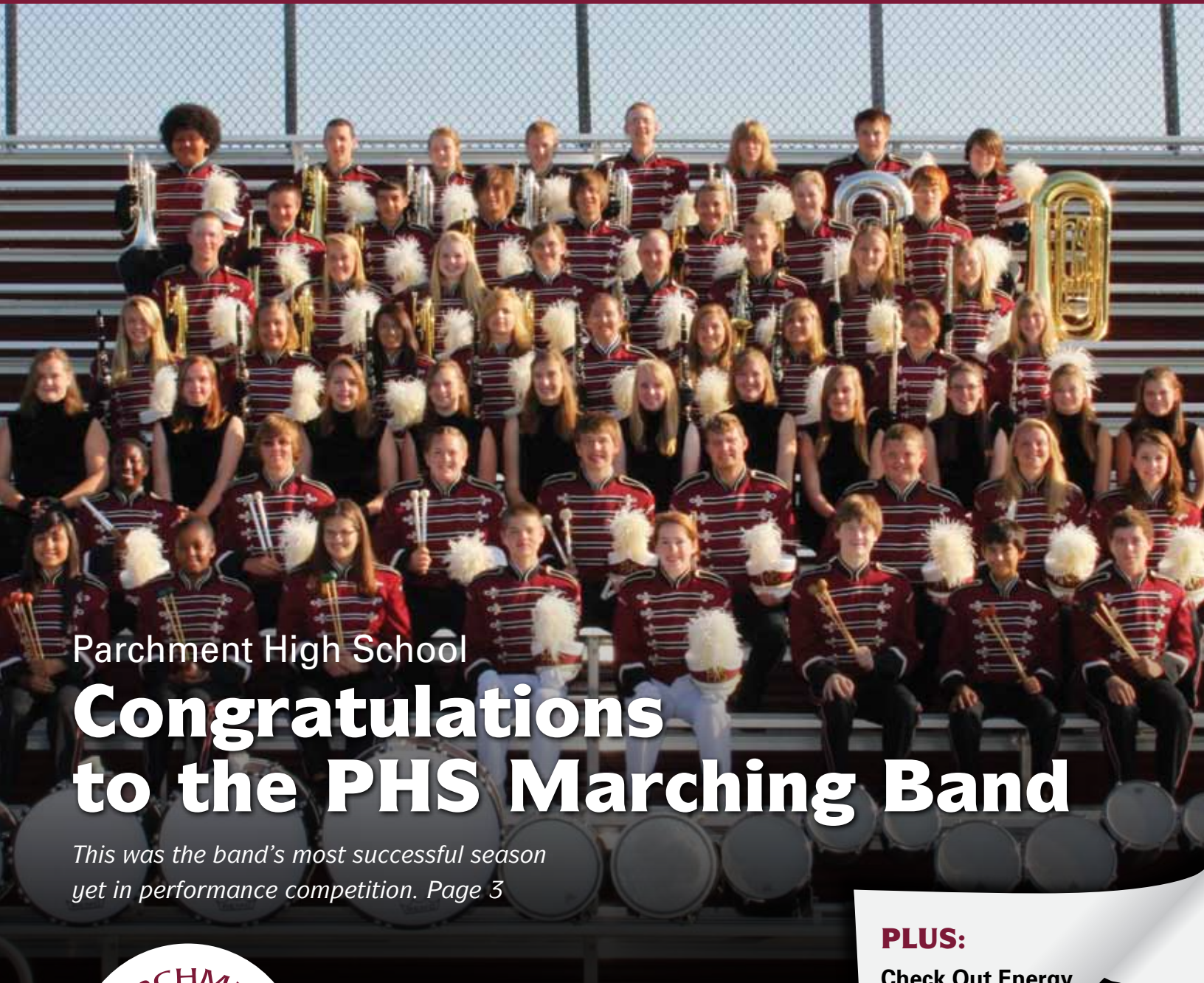


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Parchment School District Newsletter

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Parchment High School

Congratulations to the PHS Marching Band

This was the band's most successful season yet in performance competition. Page 3



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS! *Our mission is to ensure that all students are challenged to excel in their individual social and intellectual growth, while achieving those essential academic and interpersonal skills necessary to become a successful, contributing member of society.*

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Superintendent's Letter

Count day shows increased enrollment



The Wednesday, October 5, 2011 annual count day in Michigan public schools added up to some good news for the Parchment School District. Enrollment in the district increased by 43 over last year's fall count – and it was 69 more students than were counted on the spring 2011 count date. This increase amounts to more than \$270,000 in state funding that will be added to the district's budget for academic year 2011-2012.

