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Think Before You Ink

By Allison Harryman

Tattoos have become increasingly popular in today's generation. However, one should weigh the pros and cons of this lifelong decision. Many people think they are able to join the military, but rule changes have made it harder for people to join because of their "ink."

Not only will you have trouble joining, but you have to seriously think about what you want to have on your body for the rest of your life. Many people make the mistake to get tattoos at a young age, regretting it as they get older. Another serious problem to worry about is how your body takes the ink and how it reacts to your body. **(see page 3)**



Hans Christian Anderson inspired illustration designed by aspiring artist Gabriella Ramos.



Jenese James and Desean DeHart were named the queen and king at the homecoming dance on Friday, October 24th.

Peterson Celebrates Homecoming

By Scarlett Camara

Peterson takes homecoming to a whole new level! While most schools' homecoming revolve around a football game, Peterson uses class competitions to build spirit for this event. The classes competed face-to-face in the hallway decorating contest, invading the halls with class spirit. The class voted

the best hall decorating were the juniors. The classes also competed against each other in the games. Juniors won the human pretzel and seniors won tug-of-war, hula hoop, and the spirit stick. The week ended with Peterson's fourth annual homecoming dance. The theme this year was Arabian

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Free Money for College

By Scarlett Camara

Paying for college may be a hassle and a headache. Scholarships, no matter the amount, make a great difference and are very helpful in assisting you in paying your way through college. Before you know it, senior year is over and you are stuck paying for college out of pocket and loans, so start applying now! See opportunities below:

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- www.scholarships.com -www.rmhc.org/what-we-do/rmhc-u-s-scholarships
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- m3challenge.siam.org Deadline: January 20th, 2015
- www.dccpta.org -www.southernscholarships.org
- www.scholarships.com Amount: \$100
- floridapta.org Deadline: March 1st
- www.axa-achievements.com -m3challenge.siam.org
- Amount: \$10,000 or \$25,000 Deadline: February 1, 2015
- www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm -https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html
- Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: May 29th
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org Amount: \$2,000
- www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships Amount: \$1,000
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Amount: \$6,000,000

Deadline: April 30th

-www.ffrf.org

Amount: \$200 to \$3,000

Deadline: June 15th

-www.jsf.bz

Amount: \$1,000 to \$5,000

Deadline: May 15th

-www.southernscholarships.org

Amount: \$100

Deadline: March 1st

-m3challenge.siam.org

Deadline: February 27th

-https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html

Amount: \$1,000

Deadline: May 29th

Holiday Events

By Mikayla Rogers

Need something to do for the holidays? Look no further, as you consider these very festive and family friendly events. Most people may not think there is a lot to do in Jacksonville. There are a lot of events set up for the winter holidays of the remaining

2014 and the beginning of 2015:

- Pictures with Santa (Orange Park Mall, Avenues Mall, St. Johns Town Center): through - December 24
- Adventure Landing WinterFEST (Jacksonville Beach): through - January 11
- Season of Light @ Mosh: through - January 4, 2015
- Christmas on Crystal Springs: through - January 1, 2015
- Gingerbread Pirate Ship (Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island): through December 29
- Jacksonville ZOO Lights: through - January 3, 2015
- Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Tennessee Titans (EverBank Field): December 18
- Mosh Winter Discovery Camp: December 19 - December 31
- The Nutcracker (UNF): December 20 @ 2:30 p.m.
- Largest Shark that Ever Lived (Florida Museum of Natural History): through - January 4, 2015

For more information and events not mentioned you can visit: <http://www.jaxmomsblog.com/in-around-jax/moms-guide-holiday-events-jacksonville/>

Important Dates

December

- 18 - Represent the Jag's
- 19-31 - Winter break
- 29 - Deadline for SAT registration

January

- 1-4 - Winter break continued
- 5-9 - History Fair judging
- 6 - Zumba at 3:25 p.m.
- 8 - CIS at 11:49 a.m.
- 9 - Deadline for ACT registration
- 9 - Class color day
- NHS blood drive beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- 16 - Teacher planning day
- 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20 - FCCLA competition
- Zumba at 3:25 p.m.
- 22 - Challenge Day beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- 23 - Spirit Day
- 23 - Challenge Day
- 24 - SAT

