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Home for the Holidays

by Michelle Mullen

Thanksgiving and the holiday season is always a time to come together to celebrate life and family. And for some it's to reunite loved ones who haven't seen each other for months or even years.

Current soldiers from all walks of life and all branches of the military come home each year for the holidays to celebrate with their loved ones. Even though this may seem like a simple thing for some, you truly don't understand its meaning until you are without the ones you love.

Almost everyone is directly affected by the military in some form whether it is the Army, Navy, Air Force,

Marines, Coast guard or the National Guard. And for those who couldn't not make it home for the holiday season, those which are still overseas, we as a school appreciate all that you do and the sacrifices you make to protect us and secure our future for years to come as one of the leading nations in the world.



Sophomore Shauna Fautuex and her brother, Jordan

Celebrating the Veteran's Day Parade

By Michael Baracchi

On Sunday, November 14th at 1PM, the annual Veteran's Day Parade stepped off. Starting from The Felician's Sisters, the parade marched down Enfield Street until it hit the Enfield Town Green, where Veteran's residing from Enfield, and members from the town council gave an annual speech on what it is to be a Veteran, and what the holiday means.



"I think it's a great way to honor veterans. We had a beautiful day to do it." says Karen Reed, an alumni of Enfield High School. Many proud veterans

marched the parade all the way through. Other groups marched, too, such as the Marksmen Drum & Bugle Corps of Western Massachusetts, Enfield Girl Scouts, Daughters- -of the American Revolution, Melha Drum Corps, and much more. The Fermi and JFK marching bands had marched, too, playing their annual songs they usually play for the Veteran's Day Parade.

Kym's Kause

By: Natasia Mysliwicz
Megan Fisher



Kym was your typical college freshman until the end of March when there were noticeable signs that her liver was beginning to fail. Kym was in the hospital for 9 days at the end of March and in and out a few more times until July 26th where she spent the last 4 weeks of her life. Kym's liver continued to get worse until she was almost in complete liver failure. She was put on the transplant list for a liver, then she was put on dialysis because her kidneys were starting to fail as well. Although Kym's battled has ended, there is still an effort to keep her cause alive.

Kym's Kause was organized to raise money for Kym's left over medical bills, any left over money after the bills will be donated to an organ donation organization. The event was also to raise awareness to those about how the process works and to honor the memory of Kym.

At the dinner there was a organization there that allowed people to sign up as an organ donor. Also all the food that was served was gluten free because this was one of Kym's limitations to food products. The members of National Honor Society volunteered to help serve food along with many other volunteers and members of Kym's family.

There was an immense amount of supporters that showed up and participated in the silent auction and in the raffle that had about 80 or more prizes. Names were called sporadically for those who won door prizes. The raffle prizes were donations and the amount of tickets bought were almost uncountable. One prize was a free year of dance lessons at Riley's because Kym danced for much of her life at Riley's and was well known and loved by members of the studio

Overall the event was put together well with many pink covered tables set up with candles and flowers decorating the room. "It was wonderfully decorated and so many people attended. It was truly remarkable" quoted Kym's grandmother. All members that organized the event had t-shirts made in dedication to Kym and the Kause. It was very heartwarming to hear from one of Kym's parents who made an announcement at the close of the event how glad she was to see so many supporters. Even though Kym is not here today events like these help raise awareness and keep her memory alive.

Popular Future Jobs

By Samantha Bosco

Physical Therapists: To become a physical therapist you need either a master's or a doctorate. You go to school for at least 6 years. It is one of the fastest growing careers. In May 2008 the average salary of physical therapists was 72,790 a year and is only expected to increase. Most job opportunities are in hospitals.

Teacher: The best opportunity to find jobs in teaching is in inner-city or rural areas. The best fields of teaching to go into are math, science (especially chemistry and physics), bilingual education and foreign languages. The worst fields are general elementary, physical education, and social studies because there is an adequate number of teachers for those fields already.

Physician's Assistant: Likelihood of finding a job in this field is high. The best places to look for jobs would be in rural and inner-city clinics. Last information on pay rate is from 2008 but it was \$68,210-\$97,070 annually. The lowest rate is 10% less than \$51,360 but the highest is \$110,240.

Nurse: To become an RN you need to attend four years of colleges. There is currently a nursing shortage so there's plenty of available jobs. The best jobs in nursing are at hospitals where there is a variety of types to choose from. The average National pay is between \$46,629 and \$66,799 annually.



