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Get to Know Mr. Salopek: PR Welcomes a New Assistant Principal



A New Face: New Assistant Principal Mr. Salopek meets the Rampage Staff: Ben Luiken, Maddie Jewart, Ethan Silipo, Aidan Pavlick, Brandon Pierce, Cameron Perkins, Abby Moreland, Maggie Allwein, and Lexa Dezelan

ETHAN SILIPO STAFF REPORTER

Although the school year is almost finished, PR is still working hard to enhance the experience for students every day. Recently a new assistant principal was hired with the intent to help students in their everyday work while also helping the school to run behind closed doors. This assistant principal goes by the name of Mr. Salopek, and he is perfectly suited for the job.

Before coming to PR, Mr. Salopek was a history teacher at North Allegheny. He said he believes that his teaching background can be beneficial to his new job at PR. As a teacher he was able to interact and speak with students effectively, and this skill is useful as he will encounter many students each day. However, he said he will miss teaching in the classroom.

Despite only being in PR for a few weeks, Mr. Salopek feels very welcomed. He even mentioned, "I was caught off guard by how nice everyone was" when he first came to the building. Within a very short period of time, Mr. Salopek can already say that PR "feels like home."

After observing students at the high school for just a few weeks, he recognizes that students feel pressured to succeed, but he hopes to help minimize their stress. Over in NA where Salopek used to work, there were stress management teams offered to students, so Salopek plans to replicate this concept in PR.

Mr. Salopek said he wants to establish himself as a person who is connected to students, not just some big, scary assistant principal. Mr. Salopek has settled in nicely with a great school and staff around him, but he gives the following advice to all students: be confident in who you are and do not be afraid to ask questions.

Mark Your Calendar for End of the Year Events

CAMERON PERKINS STAFF REPORTER

With only a few weeks left in the school year, students are looking forward to summer vacation. However, the last month of school is still a busy time, and many events and activities are still to come before the last day of school. Spring sports such as track, lacrosse, baseball, and softball are in the middle of busy seasons.

Additionally, many clubs are planning their last meetings of the year. Students often lack motivation in the fourth quarter, but with a large schedule of events from now until June, there is a lot to look forward to.

You won't want to forget about these important dates, so don't forget to mark your calendars.



- 5/13-14 Algebra I Keystone Exam
- 5/16-17 Literature Keystone Exam
- 5/20-21 Biology Keystone Exam
- 5/27 Memorial Day, No School
- 6/6 Half day, Last day of school for underclassmen
- 6/7 Graduation
- 6/13 Report Cards available electronically

FEATURES

The Evolution of Music

Rocking Through the Ages

BRANDON PIERCE STAFF REPORTER

For thousands of years, humans have been creating music. It is safe to say that music has certainly changed a lot since it was first introduced back during the Prehistoric era by cavemen beating their clubs against the cave floor. That is probably for the better, but it doesn't mean that music takes different elements from its predecessors.

Music is used everywhere. To fully understand music, one has to understand what music is. Music can be considered anything that makes sound. Anything can be "music to your ears," especially with everybody having their own preference.

Although music can be anything, it is most commonly presented with either instruments or vocals, or a combination of both. There are so many different instruments used throughout the world that allow for anything to be considered music. Even hitting empty trash cans can be considered music if you use your imagination. Regardless of what music is to you, there is tons of it in the world.

Music is everywhere you look. You will never find a movie without music in it, but music in movies and television has so much information in it to make another article. Music offers so many professions in addition to just entertainment. For example, there are managers, sound editors, singers, instrumentalists, performers, etc.

Music can be used in dancing, singing, and even for communicating information. A very popular time to listen to music was through radios. Radios allowed for many people to listen to music at once, and musicians were able to distribute their art through radios.

The most common music we hear nowadays is pop and rap, but it was not always that way. There are countless types of music genres that allow for everyone to find their jams. With programs like Spotify and Youtube, everyone can access their favorite tunes within seconds. That's the beauty of the modern world.

DANCE TEAM: Anyone interested in trying out for the 2019 - 2020 PRHS Dance Team should email Mrs. Deal at her e-mail

address, kdeal@pinerichland.org

. Tryout nights are May 14th through the 16th at the middle school right after school.

What it's like to move throughout your life

What I've learned

ALEXA DEZELAN STAFF REPORTER

Take it from me: you're beyond lucky if you grew up in the same place your whole life. You're surrounded by people you grew up with when you were little and will always know everyone. I know you're reading this and thinking to yourself that you have been surrounded by the same people your whole life and you just want out of here, and I wish I had that experience.

I grew up in the West Allegheny end of town for ten years. Then I moved to New York for three years, Texas for three years and now I am here. A lot of my friends are seniors which means they are graduating. All the people they've grown up with are leaving with them. Lifelong friends. Moving around I never had friends that I knew all my life.

There seems to be more of a nostalgic feeling from knowing some people for so long. Although I am lucky to have met and have known a lot more people throughout my life, I sincerely wish I just stuck in one place. I feel like I would have gotten a completely different high school experience.

I wonder how differently my life would be turned out if I didn't move. Who would've been my friends? Would I hate high school more from being around the same people for so long? If I am being honest, I never hated high school. Actually, I love it. Although, I doubt I'd have the same feeling if I stayed at West A. Meeting new people all the time was fun and I never got bored of being around them.

What do you think, PR? Stop by the newsroom 217 to tell us your story.

When Will Warm Weather Come?

I just want it to be summer

ABBY MORELAND STAFF REPORTER

The past few weeks students have been talking a lot about fourth quarter and all the hard work so far, but have you thought about the one good thing about fourth quarter? Two words: warm weather. We all get sick of the cold at some point, right? I know I do. With it now being May, the warm weather starts to roll in, and I think that most of us can't wait. Boys will be able to wear shorts again, girls will be able to wear sandals, and we will all be getting in ready for school to be out, and summer to roll in.

When all your teachers start to tell you the end of the year plan and tell you that you only have one or two more lessons, you get excited and really feel that summer vibe coming on.

And yes, people like the cold, but aren't we done with winter? I mean, it is the beginning of May and we still are wearing long sleeves.

April and May bring rain which means even if the warm weather starts to come, it won't be sunny for a while. Luckily we only have a few more weeks of May and June will be the month we've all been waiting for.

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SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!**