In our state where K-12 funding is on the chopping block, this budget increase enables us to add jobs and keep our programming in place for students

and their families. Ultimately, the district will have less of a budget deficit this year.

Parchment's story is beginning to get out. Combine our high graduation percentage with a low drop-out rate, passionate teachers, and a nurturing environment - Parchment is an excellent choice for a quality education.

As we continue to ensure the best education for our students, our district has embarked on a nationally accredited process through AdvancEd (formally NCA – North Central Accreditation).

Why is this important for our district? Because the accreditation process will help to ensure that our students are receiving the highest level of educational excellence. We will host a team of nationally recognized educators who will renew our district and schools on seven standards: Vision and Purpose – Governance and Leadership – Teaching and Learning – Documenting and Using Results – Resources and Support Systems – Stakeholder Communications and Relationships and Commitment to Continuous Improvement. The feedback the team provides will continue to push all of us in our efforts to remain an excellent choice for quality education!

Yours in education,

Matthew J. Miller, *Superintendent*



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SUCCESSFUL Marching Season

4th Place in the State in Flight IV

Congratulations to the PHS Band on a very SUCCESSFUL marching season! The band has been preparing for their fall season since mid-August and just finished with a big performance at the MCBA (Michigan Competing Band Association) State Finals at Ford Field in Detroit where they finished 4th place in the STATE in Flight IV!

The PHS Band performs at all home football games, the KVA Waldo Stadium game, all Homecoming events, and several competitions throughout the fall season. This was the band's most successful season yet in competition performances. The locations and scores for these events included:

- **Gull Lake Invitational** - Scholastic Class C - First Place - Best Music, Marching, Guard, and Percussion
- **Troy Athens Invitational** 62.91 - First Place - Best Music, Marching, and General Effect
- **Jenison Invitational** 66.73 - 6th Place
- **West Shore Invitational** 72.87 - 4th Place
- **Average of Best Two Scores for season** = 69.80 - 4th Place going into State Finals
- **State Finals Score** = 80.73 - 4th Place Finals Placement

Because they finished in MCBA in the top 12 they advanced to State Finals on November 5th.



The band would like to thank our Parchment Music Boosters for the many hours every week they work to support our students. They provide everything from fundraising to chaperoning, medical care, uniform fittings, and feeding the band. We could not do this without you and we appreciate the way you take care of us and are always there for us at rehearsals and performances!

The band would also like to thank the following sponsors for all of their support: POPS, The Parchment Athletic Boosters, Legends Drum and Bugle Corps, Jock Shop, Orefice Ltd. Meyer Music, Legends Photography, and the many community and parent volunteers who have donated time and supplies to the band during the marching season.

The band has several designers and instructors that create and teach the marching show. They are: Derek Faasse, winds arranger and instructor; Landon Ewers, percussion arranger and instructor; Brent Decker, color guard

designer and instructor: Ibe Sodawalla, consultant ; Ryan Miller, drill and visual designer; Ivan Guerrero, visual and winds instructor; Jen Pesch, drum line instructor; Danielle Clarke, frontline instructor; Amber Holtz, frontline instructor; Matt Fountain, winds instructor; Paul Hendrixson, winds instructor; April Jonker, drum line instructor; Marissa Pesch, drum line instructor; Sam Koch, winds instructor; and Zac Koch, winds instructor.

Beth Jonker, Parchment Band Director, shared "It is such an honor for me to work with these students, designers, and instructors. It is very meaningful for all of us to work on a big project together and I am incredibly proud of our students for working so hard to reach their goals this season and make it to a performance at State Finals at Ford Field! We appreciate how supportive the Parchment staff, boosters, and community continue to be of our band program.

