



PEARL-COHN WINS STATE AFTER 26 YEARS

By: Teaona Sanders & Jeremiah Hoggett

Pearl-Cohn High School's football team defeated Upperman for the state championship title in a rainy intense battle. "It was a dog fight we put our blood sweat and tears to win state championship," said senior quarterback, Keshawn Tarleton. Tarleton, who also won Mr. Football said that it's a blessing finally going to state and actually wining, God did it.

After winning the state championship for the first time since 1997 and finishing the season 15-0, the Firebirds celebrated their return to campus late on Saturday afternoon. Running for 181 yards and winning the BlueCross Bowl MVP award, captain Zeion Simpson-Smith introduced his coaches and teammates. Coach Brunetti, the most successful coach in MNPS history and a longtime Pearl-Cohn coach, said the team played well all season long.

Upperman's head coach Adam Cain wasn't too happy about his team losing and was

quoted saying, "I didn't really see any speed, they are very tall and big."

When asked what his thoughts on the Upperman coach's comments were, Pearl-Cohn's wide receiver Javion Kinnard responded with, "That's not true, it was a rainy game, if it wasn't raining, we would've played better but we won that's all that matters."

With this being Pearl-Cohn's first state win in 26 years, it was a big accomplishment for not only the team and coaches but also the alumni. On Dec. 4 and Dec. 8, Pearl-Cohn hosted celebrations for the win, many came out to support including parents, famous alumni and community members and news outlets as well.



Dec. 2 Chattanooga: State Championship VICTORY



Dec. 4: State Championship Celebration

Dec. 5: Mr. Football Keshawn Tarleton and runner-up Zeion Simpson-Smith



Dec. 6: Hume Award winner Grace' son Beach



Dec. 8: State Championship team and trophy presented to community.



Recap of Pearl-Cohn's UNDEFEATED Regular Season



By: Jeremiah Hoggett

October 27 was the Firebirds last game of the regular season and as usual they obliterated their opponents, Marshall County, 42-17. This year has been history making and we wanted to recap the regular season with some of the big numbers the Firebirds put up this year.

FIREBIRD'S OFFENSE STATS

#8 Keshawn Tarleton played an amazing game throwing for 253 yards and three touchdowns finishing the season with a total of 1754 yards and 27 touchdowns to only three interceptions and rushed 30 times for 211 yards and four touchdowns. Talk about going out with a bang!

#1 Javion Kinnard rushed nine times for 89 yards and finished the season with a team high 650 yards with eight touchdowns on the ground alone and added 315 yards in punt return and kick return yards. Kinnard also caught 10 passes for 321 yards and added four more touchdowns through the air to his spectacular season.

#0 Malichi Cromwell finished his senior season with a total of 176 yards on just 37 carries and four touchdowns on the ground.

#7 Zeion Simpson-Smith "Both side of the ball" had a great day and year as well leading the game in rushing yards and touchdowns with 148 yards and three touchdowns finishing the season with 565 rushing yards and eight touchdowns.

#2 D'Arius Reed led the team in receiving yards and touchdowns with 540 yards and seven touchdowns in just six games played and finished this game with 153 yards and a touchdown on eight receptions!

#3 Donovan Higgins had 16 receptions for 341 yards and six touchdowns.

#16 LaDamion Hunter had 11 receptions for 223 yards and six touchdowns in his sophomore season.

#18 Rashad McDowell had nine catches for 152 yards and two touchdowns to finish his senior season.

FIREBIRD'S DEFENSE STATS

Enough about the offense let's get into the best defense in the state!

#7 Zeion Simpson-Smith making his second appearance in this article leading the team in this game and the whole season with 10 tackles and a Tackle for loss (TFL) in the game and 78 tackles, 24, yes - 24 TFL's, six sacks, and a Forced Fumble (FF) throughout the season. **#11, 4-Star Grace'son Beach**, Charlotte commit, played only eight games due to a shoulder injury but was going crazy ending his senior season with 58 tackles, 13 TFL's, three sacks, and a FF.

#90 Emanuel Russell had three TFLs against Marshall County and finished with 47 tackles, 21 TFL's, and four sacks, and an FF to end his senior year.

That's 58 TFLs combined between the three of them this season.

#6 Joshua Sims, junior got physical at the DB position with seven tackles at the last regular season game and 50 tackles, two TFL's, three FF and three interceptions throughout the season.

#9 Ja'Quis Willams had three tackles and an interception at the Oct. 27 game and 46 tackles, six TFLs, three sacks, three interceptions, and an FF to finish his senior season.

#19 De'Mare Robinson had four tackles in the last regular season game and had 30 tackles and four TFL's to finish his senior season.

