

## Panther Press Quarterly

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### "Night in a Day" Project a Huge Success!

On Thursday, April 7, 2022, Mrs. DeKoskie and Mr. Lapolt's classes participated in a full day project known as *Night in a Day*. The program is organized by DeKoskie, Lapolt, and Library Media Specialist Libbie Werlau. Administrators, teachers, and staff read Elie Wiesel's *Night* to students. Additionally, students watch interviews with Holocaust survivors and engage in collaborative activities about the Holocaust and its history while weaving in relative literature. Guest readers for the project included Mr. Boice, Mrs. Veach, Mrs. Terralavoro, Mrs. Strobach, Assistant Principal Redmond, Dean Andrews, Principal Hasbrouck, Principal Masopust, Mr. Mills, Mrs. Mazza, Mrs. Rosenfeld, and Mrs. Sanchez just to name a few. Thanks to all who made this such a meaningful event!



The Regents Exams are back and so are our After School Regents Review Sessions! <u>In order to receive diploma credit for a Regents Course, the student must sit for and pass the coinciding Regents Exam.</u> Students are encouraged to take advantage of this awesome opportunity to get additional preparation for the Regents Exams that they are scheduled to sit for this June! Please see the Regents Review Schedule and Regents/Final Exam Schedule listed below!

#### **REGENTS REVIEW SCHEDULE 2022**

#### From 4/25/2022-6/14/2022

Monday 2:30-4:00 PM	Room	Tuesday 2:30-4:00 PM	Room	Wednesday 2:30-4:00 PM	Room	Thursday 2:30-4:00 PM	Room
US History	114	English 11	100A	Earth Science	219	Global 10	108
Geometry	214	Liv. Environ.	226	Algebra II	204	Physics	218
						Chemistry	217
						Algebra I	215

### **EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: June 2022**

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June 1	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 21	June 22	June 23
Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
Regents:	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:
US History	English 11	Algebra 1	Global 10	Geometry	Algebra 2	Physics
Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:
N/A	N/A	Math 211 Math 115	English 9	Spanish Checkpoint A	N/A	N/A
12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.
	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:	Regents:		
	Liv Env	Chemistry	Earth Sci	N/A		
	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local:	Finals/Local: Spanish		
	Pre-Calculus	English 10	N/A	Checkpoint B		









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Senior Adam Dyckman Running Wire for the Habitat for Humanity Project

### Wallkill BOCES Students Collaborate with **Habitat for Humanity!**

Wallkill students in the electrical engineering program at Ulster BOCES have a lot to be proud of as their high school careers wind down.

Mr. Jones, Residential Electric teacher at BOCES, collaborated with Habitat for Humanity to provide several Wallkill students with an awesome opportunity to work on their craft while giving back to those in need. For several weeks, Wallkill students in the Electrical

Construction Program have been running wire for three homes in Saugerties, New York that were built for families who fell on hard times.

Students were provided with home blueprints and plans first to review, prior to engaging in reallife electrical construction work. Awesome job Panthers!

## Wallkill Senior High School's Top 10 an Impressive **Group!**



As we eagerly approach our Graduation festivities for the class of 2022, Wallkill has announced its extraordinary "Top 10"! Year in and year out, Wallkill's "Top 10" proves to be a talented group academically. Yet this year's lineup is particularly inspiring, as they are all involved in both school and community groups designed to benefit the public. These students have continued to serve their community in many ways, and have set a wonderful example for their peers and younger Panthers alike!

In addition to serving as members of the National Honor Society, Leo Club, and Student Government, many of this year's "Top 10" are involved in interscholastic athletic programs and other organizations here on campus including the Drama and Science Clubs. Their positive impact will leave a lasting legacy on Wallkill Senior High School and our greater scholastic community!



Cake Donated to the Top 10!

Top 10 Luncheon!

