

THE TALON

What's Inside



Photo: Destiny Soto

Color Guard at the Pep Rally



Photo: Reginald Toliver

Lauren Cooley wears blue to support the class of 2018 at the pep rally



Photo: Kayla Gardner

Paige Smart, Haley Barnhill, and Tenille Childs wear purple for the junior class



Photo: Keria Hill

Ferrett friends in Agriscience, Phoebe, Monica and Rachel.



Photo: Jacob Thiele

Teacher of the Year: Ms. Cowart



By Mary Crosby

Frank H. Peterson's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year has gone above and beyond in her teaching and leading abilities. Congratulations to Ms. Cowart! Students have described Cowart as many wonderful things, some claimed she is easily their "Favorite teacher," and others say she's "kindhearted and fun."

One of her freshman classes were asked to describe and write about what she means to them as a teacher, and each of the fifth period students had nothing but sweet things to say about her.

Being chosen as Teacher of the Year is a huge honor and she said, "It's something that my other teachers nominated me for... they picked me. To be recognized by your peers is very fulfilling and rewarding." She continued on to say she feels honored and humbled, because of all the other equally amazing teachers at Peterson that are also deserving of the award.

Due to her colorful background and attaining the skills she acquired throughout her entire life, Ms. Cowart realized that the skills combined fit together to qualify her for teaching excellently. She said, "Performing is probably one of my favorite things in the whole

wide world, so in a lot of ways I do that every day as a teacher. I'm on stage and it's improv."

Ms. Cowart wants her students to remember more than what they read from the textbook, she wants them to remember how to apply it to their lives as well, instead of just passing the FSA. She spoke about how one of her favorite aspects to literature is that it's always applicable.

"I don't care where you come from, where the book comes from, there are things that are universal... that we all want to be loved, we all want to be respected, we all want to be able to chase whatever happiness we want to chase, we all deal with disappointment, so all of those stories deal with those things. That may be 1821 England or 2017 South Africa, but people want to fall in love, people want to be happy and want to become who they want to be..."

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The Peterson Players - December Play

By Agape Curtis

Jean Paul-Satre, a French philosopher and playwright, once said "Acting is a question of absorbing other people's personalities and adding some of your own experience." For The Peterson Players, this couldn't be any truer. The

Peterson Players is a theatre group consisting of Frank. H. Peterson's very own talented students. The club is headed by Mrs. Wigelsworth, the founder and producer. She is also assisted by Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Cowart, who take on the role of directors. In an interview with Mrs. Wigelsworth, she revealed

why she decided to start the group. "I love theatre!" she expressed. "It's different than watching a movie or TV series. It's telling a story and it's just a lot of fun." She went on to explain

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FHP Silver Eagles Give Back Europe Trip

By Addison Padgett

A few weeks ago, students had the chance to be a hero for other people in the world. The way they could have been this hero you might ask, well by donating blood at the Blood Drive. The Blood Drive buses come to Frank H Peterson three times a year every year to have students to donate blood.

These Blood Drives are hosted by one blood incorporated with the person that connects us to the Blood Drives, Jim Thompson, and he gets to our school through Ms. Lepper.

The Blood Drives uses blood to give people to on the first coast and from there if there is extra to give they send it out to places it is needed; for example, they sent blood to Texas because they were hit by hurricane

Harvey. The reason they pick places like schools is because most of the students at these schools are able to donate blood so they hope they can get a lot of them to donate. Also, it helps students have a good a feeling because the blood they donate can save up to three different lives.



This is done by separating blood by donating blood you donate three different things red blood cells, plasma, and platelets.

There are reasons behind the Blood Drive being here only three times. The reason for

this is that you are only able to donate one pint of blood every 56 days. The three times they come, and it might not be every 56 days, so if you are wanting to find out what other places you can donate at you can go to their website to find out where else you can donate at.

As the interview was happening he told me this “With Oneblood you can track how your body is doing with their website.” This means you can track how you sugar level is and many other things like that.

With these Blood Drives at school the way they are spaced out if you only do it at the school you can do it all three times at school. With this this Blood Drive there were 48 procedures getting them 51 units of blood. With that amount of blood they could save up to one 147 people.

