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Take High School and College Courses Online

-by Austin Prusik

Colebrook Academy is a partner school to a program known as VLACS: a year round program which allows students to take middle school, high school, and college courses online for school credits. VLACS stands for Virtual Learning Charter Academy, and students who choose to participate take an online course featuring high levels of student-teacher interaction in a wide variety of disciplines, including AP courses. Students can enroll in a VLACS course to take something that is not offered at CA, to retake a failed class without reworking their schedule, or even get a jump start on college with dual-enrollment. Dual-enrollment classes are offered by SNHU, and the Community College System of NH, and can provide a student with college credits while still in high school.

New Hampshire residents can take middle school and high school level courses for free, and dual-enrollment courses cost an average of \$150. CA students interested in taking courses through VLACS can get more information in the guidance office, as well as advice about using a study hall to spend time on a VLACS course.

Local Review: Academy Players Stage Musical Version of *Headless Horseman*

-by Kensley Hammond

From the 20th to the 22nd of November, the Colebrook Academy Players performed the musical *The Headless Horseman* at the Tillotson Center. Of the three shows, Friday was the busiest. Thursday night was the first show-

ing of the play, and was the one that got everyone used to performing the play on stage without scripts. Several parts of the play were rough, and mumbling lines was a common occurrence. Scene changes were also a bit bumpy and took a little bit longer than necessary. However, the actors did manage to pull through and had a good performance overall.

Friday's performance was the smoothest and the best-performed. In scenes where lines had been forgotten in the previous showing, actors had gone over their lines and knew them. In the situations where the lines weren't clearly remembered, the actors were quick to improvise smoothly, leaving no gaps. The last showing of the play was on Saturday, and this was second best showing of the three. The turnout for Saturday was moderate and what was to be expected on a cold night. Several lines were mumbled, and the improvisation wasn't as quick or witty, but it was still better than Thursday night's performance. Overall, the play was a success-very entertaining and funny, as are all of the Colebrook Player's performances, and it was something worth seeing.

CA Students Compete In Second Annual TEEN Cooking Challenge

-by Catherine Hodgdon

Once again, Colebrook Academy Students are competing in the TEEN Cooking Challenge. This year the finals took place on November 18th in Mrs. Brooks's room. Students from CA who are participating are Catherine Hodgdon, Kiahna Smith, Amelia Sweatt, and Erica Dagesse.

The TEEN Cooking Challenge pairs student teams from Colebrook Academy, Stewartstown

Community School, and Pittsburg High School with mentors from local restaurants to teach teens how to cook and be a part of a team. This year, students were assigned the task of creating a healthy meal featuring pizza, and including an 800 calorie-per-serving requirement. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. on Wednesday December 10th at the Stewartstown Community School, with the winning meal being featured in their school's hot lunch menu.

Reading Groups Benefit CA, CES Students

-by Ashley Nelson

A small group of Academy students have been going over to Colebrook Elementary School to help with the Response to Intervention (RtI) program. Earlier this year, Genna Gould, Brianna Fogg, Hannah Potter, Cady Johnson, Makaila Weir, Julius Sullivan, and Christoph Jörjes signed up to work with the teachers and children at Colebrook Elementary. They meet every week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during second period.

The students from the Academy help the kindergarten through sixth grade with mathematics, history/social studies, and science. "I'm really glad we started this" said Makaila Weir, further starting that working on the RtI program helps both older and younger students with reading and learning skills. Academy students also have the benefit of applying those hours to the Silver Cord program, which encourages and recognizes students' outstanding community service. Anyone who has second period study hall and is interested in joining should see Mr. Fiorentino.

Preparations Underway For Winter Carnival

The Student Council is busily preparing for this year's Winter Carnival, which will take place on December 21st and 22nd. The overall theme and the full list of events are still being finalized, as is the specific schedule of the two days. Events will be held at the Elementary School Gym on Monday and will be exclusively at Colebrook Academy on Tuesday.

Students are reminded that they will need to be prepared for Monday's activities by bringing sneakers with them to the gym, as it is very important not to wear shoes from outside onto the court. For Tuesday, students will need to have appropriate winter clothing, as most of the events will be outside. The Student Council suggests snow or ski pants, hats, gloves, boots, and winter jackets.

In talking about the day, Student Council Adviser Mrs. Ginette White emphasized, "We just want this to be a fun day for all of us to be together and have a good time before we break for the holidays." As Winter Carnival gets closer, students will have the chance to sign up for activities they want to be involved in. More specific details about Winter Carnival will be made available in the days to come.

HOT LUNCH

Dec. 8 - Dec. 12

Mon.: Chicken Patty

Tues.: Macaroni & Cheese

Weds.: Stromboli- ham or veg.

