





# The Issue: Ground Zero

Park51, referred to as the "Ground Zero mosque," is a planned 13-story Islamic community center and mosque to be located about two blocks from the World Trade Center site.

The facility is expected to house many things including a 500-seat auditorium, fitness center, swimming pool, basketball court, childcare area, bookstore, food court, September 11 memorial, and prayer space that could accommodate 1,000–2,000 people.

Although the Park51 building would not be visible from the World Trade Center site, it has caused tremendous controversy.

Those against the project feel that building a mosque so close to Ground Zero would be offensive since the hijackers in the September 11, 2001 attacks were Islamic terrorists.

Supporters of the mosque say that some victims are in favor of the project. Th mosque supporters also say there are religious freedoms in the Constitution and they should mean religious freedom for all.



## What does Dallastown Think?

### Freedom of Religion Means the Mosque Can Be Built

Allowing the Ground Zero building project is a step towards tolerance for all religious groups.

KATE HEATH  
Staff Writer



Public outcry over the Ground Zero Mosque has been flooding news stations throughout the country.

Personally, I do understand the various arguments regarding the displeasing placement of a Mosque two blocks away from Ground Zero.

Nevertheless, one must consider the following: Our Constitution fully supports this project, the religion of Islam is peaceful and should be cherished. The creation of the Mosque would be a deterrent to fundamentalism.

Not allowing the creation of this mosque would be a threat to the Constitution. Since the first amendment allows the freedom of religion, prohibiting the creation of this center of worship on private property would infringe upon the document that is the chef d'oeuvre of American thought and law.

Furthermore, our secular government promises not to favor one religion over another. Since there has been no argument over Christian-related construction in New York City, this country would be extremely hypocritical in denying a mosque.

Many people oppose the building of this center because "Muslims" bombed the World Trade Center.

One must take into account that the terrorists were fundamentalists with completely skewed beliefs regarding the true nature of Islam.

Thus, the entire Muslim population should not be held accountable for a minority of its followers' excessively violent

actions. The building of this mosque has no relation to terrorism, and I find it quite ignorant to think the opposite.

Rather than a symbol of terrorism, the building of this mosque would act as a deterrent to it.

There are extreme circumstances in which some Muslims become fundamentalists. Thomas Friedman showed this in his documentary, "Searching for the Roots of 9/11."

Many terrorists such as Muhammad Atta were driven to this action while studying in either Europe or America and experiencing hatred and repression of their religion while abroad.

The disgust and restraint of their own religion caused them to become humiliated, desperate, and malleable; thus, they turned to fundamentalism.

If the U.S. could support Islam as well as the construction of mosques, perhaps, we could stop terrorism with a relatively unknown weapon-tolerance.

Finally, this building is a symbol of the Islamic faith; by denying its creation, we could be putting lives in danger.

This is a subject of international news. Muslims throughout the world who may be ambivalent about the extremity of their religion might turn to fundamentalism after seeing negative footage.

As Obama prudently stated regarding the mass burning of the Koran, people showing their hatred of Islam puts both U.S. citizens and American interests abroad in danger.

If we really want to honor those who died in 9/11, we should be attempting to save the lives of Americans since we have a choice in this matter.

The Ground Zero Mosque is certainly a symbol that one cannot ignore. While many see it as a sign of a "Muslim victory" against Americans, I urge all to view this creation as a symbol of tolerance and hope for a more culturally-aware America in the future.

#### THE SURVEY SAYS...

Over 100 Dallastown students were surveyed about their knowledge and opinion concerning the proposed building of the mosque near Ground Zero. Here are the results.

51%

Are aware of a controversy about the Ground Zero Mosque

Have no idea about the controversy or the mosque.

49%

38%

Have a definite opinion about the proposed mosque.

Have NO opinion about the controversy

63%

#### Comments:

"I think they should be allowed to build it because not all Islamic people are like the ones the caused 9/11."

"The mosque makes a mockery of the tragedy and should not be built."

"If someone buys land, they can do with it what they please. This is America."

"They have the right to build the mosque, but I think it is in bad taste to build it so close to Ground Zero."

"It is a disgrace to the people who died on 9/11."

"They should let them build it, and stop talking about it in the news."

### Building Project is Disrespectful to 9/11 Victims and Families

Two blocks is too close. Either the mosque should be built somewhere else or not at all.

ASHLEY CHAPMAN  
Staff Writer



Two blocks from the World Trade Center site in lower Manhattan, New York; a 13 story glass mosque is

being constructed. There are plenty of complaints about the mosque, also known as Park 51, sitting too close to where thousands of Americans lost their lives.

Some Americans, myself included, believe that this mosque, which is a symbol for Muslim victory, is disrespectful to the victims who died in that area during the September 11 2001 terrorist attack.

Once approved, just getting the building constructed may be a problem.

Some of the construction workers of Park 51 refuse to build it. They also claim that it is too close to Ground Zero and is very offensive.

"I am here to protest this nonreligious mosque, which is a symbol for Muslim victory," construction worker, Carl Blum said.

"The mentality these people have, it's not anything to do with religion." Edward Nika, a marble worker said. "It doesn't make sense to be there."

Developer Sharif el- Gamel, leading organizer behind the mosque near Ground Zero, plans to tear down Burlington Coat Factory, which has been empty since September 11, 2001, and buy it for \$100 million Dollars.

70% of Americans oppose the plan to build the mosque, and 29% favor it.

President Barack Obama approves of the building due to religious freedoms He feels that Muslim organizations should be

given the "right to build a place of worship and a community center on private property in Lower Manhattan, in accordance with local laws and ordinances."

Senate Majority leader Harry Reid breaks ranks with President Obama.

"The First Amendment protects freedom of religion," spokesman Jim Manley from CNN, said. "Sen. Reid respects that but thinks that the mosque should be built some place else. If the Republicans are being sincere, they would help us pass this long overdue bill to help the first responders whose health and livelihoods have been devastated because of their bravery on 9/11, rather than continuing to block this much needed legislation."

As I stated earlier, it is wrong to build the mosque in that particular area. I agree that the mosque should be place some placed else. Out of all of the places in the world, three blocks from Ground Zero is where it is planned to be built.

In an online article, writer Renee Shafer Horton states, "This isn't about religious freedom-we have mosques, we have churches, we have synagogues. To me, at least, it is about good taste. If the 9/11 attackers had been Hindu, no one would want a temple built near Ground Zero. If they'd been Jewish, no one would want a synagogue there. Let's have a little respect for the dead and a little common sense."

I agree with this quote Religious freedom clearly has nothing to with where the mosque located. It should either be built some place else, or it shouldn't be built at all.

Dr.Jassar said on an online interview, "Obama has fundamentally misundertood the stakes in this discussion and the sentiments of the American people. Instead, you have focused on the very issue that the Islamist propagandists wish to- the narrative that Americans somehow need lectures about Islam, Muslims, and religious freedom."

Jasser is not the only Muslim talking out against the Ground Zero community center.



# Go Green Gown Sale Raises Money for Troops



Racks of donated dresses were on display outside Mrs. McKinney’s room in the days following the Go Green Gown Sale. Students were able to name their price for dresses with all proceeds benefitting the Volunteer Club’s Remember the Troops Campaign. *photo by Jo’vana Richardson*

For the second year, Volunteer Club offers an affordable option for Homecoming with a recycled gown sale.

COURTNEY EDWARDS  
JOVANA RICHARDSON  
*Staff Writers*

The Volunteer Club sponsored the second annual Go Green Gown sale, which took place on Monday September 27, 2010.

