even up their record and perform well at the TVC Tournament. Coach Jace Morgan's thoughts on the season are also hopeful, "I think that the girls are continuing to improve with each practice, and I am hopeful for successful subdistricts. I am confident that these girls will find their groove in the upcoming weeks." The TVC Tournament will be held on February 4th, 7th, and 8th.

## Boys Basketball

By Nattalie Coffey \& Ms. Molly Engelhardt
The Kenesaw Boys Basketball team has shown a lot of growth this season in a short amount of time; they are 6-9 and showing great potential. As the second half of the season begins and Conference Tournament starts, Junior Deric Goldenstein said, "We are focusing on being the best we can be with the players and experience we have available. We are trying to improve." The basketball team has been without two key players, Senior Wyatt Hansen who was injured during football season and Sophomore Tyson Denkert who was hurt during the Holiday Tournament.
On January 24, Wyatt Hansen made his debut back on the court. His first shot attempt was a three pointer that swished through the net, and the crowd went crazy! It was a bittersweet moment. The Blue Devils beat Franklin 41-38. During the early season, Wyatt stepped up as a leader and mentor for the other players. He is excited and anxious to get back on the floor and have fun with his friends. Wyatt said, "I'm most excited for the rest of the season and to see how we play together. After having great success in summer leagues when everyone was healthy, coming back to the rest of the season when everyone is in a healthy, athletic state will be a nice feeling and will be so much fun to watch." Tyson Denkert is slated to return to the hardwood for the Blue Devils on January 30 against Deshler.
The Blue Devils have been putting in hard work during practice and are ready to make their mark during TVC Tournament and into the postseason. Coach Einrem said, "We start every practice with skill development drills and then proceed into individual and team oriented activities. We then focus on our next opponents and develop a game plan for the next teams we play." The boys are set to play Lawrence-Nelson in the first round of TVC play February 4 in Deshler.

## Game Updates

We would like to honor the Kenesaw Veterans, the Kenesaw Fire Department and EMTs, and the Kenesaw retired teachers and staff at the home basketball game on February 11, 2020. Free admittance to the game and a bag of popcorn will be included. We want to give you a big thanks for your service to our school, community, and country.

## Speech

## By Micha Cordes

The Speech Team has been spending many hours perfecting delivery and memorizing various performances, and they have kicked off their season by competing at Adam Central on January 11, 2020. Five members of the team placed at the meet. Members who placed were Payton Morrow, 3rd in Poetry; Paige Morrow, 3rd in Persuasive and 6th in Informative; Paityn Jameson, 4th in Poetry; Jenna Jaeschke, 5th in Informative; and Emma Schroeder, 5th in Humorous. On January 25, the team went to the Southern Valley invite. The team placed 2nd overall as a team and had many individual victories. Congratulations to Emma Schroeder, 1st in Humorous; Payton Morrow, 1st in Poetry, 2nd in Serious; Paige Morrow, 1st in Persuasive, 2nd in Informative; Paityn Jameson, 1st in Entertainment, 2nd in Poetry; Shawna McKimmey, 3rd in Serious; Madi Kennedy, 4th in Extemp, 5th in Persuasive. There have been no other meets thus far due to the weather, but the team is looking at weekly meets hopefully until the state meet in March.

## Junior High Activities

## By Lisa Baak \& Hope Coutts

Junior high girls basketball ended the season with a 3-4 record. "This year's team was really young, but they gained a lot of experience. The team had some injuries, but still found a way to win the games. Overall, the girls had a good season and began to play good basketball," said Coach Kroos.

The junior high boys basketball team started this year's season with 2 losses, and they have 4 games left. Mr. Kroos said, "This year's junior high basketball team has gained a lot of confidence over the season. The guards are learning to lead the role, and the posts do a good job with rebounding and getting open. The boys are working on a better defense, and to move their feet quicker."

The Junior High quiz bowl team has been competing really well in the meets. There has been tough competition. Even though the outcome may not have been as they would have liked, they have been persistent and have been competing well. They come to practice and work hard. They buzz in and give answers; it's just not the complete answer judges want. The members of the team are eighth graders Kassie Kimle, Bridger Kroos, and Annika Hellner and seventh graders are Chase Uden, Avery Kelly, and Madyson Ciemnoczołowski.

