



POLO R-VII SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Panther Pride

November
Volume 5, Issue 2

November/December Activities

- 1-*All District Band Auditions @ St. Joseph
- 3-*No School teacher In-Service
 - *Ms BB @ Osborn 6:00 p.m.
- 5-*FFA Area Fall Speaking @ Gallatin 4:30 p.m.
- 7-*Varsity Fb District Championship TBA
- 8-* Middle School BB @ Norborne TBA
- 12-* PDC mentor/mentee Mtg. 3:15-4:00 p.m.
- 14-* Varsity Fb State Quarterfinals TBA
- 15-*Varsity BB Polo jamboree 4:30 p.m.
- 17-BOE Meeting 7 p.m.
- 18-*MS BB @ Braymer 5:00 p.m.
- 19-*Booster club Mtg. 5:30 p.m.
- 20-*Blood Drive sponsored by NHS 11:30-7:00p.m. in multi-purpose RM
 - *MS BB vs. Orrick 5:00 p.m.
- 21-*Varsity FB State Semi-Finals TBA
 - *Meet the Panthers BB team 6:00 p.m.
- 25-*Winter Sports and Yearbook Pictures by Scholastic 8:30 a.m.
 - *MS BB @ Lathrop 6:30 p.m.
- 26-*No School Thanksgiving Vacation
- 27-*No School Thanksgiving Vacation
- 28-*No School Thanksgiving Vacation
 - *Varsity FB Show-me Bowl @ St. Louis TBA

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

1-*Varsity BB @ Hardin-Central Tournament TBA

- *MS BB @ Hamilton 4:30 p.m.
- 2-*MS BB @ Braymer 5:00 p.m.
- 4-*Varsity/JV Wr vs. Savannah/South Harrison 5:30 p.m.

1st Qtr Recognition Perfect Attendance:

| 7 th Grade: | 8 th Grade |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Buck Cline | Maddy Baughman |
| Earl Cory | Jose Gomez |
| Tyler Fesmire | Sommer Gurwell |
| Jacob Hurd | Joseph Hilburn |
| Aaron Latimer | Steven Knotts |
| Brittney Loy | Nick Myers |
| Katherine Nichols | Harley Sammons |
| Alex Pilger | Brittany Sperry |
| Jordan Rash | Taylor Wagner |
| Ayrika Ross | |
| Trysten Wolf | |
| Taylor Worley | |

| Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| John Bost | Jennifer Farmer | Gage Aubrey | Cati Boruch |
| Ashtyn Burch | Ryan Henry | Shelby Bates | Mattie Curp |
| Drake Burton | Mason Hernandez | Jorgia Cory | James Endsley |
| Luke Cory | Joely Hicks | Tyler Erickson | Jessica Farmer |
| Patrick Covey | Nicole Joy | Erik Johnson | Jacob Hicks |
| James Fleener | Jake Leonard | Jenna Johnson | Brooke Jones |
| Amanda Hilburn | Gunnar Martin | Josh Kesler | Paulo Kugelmas |
| Julianne Hurd | Alex Myers | Michael Leamer | Brandon Latimer |
| Kayla Johnson | Zack Phillips | Cheyenne Parker | Jasmine Murray |
| Garrett Jones | Tiffany Pimentel | Ty Parker | Tristan Rardon |
| Tyler Joy | Taylor Rash | Hector Sanchez | Alisha Ross |
| Megan Latimer | Billie Thompson | Brittany Sheppard | Jed Wilson |
| Jay Leeper | Ryan Virtue | Parker Smith | |
| Katelynn Minnis | | Adrianna Staus | |
| Nate Minnis | | Jason Thompson | |
| Seth Pate | | Jesse Vaughan | |
| Dylan Sales | | Alex Way | |
| Andrew Sifford | | Jason Zeigler | |
| Sondra Sumpter | | | |
| Matt Vaughan | | | |
| Taylor Wallace | | | |
| Trevor Worley | | | |

