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PEBBLEBROOK NEWS

Falcon's Newsletter

Prom Is Here!

By: Alexis Thomas

Theme: Under the Stars

Date: Friday, April 28, 2017

Time: 7pm to 11pm

Location: Atlanta History Center

(130 W Paces Ferry Rd NW, Atlanta, GA, 30305)

Dress Code: "Keep it Classy"



WHAT'S
NEW?

For all Students:

- **Formal attire is required**
- **No midriff tops**
- **Dress Shoes are REQUIRED; no tennis shoes**
- **No material made of denim**

Females:

- **All dresses must be of appropriate length; a minimum of finger-tip length**
- **Dresses should not be cut too low or be too revealing**
- **See-through apparel and dresses ARE NOT PERMITTED**

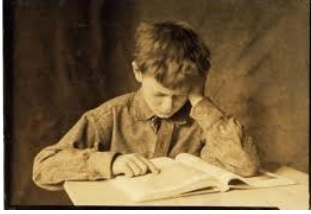
Males:

- **Dress suit or tuxedo is REQUIRED**

*** Students who are not in compliance with dress code will not be permitted in the prom.**

*** All underclassmen/Non-Pebblebrook dates must be approved with a date form.**

College and Career Center By: Franklin Bunting



The College and Career Center has information about colleges and careers (who would have guessed), both of which are important to seniors graduating in a few weeks. They have info about colleges, scholarships, and job opportunities for people who want the information. Visiting is important for any senior at Pebblebrook who wants to be prepared for the real world. It's not too late to get ready for life. The College and Career Center is open during third block, and if your teacher won't let you visit, you can spend your lunch there.

Teacher of the Year By: Courtney Johnson

There are plenty of great teachers at Pebblebrook, but one that stands out the most is the one and only, Mrs. Piercy. Mrs. Piercy has such a unique personality and she is loved for the way she's not afraid to be herself. If anyone knows Ms. Piercy, they would know that she is very humorous and has such a positive attitude to try to make life more enjoyable. Her outlook on the world is different. She always tries to find the good in the bad and to find the beauty in people. Mrs. Piercy gets to wake up every morning and do what she loves most, which is to come to school to paint, draw, and create things. She wants her students to see things in a different way from when they walked into her room. Her class is like a community and everyone is there to help each other out. She personalizes her lessons for her kids so they can relate more and engage more in class.

Not only is Mrs. Piercy a great teacher and coworker. She's also great at home! She loves to hang out with her children outside and garden; she loves to cook and hang out with her friends. Mrs. Piercy is very inspiring and such a great person to look up to; all of her students and coworkers love her because of how awesome she is. Congratulations for Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Piercy.

Job Fair Announcement By: Jasmine Brown

Are you confused on what you want to do in life or maybe just need a job for the school year? Well Pebblebrook High School is holding a Career Fair for those who need a little more help with deciding on a career of your choice. At this Career Fair, many jobs will be there, such as Six Flags for ages 16 and up, Waffle House for 17 and up, Alorica for 18 and up, Carastar for 18 and up and finally Auto Bell for 17 and up. To get to know more about the job then show up to the media center on Friday April 20, 2017 at 6:00p.m- 8:00p.m. Don't forget to dress professional, they MIGHT hiring on the spot. Also just to look professional bring a resume. If you have any question regarding the career fair, then feel free to contact Ms. Chinn in the Media Center.

"13 Reasons Why" By: Bella Franco

The new show '13 Reasons Why' is based on a book that is about what some teenagers deal with in high school. Hanna Baker committed suicide and she recorded thirteen tapes that contain details explaining why she decided to end her life. All of her so-called "friends" were on one of the thirteen tapes and she explains why they were on it. Once the tapes got out, secrets also got out. Everyone was shocked when they found out Hannah Baker committed suicide and Hannah's parents will do anything to find out the truth. My point is, that suicide should never be an option. If you, yourself, or someone you know is being bullied, you should speak up before it's too late. Be careful on what you say to others because you never know how the other person might react; you might think it's a joke but others will take it as an insult. High school is the most memorable time for some, but it can be hell for others. 'Thirteen Reasons' is a very popular show because it has a moral - that bullying can take someone's life and it's also an interesting and dramatic show!!!

