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Red, White, and Blue Night

Seniors Win Again!

On Thursday, December 1st, all of the grades gathered together to compete in a variety of relays and competitions including skin the snake, tug-of-war, and the dizzy bat relay. Each grade displayed their school spirit and showed up decked out in their class colors. The seniors claimed first by a landslide while the sophomores had a good showing for their first year and were able to end in second place. Unfortunately, the juniors suffered a last place finish but are ready to fight for a first place finish next year. Overall, Red, White, and Blue night was successful yet again.



The seniors claim their trophy.

Senior Julia Suplick climbed to the top of the human pyramid. She said, "It was cool to look up into the crowd and see everyone in your grade cheering for you!"

Senior Dominic DeFonso achieved his goal of limbo champion. "All of my hard work and dedication finally paid off," he said.

Senior Brooke Allen ran a speedy three-legged race. According to her, "Long strides are key."



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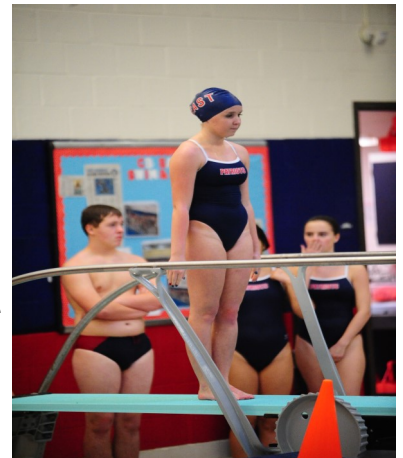
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Gillick Shines for East Swimming and Diving

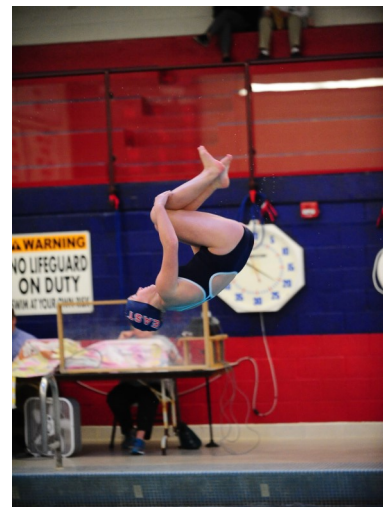
By Isobel Mannino

So far this season the East swimming and diving team has had three meets. Their outstanding performances has led them to be undefeated, and they hope to continue this trend as the season goes on. One of our own divers, Kylene Gillick, has recently committed to the University of North Carolina Wilmington for Gillick has been diving for seven years and is also one of the captains on the team. She contributes six dives per meet and is a crucial member of the team. When asked what her main goal is for the season she says, "to beat the team record which hasn't been broken since 1981, and to go to states". Gillick shows a lot of love when talking about the team and describes them as a family. She also adds, "I'm going to miss the supportive members of the team and pasta parties the most when I go to college."

When asked why Gillick chose UNC Wilmington she explained how much she loves the campus and the team there. She also mentioned how the campus is a perfect fit for her and it's only five miles from the beach. Gillick said, "The town around the campus has that southern feel and contains a ton of fun things to do." We wish the East swimming and diving team the best of luck as their season continues and urge students to come out and watch some of the meets!



Kylene Gillick



Kylene Gillick



Drew DeRosier, Kylene Gillick, and Erin Schick

White Christmas

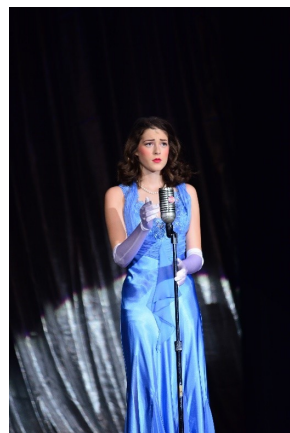
By Alli Herbine

The CB East Patriot Players put on a breathtaking performance of *White Christmas* to begin the season with joyful holiday spirit. Nicole Banchik and James Gillen starred as Betty and Bob, with Savannah Bourke and Tyler McClellan as Judy and Phil. In the musical, the four friends end up together in Vermont, hoping for a White Christmas. They arrive only to discover that, to everyone's surprise, there is no snow in Vermont.

There, Bob and Phil encounter the hotel owner and their former army officer, General Waverly, played by Colin Kase. They also meet his wife Martha, played by Maggie Mershon, and granddaughter Susan, played by Brooke Grant. Both Maggie and Brooke did an incredible job of entertaining the audience with their humor. To lift the overall mood in the deserted Vermont hotel, Bob and Phil, being TV show hosts themselves, decide to host a show in the hotel. The show highlights dances by Bob, Phil, and their new friends Judy and Betty. Martha puts on an entertaining performance to convince the friends to include her in the show as well.

Along with the amazing cast, the crew's set design enhanced the performance immensely. According to Savannah Bourke, "The show was a spectacular reflection of how skilled and artistically creative the crew is."

Overall, the show incorporated it all: a bit of humor, love, friends, and family. It concluded with a finale of "White Christmas." Anneliese Zazyczny said, "We worked very long and hard on the production, and we couldn't have asked for a better performance."



Senior Nicole Banchik as Betty



Senior Maggie Mershon as Martha



The cast performs the train scene and sings "Snow."