Upcoming Events

Reminders

- **Can Drive-** Bring your cans and nonperishable food items to your class advisors. It's being run by the national honor society. The winning class gets a trophy! These foods are going to the food shelf.
- **Magazine Drive-** SENIORS: bring at least 5 addresses of family or friends to sell magazine to. The class could raise up to \$1,000
- Students with overdue books shall be issued accountabilities at the ends of each marking term. Be sure to turn in all books so that you'll get your report cards on time.
- **Teachers:** Outdated magazines are available for your use but you must pick them up within the next two weeks!

Events

Rileys Hope for Healing- A benefit show for Kym's Kause on December 4th at 4pm at Fermi High School. Kym Meyers was a graduate of EHS, class of 2009 who lost her life this summer. Want to purchase a ticket? See Mrs. Ceniglio in room A310

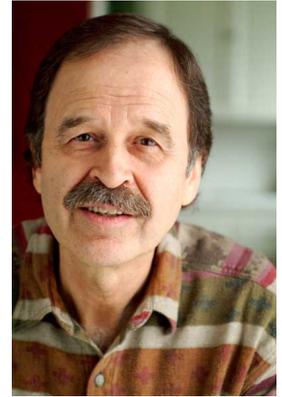
Hypnotist- December 3rd Pay \$5 to enter the spirit zone

EHS SATs- December 4th and May 7th

EHS Boys Basketball Team- is having their 1st alumni game on December 23rd at 6pm. If you played and are interested in laying contact Coach Cory O'Connell at Coconnell@enfieldschools.org or call 860-763-8800.

Meet the Author: Allan G. Johnson

By Kristina Messina



Allan G. Johnson, author of *The First Thing and the Last*, visited the Enfield Public Library Wednesday November 10 for a meet the author session.

In 1970 he began his career focusing on men’s violence against women now, 30 years later, he moved on from college teaching and is devoted to writing and public speaking. Johnson has worked with more than 200 schools in 36 states.

His latest book, *The First Thing and the Last*, was promoted as one of Oprah’s *O Magazine* “Great Reads” for April 2010.

Leading up to the publishing of this book there were some great hurdles. As Johnson said in his blog on his personal website, “There’s a reason it took seven years to find a publisher who would be – in the words of one editor unable to persuade his publisher to accept the novel – ‘brave enough to

take this on.” The reason is an ocean of denial around the subject of men’s violence against women, that keeps us from living in the reality of what is and doing something about it.”

Johnson writes on his blog to show the people that have an interest in him that he had to almost promote the book on his own, by writing comments on websites of others and various discussion groups.

Youth Vote

By Shannon Brennan

On Monday, October 25th, Enfield High School hosted a U.S. District 2 Congressional Debate here in our auditorium at 7 pm.

On the right is a Q&A with senior Emily Johnson.



Q1: Who were the candidates and which did you favor?
A: Well there were 3 candidates. Republican Janet Peckinpaugh, Democrat Joe Courtney and Green Party Scott Deshfy. The one I favored Ms. Peckinpaugh.

Q2: How was the experience for you?
A: The experience was great, but there was a lot of work to it. Some days I didn't leave the school around 5pm.

Q3: Do you think that Youth Vote be something more teens should get into? Do you feel it's important?
A: Youth Vote is something more teens should get into. It is important because for one it gives an overall great experience that will be remembered. Also it helps teens learn more about what is going on in this world.

Q4: Did this experience teach you anything new?
A: I did learn quite a few things. The condition of the economy and all the current event issues going on that all of our student body will have to face once they get a job and are out of high school.

Seniors Only- Motivational Speaker

BY TASHAY WINBORNE

On Friday November 5, 2010 all seniors from the Enfield High School student body attended a very important assembly that should have a lasting effect on them as they enter the real world in just a few short months. The speaker, Mr. Mark Mainella was quite a selfless speaker who wanted to let seniors know that you have to care about yourself and your happiness, while still accepting others and their differences.

Some of his main points included what is your Power

Zone, and what should you be doing with your own life?

What's your True Passion in life and what are you great at in life as well. His main point was once again to make you know that you are special and the greatest things you can get out of life are inside each of us personally. Mr. Mainella also told student that you should never compare yourself to anyone else because each of us are unique in our own way and when you compl-

iment someone it will always find its way back to you. Many students thought his speech was very moving and will most certainly take those values with them for the long future ahead of them.

