Semester Tests

This year at Evergreen is very different in many ways. A major change is that semester tests are going to be in December instead of January, before Christmas break. A main reason for this is because Christmas is almost a two week break; some teachers felt that students might forget the things they learned and not be prepared to come back for a test. Since the tests are before Christmas break, students will still receive quarter and semester grades the two weeks after we get back.

Taking the tests before the Christmas break also enables students and teachers to have a relaxing time off. So be prepared for a homework-free vacation!

Career Day 2006

This first Career Day at Evergreen Lutheran High School was a success! Students had many different options ranging from marine biology to engineering to fashion. Each student got to choose a total of four careers to learn about in workshops.

“Mr. Weimer’s was cool because of the stories he told,” one student remarked. Mr. Weimer (parent of senior Anita Weimer and freshman Wyatt Weimer) is a paramedic, and he told the students how much he loves his job.

Another interesting career workshop was presented by KOMO 4 News. Two ladies came out from the KOMO advertising branch and told the students how we as television watchers affect their careers.

It was interesting to see all the different careers and how ambitious the presenters were. This day may have even helped some students figure out what jobs they might want later on in life.

Laura Miller

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On September 9, 2006, our Festival Choir boarded a plane at the Sea-Tac Airport and headed to Denver, Colorado. Most of us slept on this flight since we had to be at the airport at 5:30 in the morning.

When we arrived in Denver, we had to scramble to our next destination to get to the terminal.

We had to go all the way to the other side of the airport to catch our flight to “The Motor City,” also known as Detroit, Michigan. We arrived around 3:30 E.T. and went directly to baggage claim to claim what was ours. We waited intently to claim our luggage and to be on our way.

A Huron Valley Lutheran High School chaperone picked us up in one of their buses and shuttled us to Peace Lutheran Church and School where we had dinner provided by the congregation, and we relaxed by playing some basketball. After we were tired, our gracious hosts took us to their homes and provided beds for us along with other goods such as pool tables and fun games to play before we would crawl into our beds to get a good night’s rest.

It’s Friday. The first day of practice awaits. We woke up very early to get to Huron Valley L.H.S where we met with all the other schools, such as Arizona Lutheran Academy, Lakeside Lutheran High School, and Illinois Lutheran High School to start our long day of practicing. We went from 8 a.m. to around 7 p.m. singing and talking to other Christians from around the region. After practicing, we had to get ready for the Pops Concert. We practiced our routine a couple of times and got in our positions to show what we where made of. We didn’t mess up and the crowd seemed to love it by their joyous applause. After the Pops Concert we were tired from the long day and we were ready to go back to our second home.

It’s Saturday. The concert is one day away. We practiced from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then we went to The Summit, a community center, to hang out with all of our new friends that we had met during our stay at Huron Valley L.H.S. We swam in a giant pool, played basketball, or played pool on the many billiard tables provided by the center. They even had a water slide and a current pool! Most of the time kids hung out with the other friends that they had made during their stay.

It’s Sunday, the day of the concert. We started off the day by singing God’s praises at Peace Lutheran’s Sunday Services. After we had sung his praises we concluded with a very delicious lunch and then went over to get ready for the concert. We arrived about one o’clock, got into our choir robes, and prepared for the concert of our lives.

We went to the cafeteria to warm up our voices so we could hit the high ones. Everybody said how nervous they were, and they would crack jokes about how it is so easy to mess up your entrance by stepping on your choir robe and falling, to your embarrassment. The signal was given to line up and to get into our proper places. Our entrance was ready, the crowd was waiting with anticipation and welcomed us in with a big smile. We came to our places and sang the night away. The crowd loved us; even better was that we sang our praises to God.

The worst part was yet to come though. We all had to depart and go our separate ways. Hoping that we might see each other again, we said our heartfelt good-byes and went to our hosts to get a good night’s rest.

It’s Monday. It was just like any other, but we had the privilege to go see the sights and sounds of Detroit. We saw Ford Field, Comerica Park, and even the old Tiger Stadium. We knew that we had to go home, though, so we went to the airport and headed back to our real home wishing that the weekend would never end.
Give Me a Break

It is not a secret that in the last few months chapel offerings at our Friday morning chapel services here at Evergreen have been dwindling. I don’t necessarily know why this is, but it sure alarms me.

This year, the Student Council here at Evergreen has suggested a mere fifty cents a week. Fifty cents! I see at least five of my fellow students put fifty cents in the vending machines every day. Do you really think your money is better spent there than in the Dominican Republic where fifty cents could quite possibly help win a soul for Jesus? If not, then why has there been such a lack of recent chapel offerings?