A Honor Roll:

| 7 th Grade: | 8 th Grade |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kelly Baldon | Steven Knotts |
| Alex Pilger | |
| Trysten Wolf | |
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| Freshman | Sophomore | Junior | Senior |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Matt Vaughan | Jennifer Farmer | Stormy Farmer | Jennifer Adams |
| | Averie Heil | Emily Fickess | Danielle Allen |
| | Tiffany Pimentel | Erik Johnson | Cati Boruch |
| | Billie Thompson | Jenna Johnson | Sidney Copeland |
| | | Ty Parker | Mattie Curp |
| | | Parker Smith | Katelyn Eichmeier |
| | | Jesse Vaughan | Jessica Farmer |
| | | | Jacob Hicks |

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| | | | Skylar Howe |
| | | | Brandon Latimer |
| | | | Wiley Martin |
| | | | Mason Misel |
| | | | Tristan Rardon |
| | | | Brandon Richardson |
| | | | Alisha Ross |
| | | | Adriana Segar |
| | | | Marianna Sims |
| | | | Aimee Walker |

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Polo ends historic season with GRC title

Polo hosted the Hamilton Hornets last Friday night at Shearer Stadium in a Caldwell County football showdown. The #1 seeded Panthers took on the #2 seeded Hornets in the District 8 Championship game that started at 7 PM. The Polo sidelines were packed with people who came out to support their hometown Polo Panthers team. The Panthers came in with a 10-1 record, the best record any Polo High School football team has ever had, while the Hornets came to the match-up with a 9-2 record. It was a physical game between two very talented football teams. The high scoring game was evidence that both teams were capable of running successful offensive plays. More like the score of a basketball game, Penney ended up with 68 and Polo 47. At halftime the score was Penney 40- Polo 17. This did not deflate the fight in the Polo Panthers. They came out determined and played hard right up to the end of the game with proof on the scoreboard as the Polo Panthers outscored the Hornets in the second half of the football game 30 – 28. Polo also scored more points against the Hornets than any other competitors this season.

Polo scored first with 10:40 on the clock in the first quarter with a 43 yard run from senior Wiley Martin. The extra point run was denied. Hamilton scored next with a 6 yard run from senior Kellen Overstreet with 6:48 left on the clock. Sophomore TC East kicked in the extra point. Hamilton scored again with 3:53 left on the clock with a 60 yard pass from quarterback Drew Finch to Jalen Richman. The Panthers denied the extra point run. Polo Senior Jacob Hicks scored for the Panthers with a 40 yard run up the middle. Sophomore Gunnar Martin ran in the extra point score for Polo and brought the score to Polo 14 – Hamilton 13. Hamilton scored a third time with Overstreet on a 55 yard run down the sideline with 2:11 on the clock and Polo denied the extra point run. First quarter ended with the score Hornets 20 – Panthers 14.

In the second quarter Hamilton scored 3 more times with East kicking the extra point successfully all three times. Polo senior Paulo Kugelmas kicked in a 3 point field goal for the Panthers from the 37 yard line. The halftime score was Polo 17 – Hamilton 40.

Polo came out in the second half hungry for the win and it showed by their efforts on the field and on the scoreboard. Polo outscored Hamilton 30 – 28 in the second half of the game. Overstreet scored off of a kickoff return on a 80 yard dash in the third quarter. TC East kicked in the extra point. Overstreet scored again on a short 2 yard run and TC East kicked in another extra point for his team. Senior Wiley Martin scored a 6 yard touchdown for the Panthers and junior Ty Parker made a successful 2 point conversion run into the end zone. Finch launched a 43 yard pass to Richman who scored for the Hornets with 1:17 on the clock in the 3rd quarter. TC East kicked the extra point.