Thurs.: Nachos Supreme

Fri.: Pancakes

Dec. 15 - Dec. 19

Mon.: Hot dog

Tues.: Open-faced Buffalo Chicken Calzone

Weds.: Grilled Ham & Cheese

Thurs.: HOLIDAY FEAST-
Stuffed Pork Loin

Fri.: Burgers

Page and Screen: Interests & Opinions

The Hunger Games: Mockingjay- Part 1 was released on November 21, 2014 and picks up the story where Catching Fire leaves it. Director Francis Lawrence has directed another success with actors and actresses we have come to know and love.

Jennifer Lawrence stars as Katniss Everdeen who makes a tough decision to become the face of the rebellion. Gale (Liam Hemsworth) is by her side fighting for the rebellion. Peeta Mellark, played by Josh Hutcherson, was captured by the Capitol at the end of Catching Fire. Now he is standing by President Snow along with Johanna Mason.

It is a definite must-see for people following the story through the movies or the books. The actors and actresses have become the characters. The changes between the book and the movie are mostly trivial with the most evident being Effie Trinket's increased role as Katniss's guide. She is a lovable character who adds more to the movie. Overall, I believed the movie was better than the book. The movie is visually stunning and brings the book to life more than just words on a page.

Upcoming Meetings

Dec. 8: Quiz Bowl, 6 p.m., Ms. Gaeb's Room

Dec. 9: TSA, 3-4 p.m., Tech Building

Dec. 9: Drama Club Cast Party, 5-7 p.m., Mr. Reeves's Room

Dec. 10: Key Club, 7 p.m., CA Cafeteria

Dec. 10: TEEN Cooking Challenge Awards, 6 p.m., Stewartstown Community School

Dec. 12: Quiz Bowl, 3 p.m., Ms. Gaeb's Room

Dec. 15: Quiz Bowl, 6 p.m., Ms. Gaeb's Room

Dec. 16: TSA, 3-4 p.m., Tech Building

Dec. 16: School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., CES Library

Dec. 17: Key Club, 7 p.m., CA Cafeteria

Dec. 19: Quiz Bowl, 3 p.m., Ms. Gaeb's Room

The Puzzler

Solution to Last Issue's Puzzle:

Last issue's puzzle was a tricky one. When confronted with a number sequence, many people try to find the math or pattern behind it, but in order to find the solution, you need to look at the puzzle in a different way. The extended sequence is as follows:

1, 11, 21, 1211, 111221, 312211, 13112221, 1113213211, 31131211131221, 13211311123113112211

Still don't see it? To find the answer, try saying the digits out loud. Don't say the number itself, just the individual digits. Each number (after the first) is how you would say the number before it if you were listing off the digits and how many there were in a row. For example:

The first number is "1" to list this, you would say that there is "One one" or "11". To list that, you would say there are "two ones", or "21" which is "one two, and one one" or "1211" and so on.

This Issue's Puzzle:

Two mathematicians, who were roommates in college, meet years later and get to talking about their children. One mathematician asks the other how many children he has and what their ages are. The other mathematician replies by saying he has 3 children, but he doesn't say their ages. Instead, he says the following:

The product of my children's age is 36.

The sum of their ages are the same as our apartment number in college.

My oldest child has red hair.

The last piece of information seems irrelevant, but is actually vital to finding the solution. What are the ages of his children? Good Luck! Check back again next issue for the answer!

Potato Latkes -contributed by Elise Fuller

Recipe by Michele Urvater <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes>

Latkes are potato pancakes that are traditionally served during Hanukkah. They are easy to make, healthy, and delicious. There are many variations to this recipe that include different vegetables. They are good served with applesauce, sour cream, or cottage cheese mixed with sour cream.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying

Instructions

In a food processor, grate the potatoes. Line a sieve with cheesecloth and transfer potatoes to the sieve. Set sieve over a bowl, twist cheesecloth into a pouch, squeezing out some moisture. Let mixture drain for 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, pour off liquid from the bowl but leave the white potato starch that settles in the bottom of the bowl.

To that starch, add shallots, eggs, flour, 1-1/2 teaspoons of salt and freshly ground pepper. Return drained potatoes to this mixture and toss to combine.

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Line a baking pan with paper towels. When you are ready to eat, in a large skillet heat 1/4 inch of oil over medium high heat until hot. Drop heaping tablespoonfuls of potato mixture and cook for 3 to 4 minutes a side; latkes should be golden and crisp on both sides. Eat right away or keep warm in oven.

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Mohawks' Basketball

Dec. 9: Junior High Girls & Boys, **HOME** vs. Pittsburg/Canaan
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 10: Junior High Girls & Boys, **HOME** vs. Berlin
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Dec. 15: JV Girls & Boys, **AWAY** vs. Pittsburg/Canaan
5:00-8:00 p.m. (Bus leaves at 3:50)

Dec. 16: Junior High Girls & Boys, **HOME**, vs. Groveton
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Dec. 17: Junior High Girls & Boys, **AWAY** vs. Gorham
5:00-6:30 p.m. (Bus leaves at 2:00)

Dec. 19: Varsity Girls & Boys, **AWAY** vs. Profile
5:30-8:30 p.m. (Bus leaves at 3:25)