One of our fellow seniors Felicia Gardner says "He really made some valid points and I liked how he said you should care about yourself before you worry about others. Love yourself and just be you."



From the round of applause at the end of the speech it was quite apparent that many others students felt the same way. Lindsey Palardy says, "He was a great speaker and very motivating." In the end I'm sure that's just the response Mr. Mainella was looking for.

EHS School Spirit? By Ashley Piepul

A school is determined by the characteristics of its student community rather than its appearance. Clubs are the greatest way to bring forth the wide variety of interests among that community. Here we have clubs ranging from Art club to National Honors Society to the Names Committee. If students get involved, these clubs become more than a name, they become a

family. Drama, for one, has become a family, each leaning on each other for support and working together to create a whole. Art club is the same. They all stand singular but work off each others ideas and works. It's not only the clubs that bring forth the soul of a school. Going to games, dances, and showing school spirit are all important. A school is

only as strong as it's least spirited member.



Clubs at EHS

Expressive: Art Club, Dance Team, Drama, World Lit Charities, TV Production, Critical Writing

Smart: As Schools Match Wits, Math Team, National Honor Society, Science Club, French Honor, Spanish Honor, Latin Honor

World Related: Close Up in Washington, Model UN, CT Spain Partnership

Business: DECA, FBLA

School Related: Newspaper, Peer Mediation, Student Council, Class Night Slide Show, Names, Yearbook, Prom Committee, Recycling

Sports: Unified Sports, Badminton, Golf, Ski

The Pooka is Coming

By Mary Megan Hastings

Have you heard people saying this and wondered what they were talking about? Well ask Jonathan Landry, he knows the exact definition of a Pooka. The pressure is on for the EHS Lamplighters. In just two days the auditorium doors will open and the audience will pour in. **HARVEY IS BACK!** Fifteen years ago Harvey graced us with his presence on our stage, well sort of. Now he's back and ready to have fun and make everyone enroll in a sanitarium.

The first time this show premiered at Enfield High, Jeff LaMondia stared as Elwood Dowd. Now, this is Cameron Sutphin's chance to put his own spin on Dowd.

Q Do you remember performing in the production of "Harvey" at Enfield High School? It was one of the first big things I was involved in as a freshman, and it still stands out as a favorite memory of high school. I studied those lines so much I can still recite the monologue about meeting Harvey for the first time and how our friend Ed Hickey was slightly spiffed.

Q What is the most memorable moment from the show? One of my favorite memories from the show was during a rehearsal of a scene with my friend Melinda (who played Veta Louise). When we finished she said, with a big smile, "I totally just got how you can do Elwood. It's just you- you're playing yourself!" As a result, for the rest of the production she nicknamed me 'Dowd' both on and off stage!

The performance is taking place at 7 in the EHS auditorium on Friday and Saturday this weekend. The final performance is Sunday at 1:30p.m. Tickets are available in the EHS cafeteria during all lunch waves this week and at the auditorium doors before the shows.

Why do people perform plays? Is it just fun, or is there a science to it? How do these shows affect the students? Are they a waste of time or do they impact the decisions students make?

Jeff LaMondia is now a successful professor and here he shares his memories and experiences from performing in "Harvey."

I will also never forget our first dress rehearsal. Our families and friends all pitched in to build our incredibly detailed sets. We had two- one for the house and another for the sanitarium! That day I put on Elwood's three-piece suit for the first time and everything felt very 'real'.

During our final performance, an actor changed a line during the final scene in the hospital, causing the rest of us to lose our place. We were so into the story that we must have gone on a good couple of minutes before we returned to the official script. Not only did it go totally unnoticed, but the audience who had seen prior shows told us afterwards that the scene was especially heart-wrenching, but they weren't exactly sure why.

Q What do you miss the most from the lamplighters or the school? The opportunity to spend so much of every day with my friends.

Q How has that experience influenced you in your life? I am now a professor of civil engineering at Auburn University, and high school activities like acting in Harvey, organizing school fundraisers as President of the Community Service Club, and directing the marching band as Drum Major provided me with the initial confidence and skills that allowed me to get here. I credit these experiences for my ability to now comfortably give research presentations at national conferences or daily lectures for my students as well as organize and lead large-scale research projects.

