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PR LOCAL

The Blizzard of Oz:

Despite Power Outage, it's on with the Show for Wizard

BRANDON PIERCE STAFF REPORTER

Last week the PR stage was host to the cast and crew of the production of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. These students were hard at work for months preparing for this show. The big opening night came and was a massive success. All the proceeds made during the show went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and on opening night the show was a hit. Audiences were eager to see the show again on either Thursday or Friday after opening on Wednesday. Those wishes were soon to be cut short.

It was Thursday morning when I first started to worry about whether or not the show would be able to go on that night. I eased my mind when I remembered the old saying, "The show must go on; come rain, come shine, come snow, come sleet, the show must go on..." I laughed at myself for getting worked up over nothing. I get through the rest of the day, all the while I was oblivious to the storm a brewing outside. As I walked to the bus after school, my fears come back once I realize the harsh conditions the district was experiencing.

After getting myself food and looking over my lines one last time, I go back to the school to prepare for the show. Everything was going as planned: everyone was there on time safely, all the mics were working properly, and no props were missing, but something just wasn't right. I just assumed I was letting my nerves get the best of me as I stared out the windows to the blizzard that was outside. The "Blizzard of Oz" as we called it, but as the rules say, "the show must go on."

The show starts as normal and everything was going as smooth as butter. Everyone was doing a great job and were really on their A game for the night. As we were about to start scene five, I realized along with a few other cast members that there were no lights on. I just assumed someone in the light booth forgot to turn them on, so the four of us that were in that scene decide to go on. Then, as we were making up lines to stall for time, everyone in the room heard the announcement over the speakers: "Ladies and gentlemen, we just lost power." I could not even fathom that. Never in my life did I imagine the power going out during the show, but there I was, in a dark auditorium, in a lion costume. So, I just played it off as if it was part of the show. I literally ran off the stage whimpering as a cowardly lion does. It was only when I got off stage did it hit me that we wouldn't be able to do the show. Sure enough, the show was shortly cancelled and so was the one scheduled for the next day.

Fortunately, we are were able to reschedule the show for December 7th, at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there.



Hit the Slopes

Good News for Skiers and Snowboarders

MADDIE JEWART STAFF REPORTER

When most people hear that Pennsylvania is in for a snowy, blistering cold winter, they groaned in annoyance. The icy cold temperature, and heavy snowfall is an inconvenience for many. But what is horrible news for most, is fantastic for skiers and snowboarders.

The previous skiing/snowboarding season was fairly rough. For the start of the season, many slopes and trails were closed off due to a lack of snow, and the slopes that were open were icy, and of poor quality. While the season brought many fun experiences, the slopes just weren't up to par.

Sophomore Nate Sharp said, "I had so much fun with my friends last season, but the slopes at seven springs were not that good. It was a pretty warm winter and we didn't get a lot of good snow, but so far it's looking better for this year. Hopefully everything turns out well. If not, I'm sure I'll still have a good time."

Early snow storms are giving many people hope for a good ski season. The Farmer's Almanac website said, "Winter is coming, and according to the Farmer's Almanac's famous long-range weather outlook, it's going to be a 'teeth chattering' cold one, with plenty of snow."

Sophomore Kayla Laird said, "I'm super excited for this coming season. Ski club is so much fun and the weather is looking pretty awesome for skiing. It already snowed a lot and it's not even December yet."

Although the weather looks bleak for most, ski club is gearing up for a great season on the slopes.

JUST FOR FUN

What Grinds my Gears:

When People Walk on the Wrong side of the Hallway

JACOB GONGAWARE STAFF WRITE

Imagine this: you are on your way to your favorite class of the day. You're in your own world listening to your favorite song on your headphones, walking on the right side of the hallway, and the BAM, you slam into a little freshman and get a concussion. What a way to ruin your day. And what upsets you the most is how easily this could've been avoided.

In high school, one of the most annoying actions you can do, is walk on the wrong side of the hallway. The worst part of my day is when I walk around a corner and slam into to someone walking on the wrong side. People need to realize that you always walk on the right side of the hallway, it's exactly like driving. You just hold people up and cause accidents when you are on the wrong side of the hallway. When you are on your way to a class and you slam into a little freshman that is walking on the left side instead of the right, it ruins your day. It is such an unfortunate event. Also, it is super annoying because it is such an easy event to avoid. All the person has to do, is walk on the other side of the hallway. Is that really so hard?

Instead of getting suspended for doing little things, the administration should suspend people for doing this, then it wouldn't ever happen.

Advice to all people: walk on the right side of the hallway.

FYI:

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY: On November 21st, several PRHS athletes participated in National Signing Day. In baseball, Jared Armstrong signed to play shortstop at High Point University. Josh Johnson signed to play baseball and study physical therapy at Kent State University. Troy LaNeve signed to play baseball and study psychology at Vanderbilt University. Matthew Wood signed to play baseball and study business management at Penn State University. Lauren Peterman signed to play field hockey and study secondary English Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Lauren Freyvogel signed to play golf and study business at Penn State University. Ben Barnes signed to play lacrosse and study cybersecurity at Seton Hill University. Carly Switala signed to play lacrosse and study biology at Shippensburg University. Alaina Kalin signed to play soccer and study criminal justice at Indiana University, Bloomington. Madelyn Schieder signed to play volleyball and study communications at Villanova University. Congratulations and good luck to all.

Light Up My Night: *Let's Get Into the Christmas Spirit*

ALEXA DEZELAN STAFF REPORTER

To welcome in the Christmas spirit, my friends and I went to Sewickley Light Up Night.

We first started the night off by going to an Italian restaurant called Mambo Italia. The service was okay but the food was excellent. As we ordered dessert, we looked out the restaurant window: the sky started to get dark and the lights were lit up, setting the tone of the night. My friends and I left before the parents did to get a head start on the great night ahead.

As we walked outside we were accompanied by the smell of food trucks, a cold breeze hitting your back, lights on stores and every tree in sight and Christmas music playing. As we walked through the streets we entered clothing shops that were way out of my budget and stores with Christmas decorations. After walking around we decided to take a carriage ride. As we waited in line for 20 minutes, we took pictures as we eagerly waited for a five minute ride pulled but horses. The ride was beautiful seeing the whole Light Up Night; it was definitely worth the wait. After the ride, we walked to Starbucks to get some cookies and hot chocolate. As we waited in line, we saw fireworks through the window. The hot chocolate warmed us up on a cold night. Walking out of the store, we ran into my friend's sister. She explained to us that after we left the restaurant, Sidney Crosby, Jack Johnson, and Matt Cullen and a few of their family and friends came into the restaurant. We quickly ran back to the place we first started out and were surprised to see them. Now, I might be the biggest hockey fan ever, so I'm freaking out. The people working the restaurant quickly made us leave, but it's safe to say I made eye contact with Crosby and Cullen which is big being a hockey fan. Later we left and went home.

It was a fantastic night.

FYI:

The PSAT scores were released to the district this past Monday morning. The scores have been uploaded to your Naviance accounts. However, the detailed report will not be available until December 10th. Students, please check your email regarding details.

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