Volunteer Club advisor, Mrs. McKinney, got the idea while watching the nightly news sometime last year. “I was watching the news and saw a gown sale like this out in Lancaster. I thought if they can do it, we can too,” McKinney said. In total, 58 gowns were donated. The proceeds of the sale will benefit the Remember the Troops campaign. Though an estimate has not been given yet, the club expects to have raised at least \$400. Students who missed the gown sale on Monday, still had a chance to purchase a gown the next week with the option to name their own price. “No one should say I’m not

going to Homecoming because I can’t afford a dress. I just want everyone to be able to enjoy their high school years for a good price,” McKinney said. During the week of homecoming, you will be able to see many dresses being modeled by various students throughout the school day. All of the proceeds from the sale will be donated to Support the Troops, and whatever gowns do not sell will go to a good cause by being given to several theatres. Volunteer Club hopes to continue this tradition each fall as a way to help girls who are in need of a homecoming dress, but not able to afford one.

## NEWS BRIEFS

Compiled by staff

### Graduate killed in Motorcycle accident

Amanda Lehr, a 2009 DAHS graduate, was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident on a Monday afternoon in September. She was driving her motorcycle when she was struck by a Honda Accord that crossed into her lane. During her years here at Dallastown, she was involved in Varsity Track and Field. “Many teachers and coaches were shocked to learn of her death and remembered her as a very friendly, hardworking, and outgoing student,” Principal Alan Fauth said. Amanda’s cousins spoke highly about her love for her family. She even acted as a mother figure to her little brother. Her little brother spoke on his sister’s behalf: “I will miss everything about Amanda. She was loveable, just a great girl.”

### Volunteer Club to Continue “Remember the Troops” Project

This year, the volunteer club continues to hold opportunities to sponsor our Remember the Troops Drive. As in the past, the club needs students and teachers to write to the soldiers, but they are also holding more fundraisers to earn money to continue the program. The annual “Remember Our Troops” car wash was held again this year on September 18 at Metro Bank. The car wash was successful, raising approximately \$500. The “Rent a High School Volunteer Program,” which is when two or more members of the club come to help a teacher with weeding, raking, gardening, washing cars, or any other job at home. Any money earned goes directly to the 2010 Remember the Troops Drive. The “Go Green Gown Sale” has also returned this year. Gowns were on sale on Monday, September 27. All of the funds will also go to the Remember The Troops Project.

### Volleyball To Sponsor ‘Dig Pink’ Night on October 12

The second annual “Clash for a Cure” will be held on October 12 beginning at 6:00 pm in the high school gym. The Girls’ Volleyball team plays against Dover while raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness. This year, the game will be held at Dallastown. To help raise money, the senior girls nominated seven senior boys to dress up in their best pink outfit. They were photographed and framed and can be seen in the front lobby almost every morning until the match. A donation of fifty cents can be given to vote for the best outfit. The team is asking students to look for the photos in the lobby and come support the team on October 12 wearing their best pink shirts.

### Poetry Out Loud Scheduled for January

For the third year, the English department will host a Poetry Out Loud competition for the high school. English teachers Miss Harper and Mrs. Yunninger are organizing the event in which students recite poetry aloud and are scored in several areas such as accuracy and delivery. The event is tentatively set for January 26, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Theater Room. Poetry Out Loud is a national organization which encourages the nation’s youth to learn about notable poetry through memorization and recitation. For more information, visit [www.poetryoutloud.org](http://www.poetryoutloud.org).

### Future Educators Announce Officers for 2010-11

Miss Clark welcomed the DAHS Chapter of Future Educators of America at their first meeting on September 15, 2010. For the 2010-2011 school year Casey Swank was elected president, Ashley Ness; Vice president, Ryan Zdaniewicz; treasure, Mary Godin; secretary, Evy Maguire; attendance officer, and Caleb Miller; Public relations. At this meeting an upcoming field trip was discussed which will take place at the new Dallastown Intermediate School on October 20, 2010. President Casey Swank introduced Dr. Weinberg who briefly discussed a few important things, one of which was the future of education. Beloit College Mindset is an informational website which was created to explain what is special about the freshman class starting college. Another important topic that was discussed was how much the world and technology has changed and the demands of future educators.

### Dallastown Performing Arts Club Fall Play

This fall the Dallastown Performing Arts Club will be presenting the play Halloween Screams by L. Don Swartz, a comic thriller about a group of actors who are participating in a haunted house when they start to feel a ghostly presence. The play will be performed on Friday October 29 at 7 pm, Saturday October 30 at 7 pm, and Sunday October 31 and 2 pm in the school auditorium. Tickets are five dollars for adults and four dollars for children under 12 years old. A one dollar discount will be given to anyone who shows up in a costume.



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The newspaper, which is designed to be an open forum, serves to inform and entertain its readers as well as train students interested in pursuing Journalism.

The Beacon staff is comprised of juniors and seniors in the Print Journalism elective.

Letters to the editor are encouraged and should be directed to any of the The Beacon staff, Miss Gable in Room 305, or our email address, [Beacon@dallastown.net](mailto:Beacon@dallastown.net).

Letters should be fewer than 300 words.

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# Ehrhart Travels to Thailand On Summer Break

English teacher Mrs. Ehrhart enjoys an adventure while visiting her daughter’s family.

MOLLY NORTON  
Staff Writer

Imagine getting to spend five weeks of your summer vacation in an exotic, far away country.

For English teacher Mrs. Ehrhart, that was reality. Ehrhart spent five weeks of her summer overseas in Bangkok, Thailand.

From June 24 to July 29, 2010, Ehrhart and her husband spent their time visiting their daughter and son-in-law.

“My daughter and her husband are there for three years, from September 2009 until September 2012. My son-in-law works for the federal government in the State Department and has a 3-year assignment at the American Embassy in Bangkok. My daughter is teaching string music part time at the International School of Bangkok,” Ehrhart said.

Although it was a great experience to get to know the

culture and way of life of Thailand, Ehrhart’s favorite part of the trip was spending time and getting to know her infant granddaughters.

“Elizabeth was 18 months old when we arrived, and we had not seen her for over nine months. Her baby sister, Leah, was born in May in Bangkok and was just four weeks old when we arrived, so it was wonderful to be able to spend five weeks with them,” Ehrhart said.

While in Thailand, Ehrhart also did many unique activities such as elephant riding, long boat river riding, exploring Buddhist temples, shopping in night markets, eating authentic Thai food, and splunking in caves.

They also visited Phuket Beach, which is listed as one of the world’s top ten beaches, and Hua Hin Beach.

Overall, Ehrhart and her husband had the trip of a lifetime.

“Thailand was wonderful, but after all was said and done, nothing we did or saw could compare to being with our granddaughters,” Ehrhart said.

“We were glad to be back home, and, as Dorothy said in The Wizard of Oz, there really is “no place like home”—especially if your loved ones are there with you!”



Mrs. Ehrhart and her husband Dave pose during an elephant ride in Thailand. “It’s a lot harder than you might think,” Ehrhart said. *photo submitted*

## LINK Crew Helps Freshmen Prepare for High School

Dallastown offers a new orientation program for freshmen that introduces them to upperclassmen mentors.

JOVANA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer

Around 480 members in the graduating class of 2014 were greeted in an extra special way for their freshman orientation.

Jumping up and down while screaming at the top of their lungs, the faculty and link leaders cheered for the freshmen as they walked into the gymnasium.