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"I always have a wonderful time, wherever I am, whomever I'm with."

Q Is there any advice you can give the new cast, especially the senior who is to be Elwood Dowd?

Not to be hokey, but one of my favorite lines from the show was “I always have a wonderful time, wherever I am, whomever I’m with.” I think that is such a good philosophy. I encourage the cast and crew to enjoy the time you have on stage and off. I think Elwood understands that from the get-go, but I loved when you see those moments when the rest of the characters pick up on it too. Enjoy, and I hope the entire cast breaks a leg!

Q Do you have anything you would like to say to the teachers, students, and other faculty at Enfield High?

Looking back, the most important things that I took away from high school were the things I didn’t realize I was learning at the time, like how to think critically or creatively. Of course, I still use Calculus, Critical Writing, and (surprising to me!) Spanish all the time, but I am grateful for the opportunities beyond the classroom.

The Names Assembly

By Grace Hallak and Rachel Osada

This year Enfield High School hosted the 3rd annual Names Program assembly. The Freshman class piled down in the auditorium first period on October 21st, 2010, not knowing what to expect.

The assembly was made possible by the teachers and many upperclassman that volunteered their time. Mandatory training sessions were held after school in preparation for the event.

Our very own seniors Klaudia Konopka and Mike Desmond kicked off the program by discussing the importance of the schools infamous four R’s; Respect, Readiness, Relationships, and Responsibility.

Derek Hall, who has hosted the event for the 3rd time, was an inspiring leader for the class of 2014. When asked what the Names Program meant to him, Hall said “The program gives teens in high school the opportunity to speak in a positive way and to help change negative qualities throughout the school.” Passionate about his work, Hall hopes the students in the school take the “power and responsibility to be better people.”

Six upperclassmen panelists spoke out about their own personal experiences with bullying, name-calling, and low self confidence due to peers. Among

the six were Becky Bowen and Paige Moran, who were thought to be the most inspiring by a group of freshman because their stories involved each other.

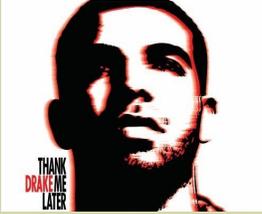
An open mic was held during the program for students to explain their own problems they have come across in their years. While the first few volunteers were only members of the names committee, so many students felt the need to speak out that the line had to be cut off. Students discussed family experiences, friendships, and hard times.

After the main part of the assembly students were assigned a classroom where they met in small groups with a teacher and a student member of the program. They talked about how the assembly was “moving, inspirational, deep, and profound.” They also discussed ways to change the school and how they were personally affected. Later they were given pizza and snacks before they returned to the auditorium for the closing of a very long day.

The Names Program had a positive affect on the Freshman of Enfield High. “The program was touching and emotional. I think the freshman class got a lot out of it and I hope we’ll move forward from here on,” says student Ryon Gates.



CD Reviews



By Rachel Boulette

Canadian rap sensation Drake released his first major album debut *Thank Me Later* in June of 2010. The lyrics are about how loving to make memories with his fame is just part of his style.

Drake is very real about what he raps about with a sound that is similar to old hip-hop with a modern twist. He reflects well on his thoughts and success in his music.

Jay-Z, Alicia Keys, Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj, and T.I. are just a few who appear on Drake's first album.

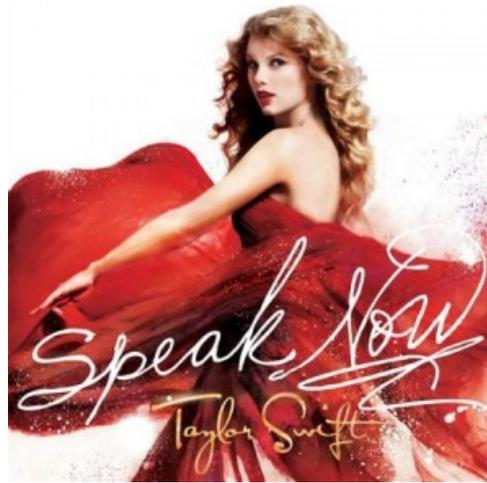
What makes it different from other hip-hop albums is the whole thing is Aubrey Graham's own vision, something you don't see anymore in hip-hop.

