



# HENNINGER KNIGHT LIFE



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## Upcoming Events

**1/2 Day School**  
Tues. Nov. 4th  
Superintendent's  
Conference Day

**Yearbook**  
Senior Class  
Group Photo  
Thurs. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>

**The Laramie Project**  
Fri. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> and  
Sat. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM  
Henninger Auditorium

**SAT Exam and  
Subject Tests**  
Sat. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Veteran's Day  
Holiday  
(No School)**  
Tues. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>

**1/2 Day School**  
Thurs. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Parent/Teacher  
Conference Day

**PTSO Meeting**  
Thurs. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00 PM

**1/2 Day School**  
Tues. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
Parent/Teacher  
Conference Day

**Thanksgiving Recess**  
Wed. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>-  
Fri. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

## We've Got Class



Spirit Week is a great time to be a Henninger student. Each day students had the opportunity to express their individuality and, at the same time, come together and show their Black Knight pride.

### Monday Hat Day



### Tuesday Mix Match/ Tacky Day

### Wednesday Favorite Sports Team/College Day



### Thursday Class Color Day



### Friday Black and Gold Day



### Principal DiFlorio's Message

November is the month to really start buckling down on your academics. Make sure you are in class every day and doing your schoolwork and homework.

I am looking forward to meeting parents this month at the parent/teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity for parents to get to know the teachers, to learn how their child is doing, and view examples of their work. If your child is struggling at this point, this is the time for them to get help.

Also, this November we will be having our sign-ups for winter sports. To qualify and continue to play for any team, students must have good attendance and good grades.

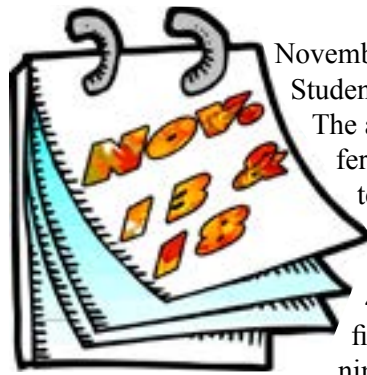
Early November, Ms. Armbruster and the cast will be presenting our fall dramatic production, *The Laramie Project*. I hope students and their families will come and support the students' performance.

Hall Sweeps are currently being conducted randomly each day to help students get to class on time. It is very important not to miss the beginning of class so you don't spend your time trying to get caught up.

When in class remember to stay focused on your work and listen to your teacher's instruction. Try to build good skills that will last for a lifetime.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

### Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00 - 3:00 PM



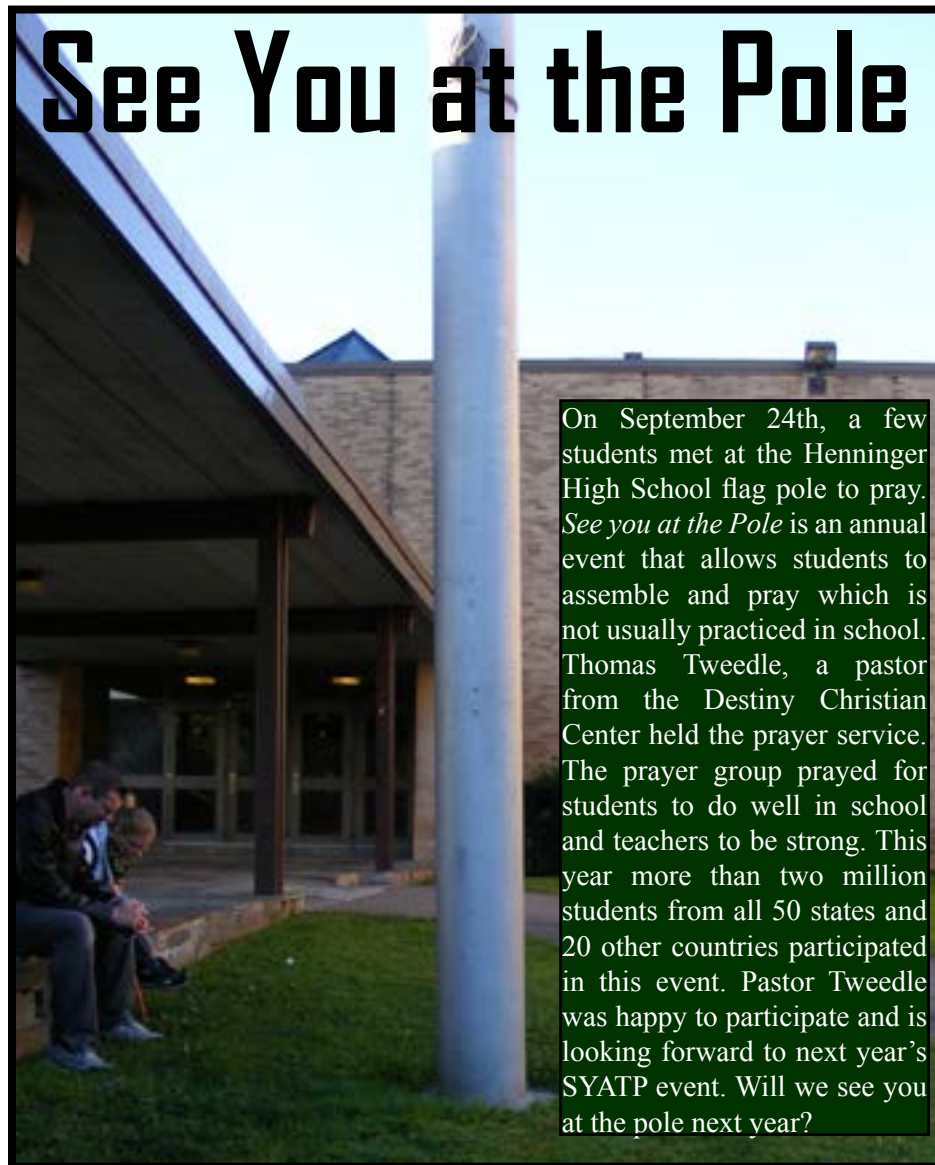
November 13th and 18th are half days for students. Students will be dismissed at 10:30 AM.

The afternoon is reserved for parent/teacher conferences where you can speak with your child's teachers and discuss their academic progress.

If you desire a conference with any of your child's teachers, you may contact the school at 435-4343 or email the teacher directly. You can find the teacher's email addresses on the Henninger Web site @ <http://henningerhs.us> on the

Parents tab and clicking on the Staff Directory link and then on the teacher's name. If you need further assistance, please call the guidance office @ 435-4350.

If you are unable to meet on these two dates and would like to meet with your child's teacher, please call and schedule a date and time with the teacher.



## See You at the Pole

On September 24th, a few students met at the Henninger High School flag pole to pray. *See you at the Pole* is an annual event that allows students to assemble and pray which is not usually practiced in school. Thomas Tweedle, a pastor from the Destiny Christian Center held the prayer service. The prayer group prayed for students to do well in school and teachers to be strong. This year more than two million students from all 50 states and 20 other countries participated in this event. Pastor Tweedle was happy to participate and is looking forward to next year's SYATP event. Will we see you at the pole next year?



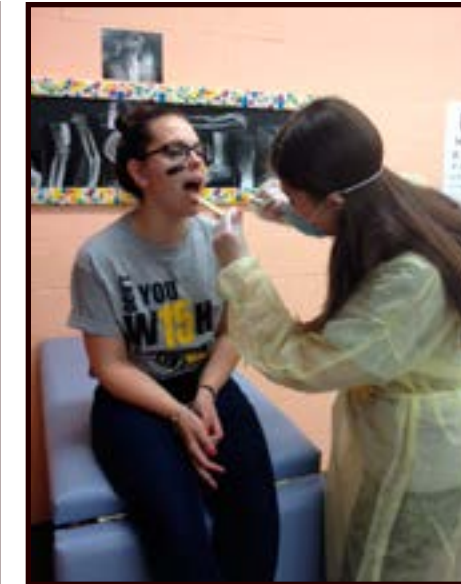
### Learning through Experience

To get students interested, they need to be exposed to the challenging world of hands-on careers before they graduate from high school. The Medical Assistant Program can give the student pursuing a four-year college, two-year college, and/or Career and Technical Education (CTE) certification a head start on their chosen medical path.

