

PC HOMECOMING WEEK 2023

By: Emani Murphy

Pearl-Cohn's 2023 Homecoming week was Sept. 25-29 and included five spirit days, a pep rally, Homecoming Court and game on Friday night against Whites Creek. Spirit week gives not just students but teachers and administrator a time to express their creativity and humor with others in the school and the Student Government did an excellent job of creating activities and dress up days during Homecoming week for all to enjoy.

Spirit week started off on Monday with a Country vs. Country Club theme. The students wore tennis skirts, visors, and sweater vests for a country club look with some carrying golf clubs and tennis rackets to represent. Others who dressed country wore cowgirl boots and a plaid fleece shirt with cowboy hats and overalls to complete their look. For Tuesday, the theme was BBQ Dads vs. Soccer Moms and students who dressed as BBQ dads wore aprons and fisherman shoes aka "Jesus sandals," some even stuffed their shirt to make a fake belly. Soccer moms wore fitness clothing and some also stuffed their shirts to appear as pregnant and carried cups with straws and wore sunglasses. Of course, on Wednesday "We Wear PINK", an idea originally from the movie "Mean Girls," where the whole school was encouraged to wear pink attire. Anything But a Backpack Day was Thursday's theme and students brought strollers, crates, suitcases, drink coolers and etcetera to carry their things instead of backpacks. The final day of our spirit week gave the students a day to dress as their favorite celebrity with students coming dressed as actors, athletes, many different music artists and more.

On Friday, Pearl-Cohn had a pep rally to showcase the Homecoming Court; the Firebird pride and good vibes filled the room as the student body all came together in the gym to celebrate. Each grade level voted for a girl to represent them on the Homecoming Court with Amani Moses representing the Freshman Class, Sophomores elected Aryanna Jones, and the Junior class elected Dyna'C Davis. The three seniors who were elected were Jayla Beard, Cha'Raya Hawkins and Miyah Martin. All ladies had great campaigns, but our Firebirds placed a final vote and Miyah Martin won as the class of 2023 Homecoming queen. During the Homecoming night, alumni were invited to come out of retirement and join with the band and majorettes. This was a sold-out game and Firebirds of almost every graduating class was represented in the stadium. On this night HOCO 23' we played Whites Creek High School, the game ended with an eye-popping score of 49-0, full blow out!! Senior Britney Riddley stated, "The pep and On Wednesday We Wear PINK were my two favorite things that happened during spirit week."



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Homecoming Spirit Days



Tennessee Titan Linebacker, Azeez Al-Shaair, Inspires Students and Athletes at Pearl-Cohn



Azeez Al-Shaair speaks to PC Freshman Academy and football players.

By: Jada Parr

Tennessee Titans starting linebacker Azeez Al-Shaair, came to inspire the students at Pearl-Cohn High School with the message, it does not matter about the circumstance but your mindset. The football player came Tuesday, Oct. 3 to tell the students about his upbringing and how he realized he needed a plan to stay off the wrong track.

Al-Shaair stated, "I talked to y'all about circumstances and mindset, and as I started to change my mindset and trust in God and work as hard as I can, everything else will take care of it itself." He feels that if students and athletes do the best they can and make grades, the offers and scholarships will start to come. Al-Shaair said that his mom told him that if he really wants something then he will sacrifice anything for it, and this makes him keep his head up and out of the way.

"I was homeless throughout my whole life and the schools would ask if I had housing and that made me uncomfortable, but I had a mentor at the Boys and Girls

Club that came from FAU (Florida Atlantic University) come and talk to me after school and the conversation felt so personal because he did not care about my personal life, so I chose that school."

Al-Shaair encouraged student athletes to choose a school that has their best interest and not just a school because of how good they sound. Al-Shaair also said that at a younger age, joining a junior football league had discouraged him because it turns out he was not as good at football as his grandfather had made him feel he was.



Coach Welch, Coach Brunetti and Rashed Fakhruddin present Al-Shaair with a PC jersey.

When Al-Shaair did not perform well, nobody told him that he must keep going to get better, so in return he stopped until his mother encouraged him again. At the end of the talk, he began to joke around with the students and made sure to instill in them that mindset is always over circumstances.