By Ange East

Have you ever wanted to go to Europe? Now you can! In June 2018, a group of students and chaperones from Peterson will be heading to Germany, Italy and Austria for 10 days! The cost of the trip is \$3,942.00 and the payments are monthly.

If you are interested in joining, you can talk to Mr. Lichniak in F201 before or after school or during his planning periods: fourth period A-Day or third period B-Day.

Mark Your Calendar

By Jordin Stickrad

November - adoption month

11/18 - MH first Saturday run @ 8 am

December - AIDS awareness

12/2 - MH first school group run @ Atlantic Coast

12/2 - SAT test

12/9 - MH volunteering @ Festival of Lights

12/9 - ACT test

12/16 - MH Amaris Bank 5k (\$10)

Make an A Today

Marathon High

By Chase Smith

Enjoy running? Or perhaps looking for a group to run with? Well now you can join Marathon High. Marathon High is a running team training their runners to do a 13.1 mile run or rather a half marathon you can never be too slow or too fast to join.

Students partake in a couple different runs throughout the city which include Amaris Bank 5k on December 16, Winter Beach 10k January 20, Gate River Run 15k March 10, and last but not least the 13.1 mile run the season ends with the half marathon.

The first practice is Tuesday, November 14, days include Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and 8 a.m. every Saturday morning at Lee High

School were you will get together with other schools that are part of Marathon High and go for a run. The coach in charge for this year’s run is Ms. Reinch who has been part of Marathon High for two years’ prior other coaches include Mrs. Boos, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Yazdiya, Mr. Harris, Ms. Jacobs, and Mr. Villela.



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Scholarships

By Ashley Koziolk

It's that time to look forward to your future, are you planning to go to college? If that is your future scholarships are an important part to helping you be able to pay for the expense that college is, please check out these scholarships:

Society of Women Engineers \$1,000-10,000 May 1, 2018 for young women who plan to study engineering or computer science. <http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/scholarships>

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards \$1,000 or \$5,000 November 2017. Outstanding

Community Service to Others. www.prudential.com/community/spirit/awards

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For more information check out these scholarship sites they, will give you many more amazing opportunities. Cappex.com, CollegeScholarships.org, and Scholarships.com.

Jacksonville Art Walk

By Erika Mixon

On the first Wednesday of every month Downtown Jacksonville has a large event called, "Art Walk". The event has over 60 venues, including restaurants, museums, and cultural and educational activities. The event takes place 5-9 p.m., however, depending on the amount of people, the art walk will stay open until 10:30 p.m. rain or shine. In addition, you can actually buy art shown, or sell your own art.

More than 8,000 art enthusiasts attend this art walk to find new images and unthinkable creations to showcase in their art exhibits, while some buy these creations to hang in their homes. Though the event is during the evening, most of downtown businesses are open like The Landing, Downtown Jacksonville Library, and other small stores. If you aren't interested in art, there are games, performances, and many food vendors that come out from around the state to share their food creations.

New Banners, New Beginnings

By Steven Nguyen

Have you noticed that Frank H has new banners?

Since the previous banners being old and deteriorated, we now have new banners that hang around the parking lot and around the campus' entrance. The new banners are a fresh start to a new school year.



Shear Success

By Olivia Roaldsen

Beginning a career while still in high school is not an easy, but two Peterson students proved that it is possible with three years of studying academically and mastering their trade in their academy

Seniors Danielle Guy and Imani Christenson have received their cosmetology license. Both Danielle and Imani spent countless hours studying while using the Milady textbook and Milady exam review books along with many online practice tests. While studying, Imani preferred listening to rap music, but Danielle found it easier to work with no distractions.

In July of 2017 Danielle passed the Department of Business and Professional Regulations' (DBPR) State Board Cosmetology Exam. She went into the exam feeling confident and received an 87 percent on the clinical portion and an 89 percent on the theory portion.

Danielle now works at Hair Cuttery as a part time stylist while she is finishing up her high school education. After passing her state board exam Danielle was motivated to help Imani pass hers.

Two months later, in September, Imani received her cosmetology license. Danielle and Imani's advice to other cosmetology students is to stay focused, listen to your instructors, and to finish your services.