#5 Kyler Garcia had five tackles and two TFL and finished his junior season with 29 tackles, seven TFL's, and two sacks.

The receiving duo of **#2 D'Arius Reed** and **#3 Donovan Higgins** had a total of 48 tackles, both having three in final regular season game, with Donovan getting 28 of them and 2 TFLs and two sacks, and an FF and two interceptions combined D'Arius taking his 46 yards to end the season.

In all the firebirds had a successful season going 10-0 and made Pearl-Cohn nation proud by winning the state championship game on Dec. 2. WAY TO GO FIREBRIDS!



Historic Night for Pearl-Cohn Football

By: Josiah Holman-Eubanks

On Oct. 27, the Firebirds completed their second 10-0 season in school history!!! The stakes have been set very high and this game determined whether our football team got home field advantage in all off the playoff games until state.

In recent years, the football team has had to travel hours away for playoff football games. This can be bad for many teams, but not the firebirds who thrive even on the road. "It is a great experience to see other environments and the way things are done there. It's also fun on the bus rides to and from the games itself, it's just overall a great experience," senior, Jason Overton said. Travel can be very draining and sometimes costly to teams. Not being able to playoff in your own environment makes a big difference in sports, it takes away the feeling of being comfortable.

Going into a hostile environment can be very challenging for teams as well. The crowd plays a big factor. "It's nothing like being at home and your fans are cheering you on. Ways that help me overcome that obstacle was listening to the right music

before the game I would call my mother to talk to me and give me extra motivation to be able to play at a high level," said Overton. Also, it is said that teams play better when the crowd is in their favor. Having the home crowd cheering the team on can boost morale and give the home team even more confidence.

Pearl-Cohn finished 10-0, which is so important because it has only been done twice in school history! The previous team went 10-0 in the 2019-2020 season but sadly that team lost in the state championship game (27-0) to Alcoa. LET'S GO FIREBIRDS!!



Senior, quarterback Keshawn Tarleton and winner of the Mr. Football award.

The Voice of the Firebirds

By: Josiah Favors

Walking into the Firebird stadium, there's one thing that's undeniable which is the energetic voice from the booth up above. No, this person isn't GOD it's the one and only Orlando "CATFISH" Pender Jr. The voice of the Firebirds.

Orlando "CATFISH" first started off as a videographer in the early 90s for THE

Coach Fitzgerald. After putting his children through Pearl-Cohn he soon fell in love the Firebird family. Orlando's first eight years of recording for the star football team, Fitzgerald heard Catfish doing his own

personal commentary on his own microphone, and after he heard that he rushed to Catfish and said, "Hey man, we need that kind of energy and action in the booth." Ever since then, Orlando has been in the booth for 25 years and still counting, which comes out to a total of 33 years here at the school.

Catfish said announcing for games is much bigger than talking in a mic, it's about bringing energy and professionalism into the games. Catfish said, "I do a basketball and football. I try to bring NBA to the basketball here, which give a different kind of flavor for high school. And also, I bring NFL to the football. So, you know, you have some fresh, some new other time here. And the kids like it."

Orlando had a few words of encouragement to our football team here at Firebird Nation throughout the playoffs, to "Watch the screens, and the draws that the other team may throw at you, to finish the season out on top and maintain a great offense and defense because the goal this year is to get a ring and win state."

Orlando "CATFISH" Pender Jr. is not just an announcer but a fan of the firebirds, to catch him in action catch him on Friday nights and future basketball dates to be announced.



Orlando "Catfish" Pender is a Pearl-Cohn legend and voice of the firebirds, standing in front of the stadium he brings to life on Friday nights.



Catfish is one of Pearl-Cohn's biggest football fan, posing here with senior, Josiah Favors.

A Fresh New Start

By: Khira Johnson

The Firebird Nation welcomes new faces with a lot of different emotions as they start a new school year. We want to acknowledge the three new faces: Demiya Moore 11th grade, Emani Murphy 11th grade and Tacona Sanders 12th grade.

Being a new student at Pearl-Cohn may seem stressful but, it's really cool. One of the students, Demiya Moore, said, "I'm liking Pearl because it's a different environment. I also like Pearl's cheer team they are cool." Pearl-Cohn has great sports programs such as basketball, football, baseball, and they have added bowling. This is Demiya Moore first year at Pearl-Cohn, she transferred from East Nashville High School and she came to get a new fresh start.