“It was exciting getting with your friends and cheering on the freshies in the beginning,” Link Leader Rendie Banks said.

The entire faculty along with 120 Dallastown juniors and

seniors were there to greet the incoming freshmen early on that August morning.

Most students know what it’s like to enter high school terrified to be a freshman, hearing scary rumors about freshman hazing, getting lost in the numerous hallways, and crazy homework loads.

The purpose of the Link Leader program is to help put those rumors to rest.

Link Leaders are somewhat like big buddies to the incoming freshmen, showing them the ropes of Dallastown.

Throughout the course of the morning, the Link Leaders and freshman got acquainted through introductory activities.

These activities were used to help the students break out of their shells and talk to people other than old friends.

The freshmen were split up into random groups of about 9 or 10 where they spent the rest of

the morning with their two link leaders.

“The most exciting part was seeing the new students and how they reacted to the school and being in groups with random peers and how they handled it,” Link Leader Katie Drudy said.

The groups spent the rest of the time together getting to know each other through fun games and activities and a tour of the school.

At the end of the day, most freshmen and Link Leaders would say freshman orientation was a great success.

Link coordinators planned a tailgate party for freshmen and leaders, but had to cancel at the last minute.

Though the tailgate party was canceled, Link Leaders still have opportunities to interact with their freshman during A/A days and all year round.

“The Link Leaders did a fan-



Link Leaders Kayla Frederick, left, and Teri Shaffer, back right, take a group of freshmen on their tour during the orientation session in August. *photo by Jovana Richardson*

tastic job during orientation. Hearing feedback from the freshmen, their parents, and the link leaders themselves let us

know it was a great success,” Link Coordinator Mr. Downs said.

## High School Tunes in to New Televisions in Lobby and Cafe

Four new TVs will be added to the cafeteria in addition to the two flat screens in the front lobby.

KELLY SPILLANE  
Staff Writer

The front lobby has undergone a tremendous transformation over the summer. Completing the lobby’s new look are two flat-screen televisions hanging just above the showcases.

The main goal of the televisions is to broadcast the morning announcements outside of the classroom, to show bulletins of large events, and to give students something to watch before school, during lunch, and during



study halls for students with privilege passes.

“The long-term goal is eventually to make the lobby a sort of conference center,” Assistant Principal Mr. Molin said.

For example, one possible use of the televisions would be to

broadcast the times of presentations for the Culminating Project.

Long-term uses will be more apparent the longer the televisions have been in the lobby.

Most of the time, however, one TV will be showing CNN and

The lobby televisions, like the one pictured to the left, are primarily tuned in to either CNN or ESPN. According to Assistant Principal Mr. Molin, it’s hard to find stations that are 100% appropriate for school viewing. Soon, four more TVs will appear in the cafe. The school has many plans for these TVs other than lunch time viewing. *photo by Leah Ramos*

the other will show a sports network.

“We try to keep a relatively safe balance,” Molin said.

In addition to the TVs in the lobby, four more will be put up in the cafeteria as soon as the mount for the televisions arrives.

A custom-built mount has been created for the center of the

ceiling in the cafeteria.

This mount was built so the TVs could be mounted less expensively while being more easily viewable.

The columns in the cafeteria will be less likely to interfere with viewing the TVs in the center of the cafeteria than they would be on each of the four walls.

“Also with the custom mount, we can have just one electrical line and one cable line, instead of four of each going to each wall,” Molin said.

Ultimately, the televisions will enhance communication within Dallastown.

Hopefully, the TVs will eventually allow everything from entertainment during lunchtime to allowing sports teams to watch competitors’ games in the cafeteria.



# Dallastown Homecoming 2010

## The Royal Court



Candidates for Homecoming King:  
Front Row (L-R): Stephen Payne, Gerard Woody  
Second Row (L-R): Phil Sprenkle, Ben Kline  
Third Row (L-R): Bobby Esiaba, Andrew Perry, Derrick Mayfield



Candidates for Homecoming Queen:  
Front Row (L-R): Teri Shaffer, Caraline Imhoff, Hannah Lane, Chelsea Brown. Second Row (L-R): Katie Drudy, Hannah Seitz, Katie Barbato *photo by staff*

Editor’s Note: At the dance, Bobby Esiaba and Hannah Lane were crowned the 2010 Homecoming King and Queen.

MEGAN DURHAM  
Staff Writer

## The Dance: Une Fete Royale

The Beacon catches up with Student Council Adviser Mrs. Lyons to get the details on the big night.

**Q: What is our official Homecoming theme?**  
A: Paris, Une Fete Royale.

**Q: What are the basics?**  
A: The dance will be on Saturday, October 9th, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 per person.

**Q: How many tickets have we sold in recent years?**  
A: Usually between 1,000 and 1,400 tickets.

**Q: How many can we expect to sell this year?**  
A: About 1400 tickets.

**Q: Where do you get the decorations from?**  
A: We contact a local company, called Balloon Crew, and they assist with a lot of the decorations. The rest of the items are ordered from catalogs.

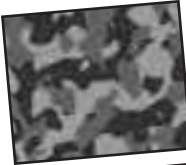
**Q: Does the whole student council participate in kit set up or is there a specific homecoming committee?**  
A: There are specific Homecoming committees, but every council member is required to assist with set-up. We hold about 9 kit set-ups after school so that we are ready in time for the dance. We also come into the school the Saturday of Homecoming and decorate that day as well.

**Q: How many hours go into set-up?**  
A: The total process takes well over 25 hours. (This includes summer planning, kit set-ups, and decorating the day of the dance.)

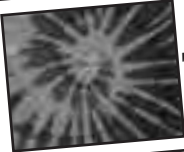
**Q: Where does the money come from to pay for Homecoming?**  
A: The Homecoming ticket sales.

**Q: Is there anything new and exciting this year?**  
A: We might have something new for our lobby this year, but we have to confirm some details, so we will keep that a secret!

## The Craziiness: Spirit Days



Monday, October 4  
Camo Day!



Tuesday, October 5  
Tie-Dye Day!



Wednesday, October 6  
Wacky Wednesday!



Thursday, October 7  
Blue and White Day!



Above: Juniors David Linton and Derek Pfeiffer pose on Camo Day. Below: Junior Leah Ramos and seniors April Harrison and Maria Coroneos get wacky!



## The Tradition: Powder Puff

The Powder Puff Football game, also known as the once a year event where boys cheerlead and the girls play football , will take place on Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00.

The upperclassmen girls who signed up and their coach, Ms. Richards, will be playing the lower classmen girl participants and their coach, Mr. Richard.

Admission is \$1 and all proceeds go to the Volunteer Club's Remember the Troops Drive to buy and package goods for troops who are serving around the world.

Student Council will match the proceeds which is then also donated to the Remember the Troops Drive.

Lastly, you can catch the senior football players, coached by Ms. Gable, cheerleading on the sidelines.



# Intermediate School: Another Piece to Dallastown’s Puzzle

The new DAIS is finally completed and ready for fourth, fifth, and sixth graders.

ALICIA INKROTE  
Staff Writer

“One large piece of the puzzle has finally been completed.” Dr. Weinberg, district superintendent, begins his speech at the Dedication Ceremony while standing in the newly constructed auditorium of the Dallastown Area Intermediate School.

Things have come a long way since the proposed idea in 2005. What used to be a large mass of land now holds a positive addition to the district and the community.

The intermediate school will hopefully calm a lot of population problems in all of the elementary schools. 1,467 students occupy this building every day, receiving a quality education in a contemporary setting.