For me, it’s not the amount that matters. God doesn’t care how much you give; He cares about the attitude behind the giving. Still, I don’t think anybody should have a hard time coming up with fifty cents a week. If you’re anything like me, you have about three dollars of change just sitting in a jar on your dresser gathering dust and looking pretty.

But what if you forget about the offering? No big deal. I can understand forgetting about it every once in a while. We all live busy lives and have a lot on our minds. But there’s really no excuse for forgetting consistently. Write yourself a note or ask someone to remind you, and then help remind others in turn.

How sad it is that we as Christians should hesitate to give back to Him who gave us everything in the first place, especially such a small amount near the very time of year when we celebrate how richly we have been blessed. This is the thing that alarms me. I sure hope I’m not alone in this.

Christian Birsching

Can You Name This Student?

♦ Once the pizza man cleaned up this student’s bloody hand after this student fell since his or her mom was too queasy because of the blood.

♦ This student likes to eat apples at lunchtime.

♦ This student really likes The Beatles.

♦ This student loves to snuggle.

♦ This student loves to be sarcastic.

♦ This student loves the movies She’s The Man and Mean Girls.

♦ This student went to Parkland Lutheran School.

♦ “Word” is commonly heard from this mystery student.

Jamie Valerio
Knowledge Bowl is a high school type of Jeopardy. Three teams try to answer different questions using an electronic scoring device.

The team prepares each meet by “simulating the meet” as Mr. Thiesfeldt says. They divide up into three teams of two or three people. Mr. Thiesfeldt then reads each question, and the teams try to answer it correctly. If a team has the right answer to the question, they hit an electric buzzer. The teams have only a matter of seconds before their time is up and the next team gets to try. Mr. Thiesfeldt strongly recommends that each player watch Jeopardy and review different and important facts.

The team goes to different meets at various Tacoma high schools. The team divides into small groups of three players and competes against two other schools. After 40 questions have been asked and answered, the teams move to another room in the building and do it all over again. Each time the team is playing a different group of students from that school.

Most people think that you have to be very smart to be in Knowledge Bowl. Actually, you don’t. Yes, you do need to be somewhat smart, but you just need a lot of interest. Another thing that you need is to know different facts about various subjects. If you have any more questions about Knowledge Bowl ask Mr. Thiesfeldt.

Forensics is coached by Miss. Scharf.

There are different types of categories to participate in. For instance, those who like a serious story or poem might like to do Dramatic Interpretation. In this category, the speaker must memorize the story or poem and recite it to the judges. No one is allowed to use props or costumes. Some other categories are:
- Dual Interpretation - this is almost the same as Dramatic Interpretation, but with multiple characters
- Expository Speaking - Speakers describe, clarify, explain, and/or define an object, idea, or a social process.
- Humorous Interpretation - The speaker recites a funny poem, story, or drama. Props are not used, but speakers can move in various ways.
- Impromptu Speaking - The speaker talks about whatever topic the judge passes out—which includes three choices; the speaker must discuss the topic with the judges.
- Extemporaneous Speaking - The speaker discusses a current problem or story using facts and opinions.
- Interpretive Reading - A story is read to the judges; the speaker speaks as if he/she were the characters and in the appropriate situation.
- Original Oratory - Create a story and present it to the judges.

Most of these presentations have to be memorized and presented properly. If you have any questions or want to join, talk to Miss Scharf.
Soon, the drama team is going to perform the play *Rumpelstiltskin*, directed by Mr. Schoeneck. This year the drama team is not only going to perform at Evergreen, but they are going to take the play on tour. They are going to visit various grade schools, including Grace, Portland.

Our drama teams have done various plays including titles like *A Mid Summer Night’s Dream*, and *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

*Rumpelstiltskin* is a play about a “goblin” who helps the king’s daughter spin thread into gold in return for her first-born child. The only way the princess can keep her child is if she can guess *Rumpelstiltskin’s* name. *Rumpelstiltskin* is a well-known fairy tale, but I’m sure you are wondering, “Where in the world did they get the name *Rumpelstiltskin*?” *Rumpelstiltskin* literally means little rattle stilt. The *Rumpelstiltskin* character was named after a type of goblin called a *poppart* that makes noises by banging and rattling posts and planks. This might remind you of a *poltergeist*, or as they are also known, *rumpelgeist*.

The fairy tale originated in Germany, and was later published by the Grimm Brothers. In England it is known as *Tom Tit Tot*; this name would be much easier to guess. However, in French *Rumpelstiltskin* is known as *Grigrigredinmenufretin*. Imagine trying to guess that name!