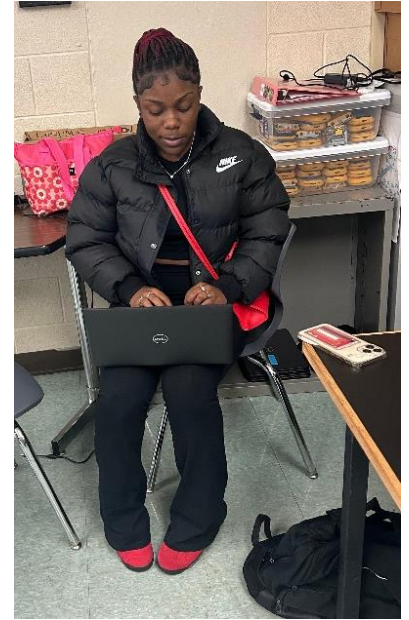
One of the other students, Tacona Sanders, transferred from McGavock High School and she seems to think that Pearl-Cohn is a great school academic wise and she likes how the teachers are put together with their work.

Emani Murphy, transferred from East Nashville High School, this is her first year at Pearl Cohn and she says that she enjoys that Pearl-Cohn likes to have fun. Emani came for the cosmetology pathway because she does hair stating, "I like how Pearl students like to have fun and not be lame."

Overall, starting at a new school can be scary, but Tacona, Demiya and Emani felt they made the right choice by coming to Pearl-Cohn. Welcome to all of our new students!



New students Emani Murphy (above) and Tacona Sanders (below) work hard in class as they settle into a new school.



New to Pearl-Cohn, Demiya Moore uses her laptop on math class.

Risks Taken for Pearl-Cohn

By: Ray'Nya Brown

The haunting reality of school shootings has shaken communities across the nation, leaving a trail of heartbreak and a call for urgent action. Over the pass years, plenty of past shootings has happen and it have left the world in a wreck. Every

student and teacher question their safety, and wonder "How can we make this place safer? Who

will protect us? And how would this turn out for future generations?" That's where our resource officers come in because they stand on ground to protects and prepare us for anything at Pearl - Cohn.

"What risk we take if an active shooter or an intruder was here, for starting my position here is protection of students, staff, and administrators or any person here on this campus at the time," Resource Office Pye said.

Our school as a whole takes the time to prepare for any mishaps by preparing ourselves in different ways. Pearl - Cohn have has a lot of drills, talks about safety, making sure students or staff members speak out if they see anything out of place. As a collective, we must do everything together because it's a team effort in all this!

"The drills and such is a collective effort with us being school resource officers," said Officer Pye. "Pearl - Cohn ensure we as students and staff members or anybody here get repetition training," resource officer Pye said. "Sometimes it becomes muscles memory so it can become natural incase well hopefully not, a intruder or anything such come in the school everyone will know what to do. "

Daily checks around the school are made to ensure our safety. So, thanks to our resource officials, we don't have anything to worry about as long as we work together as one because can't do this alone!



Officer Pye is ready with radio in hand at a moment's notice!

A Day on the Ole Miss Campus



By: Erianna Thomas
Walking on the campus and smelling the air of what the future could hold only gave one reaction: wow! Have you ever wondered what it was like to tour the campus of the infamous University of

Mississippi? On October 23, 2023, the senior class of Pearl-Cohn took a 4-hour bus drive to explore what the college would feel like. A total of 22 students attended this tour.

Miyah Martin, a senior at Pearl-Cohn, felt that the college was not the school for her. "I believe I wouldn't fit in. I would be totally out of my comfort zone." Martin stated that the school had everything she needed in order to have a successful career, but her personality and outgoing style of living diminished that. Considering that Ole Miss is a PWI



(predominately white institute), she believes her compatibility would be at an HBCU. "My favorite thing about the campus was their gym and the personalized bricks of the graduated classes in the Circle." Miyah told me that even though she wouldn't attend, she 100% would recommend this school to other people.



On the other hand, another Pearl-Cohn senior, Geralniqa Edmondson felt like Ole Miss was home. "It had everything I wanted. The campus wasn't too big or too

small and the tour guides gave exceptional details about what goes around here." Niqa for short stated that "Even though it is a PWI, the school consisted of a diverse environment that could get along and does a lot for the community." One thing Geralniqa hoped for was to see was the University Health Services since she has aspirations of becoming an RNA.

The campus is in Oxford, Mississippi. It was an amazing opportunity for the senior class. I hope that this visit encouraged them to pursue the college life. SENIORS!!! If you're interested in going on the next visit to the University of Memphis, please see Mr. Brown!! Thank you.



