

The Blue Streak

PCHS Poms and Cheerleading Competitions

Cheer

At ICCA State in Bloomington, on January 5, the cheerleaders placed 14th. The cheerleading squad then moved on to the IHSA Sectionals in Edwardsville on January 26. Due to a penalty, the team did not place in this competition.



Poms

On January 19, the Poms competed at IHSA sectionals at Mascoutah High School where they placed second and moved on to the State Finals. On Friday, the January 25, they



competed in Bloomington in the pom-dance division where they failed to advance. On the day they competed, while school was in session, a watch party was thrown in the PCHS Auxiliary for all the students, faculty, and other community members to

watch the Poms compete on a live viewing system. It was an amazing example of the support our community shows for our local sports teams! On another note, the Poms have qualified both jazz and pom-dance for IDTA State to be held on February 9 in Springfield! Wish them luck!

Panthers Take On The B.I.T.



The Pinckneyville Panthers boys basketball team faced Meridian, Hamilton County, Sesser, Carlyle, and Benton in the Benton Invitational Tournament January 14-19.

Monday, January 14, the Panthers played Meridian and took home the first win leading 67-24 the first night. The next evening, they took home a second win of 55-24 over Hamilton County. The following night, the Panthers faced Sesser and took home yet another win, 64-44. Saturday night, the final night of the BIT, the team was scheduled to play both Sesser and Benton. After beating Carlyle 59-28, the weather kicked in and the following games were moved to Monday, January 21. Not only did the Panthers win the championship game 51-30, but the PCHS Drumline was also able to sneak into the gym to play starting lineups for the first time ever! After being presented the trophy for winning the



tournament, Grant Tanner, Hunter Riggins, and Dawson Yates were awarded All-Tournament team honors.

Music Makers Prepares for the Spring Musical



PCHS Music Makers are currently working hard to present *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Based off the book by Victor Hugo, *The Hunchback* uses music from the Disney movie, written by Alan Menken and

Stephen Schwartz and new, original music written by Menken and Schwartz.

Putting on a musical is a huge undertaking that involves actors, directors, stage hands, lighting and sound techs, orchestra, art department, and more. Making sure all those involved are on the same page and moving in the same direction is sometimes difficult. When working with high school students, many are involved in other activities, meaning they have to work extra hard to learn the material covered when they miss rehearsal. "This musical is the hardest production I have chosen in four years," Amber Nichols explains. "I am completely confident in this cast to carry the heavy role of telling this amazing story."

The Hunchback focuses on themes of faith, power, discrimination, isolation, and sacrifice with a strong story of acceptance and love, which should resonate with the performers and the audience. "I believe telling this story is especially important for this era that we currently live in." The Music Makers spend three to four hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays from January to March rehearsing music, choreography, and lines. The students in Music Makers put so much work, energy, and care into a single show that we perform for an audience only three times. Telling this story is important enough that the work put in is justified. "Please come out and support your fellow classmates. I may be biased, but these students are impressive and the best around."

Show dates are March 14th and 15th at 7:00 pm and March 16th at 2:00 pm. Tickets go on sale in February and can be bought at Perry County Market Place for \$10.

Student Survey

Question: What are your 2019 goals?



Connie Moll-To make it into the college I want to!



Karlye Schwartz- To make new friends!



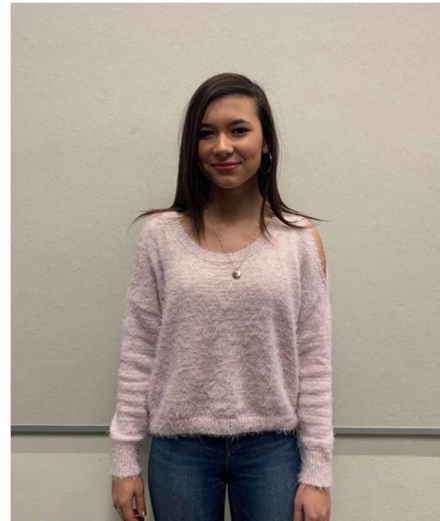
Liam Oliver- To make it into the air force.



Trent Morgenstern- To hit a home run!



Noah Overbey- To keep my grades up.



Bailey Essary- To win in track state!



Collin Dixon-To keep up the hard work and keep my grades up!



Dakota Krone- To place in track state!

Upcoming PCHS Club/Organization Events

Student Council- February 26th annual LEDSC convention at SIU

Blue Streak- March 20 Media Arts Day at SIU

WYSE Team- Regional competition February 6th at Rend Lake.

Science Club- Meeting on February 21st and March 14th

FBLA- Crush soda sales end February 8th, delivered February 14th during 5th period,
Country Meat Snacks for sale, State Leadership Conference held April 5-6th in
Springfield

FCCLA- Officer meeting February 12th, membership meeting February 19th, Section 17 Conference February 21st at Carbondale, State April 4-6th

MAAPS- Drug awareness week in the spring

FFA- February 15th Farm Show

