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Midstate Band



By: Leigha Herron

After months of preparing for their annual competition,

10 PSMS Band students earned 15 spots in the Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association's 2023 performances.

More than 30 PSMS band students competed against 1,400 other Middle Tennessee students in December at Antioch High School for spots in the Mid-State Concert and Jazz Bands.

They performed in January. "We are so proud of their hard work and growth," Mr. Webster said in a Facebook post about his band students after getting their results after their competition Dec. 11, 2022.

Honors Choir

By: Samuel Powers

Tennessee Honor Choir is a select ensemble comprised of the region's best student singers. The choir festival was held in Nashville on January 14. According to Ms. Ashley Francis, "To this date, Putnam County has had the most kids make it in the history of the county." The student musicians who qualified are Charlyee Stevens, Carlybeth Butler, Owen Temples, Max Brooks, Alexandra White, and Ella Randall.



Hot Topics

Welcome Kylie Chaffin to PSMS By Daisy Stockwell

Prescott's 8th grade gains a new math teacher for the second semester.



Because Sam Cross left to pursue a new career, Ms. Kylie Chaffin filled the position. She was born here, in Cookeville, Tenn. Originally, Ms. Chaffin said she wanted to be a nurse, but after seeing an IV being put in, she decided it wasn't for her. Ms. Chaffin attended Tennessee Tech University (TTU.) Later, she taught sixth grade as a student in Overton County. This is Ms. Chaffin's first year teaching 8th grade and teaching any grade by herself. Ms. Chaffin notes student teaching is different due to the lack of help a new teacher has from their mentor teacher, causing you to be responsible.

Betty Huddleston Art Contest Keeps Creating Winners By Piper LaCommare

The Betsy Huddleston Art Award Contest has been around since 2017 and is named after the former art teacher who began the contest. When Mrs. Amy Scott became a full-time teacher in 2020, she changed the name of the annual contest to honor Mrs. Huddleston, who began the art program here at PSMS. Mrs. Scott began hosting the contest during winter instead of spring.

After three years of hosting the revamped contest, Mrs. Scott said the hardest part about the contest is comparing 2nd and 3rd place winners. Mrs. Scott's favorite part about the contest is seeing the student's excitement when they turn in their pieces. Anyone can enter the contest. Each year the contest is judged by three people.

"They score pieces, and choose who they think deserve the awards of the contest. It is important to have a third judge to help break ties," Mrs. Scott said.

The overall winning prize is worth about \$100, the runner up winners are about \$50 and the grade level is about \$25. The money is raised from hat days and other fundraising to afford these prizes. The art contest rules have remained the same.



Contest Winner Kennedie Ogilvie poses with Amy Scott and Betsy Huddleston after being awarded 1st Place for her creation, "Veritas Amicitiae" (Latin, "The Truth of Friendship")

“It’s a love story, baby just say yes...”

By Sydney Peterson

It wasn’t your typical middle school romance. Sure, it involved friends helping them sit by each other at lunch, encouraging them to spend time together, and it even involved Xbox gaming. But most middle school crushes don’t end in marriage nearly 10 months later as it did for two of our PSMS teachers!

Robert Allen and Laura Bosio met on January 20, 2004. Laura was a student teacher in Mrs. Lucinda Moss class Prescott Central and Robert was in his 3rd year as full-time teacher. “Mrs. Moss had played matchmaker,” Laura recalled.

Mrs. Moss had guided them together, by making sure they sat next to each other at lunch and by helping guide conversations with things they had in common. Mrs. Moss would tell her how great Mr. Allen was. Without Mrs. Moss, they might have never ended up getting married.

They met on January 20, he first proposed in February. Laura didn't say yes until August 31, then they got married on October 14, 2004. The way Robert popped the question is more interesting than others. Since they both enjoy gaming, he decided to ask while they were playing “Halo” on his Xbox. He put the ring on the wire that connected the controller to the console, then he pulled out the controller that had the ring on it and asked Laura to be his player two. “Not only did I get a ring, I got an Xbox!”

They have now been married for 18 years. They told me the key to a successful and happy relationship is to enjoy and respect each other and to remember why they got married in the first place.