Theatre Returns to Pearl-Cohn



By: Donald Bell

Theatre is a collaborative art that hasn't been done since 2020 at Pearl-Cohn. But now Ela teacher, Mr. Bo is bringing it back to Pearl-Cohn. There was an interest meeting held on Oct. 26 in room 208. The program is called the Theatre Troupe, and anyone can join, even staff. The theatre troupe is an organization that's bringing theatre back to Pearl-Cohn. The first meeting was held on Nov. 8 at 2:15 to 3:15 in the auditorium. If you join the theatre troupe and want to

participate in the projects such as plays, you will have to audition for the role you want. On Dec. 8 the troupe will host an incentive called Pc Christmas, and it will feature caroling, a potluck, a show, and it will be during 2nd-4th block. They will

Sign up with Mr. Bo in room 208 for theatre!

perform a play in the spring, and the play will be either "The Wizard of Oz" or "The Princess and the Frog". If you want to participate in the play, you must join the theatre troupe. Mr. Bo is a teacher at Pearl-Cohn, and he teaches senior English. He's had plenty of experience in theatre having been involved with it since preschool. When asked why he decided to work at Pearl Cohn he said the administration and how nice they were. Mr. Bo's advice to anyone wanting to join the Theatre Troupe is, "You should join theatre troupe because we need people, and we have a role for any and everybody." His last words to Pearl Cohn students interested in theatre were, "Be ready for a fantastic year of unexpected and thought-provoking theatre." If you would like to join, they have meetings weekly during 4th block. To receive news and updates on more theatre activities use code @pchsacts on the Remind App.

“Five Nights at Freddy’s” Review

By: Talisha Coles

“Five Nights at Freddy’s” is a movie based on the franchise of games and books made by Scott Cawthon. The movie debuted on Friday, Oct. 27 at the Opry Land Theater with Pearl-Cohn students lining up to check out the new film.

The franchise is about a serial killer, William Afton, who put five kids' souls into animatronics. However, a few people dislike the fact that the movie did not do the game justice. Pearl-Cohn junior, Cory Davis said, “The movie sucked and was boring. I thought that since Scott made the script it would be based on the lore.” Although he had been waiting years for the movie, it did not meet his standards of what he thought the movie would be about. Despite everything Cory has stated, he understands that the movie was only the first one that Scott has directed and thinks that he will make better ones in the future.

On the other hand, sophomore, Decorya Jackson thinks that the movie was the best thing ever made. “FNAF was good, personally I liked the spring-lock failure part, though I was hoping that he would be screaming louder.” Decorya also said that he would go to see the next movie Scott makes on Five Nights at Freddy’s 2. He thinks that the horror he felt during some scenes made the mood scarier even though the movie didn’t have a lot of jump scares. Some PC students agree that the best part in the movie was with the YouTuber, CoryXKenshin, they think that his part was the funniest and want him to play in other movies.

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Are You Ready to Experience the Wave?



Rod Wave brought the house down at his Bridgestone show.

By: Darionna Bigsby

On Nov. 16, Rod Wave came to Nashville and put on what some called “the party of the century,” bringing a couple of small-time rappers and Toosii and singer Ari Lennox for a show at Bridgestone.

The concert started off with the DJs hyping the crowd up by

playing a couple local songs to get everyone hyped up and ready to show all the artist love. Finally, the show starts and out comes one of the small-time rappers singing Rod Wave songs so the crowd got super hype; when they saw who it was all of the crowd was confused. He performed a couple original songs and shouted himself out. Next, another local rapper came out and put on a pretty good performance playing a couple of his hit songs.

YTB FATT was the next performer to come out. Not that many people knew his songs so he tried to hype the crowd until he played his hit song “Get Back” where the crowd went crazy. Everyone was singing the song; he loved Nashville’s energy.

Over the next 30-40 minutes, rapper Toosii and singer Ari Lennox took the stage and put on a beautiful show. First,

Toosii kept the crowd entertained his whole set and he really appealed to the women in the building. He performed hits like “Love Cycle” and “Favorite Song”. The crowd was feeling his set all the way and they showed him a lot of love. Ari Lennox came out and put on a beautiful show. Her vocals were on point, her whole look was stunning and her set was very vibrant and empowering. She sang songs like “Pressure” and “Shea Butter Baby”. Ari also said a few words of affirmation with the crowd and brought all around good vibes.

After the opening acts, everything cooled down and all the other artists were off the stage; its time for the main event, Rod Wave! His team got his stage set together and they began to play “Purge” sounds and the crowd went insane.

Everyone got up out of their seats and started to cheer for him, it shook the stadium as flashing lights were everywhere and it was a beautiful sight. The first

song he played was one of his many hit songs from the “Nostalgia” album “Call Your Friends” and the crowd began singing every lyric so loud you could barely hear Wave.

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A view of Rod Wave from senior, Darionna Bigsby’s seats.

The Hustle: What's on the Hanger?



