

# The Anchor

## Principals' Message

We have now completed our first 6 weeks of the semester, and thankfully, the weather has been cooperative. As of now, the last day of school for the students will be May 14th. This was a very busy week for our sports. Both basketball teams had 2 nights of play in Leslie County, but both advanced to regional play. Those tournaments will be next week in Estill and Powell Counties. We are gearing up for a very important assessment. All juniors will take the ACT assessment on Tuesday, March 12th. We should have testing schedules ready next week. We encourage input from staff and students regarding any suggestions to make our school more positive. We are one big family, and everyone needs to work together for us to be successful. If any parents or guardians have any questions at any time, please feel free to call the school or email the teachers. In order for us to be successful, we must have the same focus and goals.

**Michelle Ritchie-Curtis &  
Kevin Campbell**  
**Perry County Central**  
**Co-Principals**

## Commodore Family

### ***Mission Statement***

Staff and students will build a supporting environment and relationships that encourage continuous improvement and high expectations of lifelong learning.

### ***Vision Statement***

We strive to create high levels of learning in a welcoming, collaborative environment that nurtures personalized success for all Commodores.

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## Senior Trip Information (2024)

All seniors should now have their trip paid in full. Ms. Southwood does have some extra PCC blankets for sale. You can see her in room 239 If you would like to buy one. The senior trip will be from April 8th to the 11th. Luggage checks will take place on April 7th. More information will be posted in future newsletters.

### Prom April 27th

Below is some information about the upcoming 2024 prom:

- 12 or more unexcused absences makes you ineligible to attend prom
- Prom will be in the gym
- Perfect attendance will be awarded with a free prom ticket
- The Theme is "I never liked this song until I danced with you"
- Sign ups for King and Queen and voting will take place at prom by classes
- Masquerade colors are black, red, and gold
- Tickets will be sold soon in the snack shack during regular hours or in Miss Napier's office
- Seniors are free
- Tickets will cost \$55 in March
- Tickets will cost \$75 if you wait until April

## Updated Grading Periods

5<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks

February 26 – April 4

Midterm – March 14

6<sup>th</sup> 6 weeks

April 5 – May 14

Midterm – April 24

### FBLA

PCC FBLA visited Continental Sew for training on their new embroidery machines. They have already started working on several projects and plan for many more. This group is very talented and work hard.





# ATTENDANCE PCCHS COMPETITION



FEB. 26--LAST DAY OF  
LAST 6 WEEKS



DAILY, WEEKLY, MIDTERM, & TERM WINNERS  
PLUS GRAND PRIZE WINNERS

Prizes  
include

Snacks, PCC Apparel, Speakers,  
Chargers, LED Lights, Mugs, Polaroid  
Cameras, Mini Fridges, headsets &  
controllers



Fishing Poles, AirPods, Apple  
Watch, 2 Nintendo Switches, & a  
PS5



### PCC Academic Team

The PCC Academic Team did a tremendous job this year. They practiced hard and challenged all of their competitors. Perry had three students represent the academic team at region. We are proud of Olivia Calhoun, Preston Herald, and Preston Maggard for a successful season. We also want to give a special congratulations to Preston Herald as he placed 4th in Mathematics and qualified for state competition. State will be held next weekend. Good luck.



### A Drama Interview with Department Head, Lorelei White

We interviewed the head of Drama's Paint Department, Lorelei White. Mrs. White gave us her insight into what her department does, and how it contributes to Perry Central's Commodore Players. Keep in mind that every question is answered honestly. We believe every member of the Drama team deserves to have his/her voice heard and opinions stated.