Polo outscored the Hornets in the 4th quarter 22-7. Sophomore Gunnar Martin ran in an 11 yard touchdown with 8:45 on the clock and Hamilton denied the extra point run. Polo scored again after recovering an offside kick. With 4:56 left on the clock Gunnar Martin bulldozed through a mess of Hornets on a 27 yard run and scored a touchdown for Polo. This time senior Jacob Hicks got the 2 extra points on the conversion run for Polo. Hamilton answered with a 55 yard touchdown run up the middle from junior Kyle Elliot. TC East kicked in the extra point. Polo scored again with as little as 1:04 left on the clock, proof again Polo played hard right up until the end. Senior Jacob Hicks scored on a 40 yard run as he deflected several Hornets on his drive to the end zone. Junior Brandon Hubbard made a successful pass to senior Brandon Richardson standing open in the end zone for the 2 extra points.

This is a historic and memorable year for the Polo Panther football team and community. This year is the first year for a Polo Panther football team to win the GRC Champion title since joining the Grand River Conference 9 years ago. This is also the most successful football team in Polo history winning 10 games in a season.

Hamilton will play Plattsburg on Friday, November 14.

PHOTO #1 Coach Kelly Green offering encouragement to senior Ryan Cooper #55.
PHOTO #2 Sophomore Zackery Phillips #71 and senior Jacob Hicks #13 blocking for senior Wiley Martin #44 against Hamilton's #3 LaTroy Harper. (please include all 3 Polo boys in photo) 😊

PHOTO #3 Sophomore Jake Leonard #7 and senior Jacob Hicks #13 and a whole pack of Panthers brings down Kellen Overstreet #29.

PHOTO #4 Senior Jacob Hicks #13 runs one up the middle for Polo as his OF lines blocks for him.



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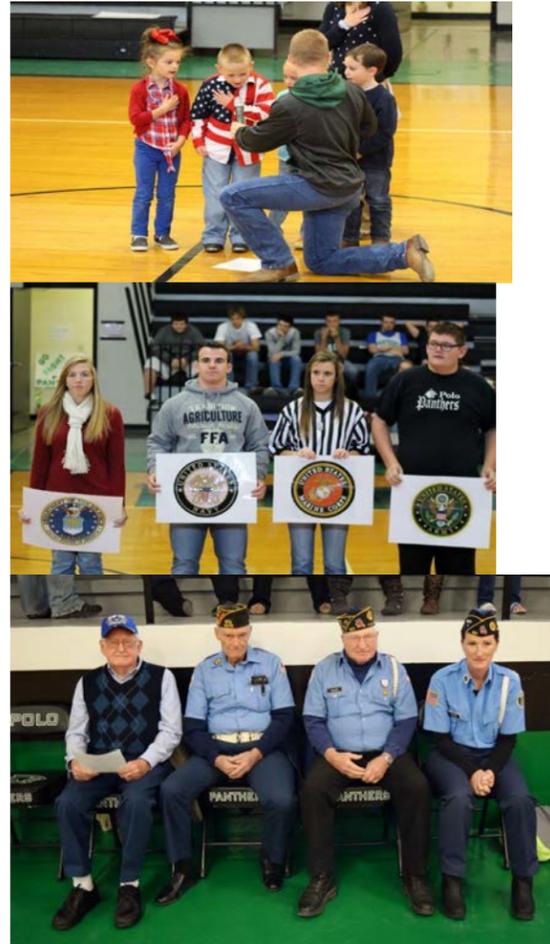
Aerial Eggers, Autumn Burton, Mason Misel, Averie Heil, Danielle Allen, Amiee Walker, Jennifer Adams, Lisa Tackett, Cheyenne Parker, Montanna Heil, Stormy Farmer, Brooke Jones, Jessica Farmer, Ms. Arth and Ms. Westover

Guess the Panther
By: Mason Misel

Guess the Elementary Panther- This Panther is in the elementary at Polo. Her favorite color is blue, when she grows up she wants to be a doctor, and she loves spending her spare time playing softball. She loves watching the movie Maleficent and jamming to the song Timber by Ke\$ha with her brother, sisters, and dog Snickers. Can you guess this Panther that loves her best friends Wyatt Gilmer, Kenley Moore, and Jaryn Bashears?
Guess the Middle School Panther- This Panther is in Middle School here at Polo. She looks up to her mother, spends her spare time talking and hanging with friends, and does track and cheerleading at Polo Middle School. She enjoys social studies and looks forward to having good grades this year. Can you guess this Panther?
Guess the High School Panther- This Panther is in High School here at Polo. She loves hanging out with her friends on the weekend, especially her best friend Mattie Curp. She loves to listen to the song Broken by Young London. She enjoys Science, with Mrs. Thompson being her favorite teacher, and plans to continue her studies in science to become a pharmacist after high school. She has had both of her brother's move to Polo after she already intended. Can you guess this Panther?