Pearl-Cohn senior and entrepreneur, Kevin Washinton shows off his fashion.

By: MJ Moshay

A bold, uniquely dressed young man setting himself beyond the bar; authentic and true to himself. That is Kevin Washington, a senior that has his very own clothing brand called 777. Washington started his clothing line in the year of 2021 when COVID became unfortunately "popular".

Kevin's idea of making his unique and distinctive brand came from his love of fashion and prevailing over adversity. Washington

chose his brand name because he said, "It signifies hope, taking chances, believing in yourself, and investing in your future." His brand has grown tremendously and will continue to grow as time progresses. He sees his brand as, "A clothing

brand, but I want to expand my brand into an incorporation and invest going into real estate to buy subdivisions for families in need. When we turn our business into a corporation, I want to host online courses to help teenagers build their credit to become financially free."

Washington has a production team of Pearl-Cohn students that help him fulfill the production of his apparel which include Aljawuan Clay, the graphic designer who makes mock-ups or a virtual example of what the clothing should look like. Senior, Erianna Thomas is another Pearl-Cohn student who is Washington's marketing manager, she keeps track of social media conversions and inventory. Seniors, Larry Newsom and Maleek Gathings are editors who give advice towards how the clothing should look coming from a consumer's perspective.

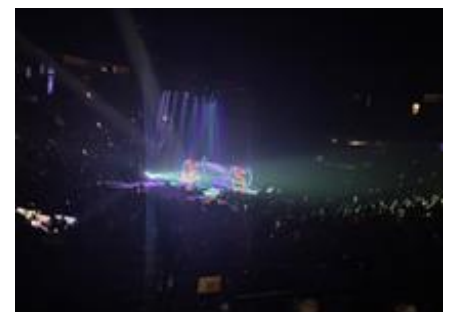
Kevin has an amazing mindset for his brand and as of right now he and his production team are working on a project that will be out soon. If you're looking to support there are QR codes around the school that will take you to the website to purchase your merchandise!



The logo for Washington's company can be found around school with a QR code to shop.

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Throughout the show, Wave explained the meaning behind his tour and why he played the songs in the order that he did. Starting off with his early album, "Ghetto Gospel", Rod played four to five songs from each of his four albums, stopping in between every couple song to talk to the crowd and make sure everyone was having a good time. Wade also spoke to the crowd a lot about his thought process and how things made him feel. After a night of great vibes, the show ended with his hit song, "Great Gatsby", the visuals for this set were amazing with bright lights and pyro coming out of the ceiling, it was gold and beautiful. The fans kept the concert going and as everyone was starting to leave and Wade was saying his goodbyes but to everyone's surprise, he sang one more song. His final song could be heard throughout Bridgestone, even in the halls as everyone was leaving. In all, the Rod Wave concert was a night to remember!



The light show at the Rod Wave concert kept the audience on their feet!

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Time Flying By!! Fall Sports Senior Night



Senior band and majorettes stand on the field for the last time together for their last season game.

By: Jaida Parr & Xenya Payne

Senior Night, that time that the seniors who participated in fall sports receive their recognition as all football, cross country, cheer, band, majorette, and volleyball seniors were honored on Oct. 27. At the last regular season football game, each senior walked down the field with two people, as a spokesperson read their future aspirations. "It's very bittersweet and I am just trying to take it all in," Laniyah Featherston captain of the Dancing Pearls said.

For some, this is not the end of playing high school sports, but others like Daimyn Cotton, captain of the volleyball team, this is their last time playing a sport for their high school career. Daimyn is thinking about pursuing college volleyball stating, "I feel as being recognized is giving 'I'm a

star' it's well deserved and earned." Both captain and co-captain Daimyn Cotton and Danielle Connor have not been with the team long but, have seen an evolution throughout the two years playing with the Pearl-Cohn Lady Firebirds volleyball team. "We all did better like as team by communicating more than we did last year. We did much better than last year," co-captain Danielle Connor says.

One of the football captains, D'Arious Reed says, "It was kind of a bittersweet moment like, this was really my last senior night." D'Arious' high school football season is coming to an end but, it's the beginning of a whole new chapter in his life.

The chapter of high school fall sports is ending quickly as seniors reminisce about their high school moments. No matter what the sport, everyone feels that each team improves throughout the years and hopes to see further improvement as the years go by.



Emotions run high as the volleyball seniors take a group with their coaches for the last time, game.