Speak Now-Taylor Swift

By Grace Hallak

The multi-platinum selling Country/Pop artist Taylor Swift just came out with her newest album *Speak Now* on October 25th 2010. This is her third album, after her original albums *Taylor Swift* and *Fearless*.

The album has a theme behind the famous quote "Speak now or forever hold your peace." She connects the CD to real life because by saying the right thing at the right time, you will have a better outcome to a situation. Most of her inspiring songs follow a pattern of all the things that should have been said in her past to boyfriends, parents, backstabbing friends, and even her band.



One track on the CD, "Innocent," is about a personal experience Swift had at the 2009 VMA's when she received her award for Best Female Video of the Year. While accepting the award Taylor was interrupted by Kanye West as he took the microphone and exclaimed "Yo Taylor, I'm really happy for you, I'll let you finish, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time!"

The lyrics "You're still an innocent" describe how Taylor believes life was easier when she was younger and nobody judged the life she was living.

The CD has a mix of upbeat and slower songs. The feel of her music has two different sounds. There are some songs that are upbeat and make you want to dance and sing along and others that have slower, more sad tempos with mostly violins and acoustic guitars. This CD has more a variety of styles. Swift really stepped up her style of music with her newest CD.

The Fame Monster-Lady GaGa

By Michael Baracchi

Ever since Lady GaGa's latest album *The Fame Monster* came to stores in December 2009, it has been top on the charts. The 8-Song album has been sweeping the nation, selling over 173,515 copies just in the first week of release.

"She covers her conceptual bets by rolling out sturdy club-thumpers," says Jon Dolan from *Rolling Stone Magazine*. This album screams love and sex; the basic theme of Lady GaGa's songs. The majority of the songs on *The Fame Monster* are very upbeat, fast-pace and always know how to make the crowd dance.



As Lady GaGa sweeps the nation with her extraordinary fashion and top of the chart albums, she's on her way to becoming the queen of pop.

Unsigned Bands

by Michelle Baker

Waking Elliot

Waking Elliot is a rock/alternative/pop rock band from Manchester, CT. Waking Elliot consists of Mary Carson (vocals), Allyson Brown (key/vocals), Evan Forstrom (guitar), Kevin Bieler (bass), and Rob Jeffrey (drums). This band has been together for a couple of years and they have been playing at different gigs, including a recent one, opening for 30 Seconds to Mars. In this performance, they did a good job, keeping the crowd alive and wanting more.

In other events, on November 26th Waking Elliot will be having a release party for their third album, *Simply Pathological*. This album will have six tracks on it. This album has an upbeat tempo to it. Their song "One-Two" is first off their album and it shows what most of the album sounds like. Also, if you go on purevolume.com you can download songs "Hide and Seek" and "Truth or Dare." You can also add yourself to the mailing list, and they will send you information on what is coming. They will also send some of their



songs to see what you think. Since July, they have already sent two of the tracks that come from their album *Simply Pathological*. If you want to learn more about them, go to their website at www.wakingelliot.com.



Brookline Drive



Brookline Drive is a pop/rock band from East Hartford, CT. Brookline Drive consists of Ben Lemieux, Rich Paquet, and Todd Jacobson. In recent news, Brookline Drive has performed at Skater City. They did a good job of keeping their audience entertained. They have also had their music put on iTunes so you can listen to them more. Some songs you might hear are "Eighteen," "Aprylle Fools," and "Here We Go Again." These songs show Brookline Drive's sound and what they are about. Coming soon, on December 17th, Brookline Drive will be performing at Webster Theatre in Hartford, along with Sparks the Rescue, You Me and Everyone We Know, Amley, and many more. You should definitely check them out.

The End Is Here: Part One of The Deathly Hallows Begins

By Alex King

It's almost here! The movie that we all have been anticipating: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One* will be released on November 19th, 2010.

This is the final adventure in the seven book series in which Harry and his two best friends Ron and Hermione set out on a mission to destroy Harry's enemy Voldemort.

Part one of the *Deathly Hallows* is one of the most anticipated movies of the year. With its intense action and never ending excitement, this movie will be a success. "I went to see *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* last year at midnight and I plan on doing the same for part one of *Deathly Hallows*. It's going to be crazy!" Liam King says about the upcoming Harry Potter movie.

According to The Internet Movie Database the estimated amount of money

the box office expects to receive for this movie is about \$150,000,000!

Imagine spending 10 years of your life creating a movie series with this much anticipation. For the cast of *Harry Potter*, it is bittersweet making the final movie.

