

FALL, 2013 *Student Council Officers elected!*

Election was held on Nov. 14 for Student Council officers.

Most of the school participated in voting.

Results:

Janay—President

Saequan—Vice President

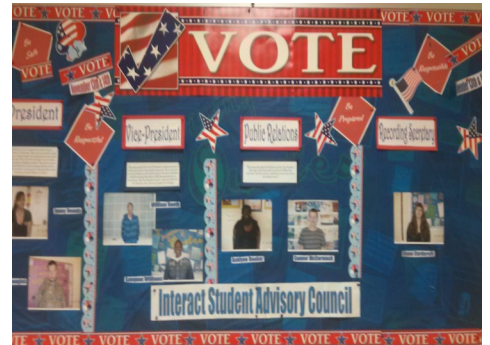
Connor—Public Relations

Alana—Secretary

By William B.

What does the student council do?

1. *The Council developed a library and collected over 1000 books!*
2. *The Council promotes PBIS values*
3. *The Council meetings are open to all students.*



Student of the Month for October is Jay P.

Jay attended the *Student of the Month* Luncheon with Mrs. Fishberg and Mrs. Berg, at Christo's in Poughkeepsie. Jay received an award recognition at this prestigious event. He was recognized for his exemplary attendance and behavior at school and in the community.

Jay is a member of **BOCES School-to-Work** program and works in the food industry to gain experience for his dream of becoming a chef. Jay is proud to be a member of the PBIS Student Council and the Helping Hands Club. Jay said, "most of all, I enjoy helping people."



World Kindness Day

was Nov13th.

Poster displays a list of kind comments about students!

BETA students and teacher Hands are already helping in the community!

The Helping Hands Committee consists of students and staff volunteering in the community.

Students and staff volunteers assist with food services at the **Lunch Box** at Family Partnerships in Poughkeepsie. Food service includes preparing, serving, and cleaning while providing comfort to the many needy community members.



Presently, students and staff are stuffing envelopes for a massive mailing for **Dutchess Outreach**.

Holiday Shoeboxes are being filled with personal goods to benefit homeless members of our community.

Those are a few of the projects that the Helping Hands Committee has planned for the community.

Volunteers are welcome and every hand is appreciated.





Kyle's Jokes

Police Chief: As a recruit, you'll be faced with some difficult issues. What would you do if you had to arrest your mother?

New Recruit: Call for backup!

A young man comes running into a store and says to his buddy, "Bubba, some body just stole your pickup truck from the parking lot.!"

Bubba replies: "Did you see who it was?"

The young man answers: "I couldn't tell, but I got his license number."

Beautiful World

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By Stephanie G.

Such an old house on a very old ranch

Such an old tree with only so many branches

She's the third child in her family how many more yet to come?

What's the most important thing in their lane? A family member,

a dog, or maybe even some of both

They call her Grandma Moses who knows why

She painted the Earth, Sea and the Sky.



Depression Is...

They say to "just get over it"
"I wish I could" I say
Living with depression day by day
The memories just won't go away

Depression is medication not helping in any way

It makes my heart decay
All my feelings gather up in my heart
And I just wanna fall to the ground and cry

Depression is being tired,
But never being able to sleep
It feels like your dying inside
All you ever wanna do is cry

Depression is feeling lonely,
In a room full of people
Longing to be with others
But not being able to cope with the company

Depression is sorrow in your heart
Knowing your best isn't enough
Living it day by day
And night by night

Depression is a thief of happiness
Like all thieves,
Depression has to be fought,
And defeated

Depression is not wanting to eat
Cutting and scratching at your skin
Being alone in your room 'till the morning
And sleeping all day when you get home.

Depression is arguing with
Your family every single day
Not being able to ever say
"I love you" with meaning.



THE MOTHMAN
BASED ON A TRUE STORY

By Connor M.

Some things in this world are mysterious and vague, things like the Mothman. The Mothman was a creature that was seen at Point Pleasant, West Virginia from November 15, 1966 to December 15, 1967. On November 15, 1966 two young couples from Point Pleasant told police that they saw a large flying creature who had glowing red eyes who followed their car to an abandoned dynamite factory.

In the next few days other people reported similar sightings, and they kept becoming more and more frequent. Two volunteer firemen reported a "flying thing with



glowing red eyes" to authorities. On December 15, 1967 the silver bridge, which was located at Point Pleasant, collapsed. After that tragic event, no sightings of the Mothman were never seen at Point Pleasant again.

People thought of him as a creature that tried to warn everyone of the coming collapse and a prophet who tried to save everyone. People say that they see him before other tragedies, such as sightings at Chernobyl and other sites of disasters.

So remember everyone, if you see the Mothman, be prepared!



Library Center will be in Room 131

Collection of over 1000 books!



Students held a badminton tournament to decide a school champion. The tournament was formatted in a double elimination style, therefore players must lose twice before being eliminated. Six students played in the finals and the championship match was played between Ricky and Josh BETA's badminton champion is Ricky C.

The Walkway Over the Hudson Field trip was not only beautiful but also counted towards gym credit! A bus filled with BETA staff and students enjoyed the crisp fall air on the world's longest pedestrian bridge known as The Walkway Over The Hudson. These beautiful photos were taken by Connor, William, and Alana.



GREEN
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TEAM



When you enter the building, one of the first things you will see is a table with boxes. It's the Green Team collection station where you can dispose batteries, eye glasses, newspapers, cell phones, and ink cartridges. The Green Team placed boxes in each classroom to collect bottles and paper.

Newsletter Club

This issue was created by:

Alana—Drawings and some Photos

Stephanie— Poetry

Caliegh—Poetry

Kyle—Jokes

William— Student Council article

Connor— Mothman, Walkway, Youth Forum and some photos

Ryan—Badminton article

Lindsey—Anime article

IMPORTANT!

Writers will be meeting every Thursday 4C to develop a book of original stories.



The BETA Bingo was FUN!!!

Over 25 students participated. Prizes given included gift cards and shirts. Everyone received a "goody bag" filled with candy and prizes!!! Everything was donated and everyone had fun.



Thirteen students from Mrs. Babb's class went to the movie "Catching Fire" only two days after it's opening!