Walking around the school brings a feeling of wonder to everyone’s face. Teachers are smiling, high school students are jealous, and the Intermediate School students are ready to begin the new year.

The school, located on Beck Road in Jacobus, houses fourth, fifth, and sixth graders who occupy three hallways. Each student stays in the same hallway for all three years, so they can always be familiar with their surroundings. Teams are assigned to each hallway with positive names like Respect, Integrity, and Success.

There is plenty of color to be seen at the school; the three wings are Red, Yellow, and Blue, the cafeteria is orange, and the library is green. In almost every

classroom, a 52-inch plasma screen hangs on the wall and mini laptops sit in the project rooms. This school is definitely not old-fashioned.

The school held many gatherings toward the end of the summer, including the Dedication Ceremony, which invited the borough councils, the construction team, and even our state representative. The ceremony was made of performances by the intermediate school music department and speeches from officers about the creation process.

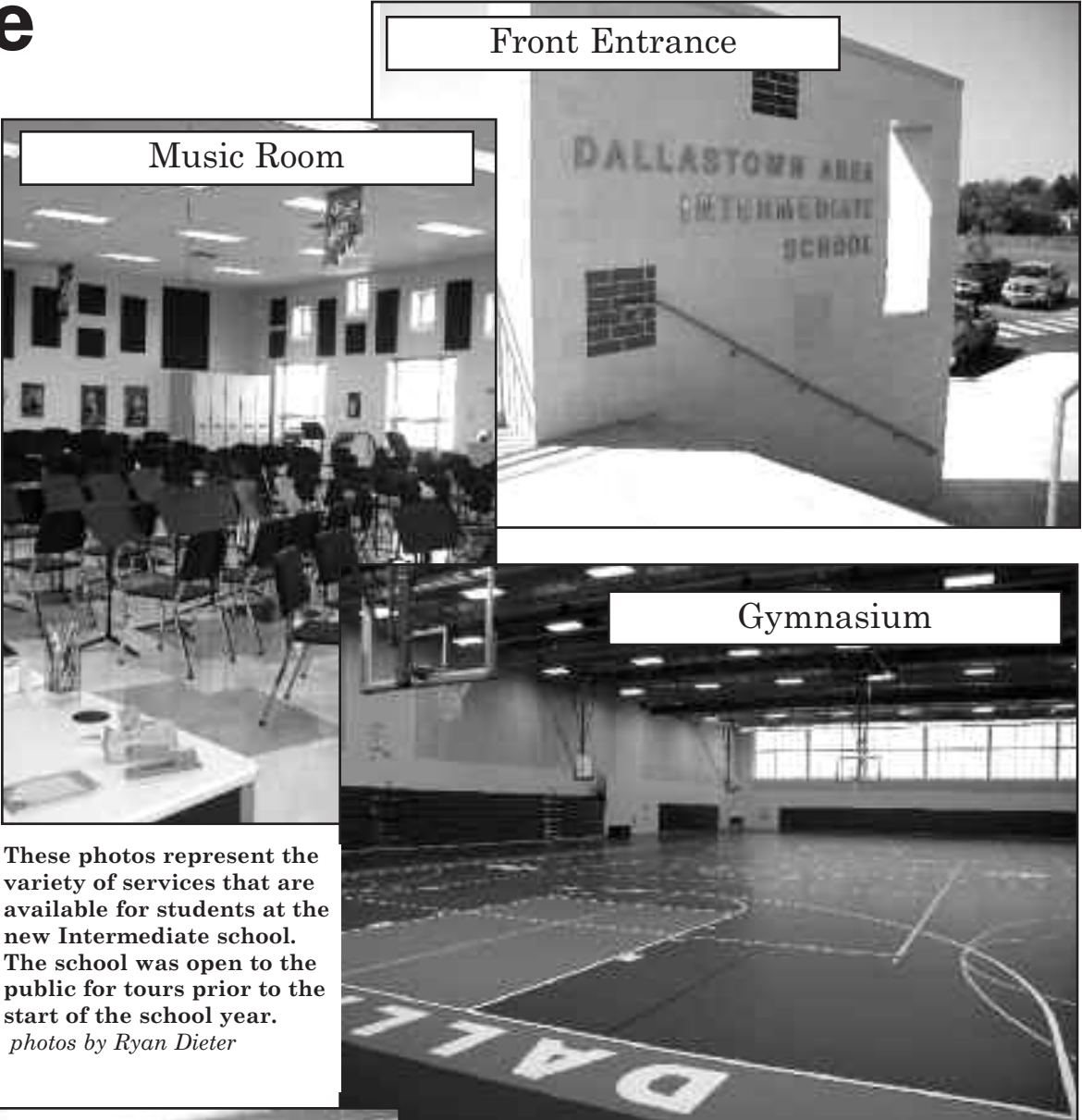
At the end of the ceremony, a video, created by graduate Brielle Mayle, summarized the building progress.

Many teachers had to leave the elementary schools to teach at the new school.

Mrs. Michael is one of the teachers to make this transition. After teaching 5th grade in a trailer at Ore Valley, she finally expanded to a classroom in the Blue Community.

“I’m excited about the year, for the new students, and the change in school,” Michael said.

The school represents Weinberg’s words, “Together and through great change, we assemble student success.”



## New Faces Fill the Halls of Dallastown

After the retirement of several teachers in June, a wave of new faculty and staff settle in for the year.

COURTNEY EDWARDS  
Staff Writer

At the end of the 2009-2010 school year, Dallastown was left with many vacancies, as several teaching veterans retired.

To add to the newly built math hallway, there are several new teachers and other faculty members to be seen throughout the halls of Dallastown.

One new teacher that people should take notice of is Ms. Coleman.

She is a teacher of Oral Communications, English I and II, and Advanced Composition.

Although she is a new teacher here at Dallastown, this is not her first year teaching.

She originally taught at William Penn teaching classes such as Language Arts and Advanced Theatre Study.

Some people might wonder why she chose to come to Dallastown as opposed to staying at William Penn.



**Ms. Coleman, one of the new English teachers, teaches a leasson on short stories to one of her ninth grade classes.**  
*photo by Colleen Witkowski*

“I felt like I needed a change. The environment and the attitudes of the kids here are so different than at William Penn,” Coleman said.

Coming to a big school like Dallastown can seem a little overwhelming for some to handle.

However, she seems to enjoy the daunting task of dealing with all of the students here.

“Coming from William Penn, sometimes I felt like I couldn’t connect with my students because the issues in every day life were so much bigger,” Coleman said.

She says she really likes it here because she can be herself without having to lower her standards just to be able to effectively teach her students.

### New High School Staff

Mrs. Valery Adams Math Lab	Mrs. Amy Kostoff Emotional Support
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	Ms. Shalana Coleman English



# HOW IT WORKS...

## The Band

The Beacon takes a behind the scenes look at the Dallastown Marching Band.

**ALAINA HERBST**  
*Staff Writer*

Is fall only about football?

One seasonal activity many overlook is the Dallastown Marching Band. Many at DAHS don't know what the band does, begging the question "How does that work?"

Marching band season at Dallastown begins in March of the preceding school year. Try-outs for drum majors and other key leadership positions are conducted and music is chosen and handed out to students in the marching band.

This year's chosen music is "The Music of Star Trek" with drum majors Samantha Craley and Ryan Snider under command.

"I had never watched Star Trek, so I didn't know what to think about the theme until I heard the music," Snider said of the band theme.