The New Era of the Pearl Cohn Wrestling Team

By: Donald Bell

The interest meeting for the boys and girls wrestling team took place on Sept. 28 in the auditorium. The season will start on October 30th and the interest meeting let potential wrestlers know the requirements for the season. Conditioning started on Oct. 16 after school. The head coach is Coach Hudson and assistant coach is Coach Rodenburg. Coach Hudson, teaches African American Studies and has been coaching for three years stating, "I became a coach due to my love for the art of wrestling, and I love wrestling because of what it can do physically and mentally, and the life lessons it can teach you." The coaches will decide who is on his team based off dedication, willingness to work and passion. Coach Hudson hopes the wrestlers, "Come with an open mind and

be willing to work hard and put in the dedication to be a state champ." You can contact Coach Hudson about wrestling in room 210, emailing him at Dominic.hudson@nmmps.org, or talk to Coach Rodenburg.



Coach Hudson and Coach Rodenburg speak with potential wrestlers at the early morning interest meeting on Sept. 28.

PC Blood Drive



By: Tredasha White

There is a major blood shortage, the national blood supply has nearly dropped 25% since early August which could have a bad effect on many people who really need blood to save their life. To help with the efforts, Pearl-Cohn High School have teamed up with blood insurance to host a blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 21 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the gym.

Some students had reservations about donating blood but according to Coach Welch, “for those of you who are young and have concerns about it there aren’t any major risk.” Each person that donates blood saves three lives which is something Coach Welch wants to understand what exactly they are taking part in by donating stating, “I think it’s important that our students should realize that you can have an impact on yourself, just by doing a simple task, doing something that’s priceless you can help the community with.” Welch also stated, “I would like to encourage everybody if you do it this time to keep getting your points if you don’t do it (donate blood) this time you can do it at a local blood drive and get your points to get your cord for graduation.”

Donating in the blood drive impacted many and some students when donated reflected on a time when their friends or family needed blood. Senior Caleb Davis stated, “This is an important thing to me because when I was younger it made me think about when I was younger, and I had to donate blood to save my grandmother and I want to save other lives because of it.”

The Pearl-Cohn Blood Drive is one of many ways you can save a life. If interested, please contact your local blood bank, and think of if your loved one was in trouble would you do.



Caleb Davis saves a life donating blood at the PC blood drive.

Pearl-Cohn Bowling Team Returns

By: DeShawn Hawkins

Going bowling with friends from school can be incredibly fun when you are winning. Pearl-Cohn has brought bowling back after a hiatus, now you can join and be a part of the action.

Pearl-Cohn High School is creating a bowling team for those who like bowling or want to try it out. The bowling team will be led by Mr. Pomerantz who has a high score of 168 and bowls an average of 120 a game. He took this position because ever since he was young, Mr. Pomerantz said, “I’ve loved bowling with my family and having fun,” so he wanted to bring that same feeling to Pearl-Cohn so the students can feel the same way he did when he was younger. Pomerantz wants to give students who do not play sports a chance to do something outside of schoolwork at Pearl-Cohn. Mr. Pomerantz gave us an idea of what will the season looks like, “the season will consist of games from October through November with 14 games, with two games a week, facing other teams in Nashville.” He plans for the season to go well and see growth in students bowling skills and wants to see if anyone can beat his high score of 168. 12 students have signed up to be a part of the Pearl-Cohn bowling team at the moment. If you are interested in joining, see Mr. Pomerantz or scan one of the

QR codes posted around the school. Pearl-Cohn has not had a bowling team for the last few years. Senior Roy’Dez Jones says he is excited for the upcoming season because, “out of all my four years here, we have never had a bowling team.” Jones will be playing on the bowling team, and he believes, “the season will start off rough around the beginning, but we will pick up more and more into the season.”



First year Pearl-Cohn teacher Mr. Pomerantz is ready for bowling season! See him to sign up to play or get a schedule to watch the Firebirds bowl!



Is the Nashville Fair Worth it?



The Nashville Fair was welcomed into town to mixed reviews.

By: Erianna Thomas

The Nashville Fair was back in full swing this year in South Nashville from Sept. 8- 17. It called all Pearl-Cohn students, faculty, staff, family, and friends to enjoy a night, or weekend, of fun; or so they thought.

There were many rides and food places to pick from and one truck had all the fan favorites; burgers, loaded fries, Philly cheese steak, chicken tenders, lemonade, etc... Many of the rides were from last year but they

made some new additions. "The Fireball one was sooo lame. These are all kiddie rides," fellow Pearl-Cohn student Jakayla

Morris said. This new ride consisted of a loop that takes you around and around and even leaves you hanging upside down in the air for a couple seconds. While interviewing multiple fair goers, there were many complaints. "The rides didn't feel secure," Morris said. "One of the rides only had a string to strap me down. Honestly, it's just ghetto but I'm not surprised because it is located out south," Morris is inferring that out south is a bad part of Nashville and having a fair down there was a horrible decision.