#### Wallkill Senior High School "Top 10" of the Class of 2022!

Valedictorian: Marcus Lewis

Salutatorian: Jing Ngo

- 3. Jayden Ramos
- 4. Daniel Rizzo
- 5. Penelope Rose
- 6. Brandon Wynn
- 7. Lila Rydell
- 8. Levi Neuwirth
- 9. Cameron Falk
- 10. Emily Clark

# Panther Senior Nick Keglovitz Participates in Capstone Program at Ulster BOCES.

Senior Nick Keglovitz has earned an awesome internship opportunity with Usheco, a machining company out of Kingston, NY. The Capstone Program at Ulster BOCES is offered only to exceptional students who stand out in their respective programs. Working as a machine operator Keglovitz uses a CNC machine to develop plastic molds for trays, Tupperware, and other common items. Nick earns scholastic credit and money while enrolled in this unique program.

"I have gained invaluable experience throughout this internship in a field that is desperately looking for qualified applicants," said Keglovitz. "My skill set and experience will allow me to negotiate job opportunities from an advantageous position after I graduate".

Nick's post-graduate plans include attending Hudson Valley Community College where he will study advanced manufacturing technology.





#### Author's Day 2022

This April, Wallkill welcomed Todd
Strasser for a virtual Author's Day Visit.
Strasser has authored over 140 books for adults and teens. Students were invited to the Library Media Center where Mr.
Strasser shared his expertise in two separate interactive workshops. Members of our Creative Club were joined by other students where they listened, asked questions, and practiced creative writing!
Special thanks to Library Media Specialist Mrs. Werlau for helping to organize this wonderful experience for our students!







### Junior Prom and Senior Ball Return!

It's with great pleasure that we announce the return of our traditional Junior Prom and Senior Ball Events!

This year's Junior Prom will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022 from 7:00 p.m.— 11:00 p.m. at the Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls! Tickets will go on sale May 2nd, 2022 in the Main Lobby. If students are looking to bring a guest from another school, they must obtain and submit the Guest Approval Form. These forms can be picked up in the Athletic Office or in the Student Services Office.

The Senior Ball will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at Villa Venezia in Middletown. Tickets to go on sale no later than May 23, 2022 in the main lobby!

Contact your child's class advisor with any questions.











# Panther Players Rendition of Cinderella Simply Magical!

The Panther Players presented *Cinderella* this past weekend, opening on Friday night in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd! Senior Madison Rivera mesmerized the audience with her talented vocals in the lead role.

Opposite of Rivera, Jonathan McLoughlin was truly charming in his role as the Prince. Just a freshman, McLaughlin is an exciting young talent who also amazed in this fall's show You're a Good Man Charlie Brown (playing Schroeder.)

A scholastic play is not something that happens overnight. Months of rehearsal, preparation, and collaboration are required to put on a performance of this magnitude. Immaculate sets and a live orchestra were on display, lead by Cooper Heidemann (Stage Crew) and Levi Neuwirth (Pit Coordinator). Neuwirth described how the live orchestra ultimately assimilates into the performance. "I first begin

by helping to assist the acts and performers understand how their lines are supposed to sound musically, helping them prepare their musical numbers. After that, we organize rehearsals for the orchestra alone before bringing the two groups together about a month prior to the performance."

Liz Bailey, also known by her cast as "Mama Bailey," is our Drama Club Advisor. With help from her assistant, Mark Cambalik, another outstanding performance was had! Bailey's care and compassion for her students is unwavering. In maintaining a positive attitude and a creed of kindness, Mrs. Bailey's Drama Club continues to be a group where students can gain confidence and build lifelong friendships.

We can't wait to see what the Drama Club will do next!

## Mock Trial in Criminal Justice Class is a Student Favorite!

Mr. Dercola's Criminal Justice class engaged in a three week Mock Trial Project that gave students an inside look to what life is like in a real-world courtroom. Students prepared opening and closing arguments, cross-examinations of witnesses, participated as jury members, and much more.

For two weeks prior to the "Mock Trial," student lawyers prepped student witnesses, rehearsing direct examinations. Students who were witnesses studied affidavit complaints in order to be able to recite at the trial.

After weeks of preparation, the "Mock Trial" was held in the Library Media Center and spanned four days. In addition to criminal justice students, Mr. Dercola invited several students from other classes with no prior knowledge of the activity to participate as jury members.