February

- 2 - CIS at 11:49 a.m.
- 3 - Zumba at 3:25 p.m.
- 7 - ACT
- 11 - Deadline for SAT registration
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - Zumba at 3:25 p.m.
- 20-24 - Bronner Bros. Hair Show
- 27 - College Spirit Day, rep your favorite college
- 28 - FCCLA State Leadership Conference

March

- 1-3 - FCCLA State Conference
- 3 - Zumba at 3:25 p.m.
- 5 - CIS at 11:49 a.m.
- 8 - Daylight Saving's Day
- 13 - Deadline for ACT registration
- 13 - Class color day
- 14 - SAT
- 14-22 - Spring break
- 27 - Spirit Day
- 31 - Zumba at 3:25 p.m.

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Nest Notes

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Also, it may not end up looking the way you want it to. Did you know that the military has rules regarding ink? This is why you should think before you make a permanent decision. Things to consider when joining the military are the policies.

Navy tattoo policies are based on four criteria: content, location, size, and cosmetics. Content cannot be involved in any gang related activity, or anything else that will jeopardize unit cohesion. Basically anything that people considered divisive, incendiary or extreme. Also, if it's generally considered obscene, or explicit (sex, drugs, violence, rock n' roll, and all that), it's also violating policy.

If you are serious about joining the military, they suggest that you cover it up. If the tattoo cannot be covered up by the standard uniform items, then it will be considered excessive and the candidate is ineligible unless they have a waiver.

All branches including the navy have at least one short sleeved uniform. The policy states that your tattoo should be no longer than your open hand. Others will require a waiver.

They also allow cosmetic tattoos, meaning you can have eyebrow tattoos as long as they look natural and do not draw unnecessary attention to the recruit. Same requirements go for lipstick tattoos. If it complements the individual and is naturally colored, it's considered acceptable.

Army tattoo policies have recently changed and have become more relaxed. The Army now allows tattoos on the top of the hand and back of the neck as long as they are not extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist.

Like the Navy, if you happen to have tattoos dealing with any of these things you can get a waiver from your recruiter. Chances are pretty good that a counseling session will be in order if it's approved. Even though a commander cannot order a soldier to get it removed, but will recommend getting it covered.

Interestingly, Marine tattoo

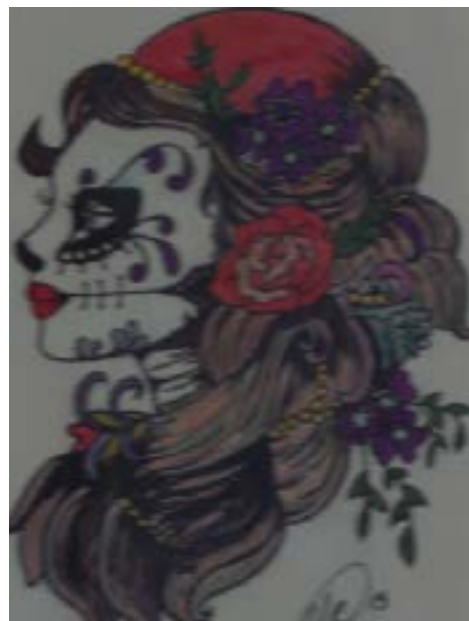
policies are completely opposite of the Army tattoo policy. They are becoming more restrictive. As of 2010, they have added specific regulations with the aim of realigning with their "traditional values." The new revisions specify how much ink is too much in order to maintain an appearance of high standards of professionalism. They consider the following unacceptable: anything considered sexist, racist, extremist, vulgar, eccentric, or otherwise offensive.

No ink is permitted on the head, neck, hands, fingers or wrists. Also, now prohibited are full, 1/2, 1/4 sleeves, and tattoos on the inside of the mouth. Tattoos visible in the PT uniform must be no larger than the Marine's hand.

Enlisted Marines who had sleeves prior to the revision, while they can still be promoted and continue service, are no longer eligible for enlisted-to-officer conversion programs, recruiting duty, or Marine Corps Security Guard duty. Tattoo bands, either partial or full, are authorized for enlisted Marines, as long as they occupy a maximum of 1/4 of the arm or leg.

