



HENNINGER KNIGHT LIFE



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Upcoming Events

Faculty Meeting
Mon. Dec. 1st

**SAT Exam and
Subject Tests**
Sat. Dec. 6th

PTSO Meeting
Tues Dec. 9th
6:00-7:00 PM

1/2 Day School
Fri. Dec. 12th
Periods 9, 10, 1, 2

**Interim Report
Cards**
Mon. Dec. 15th

**Holiday Concert
& Spaghetti Dinner**
Tues. Dec. 16th
5:30 PM

Pasta with Parents
A Senior Event
Wed. Dec. 17th
5:30 -7:30 PM

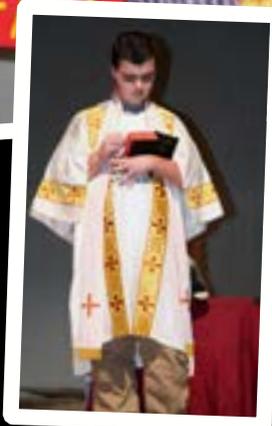
Holiday Recess
Mon. Dec. 22nd-
Fri. Jan. 2nd

THE LARAMIE PROJECT



The Henninger Drama Club put on a deeply moving performance about a young, gay college student named Matthew Shepard. Matthew was about two months short of his twenty-second birthday when he was robbed, beaten, tied to a fence post, and hard

to make this true story come alive for us," stated Ms. DeMott. "The students' performance really made the audience think. This play should be used in school to help teach sensitivity. I hope it serves to change some minds."



Principal DiFlorio's Message



As we all know, the holidays are coming up this month. Over our holiday break, I would like to encourage students to read and study for their January Regents exams if you are taking them.

The January Regents is a great opportunity, especially for seniors, to fulfill graduation requirements. Dedicating time to study over the holiday break will be investing in your future. I invite you to spend just 30 minutes each day or 15 minutes twice a day and realize your potential.

Something very important I have to talk to you about is the amount of inappropriate language I am hearing in our school building. I cannot tell you how important it is to make sure you are using the proper language. In school, we should not use curse words. I understand you will use those words, but in school you must not use those words.

Henninger is a great school. I am always eager to improve our school. So if you have any ideas such as clubs and activities that should be offered, you can come talk to me. I would love to hear what you have in mind.

We are now several weeks into the second marking period. If you failed the first quarter, there is still time to improve your grades and realize your potential. I know many students, especially freshmen, who have gotten into some bad habits. Correcting them now will be a step in the right direction.

Your attendance is important to your academics. You need to make sure you are in your classes and on time every day. Make sure you are doing your schoolwork and homework to keep your grades up.

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

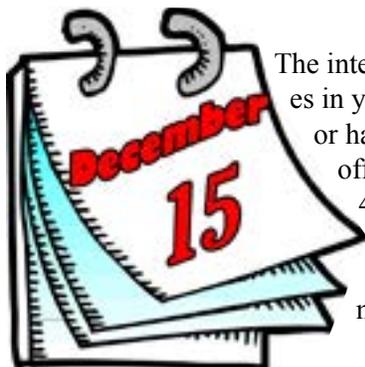
PTSO Meeting



We hope to see as many of you as possible at the next PTSO meeting which will be held in the Henninger Cafeteria @ 6:00 pm.

A District representative will be discussing the Code of Conduct. Parents, teachers, and students who attend the meeting will be able to address any concerns they may have regarding this new policy.

Interim Reports



The interim report is designed to inform you of changes in your child's progress. If you wish a conference, or have any questions, please contact the guidance office at 315-435-4350 or the main office at 315-435-4343.

This year, parents and guardians will receive two interim reports in addition to the quarterly marking period grades.