*Q: What do you do in your department? What can one expect from working in your department?*

**A: My department paints set pieces. They can expect a relaxed work experience as long as they are respectful to their materials and the people in their environment.**

*Q: What are your favorite aspects about your department? How can you describe the working environment in your department?*

**A: My favorite aspect is the ability to get creative with your work. I can describe it as a calm and relaxed environment, or even fun, depending on the day.**

*Q: What skills are most valuable in your department? What skills and or qualities can be improved by working in your department?*

**A: Patience. It takes a long time to finish a big project; patience is key. You can expect to improve on art skills and exercise creativity.**

*Q: Describe your average working day.*

**A: An average work day consists of putting on proper equipment (apron, gloves, masks, etc.), preparing your paint pallet depending on what you're working on, painting for about an hour, and then washing pallets and brushes while putting everything back where it belongs.**

*Q: Do you have any specific advice for those interested in joining your department?*

**A: No experience is needed, just determination. All help is appreciated if it's a mural or just help picking up; it helps run things smoothly.**

*Q: Who are some people in the Drama Department who inspire you? Give a shoutout to those who motivate you the most!*

**A: All of our department heads. Not a single one should go unnoticed!**

We would like to thank Lorelei for not only contributing to her wonderful department, but to the school paper as well!

# ACT TESTING JUNIORS



Tuesday, March 12th

## Dores Fall Short

PCC Dores basketball team finished the season strong with 2 impressive wins over Cordia and Oneida Baptist. Even though they had some bumpy spots along the road this season, the team pulled together when it counted. They faced Leslie County in the first game of the district. The team came out sharp and played hard to pull out the win, advancing them to the finals. They faced cross-town rival, the Hazard Bulldogs. In the previous meetings, Hazard walked away with the win but the Dores had something to prove. The team started off slow, but kept the crowd on the edge of their seats in the end. A few missed shots or calls could have made a difference in the outcome. The Dores suffered the loss, but need to hold the head up proud. They gave a tremendous effort. Next week begins the 14th Regional Tournament hosted at Powell County. The Dores will face Powell County in the first round on Thursday, March 7th at 8PM.

## District Champs

The PCC Lady Dores finished the season with an exciting win over Pineville. It was a high scoring game being 84-79 and going into overtime. Emotions were flying high since this was senior night. McAlarnis and Couch combined for 60 of the 84 points. Feltner and McAlarnis dominated the boards grabbing 12 each. This ended their successful season. Going into district play, the Lady Dores faced Buckhorn and came away with an easy win. This advanced them into the finals to face cross-town rival, the Hazard Bulldogs. Even with a hostile crowd, the Lady Dores held their composure and controlled the game. The Lady Dores earned another 54th District Championship.



### **PCC Cheer**

The Perry County Central Cheerleaders will be competing in the in-game competition at the 14th Regional Tournaments next week. The PCC Cheerleaders will be judged on sideline cheers, floor cheer, leading the crowd, and showing spirit. If one of the teams advance to state, the cheerleaders will also compete at the state level. These ladies and coaches have worked extremely hard all year and cheered on our sports' teams.

### **Swinging In A New Season**

The Perry Central Commodores Baseball Team is looking forward to this upcoming season. We spoke to the coaches and players and got their opinions on the season. They are optimistic about the upcoming season and their ultimate goal is to win the region championship and bring the title back home. The team consists of mainly underclassmen with some experience and leadership to balance that out. Most of these players have been playing organized baseball for several years, so they know the importance of teamwork. The season will open in early March. We look forward to watching this group. Good luck on the season.

### **State Qualifiers**

We would like to congratulate Jayden Sampsell on a 3rd place finish at KSHAA Region 8 Tournament. This amazing finish qualified him for the State Tournament. Also, congratulations to Kasey Conley on a 5th place finish that earned him the right to be a state alternate. Congratulations again to Jayden Sampsell, Brianna Slone, Katie Smith, and Kasey Conley for representing us as the PCC Wrestling State Qualifiers.



## **Hazard-Perry County Women's Club Scholarship Application**

A \$750.00 scholarship will be awarded to one 2024 senior at Hazard High School, Buckhorn High School, and Perry County Central High School. The scholarship will be based on a 500-word essay, high school GPA, and demonstrated community service.

Deadline for scholarship application is Friday, April 5th, 2024.

The women's club will write the check to each student after they show proof of enrollment in fall 2024 classes.

Students should fill out this form and submit it with the essay and a copy of their high school transcript.