In choosing the music for the year, coordinates need to be made. However James Dougert, band director, doesn't make them.

"We have software called Pyeware; we animate the show on the software and the computer spits out the coordinates," Dougert said. "This program

generates a show based on the theme."

In mid-August, band camp begins. In the brutal heat, students learn drill and field coordinates on the upper parking lot. In the past two years, band camp hours have changed to accommodate sports and other activities. Students work from 8 to 12, 1 to 3, and 6 to 9 for two straight weeks.

This all pays off when "Meet the Band Night" comes a few days before school starts. This event showcases the band for parents and friends.

All band members must attend each football game as part of a grade requirement. Report time for home games is typically 5:30.

At home games, the band performs the pre or post game show. They then watch the game from the stands and play pep songs to rally the crowd.

"Some favorite pep songs of the band are Land of 1000 Dances and Hey Baby," Snider said.

When the band travels to away games, report time may be earlier and the band performs at half time instead.

The process of performing at games continues throughout the football season. However, the band does not only perform at games.

The band also performs in band shows, parades, and school ceremonies, such as the opening of the new intermediate school.

The band will also perform in the York Halloween Parade, the Dallastown Halloween Parade, and the Dallastown Memorial Day Parade.



DAHS marching Wildcats help keep the enthusiasm alive at a Dallastown football game in September. At home games, the band performs a pre-game show and then settles into the stands to play pep music during the game. *photo by Colleen Witkosuki*

The band will also participate in shows at Manheim, Red Lion and Warwick.

The instrumentalists are not the only people on the field during a show. The color guard and majorettes, two typically overlooked groups, are the original source of a marching band.

In older war tactics, someone would carry a flag into battle to represent the country. A drummer kept time for the army as they marched into battle. As war ended, flaggers wanted to continue to serve their country.

As flaggers got more elabo-

rate on how they held the flag and what they did, the band started to form around them. The band then became more privatized in growing schools and is now a tradition at all football games.

Over the last few years, the Dallastown band has been experiencing a drop in participants.

"Our numbers have gone down a bit because of other activities intriguing the interest of our students," Dougert said.

However, Dallastown's band continues to be the biggest in the county, even without being in competitions.

"Competition bands take more dedication and time, and students are already stretched by other activities. We want students to have the experience," Dougert said.

If you want to join the band, it is open to all students, even if one doesn't play an instrument.

"There has to be a general knowledge of music. We are willing to work with any student, and when they are ready, we can throw them in," Dougert said.

Dougert encourages students to look at band as a possibility for next year.

## Coming to America

DAHS welcomes exchange students from Switzerland and Ecuador.

**KELLY SPILLANE**  
*Staff Writer*

Being a new student is definitely a challenging experience, but for seniors Tomás Naranjo Gonzales and Olivia Steinsiepe, the challenge is even greater; they are facing a brand new country.

Gonzales and Steinsiepe are foreign exchange students: Gonzales is from Manta, Ecuador, and Steinsiepe is from Bern, Switzerland.

Surprisingly, Gonzales is Dallastown's first Spanish-speaking exchange student since 2007. He can be found on the soccer field, hopefully on the volleyball court in the spring, or in the Tech Ed hallway in classes such as Wood Carving and Sculpture.

Luckily for Gonzales, he has already graduated high school, so the classes he is taking at Dallastown revolve more around his interests than a graduation requirement.

Steinsiepe gets the same luxury with taking classes that she is interested in, such as



Foreign Exchange students Olivia Steinsiepe and Tomas Naranjo Gonzales have enjoyed their time so far at Dallastown. Steinsiepe was a member of the tennis team and Gonzales was a member of the soccer team this fall. *photo by Kelly Spillane*

Chorus, Calculus, and Creative Writing instead of classes to fulfill course requirements. She can be seen on the tennis courts and possibly in the pool this winter for the swim team.

Their experiences, however, are far from easy.

Imagine starting a brand new school in a brand new town with no familiar faces. Luckily for Dallastown, these brave students decided to take the risk and spend a year here.

For Gonzales, the decision to come to America was based on a

desire to see different things and different people. "I think [America] is a beautiful country with a lot of different things than in Ecuador," he says. "I want to know how people live in other places."

Steinsiepe decided to come

here because many students in Switzerland take a year off after high school to travel or learn another language, but she thought actually living in another country would be a better experience.

Besides, Steinsiepe already has knowledge of quite a few languages.

In Switzerland, she speaks the dialect Swiss German and writes in German. She knows English, French, and a bit of Italian from her vacations to Italy. She has also visited Spain, England, Greece, Germany, France, and Luxembourg.

"Switzerland is a small country, so other countries are about four hours away. It's pretty easy to visit other countries," she says.

Even with all this experience, Steinsiepe still thinks Dallastown is different than anything she's used to. Her school had about four hundred students, so Dallastown is a big change.

Gonzales is in a similar situation; he is coming from a small school to a much larger one.

"In my other school, you can't pick your classes. They just give you a schedule and you have classes with the same people all the time," he explains.

Next time you feel intimidated by a new situation, try to muster up some of the bravery of Dallastown's new students.



FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

RACHEL TAYLOR  
Staff Writer

Girls Tennis

**Outlook:**  
“We have a very deep team this season. We have a goal to win the County championship and to continue onto District competition. We have a lot of hard working, determined and competitive girls on the team.”  
– Coach Deb Gable

**Biggest Rival:**  
Central

**Returning Starters:**  
Molly Norton, Jennifer Kearney, Tori Davis  
**Top 5:**  
Molly Norton, Tori Davis, Emily Westenberger, Jennifer Kearney, Danielle Lucabaugh

Boys Soccer

**Outlook:**  
“Currently we are off to a 4-0 start. Our new players need to adjust to the speed and quickness of a varsity game. After four games I am pleased with the results that I have seen. We do have several areas that we must improve in and we must continue to work hard and get better if we want to be playing in late October.” – Coach Mitch Groh

**Biggest Rivals:**  
League:Central Non-League: Red Land, Susquehannock, West York, Cumberland Valley, Carlisle

**Returning Starters:**  
Aaron Hennigan, Stephen Byrne, Spencer Austin, Shane Campbell, Christian Kaschak

Girls Volleyball

**Outlook:**  
“I believe we are going to be very competitive in our league and make it to Districts. Our goals are to win Division One and make it to Semifinals of Districts. “  
– Coach Shannon Werner

**Biggest Rivals:**  
Red Lion, Spring Grove and Dover

**Returning Starters:**  
Kelsey Lamond, Kadi McCoy, Chelsea Forry, Ali Schimp, Noelle Bricker

Field Hockey

**Outlook:**  
We are “looking to win the Division One Championship and play in the first league championship and advancing in District and State play. If we stay health and keep our commitment to those goals.”  
– Coach Jeri Myers

**Key Matchups:**  
Red Lion, Southwestern

**New Competition:**  
West York, Kennard Dale

**Returning Starters:**  
Ashley Lindo, Katie Drudy, Katie Hemberger, Katie Barbato, Colton Keener, Sally Trout, Emily Fullerton

Football

**Outlook:**  
“The players expect themselves to perform at a high level. The key will be to play at our best consistently throughout the season.”- Coach Kevin Myers

**Biggest Rival:**  
“Red Lion, however, each team presents a unique motivation to perform well against them,” Myers said.

