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THE BLUE DEVIL BUGLE

March 2019

- March 1-2: Girls State Basketball**
- March 2: Speech (A) Doniphan Trumbull**
- March 7: End of 3rd Quarter**
- March 7-9: Boys State Basketball**
- March 11: Kindergarten Round-Up, Board of Education Meeting**
- March 12: District Speech**
- March 14-18: Project D.C./N.Y.**
- March 22: State Speech**
- March 26: Track (H) Kenesaw**
- March 29: Prom**
- April 1: 7-12 Spring Concert**

Speech Team has Great Success

Noah Klein and Ryan Thomas

This year's Speech team has been off to a good start. They have been to seven different meets and have seen the competitors all place well.

Recently, the team traveled to Sandy Creek and Sutton. The number of Kenesaw students competing were small at the Sandy Creek Invitational due to many of our juniors taking the ACT and basketball, but they had a good day. They were limited to just 7 students. The team brought home 9 medals—all in varsity competition. No team awards were given at that meet. Congratulations goes out to Shawna McKimmey for her first varsity speech medal! At Sutton, the whole team was finally in full force for the first time this season, coming home with many medals. Although team awards were not handed out that day, Kenesaw saw many students place high within their categories. Although conference was postponed indefinitely, the team is looking to make a statement at Districts and State coming up in March.



Medalists for Sandy Creek:

1. Noah Klein (1st Place Champion—Extemp)
2. Emma Schroeder (1st Place Champion—Humorous Prose and 3rd Place—Serious Prose)
3. Paige Morrow (1st Place Champion—Informative and 2nd Place—Persuasive)
4. Bodie Belz (2nd Place—Humorous Prose)
5. Madeline Kennedy (3rd Place—Persuasive and 6th Place—Extemp)
6. Shawna McKimmey (4th Place—Serious Prose)

Medalists for Sutton:

1. Paige Morrow (1st Place Champion Duet, Persuasive, Informative)
2. Payton Morrow (1st Place Champion Duet, Entertainment—2nd Place Poetry)
3. Madi Kennedy (2nd Place Extemp)
4. Paityn Jameson (4th Place Entertainment—9th Place Poetry)
5. Jenna Jaeschke (4th Place Informative)
6. Emma Schroeder (5th Place Humorous Prose—9th Serious)
7. Noah Klein (7th Place Extemp)
8. Rayne Cole (7th Place Poetry)
9. Liam Parker, Izabella Voelker, Shawna McKimmey, Gracie Coffey, Natalie Kyle (9th Place OID)
10. Jenna Jaeschke, Micha Cordes, Baylen Johnson, Savannah Williams, Rayne Cole (10th Place OID)

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Counselor's Corner

Mr. Chuck Roe

Kenesaw Public School has embarked on the Revision Process. What is Revision? This is a unique opportunity for our school to take an in-depth look at our Career and Technical Educational (CTE) offerings. The process allows us to see what we do well and what we can do even better. This is accomplished in stages. First, our CTE teachers are currently looking at how our classes line up with the Nebraska State Standards for CTE. We are actively engaged with members of our community, business owners, and other stakeholders to get a feel for the skills our community feel are vital for Kenesaw students to possess. This conversation also leads to the development of partnerships that will help us create new opportunities for our students. We are also including student feedback; 6-11th-grade students are taking interest surveys that help match student interest in potential career fields and pathways. This particular data will help to drive any planning for CTE going forward.

Finally, it is up to the Revision Team to take the data and develop a three- to five-year plan that will meet the CTE needs of our district. This plan will be part of a competitive grant process that can potentially be worth 50,000 dollars a year over the next four years. This plan will include new and improved CTE course offerings at Kenesaw, and partnerships with other schools and colleges to be able to offer a wider variety of class to our students. This could be done through technology and even kids attending class on college campuses during the day. The biggest feature will be the possibility of students doing work study classes and job shadow opportunities to gain "real world" job experiences.