As compared to the other branches Air Force airmen are expected to adhere to the military's strictest tattoo policies, which require members of the Air Force to pay for tattoo removal out-of-pocket, at a location other than Department of Defense facilities.

If an airman opts to keep the prohibited tattoo/s, it could result in it could result in disciplinary



Artwork by Gabby Ramos.

Bears, Bears and More Bears

By Mackenzie Guidy

Let's flashback to October it was breast cancer awareness month and we had an event here at Peterson called buddy bears do you remember? Well, Frank H. Peterson had a goal of 200 bears but the school exceeded that amount with 336 bears. Way to go silver eagles! Buddy bears were an effort by the Channel 12 News. Brand new teddy bears were delivered to cancer patients to bring hope and encouragement to cancer patients.

Peterson is hoping to have even more bears next year. The competition between grade levels and academy's was outstanding the amount of bears between academy's were neck and neck. The Agriscience Academy who had the most bears won recognition on First Coast News with Jeannie Blaylock.



action; anything from reprimand to administrative separation. Prior to joining the Air Force, candidates for enlistment will be expected to have "excessive" tattoos removed. Anything considered generally offensive (racist, sexist), as with all other branches will prevent enlistment, unless a waiver is procured.

The Air Force defines "excessive" as anything covering more than 25% of the exposed body part, and go to great lengths to describe the process of determining what's "excessive." Cosmetic tattoos are also acceptable when joining the Air Force, at least for women. Like the Navy, they must be moderate, and look natural to be considered acceptable.

Tattoo removal is always an option, but is very costly. The price of tattoo removal depends on the location and size. The prices range from \$74-\$445 per session, with multiple sessions being needed to be completely removed.

Overall, before getting a tattoo you should be serious about the permanent decision. They can cause major problems for your future. They may be cool now, but is it cool for them to be the reason you don't have a job or a military career?

January Blood Drive

By Karalyn Bridgman

The National Honor Society (NHS) will host the next blood drive here at Frank H. Peterson on Friday, January 9th. Any student wishing to participate must be at least sixteen years of age. If the student is seventeen or older, they do not need to have parent consent.

All students wishing to participate must sign up the week before during their lunch. NHS members will be in each lunch to hand out the needed paperwork and answer any questions about restrictions.

Homecoming from page 1

Nights. Dasean DeHart and Jenese James took home the title of king and queen. Prince and princess were won by Alex Figuero and Jasenia Ortega.

Thomas Miller and Sativa Perez won the title of duke and duchess, and lady and lord was won by Kayshaunna Coney and Donte DeHart.

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Home School Sports

Sr. Isiah Jones Swims to State

By Karalyn Bridgman

Since the beginning of the school year, Isiah Jones has fought alongside the mighty Westside High Wolverines and his dedication became apparent when he qualified for state. He faithfully dedicated his time to the pool, the coach, and the team. When questioned about the experience, he replied "I have been swimming for four years and I wouldn't have gotten where I am today without the support of the team and my coaches. The team is a family to me and I couldn't ask for a better one."