The fair had bad parking, especially if you got there at a later time. "We had to park all the way on the racetrack and still walk like half a mile, so yeah, parking was bad," Jakayla stated again. According to Morris, most of the lines were not long, except for the more popular rides. When asked what is something that she would change about the fair she answered, "I would recommend lowering the food prices, and have better parking, and employ more people. The entrance line was the longest line there." Morris rated the fair a 4/10 and felt as if the prices didn't match the experience.

Though Morris didn't give the fair a great review, don't be discouraged to go and try it yourself next year as it will be held at 500 Wedgewood Ave. Are you willing to risk it?

The African Street Festival Entertains North Nashville

By: Khira Johnson

The 41st African Street Festival was held at Hadley Park in Nashville, Tennessee from Sept. 15 - 17. Every year, this three-day cultural experience centered around family and immersion in African and African American cultures attracts thousands of attendees and continues to grow in popularity. The people at AACA (African American Cultural Alliance) are ecstatic to celebrate their culture and pay tribute to Kwame Lillard at his park. At Hadley Lillard Park, you're invited to enter a world of empowerment and creativity.

According to Jeneene Blackman, Executive Director of the African American Cultural Alliance, "the goal of the African Street Festival is to enhance the awareness of the cultural and historical background of people of African descent." Pearl-Cohn student class of 2025 Zoequria Westmorland went to the African Street Festival with her family and she said, "the African Street Festival was fun, the food was good." Westmorland had chicken and fries with Kool-Aid, she also bought clothes and shea butter. Westmorland also said, "the African culture was represented real good they had all their arts and crafts everywhere and their clothes hanging up everywhere."

The African Street Festival was free to walk in, they had good food and clothes as Zoequria said, they had live performances on the stage with the African music, which made for an exciting celebration of African Culture to enjoy with friends and family. If you missed the African Street Festival, you could catch the food, clothes, and enjoy the live performances next year, September 15 - 17 2024.



The World Thoughts On El Toro 2

By: Keaton Williams

The world goes crazy after Est Gee recently dropped his album named "EL TORO 2" on Aug. 18. His rap album has 20 songs with five feats which debuted and peaked at #57 on billboard 200 for the chart week ending on Sept. 2. Est Gee dropped a ten-minute short film with the album clips of the movie "El Toro" that came out in 2018 and clips and pictures of Est Gee dressed in the type of clothes they were wearing in the movie, that's how he got his album name. He dropped his first album June 23, 2019, which was named "El Toro." You can purchase his newest album on many platforms such as YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music. In an interview a week after the release of the album Est Gee stated, **EST GEE continued on page 5**



Bang Out with Lil Baby

By: Davion White

Lil baby came to Nashville to perform his concert at Bridgestone arena on Sept. 9 and many Pearl-Cohn students were in attendance. Lil Baby brought special guest like Glorilla, Est Gee, Rylo Rodriguez, Hunxho, and GlossUp. Senior, Taeona Jackson is one of his biggest supporters, she had some words about her experience being at the Lil baby concert.

“This was my first ever concert, I loved watching Lil baby perform his heart out there. I sung my heart out when everybody came out to perform.” Hunxho came out to start the show and he led the show off with a bang. GlossUp followed up and just set the tone. “GlossUp is one of the best female rappers in the game,” Jackson stated.” She speaks the truth for all the Memphis girls out there, and this is her way of showing love to her

Hometown. “She’s like the only one to make it out of the hood,” Taeona stated. Jackson was asked what she was feeling when she was at the concert, she stated, “ My feeling was excitement I went there with my mom and made a friend while I was there too and on top of that Lil Baby was playing some of his best songs.” Lil baby’s tour started Sept. 22 and his last concert will be on Aug. 23.