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Read All About it — Online!



More news about Parchment Schools and our community

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Visit parchmentschools.org/news to read these stories and more!

'Music is life' for Parchment Marching Band

Parchment Featured in WOOD-TV Article



A Million and One Reasons to Smile

Energy management program saves big bucks

The million is dollars saved through the Parchment School District's Energy Management Program. The one is the earth – the only one we'll ever have!

Since its beginning in the summer of 2002, the Energy Management Program has focused on close monitoring of electricity and natural gas use in the district. Energy waste – the use of any energy during evenings, weekends and vacation periods – was the initial focus, and the program saved about \$64,000 in the first year. Since then, we have expanded our focus to eliminate waste during the school day, while still providing a safe, efficient and comfortable working environment for our students and employees.

In May of this year, we hit the \$1 million mark in energy savings. That represents a 25% reduction in energy use.

Every kilowatt we don't waste is coal the power company doesn't have to burn to generate electricity. Every cubic foot of gas we don't burn for heat and hot water is another way we reduce our "carbon footprint".

The Energy Management Program has saved valuable financial resources for our district, and reduced the environmental impact of our schools. Since 2002, we have reduced "greenhouse gas" emissions by more than 7,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide. This energy reduction has the same impact as planting 185,000 trees or removing 1300 cars from the roads for a year!

Parchment is proud to have achieved these results and promises to continue its efforts to eliminate waste and preserve resources – both economic and electric.



Parchment Early Learning Center AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDCARE



At the beginning of the school year, Parchment Early Learning Center (formally Parchment Preschool & Childcare Center) added three new classrooms to our program in an effort to offer a high quality childcare/preschool experience for more young children, as well as accommodate the needs of our working families in the community, and in our district.

We are pleased to announce our new (& returning) classes!

Explorers – 12-29 months

Early Learners – 2's & 3's

Discovery Kids – 3's & 4's

GSRP – Grand funded preschool – 4's

Pre-Kindergarten – 4's & 5's

Kindergarten Wrap-Around in all three elementary buildings
Before & After School Care



We offer full and part time care for all classrooms!

Our children have been very busy at work this year! Parchment Early Learning Center offers a very structured, purposeful program which encompasses the whole child. Our children are learning and growing every day in a safe environment where they feel important, loved and respected.

For more information about our program and availability for your child, please contact Molly Wieber at 269-488-1360.



meetings

School Board Meetings



All meetings begin at 7 pm

Nov 28, 2011: MS	Mar 26, 2012: N
Dec 19, 2011: CE	Apr 23, 2012: HS
Jan 23, 2012: HS	May 21, 2012: HS
Feb 27, 2012: BH	Jun 25, 2012: HS

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*HS = High School, NWE = Northwood Elementary,
 MS = Middle School, CE = Central Elementary,
 BH = Barclay Hills, N = North Elementary*

Highly Qualified Staff NCLB Requirements

No Child Left Behind

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 Under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001, teachers and paraprofessionals must meet specific requirements that designate them as "Highly Qualified". Each District and school receiving Title 1 funding must comply with the NCLB Act.

Parents/Guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you would like to request this information, please contact your child's building principal.



meetings

Parent Group Meetings



Get involved and make a difference

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- Middle School** 2nd Mon, 6:30 pm
School Library
 - Central Elementary** 3rd Tue, 6:30 pm
School Library
 - North Elementary** 2nd Tue, 6 pm
School Library
 - Northwood Elementary** 3rd Tue, 7 pm
School Library
 - Band Boosters** 3rd Mon, 7 pm
Middle School Band Room
 - Athletic Boosters** 1st Mon, 6:30 pm
High School Teachers Lounge
 - POPS (Pride of Parchment Schools)** .. 1st Mon, 6 pm
North Elementary Library

Fundraising

Supporting your school library



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 The Parchment High School Library is collecting empty printer cartridges, used cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, and MP3 players to recycle. Each item recycled will help raise money for the High School Library, so please send us your used items to support the Library. If you would like to register at the FundingFactory website to support the High School, the website is <http://www.fundingfactory.com> and the High School code is 303116. Thank you for your support!