Polo School Honors Veterans

Last Tuesday morning the Polo School District welcomed in area veterans and honored them with a program. Veterans from the Polo Memorial Legion Post #557 were the guests of honor. Four Kindergarten students led the crowd in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, several skits were performed by Polo high school students to show children how to respect the American Flag and Student Council members held up a photo of each of the five Branches of the American Armed Forces seal while the anthem was played for each. (Air Force – Founded September 18, 1947 and they are 67 years and one month old. Army – Founded June 14, 1775 and they are 239 years and 5 months old. Navy – Founded on October 13, 1775 and they are 239 years old and 1 month. Marines – Founded November 10, 1775 and they are 239 years old. Coast Guard – Founded on August 4, 1790 and they are 224 years and 3 months old.) May God Bless America.



Attitude

Cheyenne Parker

If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it. -Mary Engelbreit.

Attitude is a big part of our lives. If you wake up with a negative attitude, your day is going to be miserable. Instead wake up with a cheerful attitude. There are tons of different attitudes that a person could have. These include attitudes of jealousy, happiness, sincerely, and negativity. It's up to you which attitude you want to adopt. "[How we think shows through in how we act. Attitudes are mirrors of the mind. They reflect thinking.](#)" -David Joseph Schwartz.

You never know whose life you could change if you are being cheerful around them. Have you ever been around someone who is so cheerful, that you find yourself smiling? What about that person for whom nothing is ever right? Do you find yourself avoiding them? We are affected not just by our attitude, but by other people's attitudes.

"You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control your attitude toward what happens to you, and in that, you will be mastering change rather than allowing it to master you." -Brian Tracy.

Ask Ali

What to get a boyfriend/girlfriend for Christmas?

For guys, it doesn't really matter. Guys will take anything. A few things guys might like would be: food, (of course), shoes or clothes, their favorite cologne, or a gift card to their favorite stores! A girlfriend can be a little more expensive. Here are some items you could get your girl: flowers, perfume, jewelry, clothes, shoes, scarves, favorite candy, gift cards, or even a planned date.

How do I become popular?

You don't need to live up to anyone else's expectations. However, if you do want to make more friends you could, join clubs or sports, sit by new people at lunch, or just try to start a conversation with someone that you think is "popular".

I play basketball and my grades are dropping, what do I do?

You need to talk to your coach. Grades are the most important thing about being in high school. You could talk to your coaches about coming to practice a little later or leaving a little early to get help from a teacher, work on a project, or study.

Black Friday: More than Just Shopping

By Jennifer Adams

Black Friday marks the start of the holiday shopping season, and shopping is exactly what millions of people do on Black Friday. A lot of people love Black Friday shopping, but some aren't completely into it. To get into the holiday spirit, consider ways you can help families in your community.

If you're not into shopping, well you're not the only one. In fact, there are quite a few other activities that are just as productive and helpful as a shopping spree. For example, rummaging through some of your older stuff, such as clothes, books, toys, or even your pantry for canned goods can help benefit people and families this holiday season. There are people all around the United States that can't afford to provide much for their families on most days, let alone the holiday season. Donating anything can help make someone's holiday a lot better.

In most grocery stores, there are giant boxes to donate stuff like food and toys for organizations, such as Toys for Tots. Along with donating to a cause, you can volunteer to help make that cause a success. Soup kitchens provide meals during the holiday season and are always happy to have volunteers. Retirement homes also need plenty of volunteers.