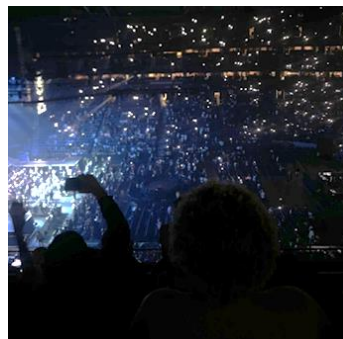
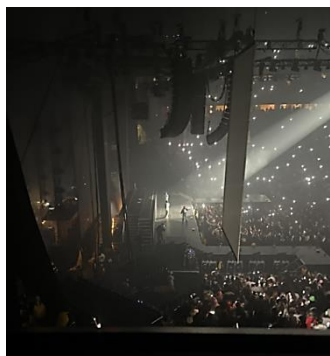


Photo by: Taeona Jackson

Lil Baby Concert Makes Parents Nervous



Lil Baby performs to a packed house. Photo by: Taeona Jackson

By: Taeona Jackson

Parents were scared to let their teens attend Lil Baby’s concert due to his last show in Memphis Tennessee, where one male was shot and taken to the hospital.

After the shooting at The Lil Baby concert in Memphis Tennessee, parents were scared to let their teens attend his concert in Nashville.

Sept. 9 Lil Baby came to Nashville and tickets sold out quickly. The concert was downtown at the Bridgestone arena. On Saturday in downtown Nashville, it is busy, loud, and packed considering this concert it became busier. Most people took Lyft’s and Ubers to avoid paying a parking fee. Sheena Johnson, A mother of a teen that is attending the

show said she was nervous and when asked about how she felt about the Memphis shooting she said, “I feel security could’ve been way stricter with the checking bags and bodies, that whole situation could’ve been avoided.”

Interviewing people at the concert, people were ready to see Lil baby. When asked how they felt about the shooting in Most parents felt exactly how Sheena felt, especially the parents that were not attending the show with their teens. Parents were nervous about shootings occurring, because it happens so often, and for it to happen in Memphis Tennessee which is very close. Parents had second thoughts about letting their teens attend without them.

People who attended the show were nervous because anything could happen and did not know what others were thinking.

Memphis “I’m not that worried but it’s always a thought to know what to do in a situation like Memphis. I feel security. were more strict with checking the bags and police are on every corner of the building and they’re on every floor, there isn’t no way a shooting is happening”

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“I made seven of the songs back-to-back and was in the studio booth for six hours straight at the rapper, Future’s house.”

Future even wanted to do a song with Est Gee but saw he was so focused in the booth so he just let him finish recording and perfecting the rest of the of songs. Est Gee already finished Bobby Gaines and Zoequria Westmoreland said it was a good album they both listened to it more than once and even bought the album, both of their favorite songs were “It Is” featuring Rylo Rodriguez and “Meech.” Both Bobby and Zoequria said if you like slow and a little bit of hype music they highly recommend.

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Bird’s
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of 10!



Scan the QR code to watch Est Gee’s video.

Davion's Not So Picture-Perfect Day



Davion White takes his senior picture in the stairs at Pearl-Cohn

By: Javien Roberts

Imagine taking senior photos and having that whole day go wrong, that's what happened to Davion White when he was unprepared for his senior photos. Senior photos happened on Sept. 11-12, and for Davion White he wasn't prepared for either day. On Sept. 12,

Davion walked out the house and pulled up to school forgetting he had to take senior photos that day. It was his time to take photos and he gave it all he had. "The pictures were cool; I really didn't want to smile but the photographer kept making me." Davion gave one of the biggest smiles the photographer had ever witnessed even though, Davion isn't the smile type of guy.

After Davion got through with his senior photos, he went to go take pictures in his cap and gown. "Cap and gown pictures were my favorite. Sending my mama, the pictures of me in my cap and gown made her cry. I felt so mature in my cap and gown, felt like I was growing up. My homeboy Jerm was there to record the whole thing. He's been there with me since day one, so him seeing me finally grow up was a goal for both of us. All me and Jerm ever wanted to do was finally grow up, get our stuff together, and graduate. That's exactly what me and him are going to do, so we can make our both our mothers proud."

Nothing went wrong according to Davion as he explained that, "Everything actually went as planned as it was all last minute. Nothing went wrong with my pictures, and I can't wait to get them back so I can show the whole world. My sister couldn't stop smiling as she seen the photos behind the scenes. I couldn't blame her because they did look good, and I did look very mature."

As Davion continues with school he'll always think about the graduation photos. Davion is set to graduate May of 2024, and he expects all of his family to be there.

Say Cheese!

By: Darriona Bigsby

On Sept. 11th-12th Pearl-Cohn hosted their annual senior picture day for our class of 2024. It's a day seniors use to capture their last formal pictures in their cap and gowns. During this event, there were a lot of different hairstyles debuted and a lot of money and time spent into getting ready for this event. The only thing separating them from looking the same was the formal outfit and the glam; it

There were three different sets that seniors had to take pictures on, formals on the staircase, cap and gown photos on one side of the auditorium and portrait photo which allowed students to get captured in different environments.