Students who are part of a strong CTE program find more meaning in and are typically driven to do well in all of the school curriculum. Being able to immediately apply lessons taught in the classrooms to real-world situations gives kids a deeper understanding of the material we are covering. Students are also able to make a clearer plan for higher education, potentially saving 1000's of dollars in higher education expenses.

The job market is always changing, and the need for schools to change our approach to how we prepare students for future employment in a dynamic job market is a huge task. Revision allows us the funds and the resources to meaningfully and intentionally adapt to the job markets of the future and give student in our charge the best opportunities to hit the ground running.

Military Care Packages

Mrs. Tonya Anderson

Kenesaw FBLA will be accepting items for care packages to be sent to our military stationed overseas. The collection will work similar to the food drive in the fall. FBLA students will drop off the sacks on Sunday, March 17 and pick them up the following Sunday, March 24. You can also drop off items at the high school office or donation boxes around Kenesaw. Small notes or cards from "home" are also encouraged.

Items needed are as follows: black socks, beef or deer jerky, small containers of applesauce, pudding and fruit, sunflower seeds, hand and toe warmers, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, nuts, individual drink mix packets, hot chocolate, trail mix, cheese/crackers, packets of Oreo cookies or chocolate chip, tuna and chicken packets, small sewing kits, shampoo, lotion, soap from motels or hotels, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

Thank you in advance for your support of our military. It is greatly appreciated!



Senior Spotlights

Noah Belz

Noah, son of Kenny and Tami Belz, participates in FBLA, Skills USA, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track. Noah's current plan for the future is to study his Gen Ed's at the University of Nebraska-Kearney. His words of wisdom are "Don't do anything that I did." Noah says the thing he'll miss most about high school will be sports. Mrs. B. Engelhardt's deadlines best prepared him for the rest of his life. The best memory Noah will take from school is the time he got to go to state in both track and basketball.



"One time I ate a bagel" -Unknown

Kenesaw Senior Class

The senior class is getting sick—and even more so as the days go on: They are starting to see symptoms of Senioritis. The class is slowing more and more as the days go by, not wanting to put in the work to stay on top. Are they stressed? No. In fact, they are not worried in the slightest. As long as grades are maintained, the class is just skirting by, waiting for the moment that they will finally get to walk across the stage, receiving the piece of paper. Senior Jared Summers even said, "I have gone to school the past thirteen years, and all I'm going to get for it is a piece of paper and a handshake." The Senior class all agree that they are ready to be finished with school. Senior Noah Klein says, "No offense to anyone, but there have been nine of us who have been together since before pre-school. I'm getting kind of tired of seeing the same group of people every day. I have spent more time with some of my peers than I have with my own family." The Senior Class is advised to push through. You are about to the end of the road.

The thanks everyone who has affected them throughout their time at school. Each and every faculty member, both past and present, has made an impact on them in ways that they will never know. Thank you for helping make high school fun for them. No matter what anyone says, great memories have been made during their time here.



"Life is not measured by the breaths you take but by the moments that take your breath away." -Anonymous

UNK Honor Choir

Micha Cordes

More than 775 students from 120 high schools throughout Nebraska and Kansas were selected to be at the 2019 audition-based Honor Band Choral Clinic at UNK. Four students from Kenesaw's choir were selected to be in the 2019 UNK festival choir, Walker Ruh, Nyah Jones, Rudee Jensen, and Micha Cordes. Students rehearsed all day with their clinicians and concluded their day with a concert at the Health and Sports Center. The choir performed the following songs: "The Arrow and the Song," "In the Merry Spring," "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal," and "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning."



SkillsUSA Update

Katie Long

SkillsUSA would like to thank everyone in the community who has been supporting the students this past year. On February 8, the SkillsUSA members participated in a wing night at Buffalo Wild Wings that profited \$189. They also worked together to build various items to sell at a craft show in Hastings at the C3 Hotel that profited around \$100.

Coming up next month, Kenesaw SkillsUSA will be having a movie night. It was originally planned for Saturday, February 16, but was postponed due to possible snow. Keep an eye out on the Kenesaw Public School Facebook page and website for the upcoming date.