Splitting the movie into two parts may be a disappointment to many of the fans, but according to Alan F. Horn, an executive of Warner Bros., *Part Two* is "an extra hour and a half to celebrate what this franchise has been and do justice to all the words and ideas in the amazing story."

At a recent interview Daniel Radcliffe talks about splitting the movie into two parts, saying that "This is a road movie, particularly in *Part One* of the film. People have been so used to seeing Harry Potter at Hogwarts and we're just not there for the first part of the film. That seems to have really freshened things up, and hopefully will get people seeing the films with fresh eyes again, because it's a totally different look when you're not just sat in the

room the whole time."

So don't waste any time! Get ahead of the game and buy your tickets now on movietickets.com! It will be a movie to remember.



New Tech By Jessie Tetreault

Apple has come out with yet another updated gadget, the MacBook Air. This super thin, super light laptop has many new and improved characteristics. It has all flash storage which is essential to make this product so efficient. The multi-touch track pad is completely at your fingertips so you barely have to lift a finger. Its long-lasting battery is very efficient, and the high resolution display is crystal clear. The MacBook Air has facetime and is available in 11" and 13" and weighs about 2.3 pounds.

Many students at Enfield High have Apple products. Matt Schuell, junior, says, "My Apple product is

exuberant," about his iPod Touch. Junior, Mark Grimes talks about his Apple iPod nano when he says, "My iPod is awesome, I think it's an amazing product." Students love the iPod, but then some of them like to kick it up a notch with the iPhone from Apple.

"They're good quality," says junior, Evan Boissy about his iPhone.

Verizon has just come out with the Droid Incredible by HTC. It's an android, and it has an 8.0 megapixel camera, which is good quality for a camera on a cell phone. It also has a touch screen, Skype mobile and visual voice mail. It gets 4 stars from an HTC review on <http://reviews.cnet.com/droid-incredible-review>.



2010 MTV EMAs

By Jessie Tetreault and Halie Boucher



On November 7, 2010 in Madrid, Spain, Eva Longoria hosted the 2010 EMA's (European Music Awards).

Lady Gaga won three awards for Best Pop,

Best Female, and Best Song for "Bad Romance". Justin Bieber won awards for Best Push Act and Best Male, Eminem won Best Hip Hop, Paramore won Best Alternative, and Ke\$ha won

Best New Act. Special Guests from *Jersey Shore*, Pauly D, and Snooki presented the award for Best Pop.

At the EMA's there were performances by Rihanna, Miley Cyrus, Katy Perry, Bon Jovi, Kid Rock, Shakira, Kings of Leon, and Linkin Park. Katy Perry and Russell Brand also made their first public appearance as husband and wife at the EMA's since their wedding in India. Although Lady Gaga wasn't there, Ke\$ha

was the one whose outfit wasn't as elegant as others. Ke\$ha had on a ripped tank top and purple satin pants, not typically red carpet material but it's definitely her own style. The host Eva Longoria had a joke up her sleeve towards Lady Gaga, she came out in a ham costume and said "Lady Gaga couldn't be here tonight but she left this dress in the refrigerator backstage." Lady Gaga was reportedly outraged about the comment Longoria made and Gaga said "Hey Eva, your sense of humor? Right up there with your rapping skills!" . There is never a dull moment at any of the MTV Music Awards.

Thanksgiving Day Game

By Grace Hallak

For the first time in forty-two years, Enfield High school will not be up against town rival Fermi High School for the annual Thanksgiving Day game.

Reactions towards the tradition being broken are mostly negative. "I'm disappointed, it was a town tradition that's being lost and it's sad. It was a great event where students, parents, and alumni could reconnect," says Mrs. Hudson, a physical education teacher at EHS.

Despite the game not being against Fermi, the football players are still expecting a big turn out.

Not only is the big game the last game of the season, it is also Senior Day.

Along with the football players the Enfield High Varsity Cheer team will also be breaking the tradition of doing half-time with the Fermi Cheerleaders.

"It's annoying that we won't be able to watch Fermi perform during the game. We're used to using the football game to check out our future

competition for the season ahead of us. We usually come together and perform with Fermi. It was a fun way to not only combine rivalries but also to have unity within our town," says Cheerleading Captain Nicole Schlask.

However, hopes are still high that the last home football game for the 2010-2011 year will be a good one.