The Parchment Middle School collects Box Top for Education labels all year long to support the purchase of books for the Middle School Library. If you do save Box Tops and would like to support the Middle School Library, please send the Box Tops to Ms. Manley at the Middle School. Thank you!



Parchment High School Sports Schedule—Winter 2011

Show your Panther Pride!

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Tue, Dec 06	H	Comstock	7:30 pm
Fri, Dec 09	A	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Dec 13	A	Olivet	7:30 pm
Fri, Dec 16	A	Maple Valley	6:00 pm
Tue, Dec 20	A	Kalamazoo Christian	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 03	H	Bronson	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 06	A	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 10	H	Constantine	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 13	H	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Fri, Jan 20	A	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 24	H	Schoolcraft	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 27	H	Pennfield	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 31	H	Olivet	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 03	H	Maple Valley	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 10	H	Delton-Kellogg	7:30 pm
Tue, Feb 14	A	Constantine	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 17	A	Hackett Catholic Central (Winterfest)	7:30 pm
Tue, Feb 21	H	Kalamazoo Christian	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 24	H	Galesburg-Augusta	7:30 pm
Thu, Mar 01	A	Schoolcraft	7:30 pm

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

Tue, Dec 06	H	Comstock	6:00 pm
Thu, Dec 08	H	Pennfield	7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 13	A	Olivet	6:00 pm
Thu, Dec 15	H	Maple Valley	6:00 pm
Tue, Dec 20	A	Kalamazoo Christian	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 03	H	Bronson	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 05	H	Delton-Kellogg	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 10	H	Constantine	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 12	A	Hackett Catholic Central	7:30 pm
Thu, Jan 19	H	Galesburg-Augusta	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 24	H	Schoolcraft	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 26	A	Pennfield	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 31	H	Olivet	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 02	A	Maple Valley	7:30 pm
Thu, Feb 09	A	Delton-Kellogg	7:30 pm
Tue, Feb 14	A	Constantine	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 16	H	Hackett Catholic Central	7:30 pm
Tue, Feb 21	H	Kalamazoo Christian	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 23	A	Galesburg-Augusta	7:30 pm
Thu, Mar 01	A	Schoolcraft	6:00 pm

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Tue, Dec 06	H	Comstock	4:30 pm
Thu, Dec 08	H	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Dec 13	A	Olivet	4:30 pm
Tue, Dec 20	A	Kalamazoo Christian	4:30 pm
Tue, Jan 03	H	Bronson	4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 05	H	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 12	A	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 19	H	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 24	H	Schoolcraft	4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 26	A	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 31	H	Olivet	4:30 pm
Thu, Feb 09	A	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 16	H	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Tue, Feb 21	H	Kalamazoo Christian	4:30 pm
Thu, Feb 23	A	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm
Thu, Mar 01	A	Schoolcraft	4:30 pm

GIRLS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Tue, Nov 29	A	Vicksburg	4:15 pm
Thu, Dec 08	A	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Dec 13	H	Olivet	4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 05	A	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 10	H	Allegan Public Schools	4:30 pm
Thu, Jan 12	H	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 19	A	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm
Thu, Jan 26	H	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 31	A	Olivet	4:30 pm
Thu, Feb 09	H	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 16	A	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Thu, Feb 23	H	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm

For a full listing of sport schedules that are updated daily, visit parchmentschools.org and use the **District Quick Links** on the homepage for Sports Website.

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Fri, Dec 02	H	Schoolcraft	7:30 pm
Fri, Dec 09	A	Pennfield	7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 13	H	Olivet	7:30 pm
Fri, Dec 16	A	Maple Valley	7:30 pm
Tue, Dec 20	H	Kalamazoo Christian	7:30 pm
Wed, Dec 28	A	Bangor Tournament	TBA
Thu, Dec 29	A	Bangor Tournament	TBA
Fri, Jan 06	A	Delton-Kellogg	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 10	A	Constantine	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 13	H	Hackett Catholic Central	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 20	A	Galesburg-Augusta	7:30 pm
Tue, Jan 24	A	Schoolcraft	7:30 pm
Fri, Jan 27	H	Pennfield	6:00 pm
Tue, Jan 31	A	Olivet	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 03	H	Maple Valley	6:00 pm
Fri, Feb 10	H	Delton-Kellogg	6:00 pm
Tue, Feb 14	H	Constantine	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 17	A	Hackett Catholic Central	6:00 pm
Tue, Feb 21	A	Kalamazoo Christian	7:30 pm
Fri, Feb 24	H	Galesburg-Augusta	6:00 pm