This experience was such a fun and exciting experience to the senior class because "the photographers made everyone feel so comfortable and they gave good advice on how to pose," said Jackson. Most of the girls said they felt like models, "between all the glam, hair, changes of wardrobe, I definitely felt like a super model," Jackson continued.

These pictures are very important to a senior because these are the pictures they will be remembered by. When you open your yearbook and think back to any senior from the class of 2024, you'll see the finished product of all this hard work these ladies put in.



Senior, Aries Beck poses for her senior pictures.

had to be taken very seriously.

A lot of girls who got their pictures taken went above and beyond to look their best, there was a lot of blood sweat and tears going into this glam. Pearl-Cohn student Taeona Jackson stated, "the whole process was very stressful, from trying to get admin to allow us to come in after 10 am, to finding the perfect person to do my hair and nails." Seniors had a lot on their plates, "trying to find an outfit was probably the hardest thing for me because I didn't want to look like anyone else," said Jackson.



Senior didn't leave out any details when preparing for senior pictures, even their nails.

Cosmetology Impacts Students

By: Sabria Summers

Cosmetologist fresh out of high school make an average of \$24,300 yearly. Akemi Yobo of Pearl-Cohn High School joined the cosmetology class in the fall of last year as a junior. In Yobo's cosmetology class they're focusing on waxing and how to complete skin procedures. Yobo feels that people who are interested should note that this is a fast-paced class and can be challenging. Yobo joined this



Senior, Niesha Sawyers practices styling hair.

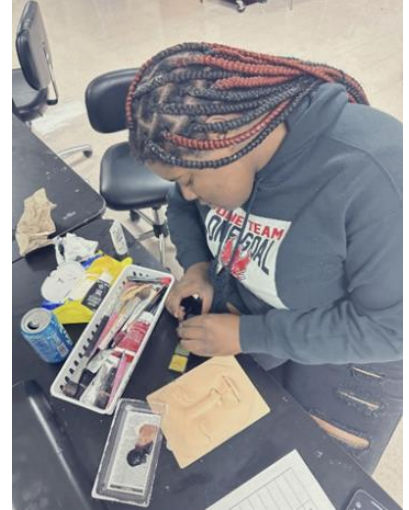
Cosmetology class at Pearl-Cohn to further her knowledge of being in the beauty industry and learning more about hair.

Cosmetology can be important as a high school student because it offers students the opportunity to explore their creativity, develop valuable skills and prepare for future careers in the beauty industry. It allows students to learn about various beauty techniques, such as hairstyling, makeup application, and skincare. The basic learning topics in cosmetology cover learning how to beautify hair, skin, and nails meaning that a licensed cosmetologist can provide a wide range of services in the beauty industry.

Cosmetologists also perform cosmetic and relaxing treatments on the body. Cosmetology can be in your everyday

routine, male or female. The students work to comprehend the ins and outs of making people look and feel better. Yobo stays on top of her class projects and assignments to understand and be successful in this course.

What impact does cosmetology have on Pearl-Cohn students? Cosmetology offers the opportunity to learn about business plans and gain more knowledge. There are many pathways to take in cosmetology and students are able to focus on their own career they would like to succeed in. Yobo's goal is to specializing in makeup and nails and becoming a professional in the industry. Pearl-Cohn's cosmetology class impacts the students leading them to opportunities to create business plans and given the ability to explore they're creativity.



Senior, Teondria Beard practices styling hair.

Fashion Controls Opinions

By: Roy'Dez Jones

Fashion is not only worldwide it's also a Pearl-Cohn Magnet High School kind of thing. Fashion enhances your appearance but also helps improve your appearance which in turn makes you feel better and keeps you in a good mood. What's better than a happy Firebird? People are emotionally attached to their clothes and scientists confirm this effect of fashion on our mood as "encllothed cognition."

The systematic influence that clothing has on the wearer's psychological processes which specifically means paying attention to things like wearing the school colors of big red, black, white, and grey. All the sports players of Pearl-Cohn High School were hit when Deion Sanders spoked on this concept stating, "When you look good you feel good. When you feel good you play good. When you play Good, they pay good."