I asked senior Aimee Walker if she planned on helping or donating anything to families and people in need this holiday season, and she answered with, "Yes, our FBLA chapter finds families in need from our community and sends gifts for children and also food for the entire family."

So, if you're not planning on going shopping, or even after shopping, you can always donate to a cause or volunteer to help out the community!

Driving Safety Tips Montanna Heil

Safe driving is extremely important! Wreckless and unsafe driving causes accidents every single day and can get people very hurt. It is very important to pay attention at all times because things can happen in a split second and change yours, or someone else's, life forever.

I asked Brooke Jones, Josh Lefebber Polo High school's social studies teacher and Jessica Farmer a couple of questions about safe driving... I asked Brooke what she thought the most important things to keep in mind while driving and she said, "Buckle up, stay away from your phone, and keep your eyes out for bad drivers". I also asked Jessica how driving unsafe can affect you and the people around you. She answered, "You can get out of control, wreck, and possibly die with no one around. But when there are others around, you would be putting them in danger as well." Josh Lefebber gave a few tips about safe driving for young, and old, drivers out there. His tips were, "No cell phones, simply, pay attention, and wear your seat belt!"

Every day accidents happen. You may think what you're doing is harmless, whether it's speeding, racing, or even texting, but things can happen in a split second. So please, do yourself and everyone around you a favor and DRIVE SAFE.

FFA Members are Busy Bee's

By: Lisa Tackett

The FFA members have been busy this past month. We had a group of members represent Polo America at the 87th National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky. FFA also had a group of students represent Polo at the Area Fall Speaking on November 5th in Gallatin. The most recent activity that they participated in this past month was Barnwarming, which is a tradition for Polo.

Barnwarming is where the high school comes together and participates in a dance that FFA sponsors. Barnwarming was from 7:30-10:30pm this year. From 7:30-9:00pm the students did a mixture of dances which included line dances, swing dancing, two-step, and even the wobble and cupid shuffle. They line danced to such songs as Footloose, Copperhead Road, Fake ID, Good Time, and Watermelon Crawl. After dancing they had different activities. The three traditional activities that we participated in included: royalty crowning, apple cider chug, and the favorite among all upper classmen is the Greenhand initiation. For freshman initiation, students had to dunk their heads in a bucket of water to bob for apples. What they didn't realize was they stuck their head in salt water and bobbed for onions.

No matter what the occasion, FFA members are always on the move and having fun.

High School Girls Basketball

"The idea is not to block every shot. The idea is to make your opponent believe that you might block every shot." -Bill Russell. Basketball season has started; it is time for constant practices, late nights, and big crowds.

There currently are 21 girls on the basketball team. The freshman girls are starting to learn new plays and get used to the practices. The sophomore girls are stepping up and helping out more in plays. Juniors are taking on the next step as leaders and our seniors are enjoying their last season. We will be sad to see seven of our seniors leave after this season.

The important thing after this season is that we remember we are still a team and a family no matter what struggles we face. The good news this year is we are now class two in basketball! Can't wait for a exciting season!

Thanksgiving

Most Americans think Thanksgiving means extra vacation time, or eating great food, but what is the real meaning and history behind Thanksgiving?

The Thanksgiving holiday comes from a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621. The Pilgrims feast lasted three days and was attended by ninety Native Americans. It is marked by a traditional meal that includes turkey. Thanksgiving became an official Federal holiday in 1863.

Today, we celebrate Thanksgiving to give thanks for all of our blessings. Cheyenne Parker said her favorite food on Thanksgiving is stuffing. Danielle Gurwell said here's turkey.

Wrestling Season Starting Up Once Again

Jessica Farmer

This year is flying by, the seasons are changing, and it is time to bring out the mats again for wrestling. Last year was a very successful season. Polo took over the record for most dual wins and took 3 athletes to state. This year, there are many goals being set for the season and new leaders are stepping up and taking charge.