The students listed below will be recognized at the game on Thanksgiving.

Senior Football Players: Jack Reed, Mike Richardson, Kevin Merker (Captain), Josh Ouimet, Chris Noble, Nick VanOudenhove (Captain), Tony Young (Captain). Tyler Watts, Devin Ryan, Jeremy Chevalier, Andrew Buanno, Eric Gernux,, Jon Landry, Adrian Kluk (Captain), Mike Desmond, Josh Elco

Senior Cheerleaders: Jordan La-Russo, Alex-Amber Rossignol, Rebecca Schlask (Captain), Grace Hallak (Captain), Nicole Schlask (Captain)



VS.



Girl's Soccer Enters State Tournament by Jamie Green

The Enfield High Girls soccer team recently entered the state tournament. They are entered the tournament with a 9-6-1 record. The team is proud of themselves for being the only fall sport so far to make it into states.

The first team they faced was Woodland with a 9-5-2 record. Since the teams' records are extremely close it should be a good match. Whoever wins this game moves on in the tournament to play Joel Barlow, while the other team goes home defeated.

The team was anxious and ready to play. Both teams were ready to give it their all. This was what they have

worked for all season and it comes down to this game.

The game took place on Tuesday in Beacon Falls, Connecticut. Woodland Regional High School and Enfield High School started the fierce game at 2:00 on the Hawks home turf. The outcome of the game was not what the Raiders expected. The score was 3-1, a win for the Hawks.

At the end of the game the varsity coach Todd Zenzack said, "We just couldn't finish. The ball didn't bounce our way today. They didn't finish their opportunities. Bottom line."

Many family members came to support the raiders and said, "The girls put up a good fight, and they had a good sea-

son."

Although the season is over the girls walk away with an over-all winning season. They accomplished their first goal which was to make states, but many wanted more than that: To win the tournament.



V.S.



Gully Gang vs. Sasha Fierce

By Rachel Boulette

This year's Powder-Puff Football game was hosted by DECA and played Saturday, November 13th, at 5:00 p.m. under the lights. Benefits are going to the Enfield Food Shelf.

The Gully Gang is the name of the Senior Class' team and Sasha Fierce is a team consisting of Junior students from EHS.

The final score was 28-21, a victory for the Gully Gang. The game was fun with silly

penalties for "excessive wiggling," shivering, and eye-rolling.

For those of you who don't know, in a Powder-Puff football game the typical roles are reversed. The girls play flag football against each other while the boys are cheerleaders.

The referees were Officer Rochette and Mr. Duffy. The Senior Class' coach was Mr. Ramos and Mr. Sargalski was the Juniors'. The cheerleaders had help from Mr. Barnes and Mr. Rob-

bins to put on an entertaining halftime show and cheer on the girls.



Fall Sports Review

By: Dan Critz

All records as of 10/8

Football:

Record: (6-2)

Highlights: 31-16 win vs. Gilbert/NW Regional
27-26 win vs. Ellington/Somers



Andrew Buanno

Boys Soccer:

Record: (5-11)

Highlights: 1-0 win vs. Ellington

Lead Scorer: Mike Desroches

Field Hockey:

Record: (1-15)

Highlights: 3-0 win vs. Somers

Cross Country:

Boys: 9 wins

Girls: 1 win

Girls Soccer:

Record: (9-6-1) Ranked 19th in Class M and 4th in the NCCC conference

Highlights: 2-1 win vs. Granby

Lead Scorer: Megan Thompson

State Playoffs: 3-1 loss @ Woodland Regional



Tony Perrone

Girls Volleyball

Record: (2-16)

Highlights: Beating Fermi

Coach's Award: Catherine Oliver

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW:

by Brenton Buchholz

Hockey:

The Enfield Raider Hockey team looks to have a successful season this year. After finishing the season 9-11-0, there is room for improvement. Some important players have left the Raider lineup. However, the chemistry of the team has grown in a positive way.

On February 18, 2011, the Raider Hockey team will play a "Winter Classic," which is a game played outside. It will take place at Rentschler Field. The next day the team will play Fermi.

"The upcoming season looks very optimistic for us," says D.J. Trudeau, a forward for the team

Overall, the team is hoping for a successful season. The way it looks now, the team has a good chance at succeeding in their goals.