Fashion trends is defined by the change in style and taste of clothing, accessories, and beauty products over time. Trends are influenced by multiple factors, such as culture, media, celebrities, politics, technology, and the environment. Fashion trends can have social and world impact, such as creating new markets, expressing identity, and challenging norms. Fashion trends can also reflect the mood and values of a generation, such as being more sustainable, inclusive, and diverse.

Kevin Washington, a senior at Pearl-Cohn states, "Clothes do affect kids learning. When you feel good and when you look good you do good, if I look good, I'm gone preform my best, some people that might not have the money as everyone else is likely not going to raise they hand because they don't have good cloths on and they don't want attention on them, so they don't participate in class."



Senior, Kevin Washington shows up his fit.

Into the Seams with the Volleyball Team

By: Xenia Payne

The girls' volleyball team has had a rocky season going into playoffs. Due to losses the girls record is currently 3-5. The coaches and captains put in their input on how the team is in a game and at practice.



PC volleyball bonding before a game.

“The team’s biggest challenge is communicating and people playing their specific position,” Coach McKell said.

“I think we need to take practice a little more serious,” said Coach Miller.

The team is trying to implement new plays while putting people in positions they’ve haven’t been in before. “It’s a learning process, but as far as the overall effort of the team we have the grind and the grit. I think we did a great job,” Coach Miller states.

When asked on what skills the team needs to improve on co-captain Danielle Connor says, “Personally I think passing is a thing that the team and I should improve on.”

“I think we must understand the importance of playing at home. Our floor is the most important, we must protect the home court,” Coach Miller says.

Practice is where they develop fundamentals such as serving, passing, and spiking. It also helps the team know who needs to be where during transitions. After a win or a loss, the mood of practice isn’t determined by the coaches but the players.

“Practice is playful at times when getting things right. I see more of their character show. When doing things wrong, it’s more of the hanging of the head,” Coach McKell stated.

The team finished the season with a first round playoff game against Hume Fogg on Oct. 2.



Coach McKell and senior Dayman Cotton pose after practice.

In the words of Ms. Miller and Coach McKell “GO LADY FIREBIRDS!!!”

Firebird Football 2023 Season Record

Montgomery Bell	Chrit Presbyterian	Creek Wood	PURE Academy	Montgomery Central	Station Camp	Whites Creek	Green-brier	White House	Marsh-all County
Win 21-14	Win 15-11	Win 55-8	Win 41-14	Win 61-0	Win 55-0	Win 49-0	Win 35-0	Win 56-6	Win 42-17

Pearl-Cohn Coach Changes the Game

By: Malcome Claybrooks

High school football is evolving every year and that praise goes to the coaches like Pearl-Cohn head coach Brunetti. Coach Brunetti has been in coaching for a long time and has no plans on moving to the next level to coach but he enjoys getting kids to college and to their next level.

Getting kids to the next level and seeing them succeed is the most important part of the job said Brunetti, not just winning championships. Brunetti is setting his mark as the Firebirds are 7-0 and number four in the state heading for that number one spot, only time can tell.

Coach Brunetti has graduated a lot of stars, but it wasn’t as easy as you think considering the Pearl-Cohn academic standards. The high standard is no problem for Brunetti as he is also the school administrator and helps his athletes with their

academics to make sure they are the best student athletes they can be. The football program puts emphasis on academics and attendance and Brunetti has everyone going to class every day to succeed. Even if football doesn’t work out after high school, his athletes have a better chance of getting into a good college. As Pearl-Cohn strives for another state championship, a good percentage of student athletes are passing all of their classes with good attendance; Brunetti is setting the bar high for Pearl-Cohn student athletes.

Student athlete D’arious Reed says that Brunetti is not only just a coach he is a good mentor as he mentions, “He’s made me better man through these four years and keeps me focused in the classrooms and on the field, he’s really not just a coach he’s like a second father.”

Pearl-Cohn Athletics Held to a High Standard

By: Josiah Holman-Eubanks

Pearl Cohn's starting left tackle Jason Overton as well as two other starters sat out for the first quarter at the Clarksville game on Sept. 15 for disciplinary reasons that occurred earlier that week!