**Returning Starters:**  
Ben Kline, Josh Luckenbaugh, Mike Shoemaker, Garrett Hartman, Nick Reed, Nate Reed, Adam Lawicki, George Christas, Bobby Esiaba, Jack Margavitch, Derrick Mayfield, David Butler, Andrew Heird, David Mangano

**Captains:**  
Ben Kline, George Christas, Nick Reed, Bobby Esiaba

Cross Country

**Outlook:**  
“Both squads have experienced runners and new runners so I expect great things out of each squad this season.”  
– Coach Mark Noll

**Biggest Rivals:**  
Boys: Central  
Girls: Everybody

**Returning Starters:**  
Adam Katora, Grant Dube, Josh Mazzoni, Nate Peeler (All returning from last years’ state championship qualifying team)  
Liz Rothrok, Brynna Kilishek, Tori Donaldson, Shannon Zimardo, Hannah Lane (All returning from last year’s Top 7)

Golf

**Outlook:**  
“We finished this season with a league record of 25 wins and 5 losses placing second to South Western. Four of our Varsity players qualified for individual post season play by being among the lowest 21 averages. These golfers will be playing in the District III Qualifier in hopes of playing at the District III Tournament.”  
-Coach Brooke Shoffner

**Returning Starters:**  
Gino Nueslein, Andrew Geesey, Kyle MacQueen

Trainers: Treating,Taping, and Evaluating Athletes

Dallastown hires a second full-time Athletic Trainer to keep up with hundreds of student athletes each season.

COLLEEN WITKOWSKI  
Staff Writer

Over the years, Dallastown has had many different part-time athletic trainers helping out Mrs Regener, the main athletic trainer. Those part-time trainers often left Dallastown to find full time employment elsewhere. With the full sports schedule and the number of athletes involved, it’s safe to say another full-time athletic trainer was much needed. Regener had been hoping to get another full time position approved for several years. Now thanks to Miss Ami Fredrick, that need was fulfilled. Fredrick is the new assistant athletic trainer and Regener’s dream came true. Frederick graduated with a



New trainer, Miss Ami Fredrick, and our veteran trainer, Mrs. Regener, tend to Andrew Coroneos’ injury. photo by Colleen Witkowski

Bachelor’s Degree from Lock Haven University and then went on to get her Master’s Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Following her education, she was an assistant athletic trainer at a high school in North Carolina prior to coming to Dallastown. She described her old school to be “a lot more hectic in the fall.” But it had also been hectic here without another trainer. “There has been a signifi-

cant increase in athletes over the years,” Regner said. “This year we have close to 700 athletes participating in the various levels of fall sports,” Frederick said. The number of sporting events in one day has also increased, and it is much safer with two athletic trainers because they cannot be both places at once. “One might just be at the soccer field while the other is on the field hockey field; we have

needed one (trainer) at both places,” Regener said. It is also quite busy in the trainer’s room. The average number of athletes that go to the trainer is about 30 to 40 per day. Just in the time I was there, which was about 10 minutes, four students had wandered in seeking their help. “We both treat, tape and evaluate.” Regener said. That is why they can help so many student athletes. “It is a lot more sufficient,” Nick Reed, senior varsity football player said about having two trainers now. But Reed is not the only student at Dallastown who thinks she is a great addition to the staff. Cassidy Cook, junior and field hockey player said “I think that being a trainer, you have to know your body structure and she’s sure got that down.” Bobby Esiaba, senior and varsity football player, also had good things to say about her. “It’s pretty swell to have another trainer because she’s there to assist the always occupied Regener. And she tapes up my pinky bazooka pretty well so

she gets an A+ in my book.” Whether in the training room or on the field, Dallastown now has two full time athletic trainers to serve the large numbers of athletes at Dallastown.



Trainers Fredrick and Regener enjoy a break watching a Friday night football game. photo by Colleen Witkowski



# Overcoming Adversity

Junior Josh Hess doesn't let his hearing impairment stop him from playing the game he loves.

**RAYA COLE**  
*Staff Writer*

It's Friday night at the football game and the crowd roars. Everyone can hear it, loud and clear. Everyone except junior wide

receiver and cornerback Joshua Hess. Growing up deaf was hard for Hess. He could only hear a little, but when he was a kid, he loved to watch the Pittsburgh Steelers. That started the dream. "I have a passion to play football and I have a dream, too," Hess said. Hess is a starter on the Dallastown varsity team for kickoff and punt return and also plays offense and defense for JV. Hess says practice is too busy sometimes, but he enjoys learning the plays and hanging

out with his teammates. He thinks his teammates are cool, and he likes the coaches. He likes when they pick on him, because he picks on them back. His teammates and coaches agree. "Josh is a cool kid that does what he is supposed to and always goes 100%. He's just as important as anyone else in our locker room, and we are fortunate to have him play with us," senior Derrick Mayfield said. "Josh starts on kickoff and punt. He is a role model to other players on how to work. He works hard in the weight room and he comes to all the sessions. Josh overcomes adversity," head football coach Kevin Myers said. While playing on the field, it is hard for him to hear plays being called or whistles blowing, but he has the help of hearing interpreters like Mrs. Knovich, Mrs. Wallace, and Miss Dicarase to sign to him. The coaches and other players also sign him play numbers from 1-9 with their hands. Other than playing football, Hess enjoys playing video games, watching football, getting on facebook, and hanging out with his girlfriend and best friend. He likes school, a little, and his favorite subject is gym. Hess is out on the football field every Friday night doing his job and making the crowd roar.



Junior Josh Hess gets the job done at a Friday night football game. *photo by Colleen Witkowski*

# The 3 Ks of Field Hockey

Seniors Barbato, Drudy, and Hemberger share more in common than just the same first name.

**KAITLYN SCHNETZKA**  
*Staff Writer*

Having the same name, sharing a strong passion for field hockey, and being close friends are just a few of the things seniors, Katie Barbato, Katie Drudy, and Katie Hemberger have in common. All three girls have been playing field hockey since they were in 7th grade and they each play vital roles on their team. The three Katie's agree that their friendship continues even after they leave the playing field.

They rely on each other for advice and are role models to their teammates. "At first we were friends because we all were named Katie, but it's grown into so much more," Barbato said. Hemberger and Drudy agree. "I think this is the closest we've ever been, especially the seniors," Drudy said. "The impact that these three girls have made is that they are instrumental in our team's success. They support each other and the teamwork just gels," Varsity Field Hockey Coach Myers said. The three K's have a lot to be proud of; they have never lost a regular season game during their high school career so far, they have been the first team to have seven straight division titles, and last year they beat our cross-town rivals, Red Lion, in overtime. This season marks their senior year, which means each and every game is very precious to them. They realize that this may be the last time the three of them play together. Although each of them have their own special memory from over the past six years, Hemberger says one moment stands out to her. "My favorite memory would have to be when I scored the winning goal in overtime against Red Lion last season."

Before they end their senior year together, they want to accomplish a few things: reaching 500 wins as a program, being county champs for the eighth year in a row, and hopefully making it past the first round of districts.



Left to Right: Katie Barbato, Katie Drudy, and Katie Hemberger are good friends both on and off the hockey field. The three seniors are part of a strong Wildcat team that recently won the 500th game in school history. *photo by Kaitlyn Schnetzka*

# Football Sponsors Team Shad White Out to Benefit CF Research

The Dallastown community comes together to tackle Cystic Fibrosis.