## Pep Band

## By Jadyn Jackman

The Kenesaw Pep Band is getting geared up to play for many upcoming basketball games. They have been playing fan favorites such as "All-Star" by Smash Mouth, "September" by Earth, Wind \& Fire, "We Got the Beat" by the Go-Go's, "Barbara Ann" by the Beach Boys, "Land of a Thousand Dances" by The J. Geils Band, and many more. They have been working on revamping some old songs like "The Hey Song" by Gary Glitter, "Jump" by Van Halen, "Enter Sandman" by Metallica, and a few more. The band is comprised of seven seventh graders, eight eighth graders, five freshmen, nine sophomores, eight juniors, and four seniors.

## Dr. Seuss Day

On Tuesday, March 3, 2020, the school will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and the joy of reading. If you have any Dr. Seuss books that you would be willing to share, please bring them to school that day. (Please write your name on the books to ensure you get them back.) "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go," as stated by the inspiration of the day himself, Dr. Seuss

## Food \& Toy Drive

During Christmas time, the students of the Kenesaw High School and the Kenesaw community donated food and toys for families in need. The Student Council put up a tree in the new gym commons area for people to put food and toys under during the month of December. The food was donated to the Backpacks-of-Love, and the toys were donated to different families in Kenesaw. It's great to see the students giving back to the community and less fortunate people, and for that we thank those who were involved in this donation. Backpacks-of-Love would like to thank the students and staff for their donation of food to help feed the children of our community. It was greatly appreciated.

## See Something, Say Something

By Jenna Jaeschke
A group of Kenesaw staff and the Adams County Sheriff's office are collaborating to make our school a safer place. The group, composed of Mrs. Jan Dassinger, Mr. Jace Morgan, Mr. Chuck Roe, and Officer Scott Collins, created an outlet for students and community members to report their concerns. After attending a threat assessment workshop in Grand Island, this group designed a 'See Something, Say Something' Google form, which will be available on the school website. The form will allow students to report issues of bullying, damage to facilities, a general threat to school safety, or even concerns about others. Those who choose to report are encouraged to explain with as much detail as possible and have the ability to remain anonymous. All reports are sent to participating staff members and Officer Collins. Posters for this new program will be displayed around the school, encouraging students to speak up for themselves or those around them.

Mr. Roe says that the next step to this program is a 'See Something Shout Out' addition to recognize the amazing people and actions of this community.

## 4-H Updates

By Tim Zimmerman
There are 21 members ranging in grades from 2 nd to 6 th. The after school 4 H club meets two times a month with Julie Oschner from the Adams County Extension Office. This year the students organized a formal club named Kenesaw Blue Devils 4-H Club. During the meeting sessions, students may participate in many activities and project areas; one of the project areas they have been focusing on this year is healthy snacks. Using a customized bicycle brought by Julie from the Extension Office, the students were able to make their own smoothies. Since the club started, students have added sewing, gardening, and baking to the activity roster.


1. Who is Cupid?
2. What was your favorite thing you did over Christmas break?
3. What is your favorite movie?
4. If you had a million dollars what would you do with it?
5. What is the best way you could show love to someone?

6. Man that shoots people to fall in love
7. Spending time with family
8. Inside Out
9. Toys
10. Being nice \& giving them hugs
Amelia Hellner
11. Angel that is a baby
12. Going to Branson, Missouri
13. Descendents 3
14. Give some to homeless people
15. Give them flowers

Fourth Grade


1. No
2. Played in the snow at Grandma's
3. Frozen 2
4. Shopping
5. Hugging them

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1. No
2. Eat turkey
3. Super Reins
4. Lots of things
5. Hug them


Kindergarten

1. A reindeer
2. Play on a hoverboard
3. Aladdin
4. Give it away
5. Give them hugs


First Grade

1. An angel
2. Get presents
3. Star Wars
4. Toys
5. Kind words
6. Son of Aphrodite
7. Trap shooting
8. Harry Potter Movies
9. Invest in trap
10. By devoting your time to them






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