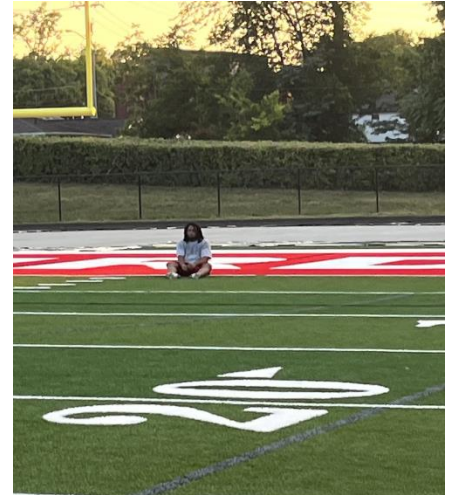
Recently at Pearl Cohn High School, principle Miriam Harrington has implemented new rules and regulations leading to the 2023-2024 school year. These rules have been seen as strict and harsh by some and mainly affect student athletes. From things like dress code to not having your laptop, student athletes have been very displeased with punishment they've been receiving. One week, starting left tackle Jason Overton was sat for the first quarter for being on his phone in class because he didn't have his laptop. After being interviewed this week he expressed, "I feel it's unfair and I believe I am being harshly punished for not having my laptop. It wasn't like I was being unproductive with my phone, I was just using it as a substitute for not having my laptop on this particular day."

As always, there are two sides to every story, principal Miriam Harrington gave her view on the new disciplinary actions as well. Dr. Harrington feels holding students accountable is the key to success stating, "I try to think about where you all will be five to 10 years from now, and my job is to prepare and guide students in the right direction." When she was asked how she feels about having to hold students accountable she said, "I think

it's a system of preparation and it is necessary, it may not always be comfortable but there have been times where I had to be reprimanded and chastised to be successful and it may not feel good in the moment, but it always pays off in the end." Finally, when asked why she chose the agenda and behavior route

Harrington stated, "That's the misconception, were holding everyone accountable for instruction. Instruction is the first thing, being on top of your work is first and foremost."

These disciplinary actions will continue to happen throughout various sports for the remainder of the school year. Since this happened, many students have corrected their behavior and have yet to get in trouble again.



Senior football player Jason Overton rests after receiving an extra workout.



Firebird Revenge Tour

By: D'Arius Reed

The Pearl-Cohn High School football team has always been the talk of the city. In the 2022 Firebird football season, the team conquered their region with an 8-0 record. The Firebirds made it to the state championship, which has not been accomplished since 2015, but sadly fell short by four points. After the near win against Anderson County in the state championship, the Pearl-Cohn

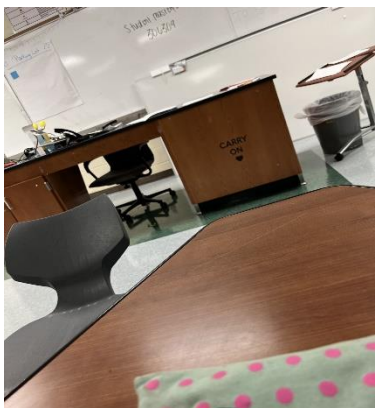
football team has been working at a higher level to return this season with a win. In an interview with the class of 2025 cornerback, Joshua Sims, he states, "In result of the loss last year, we are hungry, we want it even more than before." After sitting in on a Firebird practice, the team has shown commitment to the title they plan to earn, and they are not

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Teacher Shortage Crisis

By: Xeniya Payne and Jaida Parr

Students at Pearl-Cohn High School are being impacted by the national teacher shortage, teachers are feeling as if teaching is a wonderful thing to do but the benefits are not supreme. Due to a teacher shortage, there were a total of three classes and up to 100 students that were affected from the start of the school year. "I feel as though my



An empty desk where students wish a teacher sat.

GPA will drop and my grades are not being given properly," says Alex Clay a sophomore at Pearl-Cohn. Students like Alex Clay feel as if when they do get a teacher, there will be a chunk of time that they will never get back and they will not know how to do their work and will be behind.

Two classes have been filled with teachers, but students say that now that they have teachers the work they were

given before the teachers arrived did not get finished and was not taught which could have a big effect on the students report card grade. Because of this, an anonymous student says, "I feel we will probably end this school year without any teacher spot filled for IM3."

Administrators are working hard to fill these spots and moving substitutes around to make the class as best they can. One of the administrators, Ms. Hall the assistant principal of the Academy of Entertainment Industry, says, "Yes, our team has been reaching out to multiple candidates who constantly submit resumes. We have also attended multiple job fairs to assist in recruiting teachers." She said that she and the admin are continuously trying to make the school better so that the students are not heavily impacted. "As an administrative team, we do all that we can to 'fill the gaps' as far as not having a physical teacher in the classroom by utilizing platforms such as Schoology and Khan Academy to assist," said Ms. Hall.