**OLIVIA MCCLURE**  
*Staff Writer*

The Dallastown football team sponsored its fourth annual Team Shad White Out to benefit Cystic Fibrosis on Friday, September 17 at the varsity football game against Penn Manor. Team Shad is named for eleven-year-old Shad Murphy, son of English teacher Mrs. Murphy and Social Studies teacher Mr. Murphy. Shad was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis when he was four years old. Since then, the Dallastown community has helped to raise awareness and money for the cause in a variety of ways. Head football coach, Mr. Kevin Myers, organizes the fall t-shirt sale and White Out each year. "Mr. Murphy was one of my football coaches when I was in high school at Dallastown. This is just a way of me giving back a little bit," Myers said. White Team Shad t-shirts were sold for \$10 each, and this year the event was held a few weeks earlier which meant warmer weather. "Kids can wear their shirts as a "White Out" and not have coats cover them, as when the



Lauren Fishel, Creelyn Kinard, Shelby MacAfee and the rest of the varsity football cheerleaders are just a few of the people who wore Team Shad shirts to the White Out football game to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research. *photo by Colleen Witkowski*

weather's cooler in late October or early November. They can actually see the shirts this year," Mrs. Murphy said. Altogether in the past four years, over \$1,000 has been raised from every Team Shad event. Once again, the White Out was a success, and Dallastown showed up in their white at the football game, cheering on the Wildcats and helping to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. "When a cure is found (and it will be), it will be due to the work of the CF Foundation, which is funded through the work of groups like Team Shad," Mr. Murphy said.

# Tennis Celebrates Central Victory in Unusual Way

As a result of the girls tennis team's big win over Central York on September 28, their coach, Mrs. Deb Gable, agreed to wear her wedding dress to school the next day. Plans for the outfit happened earlier in the week when the team offered up lots of options for her, including shaving her head, if they were to beat their rivals. "It was good motivation for the team. We even chanted "Wedding Dress" before the match," senior Molly Norton said. Gable, pictured at right, opted for the dress instead. Below, she stands amid the Top 5 from the team to celebrate their victory. **Left to right: senior Molly Norton, junior Tori Davis, Mrs. Gable, sophomore Danielle Lucabaugh, sophomore Emily Westenberger, and senior Jen Kearney.**





# Never Have I Ever... Been to the York Fair

Beacon writer Jovana Richardson begins her quest to discover York County before graduation.

JOVANA RICHARDSON  
Staff Writer



Surprised expressions and a few muffled laughs were the confirmation I needed to know that I had just put my foot in my mouth.

Towards the end of the summer vacation, the Beacon staffers met at school to get a jump start on the first issue.

Somewhere between pepperoni pizza, orange soda, and chit chat about the Dallastown carnival and York Fair, I asked “Is the York fair bigger than the Dallastown carnival?”

By the laughter and expressions on the faces surrounding me, I had already gotten the answer I was looking for.

After the sting of my embarrassment wore off, we discovered that besides the York Fair there are many normal YorkCounty things that I have yet to try.

Though I have lived in York for about 5 years, I’m still very much set in my “city girl” ways.

I can never get used to malls and most stores closing at 9pm and curfew being at 11pm.

In an effort to get out of my ways and end my last and final year in Pennsylvania with a bang I decided to not only go to the fair, but to write a monthly column of new things I have tried in York County.

First on my list? The York Fair.

The first thing I noticed when entering the fairgrounds was the overwhelming stench of horse manure. Living in New

Jersey, I had become accustomed to the smell of salt water and garbage, not horse poop.

I wasn’t expecting to find horse stables anywhere near the fair or even see cops patrolling on horseback. Visiting horses was not on my to-do list at the fair.

First thing on my list was food. Eating before getting on rides is probably not a smart combination, but I just couldn’t resist the smell of fresh baked cookies and cakes.

While I’m not a fan of corn-dogs or red meat, I happen to love anything warm or sugar coated. Although 5 bucks for fried dough and powdered sugar seems like highway robbery to me, I gave in to temptation and was not disappointed by the freshly fried treat.

After filling my stomach with fresh baked goods and soft pretzels I moved on to my next destination.

I’ll never be first in line to get on the biggest, highest, scariest ride in the whole area, but I can tackle the less scary ones with ease.

Before getting on a ride I turn into a giant chicken. It’s probably the small chance of a ride malfunctioning. I can’t help thinking about falling to a painful death at any moment.

Of course those thoughts don’t go away while I’m screaming bloody murder while the ride is in motion.

Out of all of the rides I came in contact with, my favorite had to be the Mouse Trap.

From the outside it seems like a wimpy ride, but once you get on you find it’s a completely different story. The track spins 360 degrees and jerks back and forth.

On a scale of 1 to 11, I give it a 9. I actually had way more fun than I expected to have.

Now that I have conquered the York Fair, what’s next? Check back next month to see!

# Summer at Saranac

Almost 50 Dallastown students spent a week of summer in an unforgettable way through Young Life.

WES CROUCHER  
Staff Writer

This past summer, 50 Dallastown students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, as well as kids from all across the country, boarded a bus and headed off to Saranac Lake in upstate New York for what everyone remembers as the “best week of their lives.”

Why did all these kids make such a voyage? It’s called Young Life- a youth group celebrating God with the company of close

friends and classmates.

Led by Matt Craig, this Wednesday night fellowship begins with an icebreaker, followed by a series of songs, skits, and games, leading up to a story from the Bible.

For seven days, Dallastown students soaked up the sun, leisurely walked the beautiful grounds, and did a variety of activities: volleyball, frisbee golf, a ropes course, wakeboarding, waterskiing, and parasailing.

For many, the Saranac camp seemed to be an almost out-of-this world experience.

“You were basically living in a perfect world for a week. Everything was easy,” junior Katie Weikert said.

Everyday at camp, there would be what’s called “club” where everyone would gather to sing songs and listen to the camp

speaker, Todd Madonna.

No day would be the same as the last. There was a 50’s themed night, an all-star cast of characters, spontaneous challenges among the cabins, and of course, the new people you meet.

“My favorite part about camp was being able to bond with your friends and have fun while being part of a bigger reason than just yourself,” junior Cassidy Cook said.

Practically everybody who went for this life-changing week agreed that they wouldn’t have changed a thing.

“My favorite part was just kickin’ back and doing all the crazy things like tubing and the ziplines,” junior Brandon Flynn said.

Many a memory was made at Saranac this summer and will not be forgotten.

# Senior Designs Agenda Cover

What started as an art assignment ended up in the backpacks of everyone at DAHS.

RYAN DIETER  
Staff Writer

On the first day of school, the agenda sparked a lot of attention throughout Dallastown.

Designed by senior Tia Bartha, the cover has been well received by most of the student body.

“From an art standpoint, the cover flows very well with the curvy lines, drawing your eyes across the whole piece. Overall, I feel it is a great design for the agenda,” sophomore Dawn Manns said.

Many people wonder how Bartha was able to get her design onto the 2010-11 agenda.

“The idea was that each art major student would design their own cover, and then vote for their favorite,” Bartha said.

Out of all the covers made last year, the art students

favored Bartha’s most, and was chosen for the agenda.

The design did go under a few minor changes before the final piece. Those changes included color and a quote added by senior Jillian Walker.

The quote “Ascending closer to our dreams one year at a time” was originally on Walker’s cover design. The art teachers decided to integrate it into Bartha’s cover.

The colors were also adjusted from Bartha’s original design.

“Originally, the colors I chose were black, red, green, and yellow, but Mrs. Doyon and I decided blue would be more appropriate,” Bartha said.

Bartha ends by saying, “I am very pleased with the finished cover, but it is really weird seeing everyone in school carrying around something with my handwriting on it!”