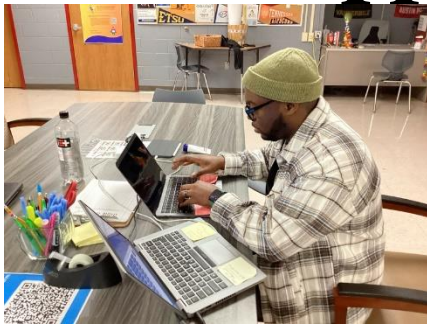
Application Fee Waivers

By: Kharia Carter

The average college application fee can range from \$50 to \$70 and that could really add up when applying to multiple colleges. Are you interested in free?

Throughout the fall, some colleges and universities offered application fee waivers

as part of their College Application Month or College Application Week initiatives. Darrell Brown, a senior counselor at Pearl-Cohn High School is here to help seniors navigate through their last year. According to Mr. Brown, some of the application fees that were waived during the month of November were, "University of Tennessee at Martin, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, all the UT schools," Mr. Brown said.



Need help with college applications?
Mr. Brown can be found in room 105.

These application waivers are designed to make the application process more accessible and affordable for students and it's a great opportunity to save money when applying to colleges during this time. Brown also stated that the deadline for the free application schools was Dec. 1, but it's not too late to still apply. If you're wondering where to apply you can go through each individual website or you could simply search up my "colleges" on the Common App. "Don't wait to the last minute to apply," said Mr. Brown.

Seniors, also be aware FAFSA forms will be available starting on Dec. 1! FAFSA is important because it helps students get financial aid for college and it determines eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study programs. It is a tremendous help to make college affordable. Also, if you're interested in attending University of Memphis, there is an upcoming field trip, see Mr. Brown in room 105 or you could email him at Darrell.Brown@nmpps.org.

Don't be scared to ask questions or until it's too late! Make sure to check with the specific colleges you are interested in to see if they offer any fee waivers in December as well. Good luck Pearl-Cohn Seniors!

Teen Trainer

By: D'Arious Reed

Friday nights wouldn't be the same without senior student trainer MJ Moshay, she is a first-year student at Pearl-Cohn. MJ is a very important part of the training staff for the Pearl-Cohn football team as she is new to sports training and works to wrap ankles, helps stretch people out and also is there to talk if you need any assistance.

MJ strives to help those in need stating, "The energy from seeing the football games and knowing someone might need me also having the experience is cool." MJ has never had a desire to be a trainer she just wants to be a helping hand to others. She also stated, "I didn't consider it (being a training) at a certain age I just knew I wanted to start helping people and figured that this experience would help a lot." The current trainer for the sports at Pearl-Cohn is Joe, while the football team seem to enjoy Joes' company MJ says, "Joe is my inspiration on going forward with training, he is the funniest yet most hardworking person I've ever experienced and met. I want to thank him for showing me how to help the football players out and for

teaching me everything I know now."

MJ has a bright future ahead of her and the players seem to enjoy her company. MJ isn't convinced she wants to become a full-time sports trainer in the future, she said, "I'm not sure but it is something that I am considering doing because it's fun and I enjoy myself."

MJ has worked hard this season but there is one memory that sticks out in her mind. "My favorite memory while training was the week two football game against Christ Presbyterian Academy, it was extremely hot and I remember running on and off the field to help someone for cramps or even when someone was just exhausted."

MJ Moshay is geared up on the sideline ready to jump into action.



Pearl-Cohn Mascot Returns!



By: DJ Hawkins

Pearl-Cohn's mascot has been locked in the vault for many years, but now in 2023 it is about to spread its wings and fly again. Your firebird mascot is BACK! Pearl-Cohn students and staff are excited to welcome the mascot in full effect.

Mrs. Pride, a 2004 Pearl-Cohn graduate and a secretary here at Pearl-Cohn thinks the mascot coming back, "is very cool, and beneficial because it gives more crowd attention and I think it's going to be a good asset for the sports moving forward." When Mrs. Pride was here at Pearl-Cohn, they had a mascot and "it gave great crowd participation" and she believes it will still have a beneficial effect now in 2023.

Senior Erianna Thomas says, "I am excited because its different because I don't see too many metro schools that have a mascot that actually utilizes them around the

community and in games." She believes, "it will bring a little more energy and excitement to the game." And she was right; the mascot was recently spotted at the Pearl-Cohn vs Station Camp football game and brought lots of energy to the game. It was extremely exciting seeing a mascot return after all the years of not having one. Thomas also mentions, "it will bring more energy to the girl's game because we don't get that much love, and support, but hopefully it will bring a bigger crowd to the game." Junior, Zoequria Westmorland thinks that, "the mascot is cool, and funny, and brings excitement to the games."

Becoming the mascot was not just handed, the mascot audition process consisted of contestants performing for 30 seconds and whoever had the most energy got the spot. The mascot, who prefers to stay anonymous, "loves to see the excitement on people faces and seeing them laughing and enjoying my presence." The mascot also states, "It's fun being in the suit and dancing and having a good time."