SkillsUSA members will be selling Eileen's cookie dough starting February 25-March 11. There will be donation jars at Kenesaw local businesses. Kenesaw SkillsUSA would like to thank all of the community's support.



Prom Preview

Tim Zimmerman and Noah Klein

On March 29, the community is invited to the walk-in for the 2019 Junior and Senior Prom, starting at 6 p.m. Come down at 6:00 to capture pictures of the students as they walk in with their dates, followed by some time to take pictures with the kids and the decorations in the gym. This year's theme is *Fit For Royalty*, featuring royal purple and gold decorations. The Junior Class promises another spectacular Prom again this year. Afterwards, the students will be going to The Big Apple for their post-prom party.



FBLA Update

Ms. Molly Engelhardt

Kenesaw FBLA celebrated FBLA week February 3-9. They had the first annual Money Wars. This was a competition between each class and the staff. Each group had a jar to fill with loose change. The winners received doughnuts. All the money raised was donated to Kenesaw Backpacks of Love. Kenesaw FBLA was able to donate \$208.00. Thank you to everyone who participated to help those in the community.



Boys' Basketball

Ryan Denkert

The Kenesaw Boys Basketball season will be coming to a close within the next month, and this season seemed to fly by faster than most. The boys have had a pretty impressive season, with a solid 17-3 record. They were narrowly defeated in the TVC Championship by Blue Hill in late January; however, on the bright side, the team was undefeated in Conference play up until the championship game.

Now the team is beginning to look onward into the post-season where they hope to win subdistricts and make it to the sub-state game where they would battle for a spot in the state tournament. They have a pretty difficult subdistrict this year, and they will most likely face-off with a very good Fullerton team in the sub-district championship. Senior Captain John Schuster said, "I'm confident going into the post-season because we have a great group of guys that have experience in the post-season, and we trust one another in crunchtime situations at the end of games."



Wrestling

Nick Sharp

Coach Mike Pritchard said "he knew this season was going to be a learning experience. It was tough on the boys. They are a young team and there were only two on the team." At Districts, Sean Duffy went 2 and 2, and Trevor Kuehn went 3 and 2. Sean made it past the first day, looking to make it to heartbreak round but didn't. He said "I did ok for a freshman, I think it went alright for the most part considering it was my first year, but there is definitely room for improvement." When asked if he felt pressured by his older brothers, Sean said, "Not really, I sometimes use their achievements as motivation to do better, but I never feel any pressure to be as good as them." Sean's record was 11-17 on the year. He said, "I'm just looking to get stronger and improve upon my skills. I think we did pretty well over all. We certainly took our lumps, but we are still young."

Girls' Basketball

Ashley Uden

The Lady Blue Devils' basketball team is taking strong play from their Sub-District tournament into the District Finals game against the Renegades of Chambers/Wheeler Central. The girls scored an amazing 72 points in their first Sub-District game against Hampton, which is a new team high in points under Coach Morgan. The strong lead allowed for younger players to get into the action in the final quarter and finding themselves in the scorebook. With the win against Hampton, they were set to play a Red Cloud team that had previously beaten them in the Conference Tournament but fell to the Lady Blue Devils three days later in a regular season game. This was set to be another great matchup to decide the D2-6 Sub-District champions. The Blue Devils got out to a strong start and never looked back from there. Although there wasn't as much scoring in this game as there was against Hampton, the scrappy Lady Blue Devil defense rose to the occasion. They held Red Cloud's main scorer, who averages nearly 20 points a game, to only 7 points. Kenesaw's balanced scoring attack took them to a 39-29 victory, sending them to the District game against Chambers/Wheeler Central, which plays Friday (2/22) in St. Paul at 6:00. With a victory, the Lady Blue Devils would earn a trip to the state tournament.

Junior High Boys Basketball

John Schuster

This year the junior high basketball team saw an exciting season with a couple close games, losing one by one point and winning another by one. In an interview with Coach Kroos, he was asked about the teams greatest improvement, "The boys have improved a lot on their offensive abilities and on how to run the offensive game plan as a whole." The junior high basketball team is currently 4-2 and hope to finish off the year strong. The team finishes its season at Harvard on February 23. In an interview with an 8th-grade player, Lane Kelly, he was asked what his mindset is going into games. "My mindset going into every game is to score, rebound, play defense, get everyone involved, and in the end win the game."