The cast sings the classic song "White Christmas" to close the show.

Fall Musical

Spirit Week



Tess McInerney, Sydney Rice, Shannon McGovern, Nick Penizotto, Kyle Feasby, and Taylor Eck show off their college apparel.



Mrs. Kelleher and Mr. Gorlick wear their Penn State jerseys with pride.



Christian Hanna, Tom Hanlon, Alex Kalaigian, James Kacsur display their class colors in preparation for Red, White, and Blue Night.

Red, White, & Blue



Megan Browne and Jacque Eckert "skin the snake."



Marshall Duncan participates in the limbo competition.



Lizzie Shack attempts to pop the balloon.



Andrew Lapeire takes part in the life saver relay.



Mike Glauber holds up his Rubik's Cube.



Nate Penizotto prepares to hit the ball in dizzy bat.



The quintet sings "The Best Things Happen While You're Dancing."



Nicole Banchik and Savannah Bourke prepare to perform "Sisters."



Matt Delfini cleans the barn before the Christmas show cast arrives.



James Gillen and Tyler McClellan sing "What Can You Do With a General?"



Brooke Grant and Maggie Mershon review the mail to find a letter from D.C. for General Waverly.



Select Dancers perform the musical number "Blue Skies."



Nicole Hawley and Carly Arnold show their costume ideas to Tyler McClellan.

Boys' Basketball

Basketball Season Preview

By Madison Rossi

Last year's record: 16-11

Key losses: Many games were lost by only 4 points.

Key additions: Sophomore Nick Roggio contributes to the team with his height and ability to get rebounds.



Senior Matt Pattysen

What significant moves were made in the offseason?

According to senior Cooper Fink, "Due to our loss of last year's seniors, Tiemo Fenner and Blake Peterson, we have been lacking in height. During our offseason, we have been working to adapt to playing with a smaller team."

What are the team's biggest strengths?

Throughout preseason, the team has established that their biggest strengths are shooting and speed. Additionally, Fink stated, "Many of us have playing together for at least three years, and our chemistry only grows." The team's willingness to work together will set them apart in the upcoming season.

What are the team's biggest weaknesses?

The team's absence of height is going to weaken their rebound skills, but because of their pre-season training, they have become accustomed it. They have been working hard to eliminate this issue by creating new strategies to unsettle the opposition.

What are the goals for this team?

The team wants to go state playoffs just like last year, but Fink says, "We want more." Last season, they made playoffs but lost in the first round. They are determined to do more than just that. Their main goal for the season is to go as far as possible.

Predictions?

The team has a very good chance of winning the conference and going far in districts. Also, they hope to make it to states. Overall, this basketball season should be an exciting and eventful one.

ABC Family's 25 Day Christmas Countdown

By Sara Donnelly

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!"

ABC Family airs an annual 25 day Christmas countdown special. They play fan favorites such as *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Elf*, *The Polar Express* and *Home Alone*. Here are some classics that are going to be aired this holiday season:

December 20

11:15 a.m. *Home Alone 3*

8:50 p.m. *The Santa Clause*

December 21

6:20 p.m. *Toy Story That Time Forgot*

8:55 p.m. *Elf*

December 22

4:10 p.m. *Frosty's Winter Wonderland*

8:55 p.m. *Jingle All The Way*

December 23

3:00 p.m. *Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas*

5:40 p.m. *The Year Without a Santa Claus*

December 24

3:30 p.m. *The Polar Express*

11:55 p.m. *Scrooged*

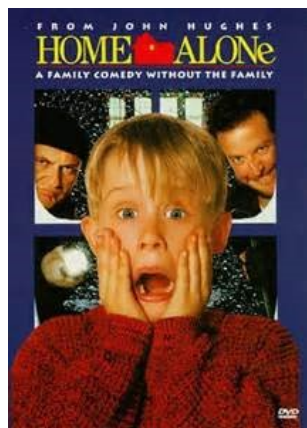
December 25

3:30 p.m. *Santa Claus is Comin' to Town*

7:45 p.m. *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*



A great way to get in the holiday spirit is to watch your favorite Christmas movies! On that note, "Bye Buddy! I hope you find your Dad!"



Holiday Playlist

2016 Holiday Playlist

By Sarah Donnelly and Courtney Keen

1. All I Want for Christmas Is You – Mariah Carey
2. Santa Tell Me – Ariana Grande
3. Last Christmas – Taylor Swift
4. Mistletoe – Justin Bieber
5. Jingle Bell Rock – Bobby Helms
6. Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree – Brenda Lee
7. Run Rudolph Run – Chuck Berry
8. Drummer Boy – Justin Bieber
9. The Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Andy Williams
10. Santa Claus is Comin' to Town – Frank Sinatra
11. Winter Wonderland – Leon Redbone
12. Baby It's Cold Outside – Tony Bennet & Lady Gaga
13. Deck the Halls – Nat King Cole
14. Feliz Navidad – Jose Feliciano
15. I Have a Little Dreidel – Rockapella
16. The Kwanzaa Song – Billy Paul Williams
17. Winter Wonderland – Pentatonix
18. Jingle Bells – Michael Bublé
19. A Holly Jolly Christmas – Burl Ives
20. Frosty the Snowman – The Jackson 5