Basketball:

Boys:

Last season was definitely a season to remember. The team is hoping to repeat the success of last season and hopefully go further in the state championship. Their record last year of games within their league was 11-1-0. Their overall record was 20-6-0. These are impressive numbers that will give the team confidence as the new season approaches.



Girls:

After a not-so-successful season the girls basketball team will put in an effort to rebound from last year and create an excellent team.

"Our team is looking much better this year and it looks like we can get some wins this season," says varsity player Hannah Richards.

Some seniors have left, making a chance for younger player to come out and create some wins.

Wrestling:

Last year the Enfield Raiders had a successful season. They won the majority of their matches, and most importantly they beat the cross town rivals, Fermi, for the first time in ten years.

"We wrestled well, and we would love to improve, but the numbers are against us," says junior wrestler Jack Cimino.

However the team's old coach, Mr. Ramos will no longer be coaching. He is now coaching Agawam High School. The new coach is Mr. Olsen.

Indoor Track:

The indoor track team had an average season last year. However there is always room for improvement.

Hopefully, this season will bring success to our indoor track team with a new coach for the second year in a row.



Schools Merging

By Cameron Sutphin and Zack Peruta



With the recent talks about merging the two high schools there have been a lot of rumors. While some have merit, others do not. The purpose of this article is to give you, the reader, the facts about the schools merging.

The two most talked about options right now are using Fermi High School and paying for additions, or using Enfield High School, and using the Enfield Street School as an extension of Enfield High School, making it like a college campus. While some members of the Board Of Education favor the college campus idea, such as Ken Nelson and Bill Lee, others do not.

Teachers will be laid off, this is a fact. Most Board of Education members do not see a way to downsize and allow all of the teachers keep their jobs. "Teachers are worried about losing their jobs," says Ms. Boggio, an English teacher at Enfield High School. According

to Scott Kaupin, about 15-16 teachers will be laid off, while Bill Lee estimates about 10-15 positions. Either way, jobs will be lost.

Another question is how big will the class sizes be? Board of Education member Tom Sirard says, "We will not cram 30 students into a broom closet." Sirard estimates that the classes will have 22-27 students in them. While 27 is very close to 30, at least he is keeping his promise. There is no question no matter if classes have 22 or 27 students in them, this will affect learning. Larger classes take time away from the teacher to help students, harming the students' educational learning. While every member of Board Of Education and Town Council claims they have the students' best interests in mind, how can they say this when multiple studies have shown that large classes harm student learning?

Another question is, what will the new high school be named? Many Board of Education members do not

even want to address that issue until the plans for the school merger are final. However, of those that answered the question, most agreed that the new name should be Enfield High School, because it will be the only high school in town.

For now it looks like the two schools will be merged. However, it may not be for a while. Some Board Of Education members estimate this may take 5 to 25 years to complete. Keeping in mind, that if the Democrats come into power at anytime during the planning the plans will change, for better or worse. And if the Democrats do come into power and the Republicans regain power the plan will change again. While it is pretty definite the two schools will merge it is not definite when and a long way from actually happening.

Cell Phone Use in School

By Ben Hosley

Cell phone use is a highly debated topic in school, and there is always two sides to a debate. According to Pewinternet.org, 77% of students bring their cell phones to school every day while 31% claim to send or receive texts in class every day. Only 36% claim to have never done so in class. According to Commonsense media.org 35% **admit** to cheating with a cell phone at least once in school.

When looking at

these statistics, the reality becomes apparent that the large majority of kids bring their cell phone every day, and aren't afraid to use them. So how do we deal with this? If we ban cell phones the students will still surely use them, and if we give the kids an inch of freedom they'd likely try to take



a mile. It would be nice if we could use our phones at lunch, and during passing time, but could we honestly handle the responsibility? One of the main difficulties of course is that while we'd be allowed to text during lunch or passing time, the people we could be texting may not be, and may instead be in class.

Would students handle responsibility, A member of the EHS faculty said "Some will and others won't. There are always people who believe they are above the rules and policies. Like you said, if we give them an inch, a few are going to go for that mile."

Would more freedom to use cell phone would make it more or less difficult to regulate cell phone usage? One teacher replied, "Enforcement is a challenge no matter what the policy is. In my opinion, all or nothing is easier to enforce than sometimes and some things."

It would be enjoyable to be able to use our cell phones at lunch or during passing time, but until we see more responsible use of phones in the classes, I doubt we'll ever be allowed that freedom.