WRESTLING VARSITY

Sat, Dec 3	A	Comstock (Scrimmage)	9:00 am
Wed, Dec 7	H	Bellevue, Covert, Fennville	6:00 pm
Sat, Dec 10	A	Lawton Community Schools	9:00 am
Wed, Dec 14	A	Gobles & Cassopolis	6:00 pm
Sat, Dec 17	A	Plainwell Community Schools	TBA
Thu, Dec 29	A	Comstock	9:30 am
Sat, Jan 7	A	Climax-Scotts Jr/Sr	9:30 am
Wed, Jan 11	H	Delton & Olivet (Senior Night)	6:00 pm
Sat, Jan 14	H	Parchment's Team Tournament	9:30 am
Wed, Jan 18	A	Schoolcraft, Pennfield, & Parchment	6:00 pm
Sat, Jan 21	A	Comstock's Team Tournament	9:00 am
Wed, Jan 25	A	Constantine, Galesburg & Parchment	6:00 pm
Sat, Jan 28	A	Kalamazoo Central's Individual Tourn	10:00 am
Wed, Feb 1	A	Maple Valley	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 4	A	KVA Tournament @ Constantine	9:00 am
Thu, Feb 9	A	Team Districts @ Hopkins	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 11	A	Ind Districts @ Lk Odessa-Lakewood	9:00 am
Wed, Feb 15	A	Wrestling Team Regionals	6:00 pm
Sat, Feb 18	A	Wrestling Individual Regional	TBA
Thu, Mar 1	A	Wrestling Individual State	TBA

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Thu, Feb 23	H	Galesburg-Augusta	7:30 pm

JV WRESTLING

Sat Dec 3	A	Comstock	9:00 am
Wed Dec 7	H	Covert, Bellvue, & Fennville	6:00 pm
Sat Dec 10	A	Lakewood	9:00 am
Wed Dec 14	A	Gobles, Cassopolis, & Parchment	6:00 pm
Sat Dec 17	A	Mona Shores	9:00 am
Sat Jan 7	A	Climax Scotts	9:30 am
Wed Jan 11	H	Parchment, Delton & Olivet	6:00 pm
Wed Jan 18	A	Schoolcraft, Pennfield, & Parchment	6:00 pm
Wed Feb 1	A	Maple Valley	6:00 pm

GO PANTHERS!



barclay hills education center



Everest Institute

Students visit Everest Institute

Twenty Barclay students went to Everest Institute to learn about their programs and life after high school. Students talked with admissions, financial aid, career services and student ambassadors. Students toured the campus and visited classes in session. The president of the college came and talked with the students. Students used iPod touches to take a college readiness survey in the form of a competition. Several students scheduled follow up visits to find out more about specific careers it provided students with alternatives to a traditional college, and really enjoyed the idea of a hands-on environment.