I was able to speak with the wrestling coach, Chris Johnson, about his thoughts on this upcoming group of boys. I asked him the usual question of how he thinks the year will go and he replied, "We will return with the most experience we have had in a long time, we will have great leaders, and if we fill in two or three more weight classes, we will have a full team." Last year, the team as a whole, broke the most dual wins record. I asked Coach if he thinks they can do it again. He said that it will be very difficult because of how many tournaments we competed in last year, versus how many we will compete in this year. Having 20 dual wins for last year's record, it will be very hard to beat.

Coach Johnson said that this year, like every year, the most difficult tournament for the boys will be the Battle of Lexington. That tournament lasts two days and there are about 40 teams. The boys will get a chance to wrestle 10 duals each. Last year, Polo did not compete at that tournament due to inclement weather so good luck to the boys this year.

Polo had threefarme state qualifying wrestlers last year, Wiley Martin, Gunnar Martin, and Jacob Hicks. We were able to come out with a 4th place medal and a 6th place medal. I asked Coach how deep he thinks we could go into state this year and he says getting to the top 10 is always difficult but we will have to see. He has great hope for these boys this year and sees a successful season ahead of them.

Middle School Cheerleading

The Polo Lady Panthers basketball cheerleading squad has started up yet again! They are new and improved with Braya Qualman as the new coach. The squad consists of seven girls full of school spirit. The cheerleaders are eighth graders Madison Baughman, Mariah Clevenger, Shelby Copeland, Sommer Gurwell, Kallie Heil, Taylor Wagner, and seventh grader Jordan Rash.

After an interview with Coach Qualman, I got to learn about her first year as a cheerleading coach. One of the questions I asked was, "How are the girls getting along?" She replied, "The girls do a good job getting along. We have hit a few bumps in the road, but they have overcome those challenges for the benefit of our Panther teams. I'm really proud of these girls and the work they do." Qualman also answered my question, "Are you enjoying coaching?" Her response was, "I am enjoying coaching. It has been fun to get to support my alma mater once again!" Out of curiosity I asked "Who are your captains?" She told me, "We do not have captains. I feel that kind of position isn't necessary to complete our goals. During the games the girls who want to lead cheers take turns doing so. This system works well and I think it encourages cooperation."

I also interviewed two of the cheerleaders, both eighth graders, Madison Baughman and Kallie Heil. I asked them, "What does it mean to you to be a Polo Panther Middle School cheerleader?" Madison responded, "I think it means supporting your team and having an opportunity to be involved in a lot of middle school activities." Kallie said, "I think it means to take pride in your school and that you actually want to support your people." I also asked, "What would make other girls want to try out for cheerleading?" Kallie replied, "It's enjoyable and it makes you feel noticed." Madison said, "When we do fun stunts and get cheered on while we cheer. I think it shows other girls that it's fun and exciting."

The middle school cheerleading squad is prepared for a fun filled season. They have began their basketball cheering season the week of November 3rd. They will be cheering at every middle school basketball game this season. Everyone should take the time at the games to watch them cheer. Make sure you participate in the crowd chants!

Blood Drive: Stormy Farmer

It's blood drive season here in Polo, round one here we come! Giving blood is very scary for some people and others have no problem. There are many requirements to donating blood. You must be in good general health and feeling well. You must be 16 or 17 with parent consent. Finally, you must weigh at least 110 pounds. People who get a tattoo have to wait a year before they can give blood. Also depending on where you travel, they won't let you give blood. Giving blood is a good idea to do because it can save someone else's or your own life.

Giving blood isn't difficult for most people. I asked Montanna Heil and Polo High School teacher, Andrea Westover three questions about giving blood. The first question I asked them was, "How do you feel about giving blood?" Montanna said, "It's not bad, I'm not scared of it." Andrea Westover said, "It's not my favorite, I don't like needles, but it benefits other people and I hope to get blood when I need it." The next question I asked them was, "What do you think is the most interesting part about giving blood?" Montanna said, "You can feel the needle in your arm." Andrea Westover said, "You become more aware of your body, and how important your blood is. You realize how taking a pint of blood can make you feel." The last question I asked them was, "How many times have you given blood?" Montanna said, "Once." Andrea Westover said, "Multiple times. At least once a year." Giving blood is a great experience because you learn a lot in just your first time.