Henninger's Famous Gingerbread Cookie Recipe

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup butter softened
3 tablespoons molasses
1 egg
2 tablespoons water or milk
3 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

1. Beat granulated sugar, butter and molasses in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon, until well mixed. Beat in egg and water until blended. Stir in flour, baking soda, cinnamon,

ginger, salt, cardamom and cloves. Cover and refrigerate about 1 hour or until firm

2. Heat oven to 350°F. Roll 1/3 of dough at a time on floured surface to 1/8-inch thickness. (Keep remaining dough refrigerated until ready to roll.) Cut with floured 2 1/2-inch gingerbread boy or girl cookie cutters. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Decorate with currants or candies. Sprinkle with colored sugar

3. Bake 6 to 7 minutes or until set. Remove from cookie sheet to wire rack; cool.

Henninger Holiday Concert and Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, December 16th

Dinner/Silent Auction: 5:30 PM

Concert: 7:00 PM

Featuring:

The Jazz Band, Concert Band
and Choir



Tickets:

Advance Sale: \$5

At the door: \$8

Kids 5 and Under: Free

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Interesting facts about the holidays

Kwanzaa

- Kwanzaa is represented by three different colors. Black for the people, red for the noble blood that unites all people of African ancestry, and green for the rich land of Africa.
- The name Kwanzaa comes from the expression *matunda ya kwanza* which translated means first fruits of the harvest.
- There are 7 principles and 7 symbols that emphasize the values during the 7 days of Kwanzaa which is also spelled with 7 letters.
- Celebrities who celebrate Kwanzaa include Oprah, Maya Angelou, Chuck D, Angelina Jolie

Christmas

- One town in Indiana is called Santa Claus. There is also a Santa, Idaho.
- The Puritans forbade the singing of Christmas carols.
- Electric Christmas lights were first used in 1854.
- Joel Poinsett first brought the poinsettia, a traditional Christmas flower to America in 1829. It originally grew in Mexico, where it is also known as the *Flower of the Holy Night*.
- Matthew's Gospel refers to *wise men*, who pay homage to baby Jesus and not to *three* wise men.

Chanukah

- In ancient times, oil was used in the menorah. Over time, candles were substituted for the oil.
- The holiday is spelled differently by different people. Some spell it, Chanukah while the majority of people spell it, Hanukkah.
- According to Chanukah tradition, the candles on the menorah should not blow out until the end of the festival.
- Gifts are also exchanged during the festival of Hanukkah. This tradition is probably adapted from the Christmas tradition of gift giving.
- Lighting of menorah is the main Chanukah tradition.

Black Nights Take Sectional and Regional Titles

Dave Kline has been the Henninger Black Knights head coach for 10 years.

This year is especially sweet as the Black Knights completed the regular season undefeated and took the



Head Football Coach: Dave Kline

Sectional III Title. “The Knights haven’t been ranked number one since 2008 but ended that season 9-2-0.”

So what attributed to such a successful season? “I see the passion and dedication in the whole team and a good percentage of the team are seniors. They are working on good team membership,” states Coach Kline.

A lot of time and hard work goes into shaping these athletes into a team. Coach Kline prepares the team for a big game by watching a lot of films. He also makes the players line up correctly to make sure they’re in the right positions.

As Coach Kline defines success on the program level he says, “Success on the younger level is the kids learning to love the game of football, getting used to the game. We don’t really look at records, but on the varsity level, I still want them to love the game and Win!”

Does Coach Kline ever think about coaching at a higher level? “No! This is where I want to be. This is what I love doing—being a high school coach. This is home!”

Coach handles a win just by staying focused and not letting the win distract them from their ultimate goal.

Getting trust from the players



is important to Coach Kline. “Trust develops by just being honest and up front with them about everything. Letting them know that I have their best interests at heart,” claims Kline.

When asked about Coach Kline, Keisean Scott said, “Something you don’t know about coach is that he has jokes and he loves the hard work we’ve been putting up and he loves to yell.”

Keisean Scott is a senior at Henninger and is finishing his fourth year



Wide Receiver: Keisean Scott

playing varsity football for the Black Knights as wide receiver. Keisean is looking forward to playing at the Dome and winning the State title this year. But Keisean knows it’s important to stay focused because the win is not guaranteed. He’s humble about the Knight’s undefeated season but at the same time knows that his team will win.