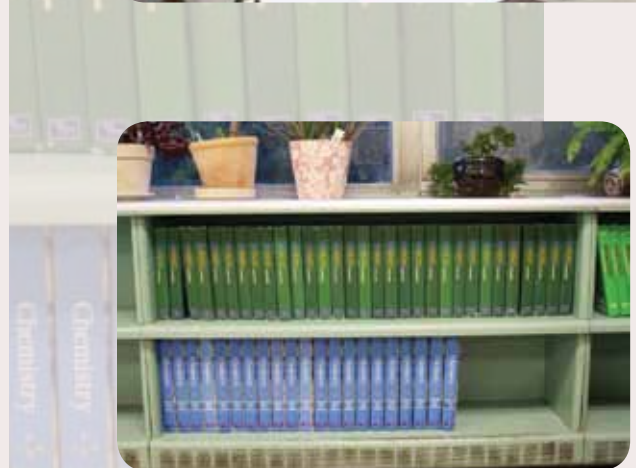
Science Textbooks

Science textbooks travel from South China, Maine to Barclay Hills

On Tuesday, October 18, a car load of Chemistry and Biology textbooks arrived at Barclay Hills Education Center and delivered them to Barclay's science teacher, Sabrina Patillo! Her father (Dorrin Patillo, the Nursing Coordinator at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Augusta, Maine) was inspired to see what he could do to help his daughter and her students. He contacted Mr. Gartley, the principal of Erskine Academy in South China, Maine. It turned out that the school was replacing their science textbooks, and Mr. Gartley offered the old textbooks to Mr. Patillo and Barclay Hills. With his SUV packed full of textbooks, Mr. Patillo embarked on a 26-hour journey to bring the textbooks to Michigan.

Barclay Hills is very thankful to Mr. Patillo, Mr. Gartley, and Erskine Academy. The donation will make a lasting impact on current and future students.

Dylan Montague (L) and Dorrin Patillo (R) unload the books into the science classroom, as Brad Montague comes in to help.



First Community Recognizes PHS Graduates

Rachel Walker and Josh Penny

PHS graduates Rachel Walker and Josh Penny were awarded the First Community Federal Credit Union Scholarship. In their applications, they were able to name a teacher who has made a great impact on them throughout their education. Rachel named Diane Snyder and Josh named Shani Walton. Diane and Shani were each awarded \$250 to spend in their classrooms. Congratulations to all!

(L-R) Mrs. Snyder, Rachel Walker, Josh Penny, Mrs. Walton



Parchment Schools Foundation

Inspiring a community movement for student success.



The Parchment Schools Foundation is embarking on an exciting new journey. As we look internally to improve our organization, we are striving to fulfill our mission of facilitating educational opportunities by providing funding and support to staff and students for innovative, progressive learning ideas that will promote success in the Parchment School District.

You can help us by contributing a tax-deductible donation to the 2011 Holiday Sharing Fundraiser. Your donations help to support educational projects at all grade levels which wouldn't be possible without the additional funds provided by caring individuals within the district.

To include your name on this year's holiday card designed by one of our Parchment students, please send your check by December 5, 2011 to:

Parchment Schools Foundation
520 N. Orient
Parchment, MI 49004

You can also learn how to get involved and check out our latest news at www.parchmentschools.org/foundation.



Northwood Receives \$500 YMCA Movement Grant

Exercise improves your brain function and it's fun



After attending a conference by presenter John Ratey, M.D., clinical professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and author of *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*, Nadine Godin-Nassaney, Northwood Elementary Counselor, was sparked to look for ways to help teachers and students incorporate exercise and movement into the school day at Northwood Elementary. Adding exercise to your lifestyle sparks your brain function to improve learning by optimizing your alertness, attention and motivation.

Nadine approached Rick Bagley, Northwood's Physical Education teacher and they began a process of observing school exercise programs in the area, soliciting donations for exercise equipment, and designing and implementing an exercise room at Northwood. Students at Northwood used the exercise room before school, during lunch and whenever teachers brought whole classrooms down to elevate their heart rates to help them focus on academics. Teachers also used movement activities in the classrooms and took short exercise breaks outside when students had been sitting or would be sitting for long periods of time.

This year Nadine Godin-Nassaney applied for and received a \$500 grant from the YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo to continue and expand the school's exercise room. The YMCA is providing this funding to encourage elementary schools to incorporate movement into their daily curriculum. If you have time, stop by Northwood and visit this exciting space.



Alumni Update by Dave Person

Alex Wolf, class of '06



Smart and athletic while a student at Parchment High School, Alex Wolf is probably the last person people would expect would end up at the Kalamazoo County Jail.

But that's where the 2006 Parchment graduate spends his

time these days, not as a resident, mind you, but as project engineer for Miller-Davis Company, the construction-management firm working on a \$23.5 million addition and renovation of the facility.

Within weeks after graduating from Western Michigan University in April with a civil engineering degree, Wolf landed the job with Miller-Davis. He says his life has been a whirlwind ever since.

