



# High Lights



at Peru High School

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17 School Street Peru, NY 12972

## HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

- Fri-Oct 15th, 8:15pm—Bonfire
- Sat-Oct 16th, 9:00am—1st Annual 5K Run
- Sat-Oct 16th, 10:30am—JV Football Game
- Sat-Oct 16th, 12:30pm—Parade
- Sat-Oct 16th, 1:30pm—Varsity Football Game
- Sat-Oct 16th, 7:00pm-10:30pm—HS Dance

**GOOD LUCK TO  
JV & VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYERS!!**

## High School Receives Check

Thanks to the efforts of Maplefields in Peru, Dorothy Thompson, the manager of the Peru Maplefields and R.L. Vallee Distributor, Peru High School has been awarded a **\$750.00 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Grant.**

The money will be used to support the Bullying and Social Justice program, and the National Science Honor Society.

Funded by the ExxonMobil Corporation, the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide supporters with the opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO PERU HIGH SCHOOL!!**

**BLOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 22ND FROM  
8AM-2PM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL**

## Academic Assistance Lab

The Academic Assistance Lab (AAL) will be starting later this month. It will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Library Media Center from 2:50-3:50pm with bus transportation at 4:00pm. (See flyer.)

## SNHS Students are at it again!

The Peru Chapter of the **Science National Honor Society (SNHS)** is in full swing getting ready for this year's science fair! Fourteen hard-working student scientists are currently brainstorming unique ideas for experiments and meeting with the club advisors for encouragement.

By the end of the month, each group will have an approved idea and will begin collecting their data for each experiment. The five senior members of the SNHS know how difficult it is to complete a science fair project and will help guide the newcomers in their pursuit of science victory!

This year's Regional Science fair will be held on April 30th at the Stafford Building on the Clinton Community College Campus from 10-2pm. **Please come support our High School Scientists!**

## C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

**Tristan Jeskanen, a 9th grade student,** was named to the United States National Luge Team. This spring he finished **5th at the Youth National Championships.** He will begin training with the National Team at the Olympic Training Facilities in Lake Placid starting in November. Tristan is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Sami Jeskanen of Peru.

**WAY TO GO TRISTAN!!**

## FLU CLINICS

Oct. 18/9-11am—Keeseville Fire Dept  
 Oct. 18/1-4pm—Peru St. Augustine’s Parish  
 Nov. 4/10-5pm—Plattsburgh Field House  
**Contact Clinton County Health Department at 565-4848 for additional dates/times.**

**KEY CLUB HAUNTED HOUSE—October 30th from 5-7pm in the high school. National Honor Society will be sponsoring a bake sale for a local family at the Varsity Homecoming Football game on October 16th.**

## Fresh Start Program

The Fresh Start Program launched with a successful start in its first year. The students are settling in to the new program of 80 minute class periods and in-depth study in Science, English, Global History and Math. They are studying a wide range of topics; from oil spills in Science, graphing in Math, short stories in English to Mesopotamia in Global, the students are engaged with all areas in academia. All of the teachers in the program are excited at the prospect of a successful completion to The Fresh Start Program's Inaugural Year.



Students in Ms. Jensen’s Unified Science Fresh Start class made solar cars for their pollution and green technology unit. The students will try their projects outside on a sunny day!!



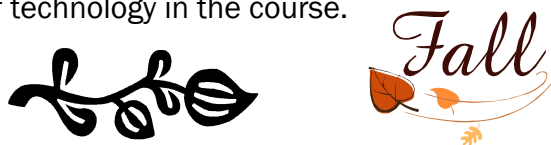
## ELA Happenings

In **9<sup>th</sup> grade**, the students are making good use of writing workshops every Friday to work on different parts of the writing process. The English 9 Honors class is reading *Lord of The Flies* and is making contemporary connections to the novel with music and film.

The **10<sup>th</sup> grade students** are currently reading *The Alchemist*, while making the journey of the main character relevant to our own “journey” in life. The Honors group in 10<sup>th</sup> grade is reading *The Glass Castle* and is enjoying the benefits of literature circle discussions with peers.

The **11<sup>th</sup> grade students** have already completed an essay of argument based on a current controversial topic in the news: building a mosque near Ground Zero. We used ideas presented in that article as a way to open conversation and build knowledge for the first major piece of literature this year: *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. We are continuing to prepare our students for the January administration of the new ELA Regents. The AP Literature students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade are examining *The Kite Runner* and discussing what it means to be an authentic writer.

**Seniors** in English 12 are experiencing the first-ever paper-free version of the courses with our online learning environment, moodle. This technology has enabled English 12 to save thousands of sheets of paper so far this year! Students are completing the C.O.R.E. portion of the course which included college application preparation materials, as well as writing process and research skills appropriate for college study. Finally, the CAP English 101 students have completed several drafts and essays and were recently featured on News Channel 5 WPTZ for the use of technology in the course.



## YEARBOOK...YEARBOOK...YEARBOOK

Senior pictures are due **November 1st**; that includes; senior portraits, baby pics, kid pics and candid!! Enclosed is a flyer with information to order your yearbook!