Elementary Quiz Bowl Wins

Noah Belz

The elementary quiz bowl team has had great success this year. On Tuesday, February 5, the Kenesaw Elementary teams (which includes the following members: Madyson Ciemnoczolowski, Chase Uden, Sam Uden, Avery Kelly, Bentley Olsen, Sylvia Schneider, Kamille Kennedy, and Kendri Petersen) won the elementary divisional quiz bowl, competing against 40 different teams. The championship featured a double elimination in which they competed against Hastings St. Cecilia in the final round for the third time that day. They managed to end their successful season by beating St. Cecilia, for a first place finish! Coach Mrs. Kuehn said "They rocked! They competed really hard and stayed with it; their effort was amazing."



Winter Formal

Noah Belz and Mrs. Molly Engelhardt

The Winter Formal was held this year on Friday, February 8th. Classes 9th - 12th attended. Due to the fundraiser for SkillsUSA that was held at Buffalo Wild Wings, there was a time change for the dance.

Before the formal started, many who attended the dance ate at Buffalo Wild Wings. DJ's Dariana Burr and Zeth Bittfield got the winter formal started and made it a blast for the students who attended the dance. The Winter Formal was very successful this year, having an attendance of over 60 students again this year.



Another Successful Tacky Thursday

Jared Summers

On Thursday, February 21, Kenesaw Public School celebrated Dr. Seuss Day. The day began with the high school students reading Dr. Seuss books to the younger students. The students then split into groups dressed in "Tacky Thursday" attire and participated in activities set up by the Climate Committee. The stations included the following: a photo booth, a face painting station, bean bag toss, ring toss, an obstacle course, and Dr. Seuss [Simon] says. The day ended with treats given out by Mr. Richardson, Mr. Masters, and the members of the Climate Committee. We thank everyone for their hard work and their cooperation. The day was dedicated to reading, learning, and appreciating one another. For every book read, a bow was placed on the wall; these bows will be hanging for a few days and the public is encouraged to come see the elementary hallway lined with them.



KIDS' CORNER

- 1- What color do you wear on St. Patrick's Day?
- 2- What is your favorite season?
- 3- Have you ever seen a four-leaf clover?
- 4- Are you ready for prom?
- 5- Who is going to win the NCAA tournament?



- 1- Green
- 2- Summer
- 3- Yes
- 4- Kind of
- 5- Third Grade

Kylan Parker

Third Grade



- 1- Purple
- 2- Daddy Day
- 3- Ye-no
- 4- No
- 5- You (Tabitha)

Halle Bockstadler

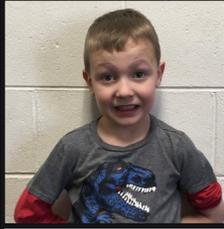
Preschool



- 1- Green
- 2- Spring
- 3- Yeah
- 4- No
- 5- I have no idea

Hayleigh Spencer

Fourth



- 1- Green
- 2- Summer
- 3- No
- 4- Yes
- 5- Lincoln

Cameron Klusman

Kindergarten



- 1- Green
- 2- Winter
- 3- No
- 4- I don't know
- 5- No

Diego Weise

Fifth Grade



- 1- Green
- 2- Summer
- 3- Yeah before once
- 4- I don't know
- 5- Kenesaw

Grace Steiner

First Grade



- 1- Green
- 2- Spring or fall
- 3- Yes
- 4- Kind of
- 5- No clue

Azryn Voelker

Sixth Grade



- 1- Green
- 2- Summer
- 3- No
- 4- No
- 5- I think Kenesaw will

Amelia Hellner

Second



- 1- Green
- 2- Fall
- 3- No, but I've seen a one leaf clover
- 4- No
- 5- I will win

Rayne Cole

High School



Mission Statement:
"In partnership with stakeholders we will develop
challenging academics, encourage positive
citizenship, and promote lifelong learning."

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