Freshman Birthday Times

By Paris Bowman

The year of 2002 was very special, it was full of color, style, great wins, and big losses. Most importantly, it was the year most freshmen were born. Ninth graders this year may or may not remember who the president was in 2002, just in case some people don't, his name was George W. Bush and Dick Cheney was the vice president at the time.

Codename Kids Next Door, Kim Possible, and Jimmy Neutron are only three of the many popular cartoons that were watched by Frank H Peterson's freshmen. 2002 was also a year to remember for the New England Patriots who miraculously won the Super

Bowl. "War Emblem" also made his contribution to the year by winning the Kentucky Derby.

Gas prices are kind of over everyone's head's right now, but in '02 the prices weren't all that bad. A gallon of gas was only \$1.36 and milk was \$2.94. It must have been great not to worry about over-priced gas and milk.

Movies and music were also kind of a big deal too, especially Lilo and Stich, Ice Age, and Finding Nemo. Music is everywhere, and sure enough the songs "U Don't Have to Call," "Work It," and "Just a Friend" are burned into our memories either by them being played repeatedly or just because it's a favorite.

Homecoming Week



Screaming Eagle



Peterson Pride

Ageless Hobby Brings Older Riders Back to Bygone Era of Motocross

By Jacob Thiele

Mr. Gregg has an extremely structured, by the book teaching style. He is strictly professional in almost every situation. However, he has a side one might not expect as it contrasts his typically expressed hobbies of making scale models and reading; his weekends are spent racing dirt bikes.

He currently has a '79 Suzuki RM250 and a '76 Honda CR250 that he rides with a group of older guys also riding vintage bikes. A group of which, at 57, Gregg is on the younger end. He says the group "is motivating me to eat less, work out more, and just generally live a healthier, less sedentary lifestyle."

Mr. Gregg first started riding in 1972 on a 70cc Honda which his mom bought used for \$250. Three years later his family got him a '74 Suzuki TM125, a purchase inspired by Roger DeCoster, a champion motocross racer who rode Suzuki despite Honda having

the best bike at the time. In Mr. Gregg's words, "It was a major influence. I have been on the yellow bikes ever since." A few years down the line he traded in the TM125 for a Suzuki RM125. The new bike sparked a new interest in progressing; he trained hard and read up on everything needed to be a better rider, propelling him into intermediate competitive racing, or class B. He realized that while he was good, he wasn't the type of rider to become pro and once he started flying lessons he couldn't afford racing so he sold his bike before going to college and joining the Navy.

Once his Navy career was established he bought a newer RM125 but due to the cold war was at sea often and couldn't ride it enough for it to be practical, so he sold it. While stationed in Sicily from 1993 to 1996, Gregg befriended someone who rode near his apartment, bought their bike (an '89 RM250) and won the only



Who's that guy? None other than Mr. Gregg, Peterson's very own Aviation teacher.

race held on the track.

He moved to Puerto Rico where he didn't have as many chances to ride so his skills deteriorated, and after moving to Jacksonville he was regretfully convinced to sell it by his (now ex) wife. After that he stopped racing for good, or so he thought, until eventually joining the vintage club racing scene he is involved

in now. He now rides wearing Roger DeCoster's number, 104, to show his respect for the champion's greatness.

Joke of the Day

By Jaylah Haugabrook

Knock! Knock! Who's there?
Convex, Convex who?
Convex gone to prison!

Home School Sports: Kerim Riley

By Michael Richardson

A lot of students at Frank H. Peterson play sports for their home-schools, some-schools allow athletes to participate in sports since Peterson doesn't have sports.

Sophomore Kerim Riley, Jr. has been playing soccer for eight years. He plays for Westside High School. This is his second year playing soccer for the Wolverines. Kerim plays goalie and that's his favorite position. He's also been a goalie for four

years, which is how long he has worn #1 on the jersey.

His favorite player is Landon Donovan, who played for L.A. Galaxy. The reason why that's his favorite player is because he loves how he plays and loves his game style.

His dad is the one who got him into soccer. One day, he took Kerim outside to play soccer and he loved it. Soccer quickly took him over and he's been playing ever since. Kerim is in the Culinary Academy.