**WHAT’S HIS NAME?**

- Dutch: *Repelsteeltje*
- French: *Grigrigredinmenufretin*
- English: *Rumpelstiltskin* and *Tom Tit Tot*
- Spanish: *Rumpelstiltskin* and *El enano saltarin*
- Danish: *Rumleskaft*
- Finnish: *Tittelintuure*
- Italian: *Praseidimio*
- Japanese: ルンベルシュティルツヒェン
- Hebrew: לי גוץ עוץ (ootz li gootz li)

**WHAT DOES MR. SCHOENECK SAY?**

**Q: How do you decide what play to do?**
**A:** It is hard, but I usually ask others. When choosing the play this time I asked Miss Scharf, and she recommended *Rumpelstiltskin* because she had directed the play at Prep. Otherwise I like to go off of what I know. There are also catalogs that you can look through.

**Q: What would you say is the best play you have ever directed?**
**A:** I would have to say *Arsenic and Old Lace*. It was just a fun play, with funny characters.

**Q: What do you think about this year’s cast?**
**A:** They are perfect. They’re all perfect for their parts. I wouldn’t change a thing.

**Q: Who designs the sets and costumes?**
**A:** I do, but Mrs. Bauer is helping with the costumes. Also I have students help. Our art class is going to help make a spinning wheel. Pretty much anyone who can help is very welcome.

**Q: Why did you choose to do a children’s theater this year?**
**A:** Children’s theaters are fun and easy. There isn’t as much set work so that we can go on the road.

**Q: Who works behind the scenes doing lighting and set-up?**
**A:** I have lots of volunteers this year including Anita Weimer and Paul Elmquist. We don’t have any lighting this year because it would be hard to take it on the road. The set-up people don’t start helping until we get closer to the performances.

**Q: How much work goes into making a play like *Rumpelstiltskin*?**
**A:** Whoa! A lot. We practice for six weeks, five days a week. Then you have dress rehearsals, and performances. There is getting everything ready to go on the road. You also have to design the set and get the costumes. Mrs. Bauer will run to the thrift store to buy the costumes. Then you go out and buy all the stuff for the set. It’s a lot.

**CAST AND CREW**

- Missy: Jessie Ott
- Sissy: Kristen Kraklow
- Father: Mark Swanson
- Mother: Jee Hyun Song
- Servant: Craig Birsching
- Rumpel: Jacob Cook
- King Jr.: Timothy Babler
- Captain: Richard Kammer
- Dog: Brian Petty
- Trumpet: Christian Birsching
- Townie: Claire Zarnstorff
- Guard: Ben Hanson

**WHEN? WHERE?**

- Grace, Portland: December 8
- Port Orchard: December 12
- Bethany: December 12
Fall Senior Athletes
Boys' Varsity Soccer

The boys’ soccer team finished off a great season going all the way to state. Unfortunately, the boys were not able to go all the way to the semifinals, but did finish in the top eight out of all the “B” schools in the state. The team is losing five seniors; Patrick Betts, Aaron Mantey, Kyle Bishop, Cody Sandwith, and Ian Rude, but the team still looks strong for the future.

Girls' Varsity Soccer

Girls’ soccer had an awesome season! The girls made it to playoffs and went as far as playing one playoff game against Bellevue Christian, which unfortunately, they lost 0-2. The Lady Eagles had an overall record of 9 wins and 8 losses. The team is losing seven seniors who will be missed dearly: Anita Weimer, Jessica Ide, Cory Dryden, Kristen Kraklow, Cory Warner, Lauren Thomas, and Katarina Harris. Great season, ladies!

Girls' JV Volleyball

It was a great year watching JV volleyball. The Eagles finished off the season with a record of 6 and 7. The girls had a great time playing and are excited for the new season to come around.

Boys' JV Soccer

The JV boys finished off a great season with a record of 2-5-2. Even though their record was not as good as they wanted it, they played some bigger schools and played them tough.

Cross Country

Cross country is a young sport at Evergreen; it has only been around for two years. This year four of our runners made it to districts (which is equivalent to tri-districts) and lettered in cross country. These four runners are Iver Nitz, Chris Garbelman, Chris Gallardo, and Nathanael Holter. Unfortunately, the boys didn’t place high enough to make it to state, but they still did a great job! Way to go, boys!
Fun Facts
(Thanksgiving Style)

2. Thomas Jefferson scoffed at the idea of a day of Thanksgiving
3. 690 million pounds of turkey are consumed by Americans on Thanksgiving.
4. The average Thanksgiving dinner now costs $34.71.
5. Nearly 40 million Americans travel somewhere for Thanksgiving.

Maze Game

Can you find your way through this maze? Start on the left side, finish in the middle.