If you or anyone you know might be struggling with this issue, please reach out to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255

Feeling Accomplished By: Shamiyah Smith

On April 13, 2017 Donnasia Factory was one of the first athletes on the Pebblebrook lacrosse team to get a scholarship to any school. She will be signing with District of Columbia. Her team and coaches are very proud of her and her accomplishments. Being her parents' first born, they are very proud of her and hope the best for her in the upcoming freshmen year class of 2021. She would like to thank all her friends and family for pushing her to do more than she thought she could without them she wouldn't be where she is now. "Being the first to receive a lacrosse scholarship, I feel great and I have many more to come in the future when it comes to lacrosse. This is my last year in high school and I just wish the best for my team and the coming years and they do their best in school to get scholarship in lacrosse also," Donnasia expressed.

Weather Wonders By: Joshua McJunkins

Have you ever seen the episode from *Wizards of Waverly Place* where the weatherman says the most off the wall predictions and forecasts for the next day's weather? Well, this isn't a fictional story right now! For the past few weeks, Georgia's weather has been all over the place! From spontaneous flood flashes, to 29 degree weather, to clear skies and a high of 88 all within the same week! The tides from the coasts around the US have been stirring up random storms and pushing cold fronts our direction and every weatherman anchor has been confused and also baffled. What a great way to start off spring, right? Well, at least the pollen has been periodically washed away! There have been predictions from analysts that the wicked wild weather wonders will be over within two or more weeks. Until then, keep a rain coat, snow boots, and tank tops close!

JROTC Military Ball By: Ashley Santos

Looking for a good way to end the 2017 school year? Going to the Military Ball will be the best choice you will make. You can ask anyone who has gone, it's a very memorable event especially to those who have been in JROTC classes in high school. This year they have included Mr. and Mrs. JROTC and a more elegant senior walk.

Every year Pebblebrook High School and South Cobb High School host an event called the Military Ball. It is a formal event - all ladies must wear an appropriate dress, males must wear their ASU uniform, and if they are guests they must wear a suit and tie. The way they start off this event is by making a toast to both schools. Afterwards, they serve you dinner and dessert and then there is a dance. This year it will be held at Double Tree Hotel 2205 S Park Place NW, Atlanta, GA 30339. Please make sure to buy tickets as soon as possible, all tickets will be sold for \$25.00. It will be held on April 22, 2017 at 6pm-11pm. If you are a senior and you are planning to participate in the senior walk, please go see Sergeant Pryor to fill out a form. Everyone is invited to this event; you do not have to be in a JROTC class to go. The purpose of this event is to practice formal dining etiquette.

Out on Top By: Jada McMath

Towards the end of every year, certain seniors are chosen to perform in a Senior Recital. This Senior Recital gives the seniors a chance to show off their talent and how much they have grown over their four years in the performing arts program. Being in Vocal freshman year can be a struggle! You are learning how to sight-read, learning music at a quick pace, learning the history of music and being tested on it all. Not to mention when you are in 5th block, you are expected to know and keep up as much as you can when rehearsing music. This can become overwhelming, but it all pays off in the end. Actually at the end of your freshman year, you might be ready for chamber; this is rare, but it happens. If you are not prepared for chamber yet, no worries; rep choir are the classes where you learn the most. Then once you are a senior, you should be at your highest skill set depending on how much work you put in. This year the chosen seniors were Morgan Elise Brady, Jared Campbell, Roan Denton, Emma Dowdy, James Fobes, Caroline Game, Kyla Hunter, Lily Kren, Brynn McGlamery, Corinne Taylor, Grace Thompson, Deja Watts, and Ryan Wolpert. These outstanding vocal seniors plan to advance their career in the arts; some just in vocal, but others in multiple areas in the arts.

These seniors put together a performance that was creative and extraordinary. They choose what songs they wanted to sing plus they could invite whomever to perform with them in a professional manner. The best part is that the performance is that it was free.

Congratulations to these exceptional seniors and we hope for the best in the future!

Poetry Slam Finalists

The last poetry slam is finally here (May 2nd at 5:30 in the Black Box to be exact)! We'd like to take a minute to introduce you to the finalists and what they have to say about themselves and their connection to poetry.

Jameia Mitchell—10th

"I used to write a lot more when I was younger; however, I've just picked back up on it. I got into poetry because my friend had read some of my work and later on suggested that I branch out and get into poetry writing. I'm really bad at talking to people, and I've figured out that putting my thoughts down on paper helps me address points easier because in my head, they're all over the place."