Ms. Hall, on behalf of the administration, is doing the best they can to fill these gaps and is waiting on the best teachers to fill these spots.

REVENGE continued from page 10 backing down. During that practice, a reporter had a chance to sit in with Grace's son Beech, class of 2024 linebacker.

Beech states, "Yes I felt a road of emotions, but it only gave us more motivation to strive this year. It helped us grow into our positions as a team, and to learn more about each other." The Firebirds have cleared all doubts with the 2023 season as they continue to thrive with their current record of 7-0. On the game on Sept. 15, the Firebirds had a 47-0 lead against Montgomery Central just at the end of the first quarter. After having to run the clock for the last three quarters of the game, Pearl-Cohn took home a win of 61-0. The Pearl-Cohn football team has decided that they are not backing down from their revenge tour, so other teams may want to watch out. The



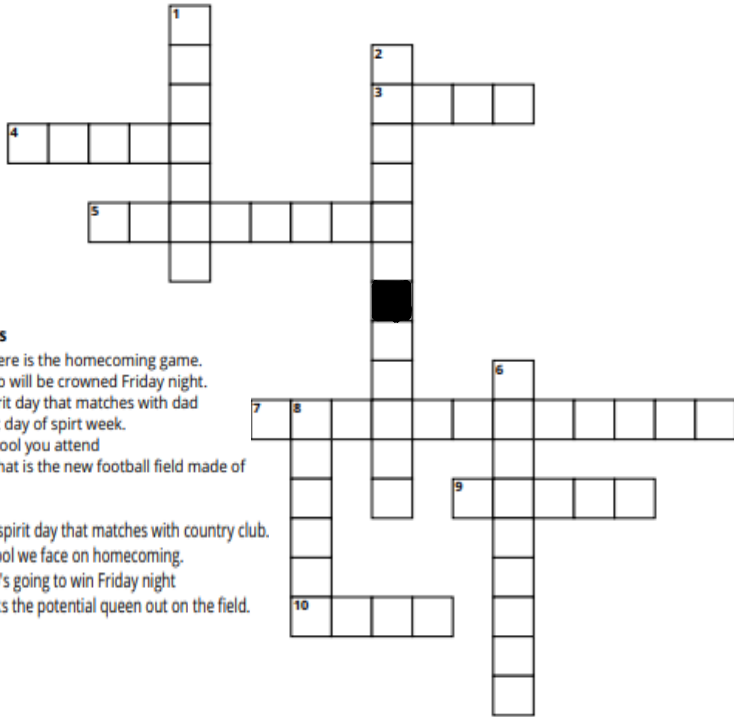
rest of the high school football season will be a show to watch, and I bet no one will miss it.

PC vs Whites Creek Photo credit: Erianna Thomas

SENIOR DEADLINES

- 10/05 ACT TESTING
- 10/20 ASVAB TESTING
- 10/23 + 10/24 FAFSA APPLICATIONS
- 10/31 SENIOR DUES OF \$100
FIRST INSTALLMENT IF NECESSARY

HOMECOMING CROSSWORD PC PRIDE WORD SEARCH



Across

- [3] where is the homecoming game.
- [4] who will be crowned Friday night.
- [5] spirit day that matches with dad
- [7] last day of spirit week.
- [9] school you attend
- [10] what is the new football field made of

Down

- [1] the spirit day that matches with country club.
- [2] school we face on homecoming.
- [6] who's going to win Friday night
- [8] walks the potential queen out on the field.

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COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
PEARL
FIREBIRD
RESPECT
SENIOR
ENDURANCE
INVESTMENT
DIGNITY

Easy Access Halloween Costumes

Ghost - Use a blanket and a pair of scissors to cut holes therefore you can see. (*easiest costume*)



Crayons- Use electrical tape for the stripes and make the hats from construction paper also find a pair of matching pants and socks for a monochrome look.

Dr Strange - Use a red blanket for your cape, put on some yellow cleaning gloves, and find a navy jacket and dark boots from your closet.



Plant in a Basket - Cut out the bottom of an old basket large enough to step in, use green construction paper as your leaves, and green straws as your stems before hot gluing them to the basket to keep your paper greenery in place.

Couples Costume Ideas

Nintendo Switch One partner is the blue controller the other partner is a red controller

Bonnie and Clyde Dress up as old timers and for pictures only carry fake guns

Fred and Wilma Flintstone

Ken and Barbie

MJ and Peter Parker Spider Man



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All Responses Anonymous