

The RV Buzz

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GIRLS' SHOW 2023

Feel This Moment



This year, Mr. Clonan led the PVTV crew in producing the entire 2023 Girls' Show. It is because of this highly skilled crew that viewers were able to enjoy a high quality version of the show from home! You can find the edited version on our YouTube Channel. [@PassaicValleyHighSchoolHornets](#) Thanks, PVTV!



The White Flag Rises After a Close Competition

On Friday, March 10th, after an incredibly close competition, the 78th annual Girls' Show ended with a white flag rising for the night. This year, the White Team claimed victories in Posters, Relays, Novelties, Dance, and Cheer, and the Green Team took home the flag for Exercise (X). From the exceptional routines to the athleticism and sportsmanship of the participants, audiences were blown away by the variety this year's Girls' Show brought. Regardless of the results, all participants were successful in showing their time and dedication put into the event on the floor that night, reminding everyone of the tenacity and commitment that keeps the Girls' Show tradition going.





The students of Passaic Valley Regional High School showed their support of our local Fire Departments at the 2022 Holiday Parade, an annual event that brings all three towns together in celebration. The band and choir put on beautiful performances, student leaders volunteered to help organize the PV float, and we debuted our new school bus decked out in holiday lights.

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PRIDE. TRADITION. FAMILY.



14 DAYS OF ACTION / SANDY HOOK PROMISE

Passaic Valley joined Sandy Hook Promise in commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 26 lives lost on 12/14/12 during the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting tragedy. We are dedicated to raising awareness of the warning signs of crisis and empower our students to speak up and make a positive impact in each others' lives. During the first two weeks of December, we participated in Sandy Hook's 14 Days of Action Challenge. Senior Mentor Advisors Ms. Vigilante and Ms. Morris planned 14 days of activities to help get the whole district involved. We dedicated a tree on the front lawn of PV to Sandy Hook Promise and wore PV colors to show our loyalty. Passaic Valley is proud to take meaningful actions to honor all lives taken by gun violence and help prevent another tragedy.

EXPANDING CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES



International students enrich the PV learning environment by bringing different cultural perspectives and diversity to our school. Bringing together students from multiple cultures into one classroom can make for a very lively and productive learning experience - one that reflects the world our students will graduate into.

Ms. Annamaria Stojcevska (pictured above) is a foreign exchange student from Germany. Annamaria chose to study the language and culture of the US at PV. She became a big part of our hornet family in just a short period of time. Many of her friends say she taught them just as much as they taught her. We wish her the best of luck back in Germany and hope she will come visit again.

ON-SITE ADMISSION DAY

On-Site Admission Day for seniors was on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Admissions representatives from 14 New Jersey colleges/universities reviewed applications, interviewed each senior individually, and made an admission decision *that day*. The hard work and dedication PV students devote to their education is especially noticed on days like this. Congratulations to all!



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experience different ways of learning

Passaic Valley believes teaching and learning experiences that take place outside of the classroom enrich in-class learning. Our educators find that their students recall the course material more vividly when learning from different perspectives. The educational outcomes of field trips focus on social skills, relevance, real-world experience, motivation, and interest in the subject's material. As an added bonus, our students have fun!



Mrs. Robeson's Computer Aided Design students dove into the world of 3D Visualization at Berkely College. They attended workshops to learn about different programs and designed their own SOM projects.



PV Band and Choir students took a weekend trip to Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida in March where they participated in multiple workshops, put on a beautiful performance and were professionally recorded. They learned all about the art of Foley (how to design sound effects commonly used in films), recorded voice overs, and created sound effects to produce their very own clip from *Despicable Me*.



Ms. Czepiel's Ceramics and Sculpture classes celebrated Youth Art Month by hosting Artist-In-Residence Cliff Mendelson. Students explored the relationship between art and society, and the science behind glazing, painting, and firing clay. Together they created a masterpiece of their own using the Multicultural Potter's Wheel.



SP TLIGHTS



2023 EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

Passaic Valley Regional High School is proud to announce Mr. Randall Sanders and Mr. Julio Sanchez as the 2022-2023 awardees for Governor's Educator of the Year and Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year! Congratulations to these two brilliant educators!

COACH PARLAVECCHIO INDUCTED INTO THE NJ STATE COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME



Congratulations to our very own Coach Parlavecchio for being inducted into the NJSIAA/NJSCA Hall of Fame! He is someone who has excelled in football as both a player and a coach. More importantly, his impact on the students here at Passaic Valley speaks volumes about his leadership and positive influence.

SPORTS REPORT

#SWARMUP



Track and Field took home the title of BNC Independence Division Champions and Coach Erik Getz was named BNC Independence Division Coach of The Year! Mackenzie Beazley placed 3rd at the NJ Group 2 Championships & qualified for the NJ Meet of Champions in high jump. Senior track star Katharine Cottone was selected as the PVRHS representative for the National Girls & Women in Sports award. The NGAWS award is given out by the NJSIAA each year to young women in sports that show the highest levels of competitiveness and character.



Wrestling was BNC Independence Division Champions for the 3rd season in a row. The team had 22 wins! That is the most wins in program history for a single season. Frankie Martino was a Region 2 runner up and qualified for the NJ State Wrestling Tournament in Atlantic City. He went 3-2 at the State Tournament and finished in the top 12 in the entire state of NJ at 190lbs. Tricia Crozier was the first female wrestler in 60 years to step on the mat and compete at Passaic Valley!



Ice Hockey had a successful season. The team is now made up of players from PV, Cedar Grove, and Clifton. They won 6-3 in the Big North Semi-Finals of the Silver Cup Tournament and won 8 out of their last 10 games!



Boys' & Girls' Fencing had 3 wins each this season. The Boys' Fencing team finished 3rd at the Passaic County Tournament! Coach Will Puglisi was recognized as BPFL Liberty Division Coach of the Year!



On February 25, 2023, Senior Connor Kerwin earned his 100th career win. Kerwin also won the last match of his high school career and took home 5th place in the toughest Region in New Jersey.

Boys' & Girls' Basketball had 9 wins each and both teams won an opening round Passaic County Tournament game this season.

COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Leith Matarì



Senior Leith Matarì was named the Jag-One Physical Therapy New Jersey Youth Soccer "Comeback Player of the Year". In October 2020, Leith suffered a devastating tibia injury which could have ended his career. Determined to return to the field, he took on seven long months of rehab and therapy. This past season, Leith was named First Team All League, Honorable Mention All County, and selected for the All-Star Senior Showcase Game. In February, Leith signed to continue his soccer career and education at Rutgers University.

AIDAN STOKES



A big congratulations to freshmen Aidan Stokes who continues his climb up the United States National Youth Soccer Team ladder. Aidan is a member of the U-15 squad and has been part of the Red Bulls Academy Program since he was 11 years old. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication Aidan puts in every day!

PV THEATER TAKES NYC: BROADWAY IMAGINED



On February 2, 2023, Passaic Valley Theater Arts Students adventured into NYC for an educational experience with *Broadway Imagined*. These premier arts workshops are taught by Broadway Professionals and enhance students' skills on stage. Broadway actor and PV alumni Jess LeProtto led the workshop alongside Associate Conductor Sinai Tabak. Students closed out the evening in the audience of the Neil Diamond Musical, *A Beautiful Noise*, where LeProtto put on an inspiring performance.



Congratulations to senior Emma Giron, who is this year's recipient of the Gypsy Robe! She is a dedicated member of the Drama Club, and has starred in many productions. Emma is a leader who has taken the role of stage manager, and even designed the artwork for *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*.



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MAY 11 - MAY 13, 2023



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