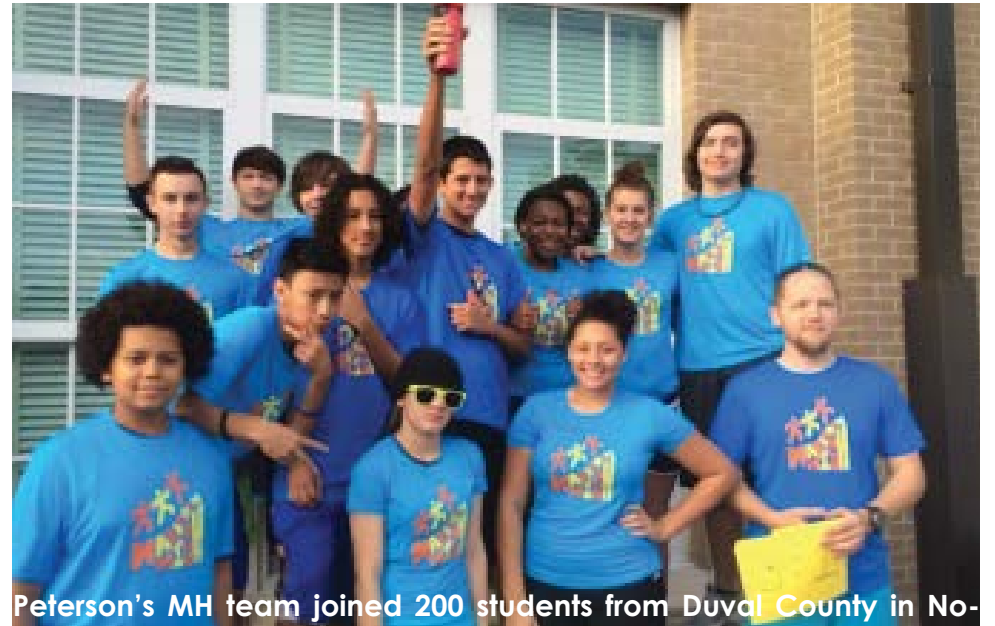
The team and coach supported him all the way to the state meet in Stuart, Florida. To get to state, he had to make qualifying times at both districts and regionals. Out of the whole team, only two swimmers made it to regionals. From there, Isiah was the only person qualified to represent the



(Left to right) Coach Bobbie Russell and Isiah Jones

Wolverines at the state meet. Throughout the season, Isiah beat his own best times. His best time for the 50 yard freestyle stands at 22.58 seconds, which was achieved during the regionals swim meet. For his 100 yard freestyle, his best time is 49.71 seconds and was obtained at the state meet. From here, Isiah plans on attending Marymount University and cutting his times down even more as he continues to glide through the water for their team.

Marathon High Races Through FHP Campus



Peterson's MH team joined 200 students from Duval County in November for a seven mile run. (back left to right) Shawn Bowme

Hunter Schaffer, Avery Hibdon, Middle (l-r) Vincent Salgado, Robert Rosario, Bryan Gros, Brejuan Obomese, Elijah Jackson, Jenna Hudson and Dakota Evans Front (l-r) Jaimen Hagans, Hallie Trickler, Kamilah Jernigan, and Coach Eric Sanford
Not pictured Coach Brooke Mackoul, Mrs. Boos and Mrs. Yazdiya

By Kallie Star

"Great job!" "Keep it up!" Students yell to each other as they pass their fellow runners training for the marathon. Yes, Peterson has a running club. This is the first year Marathon High has been available at Peterson.

Senior Brejuan Obomese explains her appreciation by saying, "I love the fact that I am running with others that are around the same age as me, and losing weight while having fun." The running club consists of 22 students with the goal to run the half marathon of the 26.2 with Donna.

So far they have run more than 80 miles in preparation for this race. Students participating in this club have shared that it has truly increased their cardio and they are excited to run the marathon. Marathon High is a running club founded in February 2011, it is a regional nonprofit program that helps students train for a half-

marathon. More than 200 students are preparing for this race.

The running club meets three days a week, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. To join this club in future years it is simple! You will need to sign the contract from head coach Mackoul and get a sports physical. Good luck to those students training now.

Brawling of Brains Begins

by Ntheye Lungu

Frank H. Peterson had their first Brain Brawl competition on a Saturday, November 15th. It was their first game since 2009. They played against six of the 16 other schools, only to have won against Robert E. Lee and coming close to A. Philip Randolph. Peterson's next competition will be in

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Senior Superlatives Announced

The senior's tradition every year is to vote the superlatives. Well, the votes are in and the senior superlatives were finally elected!

Best looking: Juan Soriano and Shania Samuel

Best smile: Darius Singletary and Khalia Taylor

Best dressed: Kwari England and Deziar Wells

Class clown: Dereamus Townsend-Foster and Timera Donald

Cutest couple: Daniel Vives Ortiz and Daesha Elder

Most school spirit: Oleg Moses and Ebonee Williams

Most changed since freshman year: Timothy Jackson and Marielle Billingsley

Best car: Thomas Smulan and Stephanie Cahill

Best hair: Austin Perry and Lonae Johnson

Most likely to succeed: Bradley Patterson and Tia Wells

Best person to be trapped on an island with: Matthew Ross and Autricia Murkey

Best girl friends: Casandra Donskey and Tyra Weldon

Best bromance: Juan Soriano, Carlos Mateo-Morales, and Daniel Vives Ortiz

Most likely to become famous: Darius Singletary and Kallie Lind

Raving Reviews

National Honor Society Inducts New Members



Peterson's NHS inducted new members in November.

