Trojan Tribune

Greeting the Season with Cookies!

Delicious smells wafted out of the FCS room as Ms. Kafka's class made Christmas cookies. Some lucky staff members (like Mr. Smith) got to sample the results. Logan Heidinger adds the last touches to his batch of cookies in Nutrition and Wellness class.

Monday, December 21	Tuesday, December 22	Wednesday, December 23
Blue 1 - Normal Class	Orange 1 - Final	Blue 3 - Final
Blue 2 - Normal Class	Orange 2 - SRB	Blue 2 - Final
Blue 3 - Normal Class	Orange 3 - Final	Blue 1 - Final
Blue 4 - Final	Orange 4 - Final	Everyone Eats First lunch School is out at 1:20

Physics Students droppin' Eggs

by Abby Hohn

The physics class, taught by Mrs. Bartells, participated in the egg-drop again this year. The challenge is to build something to protect a raw egg when dropped from an elevated height. This year's students dropped their eggs from a height of four meters off the ground in the armory.

Each student was given one bottle of glue, 250 toothpicks, and an egg. The eggs were marked so that the students couldn't replace them, and they were not allowed to boil or tamper with the eggs. Mrs. Bartells gave the kids one week and three days to complete their build for the egg.

Jo Boettcher and Lizzy kinneberg do a last-minute check on their projects.

The participants were CC Neugebauer, McKenzie Schultz, Jocelyn Boettcher, Lizzy Kinneberg, Liam McIntosh, Nick Hohn, Landon Sudbeck, TJ Schmidt, and Kade Bialas. The students whose eggs survived were Jocelyn, CC, Landon, and TJ. Liam pointed out that Kade's egg didn't fully crack, either.

CDC modifies recommendations

Quarantine recommendations have changed recently. A person required to quarantine, rather than having a full 14 days of quarantine, has an alternative: They can quarantine through day seven, and may return to school on the 8th day after the date of exposure, as long as they had a negative COVID test in the last three days of the quarantine, and they will also be given a rapid test on day 10. They must return to complete the quarantine if they develop symptoms anytime through day 14. To return on day 8—two tests must be taken.

If the person is quarantined through day 10, they must have a negative test on day 10 or the morning of day 11, upon their return to school.

Mask rules haven't changed, nor have the rules for people who test positive. The letter explaining the changes and how the affect the school is available on the school website, or people can contact the school for further explanation.

TJ Schmidt watches as Ms. Bartells prepares to test his structure (she's going to drop it!).

FFA focused on competitions, in spite of COVID limitations

by Kennedy Heidinger

FFA has had a busy fall so far. The FFA organization held a Halloween 5k. The FFA 5k was a fun run where you could wear a costume for Halloween. They had a great turnout with 20 FFA members and 35 community members. There were three divisions, men, women, and children under twelve years old. FFA gave away prizes for first, second, and third place in all three divisions. They also gave out prizes for having the best costume. The 5k started at the school and went around town.

FFA members competed at districts on November 23, and November 30. Ragen Weber got fourth place in Ag Broadcasting. Elyssa Bartelt did Creed Speaking and took third place, advancing to state, where she placed twelfth. Kacy Geohring placed first in Employability Skills and advanced to state competition in January. Kacy Geohring and Ashlyn Tapio interviewed for district office, where Kacy was elected to the District Reporter position. The Parliamentary Procedure team placed second and advanced to state. (Logan Heidinger, Spencer Albrecht, Reese Reichert, Preston Mattheis , Ashlyn Tapio, and Ty Fink--pictured below) They competed in preliminary rounds and advanced to the final round, Friday, December 18, where they placed fifth.

The Parli Pro team: Logan Heidinger, Spencer Albrecht, Reese Reichert, Preston Mattheis , Ashlyn Tapio, and Ty Fink

Sometimes we forget that Jr. HIgh is where the next excellent athletes are trained. Here, the current Jr. High Girls Basketball team is putting in the court time and learning the rhythm of their team-mates in this game against Hanson.

Girls take the court by storm in season opener

by Faith Oakley

The girls basketball team kicked off their season with a big win against the TDA Nighthawks in Armour, December 15. The starting five were: Tiah Holzbauer, Allison Ziebart, Abby Hohn, Faith Oakley, and Emma Yost.

Allison Ziebart started the Trojans with the win at the tip. They played very well together as a team throughout the first half. At half time the Trojans led the Nighthawks. The Trojans came out after half and played hard to leave the game ending with a score of 59 to 21. Emma Yost was the Trojans leading scorer.

Friday, December 18, in the doubleheader on the home court, the girls faced the Chamberlain Cubs. The girls topped the Cubs wiht a score of 61-38. On Satureday, December 19, the girls traveled to Lenox. They kept their winning streak going with a 55-33 win.

The girls played well together and are excited for the rest of the season. The next home game is December 22, with a double-header against Parker.

Cole Prunty goes up for a layup.

Boys basketball team opens the season with win

by Kayla Neugebauer

The boys basketball team kicked off their season with a big win over the Avon Pirates. The game was played at home on Saturday, December 12. The starters were Cole Prunty, Chase Wickersham, Ethan Poore, Kaleb Weber, and Brayden Jervik. A returning varsity player, Max Scott, was out for the game due to a hand injury from this past football season.

Cole Prunty was the leading scorer for the Parkston Trojans. The Trojans came out with an 11-3 lead after the first quarter and stayed ahead for the remainder of the game. They played very well as a team and worked hard throughout the game. The final score was 64-31 with a Trojan win. Parkston will have two double-headers coming up this week.

December 18, we hosted the Chamberlain Cubs in a double header. The boys played hard, but lost 72-41 in a very physical game.

Brayden Jervik is on the defense against Avon.

Wrestling Seasons grinds into gear

by Ragen Weber

The 2020-2021 wrestling season got off to a rocky start with a duel against Winner on December 4. Parkston was taking on the number two team in the state with 11 of 14 starting spots ranked in the preseason rankings. There were three JV matches and the Varsity started at the 113 weight class. There was one forfeit and one win from a pin fall: Porter Neugebauer over Jude Sargent. The final score was 69-12. This was the first duel for the new head coach Dan Bonte. Bonte was a 4-time state champion wrestler for Garretson.

On December 10, there was a round robin between Parkston, Madison, Sioux Falls Lincoln, and Webster Area. Noah Mahoney, Logan Heidinger, Kolter Kramer, Gage Reichert, Gavin Braun, Wyatt Anderson, Kaden Holzbauer, Zack VanZee and Landon Sudbeck all took first place in their weight classes. Porter Neugebauer, Riley Neugebauer, and Gage Jodozi placed second; Gabe Neugebauer, Kash Neugebauer, and Carter Sommers placed third; Four wrestlers placed fouth--TJ Schmidt, Javon Kniffen, Breckin Culbert, and Aaron Baumiller.

On December 12 the Parkston team went to Howard for the Ken Ruml Invitational Tournament. The team finished 4th with 96.5 points. Top finishers include: Gavin Braun(106)--1st place; Wyatt Anderson(113) got 1st place; Carter Sommers(120) 4th; Porter Neugebauer(126) 1st; Noah Mahoney(160) got 2nd, and Brock Tuttle(195) 4th.

Landon Sudbeck fights for advantage from a difficult position.

Gavine Braus gets ready to engage.

Above: Noah Mahoney goes to the mat for the advantage.
Left: The rest of the Parkston Wrestling team watches from the bench.