Fans line up to take pictures with the mascot!



Boys Basketball is Back!



By: Subria Summers
 Pearl-Cohn boys' basketball tryouts gives students the opportunity to access the technical, physical, and tactical skills of players to determine their level and suitability to compete at

higher levels. Boys' basketball tryouts were held Oct. 30 - 31 and required the students to have an updated physical, and confidence to play with the Pearl-Cohn Firebirds. Here at Pearl-Cohn High school the boys' basketball team strives for a successful season with the help from Coach Smith and Coach Rico. Senior forward, Jeremiah Hoggett has been playing basketball for 4 years this was his first tryout for the Pearl Cohn basketball team. Hoggett feels that this year's team will be successful due to the chemistry they have on the court, stating that their goal is to win state. Pearl Cohn's toughest battle this season will be themselves, if they work together and help build one another up they will be unstoppable. Coach Smith and Coach Rico push their team to be the best they can be, impacting how the team will play with one another. Coach Rico stated, "The team's goal is to win state, but my goal for them is to play as a team, play collectively." Coach Smith believes that this season will be successful, stating, "I think we are going to have a good season we are a young team, with not a lot of experience, but they are hungry to have a chance to show what they can do, I think it will be a fun and exciting season." The Firebird's season kicked off Nov. 14, at Pearl Cohn Highschool. Check out the schedule for the upcoming games, be sure to come out and support the basketball team by purchasing your ticket on gofan.com. Let's go Firebirds! Check out gofan.com to purchase your tickets and secure your spot.

Could You Be a Lady Firebird?

By Kristina Holder

Its Basketball season, tie up your sneakers and tuck in your jerseys because Pearl-Cohn girls' basketball is here. Tryouts was held on Oct 30th-31st and 24 girls tried out competing for one of the open 17spots. Dealing with stress and pressure is never easy but putting your mind to it may relive you. "You must really commit to it and work hard ", stated Demiya Howse. You can only imagine the stress when trying to stand out and show what makes you different or what special skills you can bring to the team. For most girls, it may be hard and for the others it may be a breeze for them because they're used to others being around and watching them while the other girls are dealing with anxiety and being nervous of performing and failing in front of others. "I don't handle the stress well, I be too pressured and my anxiety gets the best of me " Said Howse. Anxiety while trying to compete with a big number of girls for a minimum number of spots can certainly throw you off your game, it can cause you to miss shots, miss instructions or even try too hard to the point you mess up. "The best advice to someone who's trying out for any sports team is to just relax, calm your nerves. Don't let the scariness or stress defeat you, be dedicated and put



your all into it, because anything you want to do or accomplish you can do it as long as you put your mind to it. "Said Howse. Showing off your skills or what your best at might up your chances in getting a spot on the team, so don't be scared show how your beneficial to the team. Let's see how you can change the Pearl-Cohn basketball team!

BOYS BASKETBALL	12/9	@Sheffield HS
	12/12	Cane Ridge
	12/20	Loretto High School
	12/21	Mt. Juliet
	12/22	Chattanooga Prep
	12/27-29	PC Tourn.
	1/5	Henderson County
	1/6	University Heights Academy
	1/9	Beach
	1/12	@Sycamore
	1/16	STEM Prep
	1/19	@Lead Academy
	1/23	@Independence Academy
	1/26	@STEM Prep
	1/30	Lead Academy
	2/2	Independence Academy
2/6	White House Heritage	
2/9	@Station Camp	

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	12/12	Cane Ridge
	12/15	TN Live
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Pearl-Cohn's Thoughts on Israel & Palestine



Mr. Hudson reads news of the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

By: Tacona Sanders

The Israeli- Palestine conflict is an ongoing Military and political war. Its one of the longest running hostilities in history having started in the middle of the 20th century Over the "Holy land," which is a territory roughly corresponding to the modern state of Israel and the state of Palestine .

Over 10,000 Palestinians killed in Gaza Hamas -r un health ministry says, UN calls Gaza "a children's graveyard." News report are claiming that between 3,000-5,000 rockets were launched during the first day, and that an

estimated 1,000 Hamas militants are breached the security barrier at several positions.

Although this was in another country. Most of the world has heard about it and is very much involved with it. With the united states being one of Israel allies , U.S. are pretty much involved with this war that's killing innocent people on both Israels and Palestine side.

Officer Pye, A police officer in Nashville Tennessee , at Pearl Cohn high school . As him being an officer he hears about this conflict and war daily. "War has just been part of this world, conflict leads to war , The history is behind it all" . "The history of this war is deep , which led up to many killings of innocent people and kids who haven't yet gotten to live life ". With officer Pye being a police of the United states, people most likely tend for him to choose a side on this war . "I side with humanity; I choose the life of the innocents.