FBLA holds a blood drive once a year. I asked Aimee Walker and Jennifer Adams the same questions. I asked them if doing the blood drive is worthwhile to them. They both said, "Yes, because its gets us and others more involved in our community." The next question I asked them was, "How do you let the community know about the blood drive?" They said, "We hang up flyers and put cards on the tables at the Rooster." The last question I asked them was, "How successful was the blood drive last year?" They both answered, "Well we met our goal which was around 35-40 donations. It was very successful." Working the blood drive is a great experience for everyone involved.

The blood donated is used for blood transfusions. Shana Hopkins told the paper that she had a blood transfusion after her motorcycle accident. I asked Shana Hopkins, "What did the blood transfusion mean to you?" She replied, "I am thankful for the blood because it was a life or death situation I was in." "If the blood wasn't available it would lead to other major health problems, including death." I think everyone should try donating blood one time just to see how they like it because you never know if your pint of blood will save someone's life or your own life.

Polo Alumni gives back to his community

Mr. Lefeber's fourth hour High School Contemporary Issues class recently coordinated a care package sent to a Polo alumni now serving in the Special Forces branch of the Army, Jason Boruch. Jason is the oldest brother of Polo senior, Cati Boruch, and he graduated from PHS in 2001. A care package of items, letters, and drawings was sent to Sgt. Boruch this past fall. Sgt. Boruch was very appreciative and thanked the students and faculty for their generosity.

Sgt. Boruch came to speak to Mr. Lefeber's class on Friday, November 14. He also spoke to Mrs. Rardon's 7th and 8th Grade Language classes, who wrote letters for the care package, and Mrs. Qualman's first graders were invited, as well, to see the soldier their drawings went to. Sgt. Boruch spoke to the classes about his military training and some interesting facts about the countries he has served in and types of animals found there, which greatly interested his audience. Additionally, he spoke of his background as a Polo student, his wife and children who live in North Carolina, and hobbies and interests he enjoys when he is not deployed. Sargent Boruch graciously answered questions from the students and had lunch with his sister, Cati, who was pleasantly surprised by her brother's visit! Thank you, Sgt. Boruch, for your military service and time you spent educating our Polo students!

PHOTO # 1 – Sargent Jason Boruch and his sister, PHS senior Cati Boruch



Polo Basketball hosts Meet the Panthers Night

Last Friday night the Polo School hosted their annual Meet the Panthers night at 6 PM in the Polo high school gym to meet and greet the Varsity and Middle School Basketball players, coaches and cheerleaders. Both varsity high school basketball teams were split up and the two teams scrimmaged. The girls teams scrimmaged each other first and ended in a tie. In between the scrimmage games a “Shootout” fundraiser event was held that consisted of making one layup, one free throw, one 3-pointer and a half court shot in 35 seconds. A couple of the contestants came very close to winning the \$100 prize offered, but no one completed the challenge. The MS basketball team players for the boys and girls were introduced as well as the high school and middle school cheer squads for basketball. Skylar Howe is the only returning senior cheerleader on the Varsity Basketball Cheer Squad this season and she has cheered all 4 years for Polo. The annual 3-point contest was held this year and junior Parker Smith won for the boys making 7 in 1 minute. The girls 3-point winner was Jenny Farmer making 6 in 1 minute. The top winners for the girls and boys competed against each other and Parker Smith was the overall 3 – point High School Champion making 9 in a minute. The basketball teams picked a few students that do not play basketball to compete for the 3-point PHS student champion title and Patrick Covey won making 6 in one minute.

The Polo varsity girls team will be coached by Greg Keith. Keith has coached in Polo for the past 9 years and taught Physical Education. This will be Keith’s second season coaching the girls team only. His assistant coach is Darian Warner and he teaches 5th and 6th grade at Polo School.