Winning the championship is important to Keisean because, “It’s my senior year in high school and I will be remembering this moment my entire life. It’s going to be locked in my memory bank for a very long time.”

Keiseans’ athletic ability is not limited to football. “I’m pretty good in football but would rather play basket-

ball in the professional league.”

Keisean adds, “My biggest inspiration is LeBron James. I have been watching him ever since I was a little kid.”

Romero Collier is a senior, the starting quarterback, and the key player for the offense.

Collier says his biggest inspiration is his dad and he’s fortunate because not everyone has a dad in their life.

The State championship title is a very big deal for Romero as he moves on to college because he’s a senior and colleges will be looking for recruits.

“This season is going well for the Black Knights, says Romero. “Having fun while playing a good game of football.”

Romero didn’t think he would be where he is right now because, “Being

a teen, it’s hard to do the right thing at times. But as quarterback, my responsibility is to lead this team on the right path and set a good example for his teammates.”



Quarterback: Romero Collier

They will win without anything to worry about. If we stay focused and not let things get in the way we got this!”

Where does your pay lay?

Did you know that Henninger has a Credit Union inside our school?

The Co-operative Federal Credit Union is located across from the cafeteria. It is open every Friday during lunch.

A credit union can provide you with help and tips on saving money and give you better insight on managing your dough.

You can cash your paycheck, open a savings account, and even open a checking account.

If you have any questions on how to join, just stop in. If you are interested in participating, you can see Mr. Grefer in room 224 or you stop by the credit union on Friday and talk to the teller.



Say What?

A parent's guide to understanding teenagers

Do you have any idea what the words bands, guap and cheddar mean? Probably not what you think. It actually means money.

Spend a few minutes around teenagers and you're likely to hear a handful of unique and creative words. Here's a list to get you started.

If you need more help, check out noslang.com or urbandictionary.com.

Bae:	Before anybody else
Bread:	Money
Brick:	Cold
Cray:	Crazy
Doe:	Though
Fire:	Attractive
Flee:	To look good
Fleek:	On point
Frontin':	Being false
Ghost:	Away; hiding
Hella:	Really
Mad much:	Too much
Poppin':	Cool, nice or good-looking
Ratchet:	Not good-looking
Ride or Die:	Good friend (s)
Salty:	Angry
Turnt:	Having fun
YOLO:	You only live once

SCIENCE



The Science of Life

What would happen if all the plants disappeared from the earth right now? Would we be able to engineer plant substitutes?

Answering these questions and understanding the importance in learning about the science of life kept the interest of Ms. Archambeault's SUPA Biology students.

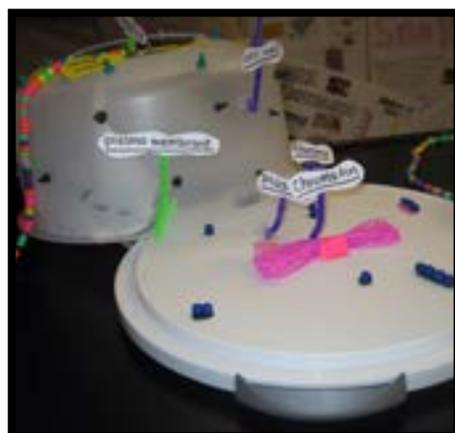
"The SUPA students spent some time making very detailed life sized cell types. They became very attached to their cells when they did the gallery walk and *showed off* their projects. The organelles became their babies," stated Ms. Archambeault.

Creating the cells made learning more interesting because the class had to figure out where the parts of the cells were located and how they functioned together.

The teacher's peer observer, Dr. Miriam Ibara was thrilled with the quality and the detail of the models. She was also impressed by the students' ability to answer all the questions using the new terms learned.



Plant Cell: A very large central vacuole (balloon) is shown with little beads inside for waste.