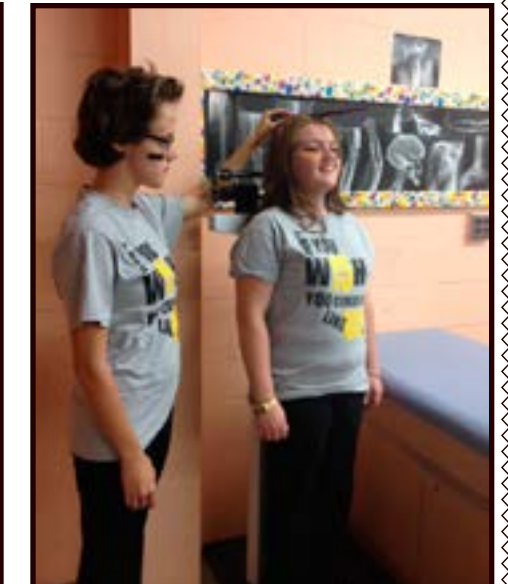
The Medical Assistant Class at Henninger provides important avenues for both education and success. The class motivates students who love hands-on activities to remain interested in coming to school and learning. It also teaches practical problem solving. Lastly, this program introduces students to the skills needed in the global economy. This practical training approach mixed with classroom learning and the Medical Assistant internship rotation enables Henninger High School students to gain the skills, experience, and self-confidence needed for employment in the medical field.



Amber Jackson learns how to take a blood pressure on Marisa Maloof.



Say "Ahhhh," instructs Katie Close who is examining Carly Perry's throat.



Jessica Blair is learning how to do a height and weight measurement on Jasmyne Hill.

## The Lighter Side of Henninger

Illustration by Austin Clarke



# BRRR...

## A CHILLY RECEPTION AT THE PEP RALLY

The pep rally was a chilling experience for all as students watched Mr. DiFlorio, Mr. Williams, Mr. Fiello and Coach Bailey participate in the ALS challenge. The cheerleaders rallied for all the sports teams, the Homecoming Court was selected, and the seniors ended the event with a big bang.



### FEATURED SPORT: SOCCER

**First Row:** Justin Aubrey and Abdi Rashid defends for the ball, Abdul Ali tries to score a goal.

**Second Row:** Jorge Ferrer moves the ball, Omar Sirad controls the ball with his chest, Steven Gilbert attempts to pass.

**Third Row:** Lay Mu Taw tries to get the middle in position, Lay Mu Taw performs a bicycle kick, Jeremias Pablo makes a through ball.

**Fourth Row:** Dieu Mukwiye attempts a pass, JV Soccer Team, Jeremias Pablo controls the middle looking for someone to pass the ball, Omar Sirad takes a shot at the goal.

Take great sports pictures? Email them to Mrs. Rowe at [jrowe@scsd.us](mailto:jrowe@scsd.us) and they may appear in a future newsletter.

# THE LARAMIE PROJECT

BY MOISÉS KAUFMAN AND THE MEMBERS OF TECTONIC THEATER PROJECT  
THE STORY OF MATTHEW SHEPARD



**Henninger Fall Play**  
**Admission: \$8**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 PM**

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## Black Knights Go Pink for the Cause

The Knights wore pink in support of breast cancer awareness. During the month of October, Mrs. Jackson and the students in the Medical Assistant program sold *Knights Go Pink* t-shirts (*Tackle Breast Cancer* on the back) to students and staff to raise money for the Susan G. Komen CNY Foundation.

On October 17th, students and staff wore their t-shirts in school to show their support in the fight against breast cancer.

**Right:** Mrs. Jackson and the Medical Assistant class present a check to Jessica Bell of the Susan G. Komen CNY Foundation in the sum of \$400 for breast cancer research.



## RAIN GARDEN COMMEMORATES PRESIDENTIAL VISIT



A beautiful addition to the Henninger landscape can be seen at the Henninger patio entrance. A rain garden, plaque, and bench was erected to commemorate President Obama's visit in 2013. At the opening of the ceremony, Henninger cheerleaders welcomed the guests. Jimmy Truong cut the ribbon to officially open the rain garden. It was an honor to have President Obama speak at our high school and for him, we dedicated this rain garden.