Peterson Car Show Coming Soon

By Jordan Shoto

Mark your calendars for Peterson's Eighth Annual Automotive Showcase on Saturday, February 10. This event is hosted by the Automotive Academy at Frank H. Peterson. The car show will be held in the loop between A and C Wing behind the school from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This is also a recruiting event for all incoming freshmen who are interested in learning about any

of the academies. Feel free to bring anyone and everyone to help volunteer, guide, host and provide exposure to the school and the opportunities it provides.

peterson's
automotive showcase
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Academic Achievement

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how the Peterson Players could be expanded. "I have dreams of this becoming bigger ... and hopefully involving the majority of our student body in creating art, creating stories. That's the vision."

Theatre is not something new to any of the crew. Mrs. Busch has several years of acting under her belt from previous landed roles. It was actually through theatre that she met her husband. Mrs. Cowart is also no newbie to acting. As a veteran in theatre, she uses her talent and knowledge to help young actors get in touch with their characters. Mr. Techentien, a former acting coach for The Peterson Players, also has a professional degree in the field. When asked about her personal experience, Mrs. Wigelsworth said, "I was in the Peace Corps. I did youth development theatre and we did some workshops for volunteers. In school, middle school and high

school, I was involved in drama. Then in college we did a skit at the camp."

She continued, stating "Last year was the first huge, official production that I've been a part of." She was making reference to The Peterson Players first dinner show, Dinner at Eight, Dead by Nine.

The club has evolved much since its creation three years ago. "The first year we did improv exercises. We weren't really building towards anything," Mrs. Wigelsworth recalled. "The second year we wanted to do a production. It's a lot more fulfilling when you're working towards something and those exercises mean something."

Currently, The Peterson Players are working on their second production, Big Bad, which takes place in a fairytale courtroom where the Big Bad Wolf is on trial. The wolf's lawyer, Evil Step Mother must fight to prove his innocence as Fairy Godmother and her complainants try to

persuade the jury to convict him. Big Bad will provide plenty of laughs and head turners as it determines the fate of an age-old, notorious villain.

The show will run from December 6-8. However, tickets will go on sale before the event, so be sure to buy yours before they sellout.

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"and I applying everything we do to life." Ms. Cowart believes English class should be more than "Can you find the metaphors?," it should be "Can you apply the metaphors to your life?"

Cowart explained how the award meant a great deal to her.

She attended Tallahassee Community College for two years, then she transferred to Auburn University for two and a half years as a journalism major. She began as a sports writer, worked in advertising, and graphic design. Her colorful background didn't place her on the path to become a teacher. After a friend continually pushed,

Ms. Cowart gave in and became an English teacher for a small private school. Despite loving the students, she left the school after a year and returned to graphic design.

Years later, she was found volunteering at her church with the children's choir, drama and was teaching a Sunday school class. One of her close friend's school was looking for an elementary drama teacher, so she went in for the interview, then walked out as the drama teacher, eighth grade English teacher, and a helper for the school's marketing. She found herself getting involved in yearbook and loving the job.

After moving to Jacksonville, she began teaching full time as an English teacher at Frank H. Peterson. It's now been 11 years teaching students and she's still in love with being able to connect with students every day.

For Ms. Cowart, she draws her inspiration from her mother, who was a teacher of the year once. This apple didn't fall too far from the tree.

Congratulations Ms. Cowart!



APR vs FHP Basketball

By Malkulm Davis

On Thursday, October 19th, for the first time ever, Frank H. Peterson hosted a basketball game against A. Phillip Randolph.

In a heated game both teams stepped up to the challenge. The ending was quite lopsided in a blowout victory for the Silver Eagles. FHP beat APR 40 - 16.

The team was led to victory by: Malkulm Davis, Kashen Hall, Jalen and Jeremy Lovett, Randall "Kavon" Bronston along with the help of Caleb Guthrie, Jayden Little, Elisha Horne, Jamir Brown and Caleb Wilson. Coaches Rod Harris and Channell Jones led Peterson to the victory.

This game became possible because our former Principal Mrs. Barnes now works at APR and challenged Peterson to the face-off.

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