"I really enjoyed preparing to be a witness in this case," stated senior Jeremy Figueroa. "I had a lot of fun working with the student lawyer and preparing statements for direct examination during the trial."

Another senior, Shea Ross, enjoyed the real-life props that were used at the Mock Trial. "I liked that the library was set up as a courtroom, with Mr. Dercola wearing a judge's robe and using a real gavel. Having someone act as a bailiff made it feel real as well." Ross served as the lead lawyer for the prosecution in the case.

"The preparation for the trial was tremendous as always," Mr. Dercola reflected. "I was particularly impressed with the student witnesses and their attention to detail," he concluded.

Regardless of the end result and jury conviction, all participants can agree that this Mock Trial activity helps to provide our students with real-world experiences connected to the content.





## Connections to the Community: Trooper Watt from the New York State Police Presents to Panther Students About Appropriately Using Social Media.

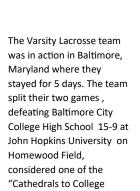
Social Media has become a tool utilized by corporations, professional sports teams, business owners and others. With the rise in access to information, it is imperative that we help our students understand how to navigate this digital world, and to use social media for good.

On Friday, April 8, 2022, Trooper Anca Watt from the New York State Police met with students in grades 9-12 to discuss ways to appropriately utilize social media. Topics included how to protect private information as well as legal ramifications for inappropriate use of social media.



Over spring break, two Panther Varsity Teams traveled south to find great competition in preparation for their upcoming seasons! The Varsity Baseball and Varsity Boys Lacrosse Teams worked diligently all off-season, fundraising for exciting team trips where memories were made that will last a lifetime!

The Panther Baseball Team traveled to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where they practiced, scrimmaged, and even played a division game against local rival Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School. The Ripken Experience is a state of the art facility where teams can play on replicas of Ebbetts Field and the Polo Grounds by day, and travel just minutes to the Boardwalk on the Beach at night. The team scrimmaged Victor, Starpoint, and Pioneer High Schools, and defeated FDR in a hard-fought battle where the seniors came through for the Panthers! Additionally, the club spent an afternoon at Boardwalk on the Beach, celebrated Senior Jack Rauschenbauch's 18th birthday, and even attended a Myrtle Beach Pelicans (affiliate of the Cubs) game on the Thursday night prior to returning home. The varsity team is currently 5-2.



Lacrosse." The boys fell 15-14 to North County High. In addition to playing multiple games, the boys held a joint practice with Paint Branch High, and got an opportunity to workout at Loyola University's state of the art facility.

During their downtime, Coach Danon engaged the boys in several team building activities, including bowling, shopping, and eating food in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The team even caught a professional hockey game! The Varsity Lacrosse team is currently 6-1.



Students about how to use common Social Media Applications to promote positivity!









### Students Had A Blast on the Annual Senior Trip to Florida!







Group Shot of Panther Seniors on the Trip!

After a brief hiatus, the Senior Trip returned with a bang!

50 Panther Seniors made the trip to Florida from 4/1/2022-4/4/2022.

Students experienced all of the thrills the parks had to offer, including stops at Typhoon Lagoon, Universal Studios, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, MGM, and Sea World!



Mrs. Fiorentino at the Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony

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## Important Dates

- •April 28: College Fair
- •May 2-3, 9-12, and 18: AP Exams
- May 11: Spring Instrumental Concert
- •<u>May16-18</u> NYSSMA Major Ensembles (Students pulled from class periodically)
- •May 20: Junior Prom (Villa Borghese)
- •May 26: Herren Talks School-Wide Assembly and Spring Choral Concert
- •<u>June 1: US</u> History Regents (Full Day of School for all Students) and NHS Induction Ceremony
- •<u>June 2:</u> Senior Scholarship and Awards Night
- •June 3: Senior Ball (Villa Venezia)
- •<u>June 6:</u> Academic Achievement Award Ceremony (During School Day)
- June 8: Senior Trip to Six Flags
- •<u>June 10:</u> Senior BBQ
- •June 15-June 23 Regents Exams



Competitive Chess Tournament in the Library!



Varsity Girls Basketball Wins Section IX and MHAL Championship!