Tallie Hodrick—9th

"Poetry is a way for me to express my feelings because speaking to individuals is hard for me. I found out that writing it down just became easier! I find writing fun. It's amazing when you can use words to express more than you can through gestures. It feels good when people read what I wrote and even better when they respond and relate to what I write about."

Gabby Tigner—11th

Gabby grew up in Atlanta and went from a storyteller to a poet. Being the youngest out of her siblings, she grew up very attached to her father and when he passed away she had lost a best friend. She dances and teaches as well and she believes if she isn't doing something to help others, she isn't doing justice to her parents. Writing poetry to her is more about the experience of creating a piece of art to her that will leave an impact; if not on others, on herself.

Zoe Carter—9th

Zoe is 14 years old and she skipped a grade. She likes to write whenever she wants to vent or is stressed. Zoe heard of the poetry slam from a friend and wanted to try something different. She felt very nervous in the beginning, since it wasn't her family and friends only. But now she feels that her new piece is her best one so far and can't wait for the upcoming years.

Hannah Branch—12th

"I'm a senior and I've been in PA for 4 years. I'm a singer, dancer and I write music. I love going to New York to visit my family. New York is considered my favorite place. I think that I am very hardworking student, but I am lazy at times. When it comes to writing poetry, I don't write my own poetry; my friends would write them and I would perform them. After high school, I will be attending Kennesaw State University to study science."

Sophia Summerlin—12th

"*Advocate of love* is a quote that I live by. It means something you will fight for and being yourself and not care about being judged. I'm always ahead of every assignment given to me; I feel as if I have to be on time with everything. How I feel about poetry is that it's just something that I just tried for fun and it turned into something that I really grew to love."

Evita Walch—12th

"Something has inspired me for me to be able to write poetry", stated Senior Evita Walch. This 4 year PA student has used her PA classes and after school activities to inspire her poems. In her spare time she enjoys reading, sleeping and singing to keep her busy. "I just love to write, so I just use my skill for something good."

Savon Solomon—12th

Savon inspired himself to start writing because he was always told

that his writing wasn't good enough; so that motivated him to start writing. Savon is interested in the poetry slam because it helps him express his feelings other than talking about it. "All I need is a pencil and a piece of paper." Savon admitted that the hardest part about writing was getting all his ideas out in time because according to him: "I always finish something; but then I realized that I forgot something, so I need to go back and add or I'll start writing a poem but don't end up liking it so I never finish it." Savon's first poem was his favorite piece "AP love 101" because it was about his love life and it's filled with his personal memories. Although memorizing lines is tough, Savon definitely sees himself writing in the future. He wants to focus on writing fiction and novels.

Lily Summerlin—12th

Lily wants to become actress. "What really made me want to start poetry was my sister wrote poetry and I was inspired by her and I tried it myself and I enjoyed it since then. I love listening to music and watching films/movies. I'm a drama major and I'm attending UGA and going as a theatre major."

Demetrius Jackson—10th

Demetrius describes himself as a calm person who is anti-social with a great personality. "I love to write and loveeeee history and want to become a history teacher for middle schoolers. What I love to do is listen to music, like childish Gambino and Chance the rapper which motivated me to do poetry; then I started listening to Shakespeare."

T.J. Van Dyke—9th

T.J. is 15 years old and is a drama major and a vocal minor. "I like to listen to music and to write poetry. I also like the falcons. What made me want to write poetry was a 5th grade project and I enjoyed it and I thought it was a unique way to interact with other people. I believe poetry catches more attention than talking; it shows me how to get my thoughts out that I wouldn't be comfortable to say aloud."

Tariq Porter—12th

Tariq is a very tranquil person. He is 18 years old and graduates this year: 2017. Tariq loves to draw and, of course, write poetry. "Poetry helps me get into my comfort zone. Writing about my past experiences in life and memoirs. Writing memoirs is something that I'm interested in because I like to write about personal things." Poetry is one of the best things that have happened to Tariq; it helps him to achieve his goals.

JJ Lopez—11th

JJ is a drama major and a dance minor. She likes to write but LOVES history. She has a passion for being a middle school history teacher. She is also the President for the History Club here at Pebblebrook. She is a positive person and likes to spread positivity to others. Finally, she got into poetry because she had a poetry project in middle school and her teacher told her she did a great job and since then she has been interested in poetry.