With the attention getting swirls, and the rush of the tranquil blues, Bartha showed the school, with a bit of creativity and a little guidance from the teachers, what one can make of a little assignment into something more.



The cover of the 2010-2011 student agenda was designed by senior Tia Bartha as part of an art class project. Bartha’s design was adjusted slightly and a quote from senior Jillian Walker’s design was added to form the final product as seen above. photo by staff

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The fair has by far the biggest turkey legs I’ve ever seen.

**Damani Johnson**  
junior

All of the creepers of Dallastown emerge from their hiding places during the carnival.

**Ben Kline**  
senior

Good greasy food!

**Mrs. Eshenour**  
teacher

Giant pumpkins, piglets, great food. Fun to see the efforts and skills of the basic community.

**Mrs. Murphy**  
teacher

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**YORK FAIR**

America's Oldest Fair

Udderly Awesome!

**York Fair**

There’s more stuff to do and it’s more family friendly. There’s also much less drama and fights.

**Dawn Manns**  
sophomore

In the late summer and early fall, Dallastown has several options for food, rides, and fun. Students and teachers flock to the local Dallastown Carnival in August and the larger York Fair in September. Which is more popular? According to the 100 people surveyed in the halls of DAHS, the York Fair is the more popular attraction.

The rickety rides freak me out, they are expensive and dirty. I would rather spend my time doing something rad like laser tag.

**Hannah Clough**  
senior

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**Neither**

Because I get to hang out with my friends for free.

**Kitty Geoghan**  
freshman

York Fair is way too expensive and the D-Town Carnival has more friends attending.

**Justin Barnett**  
sophomore

Smaller and more intimate for my girls.

**Mrs. Werner**  
teacher

It’s the first time you see everyone since the end of school... and right before school starts.

**Kelsey Lamond**  
senior

**Dallastown Carnival**

At the carnival you can usually walk around and see someone you know within 30 seconds.

**Scott Svoboda**  
senior





Across from the trainer's room a new mural is in the process of beautifying our hallways.  
Photo by Leah Ramos

# Imagine Dallastown...

Students unveil their talents with a massive mural and enhance the atmosphere of the school.

**EDIMA ENYONG**  
Staff Writer

In past years, many of us walked down the hallway outside the trainer's office paying little attention to the wall, but today, it's quite common to see students pausing to admire the new mural and attempting to find the hidden Wildcats. Juniors Breann Young and Steph Inners began work on the massive mural for their culminating projects after scheduling

a meeting with Principal Dr. Fauth to get his permission. "He was really cool about it," Inners said. When asked about the various murals around the school, Dr. Fauth said, "They're adding to the culture and the beauty of the school and kind of making it a neat place." Young and Inners received help from Emmy Ashenfelder during the summer to aid the tedious process of sanding, drawing, and painting the mural. "We put her up on a ladder to paint, forgetting how much of a klutz she is," Inners said. "When she came down, she stepped in the entire can of paint! It spilled everywhere and we actually had to get a custodian to clean it up." The girls are accepting any help they can get to finish the mural. The entire work so far

has taken about 250 hours and it's not even completed yet. Both ladies have invested at least 90 hours each on their sections of the mural. Young says, "We worked on it all summer... It was our summer." The mural, which covers the entire length of the hallway, depicts everything from a tyrannosaurus rex to fish and includes a variety of words and phrases including. "Imagine Dallastown..." Many students may be found trying to locate the 12 wildcats which are concealed within the many different parts of the mural, but currently only 4 wildcats are completed and "the one on the sign does not count!" Inners says. Students can expect to see the finished product by the end of this school year.

## Alumni of the Month

Michelle Mihm Strine  
Class of 1985  
Owner of Shimmer...Pretty Little Things  
49 North Beaver Street in York

**ALAYSHA CLAIBORNE**  
Staff Writer

From working as a paralegal and social worker to owning a beautiful mosaic store, Shimmer, Michele Strine says Dallastown prepared her for it all. Strine, a 1985 graduate of Dallastown enjoyed her time in Philadelphia as a social worker and paralegal and encourages Dallastown graduates to broaden their horizons. "Get out of York, at least once," Strine said. Now back in York, she has left the social work field and spends her time in her store. Strine is a self taught mosaic artist and the items in her store reflect her art and much more. Along with the customer favorite, her crafted mosaic frames; one can find portraits,

jewelry, pottery, cards, and canvas at Shimmer. Strine is pictured to the right holding a four tiered mosaic cake that sits in the window of her store. Shimmer features the works of some 15 artists and crafters. Check it all out on 49 North Beaver Street in downtown York. "I always see little girls begging their mothers to come into

the store," says Strine. Using the store as her creative outlet Michele Strine is hoping to bring business back to the city of York.



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**TODAY**

## TEACHER TALK

**What is your favorite restaurant in the York area?**

I worked at Great American Saloon throughout college and I still love going there. I miss getting my meals half off. Maybe i should pick up a weekend shift!!

**Senora Pomraning**  
World Language

**Most Popular Picks...**  
**Texas Roadhouse & The Great American Saloon**

### Favorite Places for Chinese food and Sushi...

**Masa  
Ginmya  
Kissho  
Fujihana  
Tokyo Diner  
Mitsuru  
Shangrila**

My favorite restaurant is Tokyo Diner. I love the hibachi food and the sushi. The owners live behind me and that is why we started going there, but I love their food. The staff is fun to watch and the food is delicious!

**Mrs. Riddle**  
Science



### Other recommendations...

Three levels of dining: Sheetz, Chili's, and the Eagle's Nest. Pick one you need.

**Mrs. Murphy**  
English



Thai House!!!! Best atmosphere and best food! The Masaman Curry, the peanut sauce salad dressing, and the Salmon are amazing!!!!

**Senor Rojahn**  
World Language



Fiesta Mexico or the Market Street Café (which serves Thai food). Both are delicious and vegetarian friendly, plus the staff is great, too. It's nice to have something other than burgers, which seems to be every third restaurant in the county...

**Mrs. Ortman-Link**  
Science

Victor's Italian Restaurant-- not only do they have excellent homemade Italian food-- they also fantastic live music on the weekends. My husband's Jazz band plays there on Fridays.

**Mrs. Kotoff**  
Learning Support



The Left Bank is the ONLY restaurant in York. The rest are just places with food

**Mr. Fulton**  
English



COUPLE OF THE MONTH

COLLEEN WITKOWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

It started with a stolen cheeseburger.

Anyone who knows junior Brooke Langston and senior Garrett Hartman know they love their food, so when she stole his cheeseburger, he was furious and made her promise to replace it.

Instead she printed him a picture of a cheeseburger.

This was the beginning of their year and a half relationship.

They are both super competitive but Garrett says his favorite activity is beating her at everything.

“He likes to think he does, but he really doesn’t,” Langston said.

On their six month anniversary, they met up as usual, but he had an unexpected surprise. She didn’t realize there was a necklace tucked in his hand, so when she held his hand, she also grabbed the necklace.

“That’s my favorite all-time memory,” Brooke said.

Garrett’s favorite memory?

“It would have to be when she head-butted my grandpa and knocked his glasses off!”

Brooke protests, “I just tried to give him a hug! and his glasses fell to the side, not off!”

Although Brooke did head-butt his Grandpa, he doesn’t hold it against her.

“She’s perfect.”

Brooke seems to feel the same way.

“My favorite thing about him is his smile, every time I see him smile, it makes me smile.”

“Those two are love birds,” Dillion Hartman, Garrett’s little brother, said.



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&  
Brooke  
Langston

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