**Left:** Syracuse Mayor, Stephanie Miner, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Obama Rain Garden with senior, Jimmy Truong and Principal DiFlorio.



# What was education like in your native country?



**Hai Nguyen**  
Vietnam

Education was pretty good in Vietnam, but the US. is better. My ESL class has helped me a lot with grammar, speaking, reading, and understanding English. The difference between education here and in Vietnam is that there are some good teachers but the teachers at Henninger are more helpful. Also, I find the teachers and students are very friendly here. I find that I am fitting in and understanding English better and that helps me fit in great with other people.



**Muno Nurr**  
Saudia Arabia

Education in Saudi Arabia is based on religious morals. Boys and girls learn in separate schools. And, instead of saying the pledge an honor student would read a verse from the Qur'an.



**Alanis Ortiz-Anaya**  
Puerto Rico

Education in Puerto Rico was fine but not like in the U.S.A. It's different because here we have a lot more opportunities and many jobs. We can also decide what career we want to pursue in the future.



**Mar Ner**  
Thailand

In Thailand, students are not served food or water in school. There are no computers or Internet. On Mondays and Fridays, we have to wear white and blue uniforms. Students' hair must be cut short. For sports, students play takraw where players use their feet to kick the ball over a volleyball type net.



**Alejandro Lora-Matos**  
Cuba

Education in Cuba was hard. We had homework almost everyday, with projects. One major difference is that you don't get to choose your classes. Lunch is eaten in the same room as your classes.



**Riziki Mohamed**  
Kenya

Everyday, I got up at 5:00 AM because I lived five miles from school and had to walk. Boys and girls were in separate classes. I had to bring my own food like rice and beans, water and fruit. After regular school, I went to religious school and did not get home until 5:00 PM.

# What Colleges look for in YOU!

Grades that represent strong effort and an upward trend. Grades should show an upward trend over the years. However, slightly lower grades in a rigorous program are preferred to all A's in less challenging coursework.

Passionate involvement in a few activities, demonstrating leadership and initiative. Depth, not breadth of experience is most important.

Work or out-of-school experiences that show responsibility, dedication, and development in areas of interest. A job or other meaningful use of free time can demonstrate maturity.

Letters of Recommendation from teachers and guidance counselors that give evidence of integrity, special skills, and positive character traits. Students should

request recommendations from teachers who they respect and have built special bonds with over the years.

Anything special that makes the student stand out from the rest



of the applicants. This includes honors, awards, evidence of unusual talent or experience, or anything else that makes the

student unique. Colleges are seeking students who will be active, contributing members of the student body.

Solid scores on standardized tests (SAT, ACT). These should be consistent with high-school performance.

Participate in some local Community Service that shows evidence of being a "contributor." Activities should demonstrate concern for other people and a global view.

A well-written essay that provides insight into the student's personality, values, goals is needed. The application essay should be thoughtful and highly personal. It should demonstrate careful and well-constructed writing.



**Senior Class Advisors**  
Mrs. Alana Hirt  
Mrs. Kate Rood  
Mrs. Kari Egerbrecht  
**Senior Class Administrator**  
Mrs. Shirelle Dowdell

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### Senior Events Package \$120

- Includes:
1. Senior Class T-shirt
  2. Graduation Ceremony with Cap/Gown and Stole.
  3. Senior Tailgates (both Tailgates)
  4. Senior Dinner
  5. 100 Days to Graduation Dance
  6. Senior Send-Off with Parents
  7. Pasta with Parents
  8. Senior Mug

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  2. Graduation Ceremony with Cap/Gown and Stole.
  3. Senior Mug

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- The next **PTSO meeting** will be on **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Henninger cafeteria. Parents and students as well as faculty are invited to come.
- **Regents Review** classes are underway for **Global Studies** every Tuesday from 2:50-4:20 and **US History** every Thursday from 2:50 to 4:20 with Ms. Suslovic in Room 225. A small group study session is held every Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30 PM for older students who only need these exams to graduate.
- **The American Cancer Society** marks the **Great American Smokeout on November 20<sup>th</sup>** by encouraging smokers to make a plan in advance to quit smoking that day and hopefully forever. By quitting, even for one day, smokers will be taking an important step towards a healthier life – one that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

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