Bacterial Prokaryotic Cell: Creative pilli attachment structures, a detailed cell wall and membrane are displayed.

“Scholarship denotes a commitment to learning”

2014-15 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

“Leadership should exert a wholesome influence on the school. Service is the willingness to work for the benefit of those in need. Character is the force within the individual that distinguishes each person from others.”

These students were selected for membership in the National Honor Society for exemplifying these four core values, having a GPA of 85 or greater, and volunteering their service.



Not Pictured: Amy Huynh, Erin Irving

Top Row: Sydney Jones, Melissa Nomelle Alphonse, Mandy Nomelle Alphonse, Charlene Zook, Emma Savastano, Sierra Eastman, Zia Jackson, Renisha McDonald
Middle Row: Raeanne Pettit, Elizabeth Phan, Naamu Harvey, Quynh Le, Angelica Revilla, Destiny Coots, Muno Sheekh Nuur, Callyann Millay
Bottom Row: Yen Linh Le, Janae Ford, Jennifer Nguyen, Adiba Alam, Fatuma Diriye, Mamta Pradhan, Ryley Bonferraro, Thuy Tram Nguyen

Cell phone use tied to lower grades and higher anxiety

The Journalism class conducted a survey with Henninger students about their cell phone usage. Over a hundred and twenty students were asked these questions and the results were not very surprising.

Some signs of cell phone addiction include not paying attention to friends and family, feeling restless when you're away from your phone, and poor performance in school.

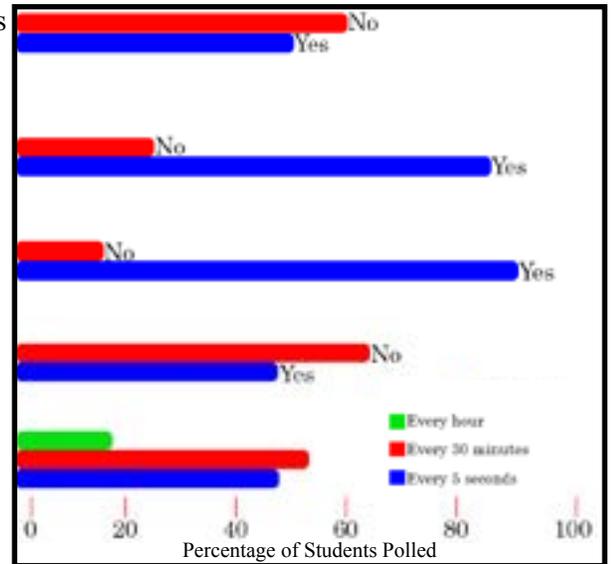
Do you think texting interferes with your learning?

Should students be able to use their cellphones in school?

Would you know if you had an addiction?

Do you think you have a cellphone addiction?

How often do you check your cellphone?



The Lighter Side of Henninger

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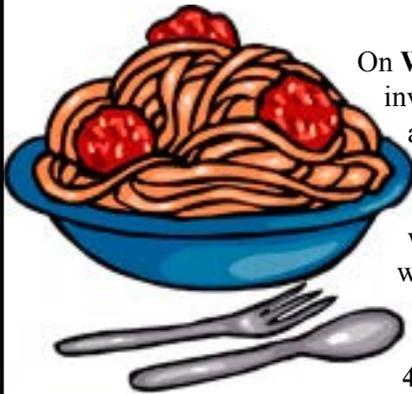




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Pasta with Parents



On **Wednesday, December 17th**, seniors, their families, and the Henninger staff are invited to enjoy a family pasta dinner in the cafeteria. The event will begin at **5:30 PM** and end about **7:30 PM**.

This is a great opportunity to build bridges between family and school. We, at Henninger, are aware that families are their children's first teachers and we want to work together to make sure all children are well prepared to pursue their goals. We will review report cards and answer questions and concerns. We will offer suggestions and strategies to help students flourish at home and at school. Our staff will be here to offer assistance. If you have any questions, please contact **Shirelle Dowdell at 435-4343**.

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