By Karalyn Bridgman

This year's ceremony was held on Monday, November 17th after school in the Wright Place restaurant. Out of the 51 students invited to join, 38 attended the ceremony. The sponsor, Mrs. Lepper of Frank H. Peterson's chapter, was pleased with how the ceremony went. She stated that it "Went really, really well. It was a very nice demonstration of a student led event."

The event was led by this year's officers. One of them, Bradley Patterson, stated that the event was "Elegant, well organized, and represented everything NHS is about." When Brennan Wolfe, an inductee, was asked about the induction, he replied "It was a great experience to be honored at such a high level."

The energy was great and everyone was smiling. It was an amazing privilege to be

inducted to such a talent filled program." Congratulations to all those that made it into this organization.

National Honor Society (NHS) is a prestigious organization of which only the elite are a part. The requirements for NHS are that the student have and maintain a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average, show leadership capabilities, and participate in community service aside from activities done with the organization.

Students are given an invitation to join during the fall of their junior or senior year. If the student chooses to join, they attend an induction ceremony where they choose to light a candle. Each candle represents a different pillar of the organization. The four pillars are service, scholarship, leadership, and character.



By Skyler Phillips

Ladies and Gentlemen, Peterson would like to invite the public to FHP Career Academy Showcase. This is an annual recruiting event that truly showcases Peterson and its academies on Saturday, February 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on campus. The event will include a car show, art show, poetry slam, media day, and arts and crafts. Also, The Wright Place and salon will be open. This event is open to prospective students as well as the public.

Mockingjay Book Review

By Anne Carter

Mockingjay is the final book in *The Hunger Games* trilogy written by Suzanne Collins. This book can't stop getting good reviews Stephen King even wrote "I couldn't stop reading." This book made many #1s including a #1 New York Times Bestseller.

Against the odds Katniss Everdeen has survived the emotionally taxing Quarter Quell. Rescued from the games by District 13 she is now safe with her family in said district. All according to a plan Katniss did not know she was a part of. Katniss sparked the flame of rebellion and it is finally happening, the Capitol is losing its hold over the districts!

Love Yourself, Be Drug Free

By: Samaria Mackey
Special to *The Talon*

If you love yourself then why do drugs?

Who really wants to sit all day and bug?

Drugs can cause many crazy thoughts,

So, why end up being distraught?

Do you really want to pass out?

Put those drugs down, why spend your cash out?

Do you really feel the need to inject that?

Keep doing it and you'll see where you end up at.

You should love yourself enough to say,

I don't want to end up that way.

I don't want to get addicted to this

Because this isn't the lifestyle I should live.

So when it all boils down to it, you should really understand,

I don't want to do drugs because

That's not the person I am.

Personally I agree with all the good reviews *Mockingjay* has something for everyone, whether it be romance, politics, or gore. I recommend *Mockingjay* and the entire *Hunger Games* trilogy to anyone interested.

Did you know?

According to a *New York Times* article, showings of the movie *Mockingjay* were cancelled in Thailand due to the arrests of students using the three-fingered salute (from *The Hunger Games*) as a method of silent protest.

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February. Ms. Stover hopes the team will continue to strengthen and grow.

In correction of the last article, the academic team was first started in 1996 to 2009 hosted by Mr. Henderlite, coordinator of the

Robotics Academy. The team was disbanded after the 2008 to 2009 school year due to lack of student participation.

Mr. Henderlite's advice to the new Peterson Brain Brawl team, as he did to the previous ones, is to have confidence.

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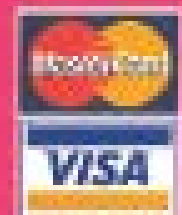
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