The Polo boys varsity basketball team will be coached by Jonathan Pickrell and this will be his first season as head coach. Pickrell also teaches Middle School Math and is one of the the assistant Varsity Football coaches and Co-Head Track coach at Polo High School. The assistant coaches for the boys varsity basketball team are Josh Lefeber and Andrew Price. Price is a first year teacher and coach at Polo High School teaching MS Special Education. Lefeber is a second year History teacher at Polo High School.

The Polo varsity girls basketball team has 7 senior players this season: Hailee Curp, Jessica Farmer, Danielle Allen, Brooke Jones, Adriana Segar, Sidney Copeland and Cati Boruch. The Polo varsity boys team has 3 senior players: Mason Misel, Paulo Kugelmas and Tristan Rardon.

Polo has changed to Class 2 in basketball competition this season. The Panthers will compete in the District 16 Tournament held at Albany against South Harrison, Penney, North Platte, Mid Buchanan, Maysville, Gallatin and Albany in the 2015 District games. Both Polo varsity teams will start their season next week competing in the Hardin-Central Basketball Tournament.

PHOTO #1 – Polo Varsity girls Basketball seniors for the 2014 – 2015 season - Hailee Curp, Jessica Farmer, Danielle Allen, Brooke Jones, Adriana Segar, Sidney Copeland and Cati Boruch.

PHOTO #2 – Polo Varsity boys Basketball seniors for the 2014-2015 season - Mason Misel, Paulo Kugelmas & Tristan Rardon.

Photo #3 – Introducing the Polo Varsity girls basketball team -
Front row: Ashtyn Burch, Brianna Hutcheson, Brooke Jones, Hailee Curp & Amanda Hilburn
Middle row: Megan Latimer, Teagan Logan, Billie Thompson, Autumn Burton, Nicole Joy, Hannah Curp & Sierra Dye.
Back row: Kayla Johnson, Cati Boruch, Jessica Farmer, Danielle Allen, Sondra Sumpter, Jennifer Farmer, Mikayla Reavis & Sidney Copeland.

PHOTO #4 – Introducing the Polo Varsity boys basketball team -
Front row: Jason Thompson, Parker Smith, Tristan Rardon, Mason Misel, Paulo Kugelmas, Michael Leamer & Jessie Vaughn.
Middle row: Tyler Joy, Dylan Sales, Alex Way, Gage Aubrey, Jason Zeigler and James Fleener.
Back row: Brandon Hubbard, Garrett Jones, Dalton Frazier and Luke Cory.



December 2014 Activities Calendar

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| | 1 *V/JV BB @ Hardin-Central Tournament – 4:30pm *MS BB @ Hamilton – 4:30 | 2 *MS BB @ Braymer 5:00pm | 3 *MS Dance in MP RM 6:00-8:00pm *V/JV BB @ Hardin-Central Tournament – 5:45pm | 4 *V/JV Wrestling vs Savannah/South Harrison 5:30pm | 5 | 6 *All State Band Auditions @ Columbia TBA |
| 7 | 8 *V BB @ East Harrison 6:00pm *Tuba Christmas 12pm @ KC | 9 *MS BB @ Cameron 5:30pm | 10 *PDC Mentor/Mentee Mtg 3:15-4:00pm *V Fall Activities Reception 6:30pm in HS Gym/Commons | 11 *MS BB @ East Buchanan 5:00pm *V BB vs Osborn 6:00pm | 12 | 13 *V Wrestling Polo Tournament 9:30am |
| 14 | 15 *V/JV BB @ Wellington-Napoleon 5:00pm *School Health Advisory Mtg 3:30pm | 16 *Holiday Concert 6:00pm | 17 *JV BB @ Lathrop Tournament 4:30pm | 18 *End of 1st Semester *MS Fall/Winter Activities Reception 6:30pm in the Cafeteria *BOE meeting 7pm | 19 *NO SCHOOL Teacher In-Service *Varsity Wrestling @ Lexington WMA 5:30pm *V/JV BB @ DeKalb 5:00pm | 20 *V Wrestling @ Lexington WMA |
| 21 | 22 *Winter Break through Jan. 2 nd . | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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