Wolf was immediately assigned to work on a \$12 million bond program at the Decatur Public Schools, and now he's working on the modernization of the Kalamazoo County Law Enforcement Facility, a project slated to continue until the summer of 2013.

The 23-year-old Wolf described his job as that of assistant to the on-site superintendent for the project. The superintendent, in turn, reports to the project manager.

Wolf said he is spending a lot of time with subcontractors absorbing as much information as he can about their areas of specialty. "Right now I'm just learning. ... I'm basically like a sponge," he said.

Parchment sports fans will remember Wolf as a standout on the basketball court who went on to play for WMU as a walk-on. Red-shirted as a freshman, he played for the Broncos for the following four years and last season was co-captain.

While he was the recipient of many awards for his basketball prowess, he also was making a mark as an engineering student and member of the campus chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He earned the WMU Robert E. Boughner Outstanding Engineering Student Athlete of the Year for 2010-2011 and the 2011 Best Senior Design Presentation award, according

to biographical information posted on the Miller-Davis website.

While in high school, Wolf — whose mother, Kathy, is a teacher — split his time between Parchment and the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center, where he honed his math, science and computer skills.

While KAMSC provided a challenge in those areas, Parchment did the same for Wolf in other areas, such as English and Spanish, he said.

His advanced Spanish teacher, Carol Bouabdellaoui, made learning fun, but didn't skimp on substance. "She kept everything interesting and made it imperative to take your studies seriously," he said.

From Tim Searl, his advanced English teacher, Wolf learned skills that continue to serve him well. "He was actually one of the hardest teachers," Wolf said. "But I definitely wouldn't have gotten to where I am now without some form of English skills."

Wolf also praised former Parchment teacher of gifted students, Kelly Loomis, former varsity basketball coach Larry Bailey and the school district's youth basketball program, for which Wolf was a player and then coach, for playing key roles in helping him to become successful.

"They were always trying to push you," Wolf said of his Parchment High School teachers and mentors. "It definitely set you up well for the next level."

The next level for Wolf was WMU, where his father, Tom, is chief technical officer. Wolf said he chose to attend Western because he was familiar with the campus, wanted to stay in Kalamazoo and, as an aspiring engineer, was impressed with its "up-and-coming engineering program."

"It just seemed like a good fit," he said.

Wolf has had disappointments, such as the broken hand he suffered his senior year of high school that kept him from playing basketball for much of that season.

Still, that didn't stop him from realizing his dream of playing college basketball, and the same philosophy he adhered to back then continues to serve him well to this day.

"I never got discouraged and never gave up," he said. "If you keep working hard at something, good things will happen."

Read the full story at parchmentschools.org/alumni-update.



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Winter Programs 2011

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Food For Fines

Nov 1 - Nov 30

We will reduce your overdue fines by \$1.00 for each non-perishable food item you bring to the library in November. All donations will be given to Loaves and Fishes, and will help feed the hungry in our community.

Basket Raffle

Nov 1 - Dec 7

Enter to win one of our great gift baskets! The prize drawing will be on Wed, Dec 7, at 7:30 pm

Adult & Family

Holiday Ornament

Tues, Nov 29, 6:30 - 8 pm

Jean Harden will show you how to make an ornament from light card stock. The library will provide the circle cardstock. Ages 14 & up
Registration required, free event

Children's

Make-It, Take-It

Gingerbread Houses

for 1st - 3rd graders

Mon, Dec 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Registration required, free event

7th Annual Parchment Wassailing

A Family Friendly Community Event

FREE

- Horse Drawn Wagon and Holly Trolley Rides
- Light snacks and beverages throughout the City
- Raffle Drawings at participating locations
- 5:00 p.m. Library Local History Room Event
- Live Nativity
- Live Reindeer
- Crafts for the Kids



Visit www.1stcomm.org or www.CityofParchment.org

Don't forget to visit Santa Claus

Wednesday, December 7, 2011 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Annual Holiday
Chocolate and Lighting Ceremony** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Parchment Schools of Choice application deadline is November 30, 2011 for 2nd trimester enrollment. For more information, go to parchmentschools.org/schools-of-choice.