Many teachers , history teachers , government teachers , have heard about this war . MR. Pomerantz at pearl Cohn high school teacher who teaches the subjects "history" and "we the people" , Had huge thoughts on this war. "I feel horrible about war , and the people being impacted by the decisions of the leaders from both countries. Its best we keep the civilians in our thoughts, knowing it's not their fault."

As Mr. Pomerantz being a history ,and social studies teacher, He knows the back story of this war . He knows about it because he watches the war, which this war is covered on all news and broadcast .

"Seeing videos on the war is hard to see ; it's really sad " "I have friends that either lives in Israel or were born and have family in Israel , seeing how this is effecting them , hurts me because I'm not able to do anything , and knowing its not their fault is hurting , I keep them in my thoughts deeply "

With this war not only effecting the two countries physically, but it also effects other countries mentally and emotionally. Many teens who attend Pearl Cohn high school have social media, most likely have seen the horrible disturbing videos of kids and human being lifeless bodies. Many people, including teens in Nashville Tennessee have protested against the Israel, standing with Palestine , protesting in downtown Nashville . October 29, 2023 , Hundreds attended a rally in downtown Nashville to voice outrage from the Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip and to demand a ceasefire .


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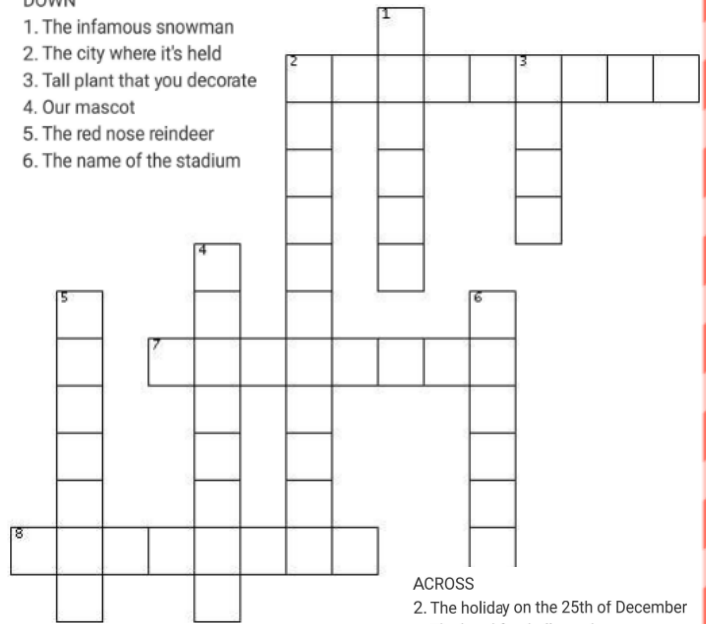
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- The infamous snowman
- The city where it's held
- Tall plant that you decorate
- Our mascot
- The red nose reindeer
- The name of the stadium



ACROSS

- The holiday on the 25th of December
- The head football coach
- The team they are facing

Ask Pearly Advice Column

Dear PEARLY: How I can stay focused in class and get work turned in faster.
 ~ HARD TO STAY FOCUSED

Dear HARD TO STAY FOCUSED: You can start by just solely keeping your mind on your work you have to do. Tell yourself, this is what I got to get done and nothing else is important right now. If you try this, I'm positive you will get it done correctly and in a timely manner. Hope this helps you out!
 ~ Pearly

Dear Pearly: My manager wants me to take on more hours, but I feel like I'm already so tired at school. The money is nice but is it worth it.
 ~ LITTLE TIERED ONE

Dear LITTLE TIERED ONE: Don't do anything that you don't feel up to because your health is way more important than some job. I'm glad the money is nice, but it is not worth not getting enough sleep.
 ~ Pearly

Dear PEARLY: My dude has been real shady and not texting me at night. Should I call him out?
 ~ CALL OUT QUEEN

Dear CALL OUT QUEEN: Coming from Pearly, you should def call him out because what has he been doing at night to where he can't call or text you at night? Hold him accountable for not playing his part, you deserve way more than that! You deserve to get all the calls and texts you need a night if he wants to continue to be your man.
 ~ Pearly

Dear PEALRY: Why they never really talk about senior dues 😊
 ~LITTLE SENIOR

Dear LITTLE SENIOR: I'm not sure why they haven't discussed the senior dues yet, but if you sign up on the remind app with Mr. Brown you will be able to get updates about anything you need to know.
 ~ Pearly

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