‘Take 10’ With Cooper Duty and Nora Leckie

By Allana Mahler

Name: Cooper Duty

1. Grade: 8th
2. Hobbies: Woodworking, Fishing, Playing Guitar
3. Favorite Book: Maze Runner
4. Sport: Football
5. Favorite School Subject: History
6. Favorite Teacher:

Mrs. Webster

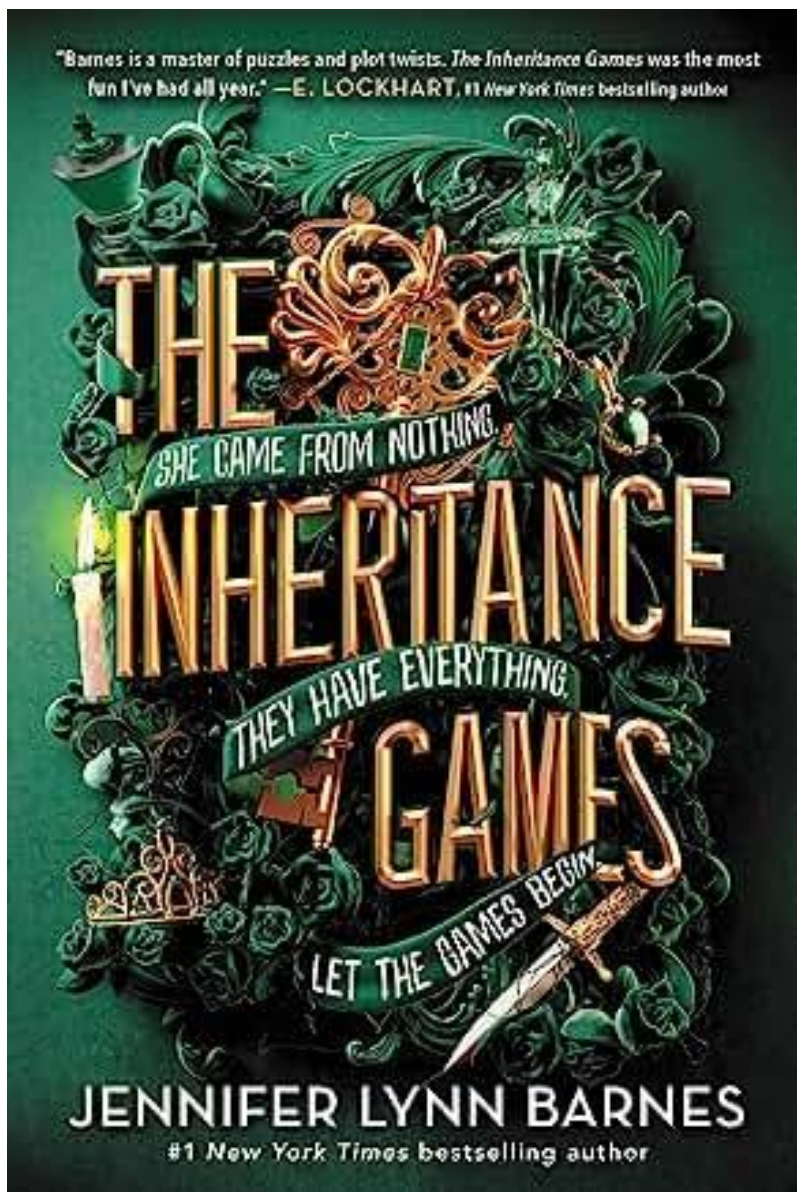
7. Siblings: 3
8. Pets: Dog
9. Favorite Part



About PSMS:
How Clean It Is

1. Name: Nora Leckie
2. Grade: 7th
3. Hobby: Horse Riding
4. Favorite Book: Harry Potter
5. Favorite School Subject: Science
6. Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nash
7. Advice For Incoming Students:
Keep Grades Up
8. Siblings: 1
9. Pets: Dog, Cat,
and Fish
10. Favorite Part
About PSMS:
Lunch Time





First Book in Trilogy Does Not Disappoint Reader

By: Shiloh Smith

The Inheritance Games is the first book of a trilogy. It follows Avery Grambs as she discovers she was left a huge fortune by a man she's never heard of, let alone seen. The Hawthorne family, as well as Avery, are confused. Why would Tobias Hawthorne leave the majority of his inheritance to a random girl? The most surprised are the Hawthorne grandsons. Out of the four, one thinks she's a con artist, another thinks she's one last puzzle to solve left by his grandfather. Clues start to surface as Avery and the grandsons struggle to solve Tobias' last puzzle. Hurtful events from the past come back to haunt the Hawthorne mystery. Is Avery as important as they seem to think or is she just another piece to be used? This book throws twists and turns where you least expect them. I can't wait to read the rest of the series!

SPORTS RECAP

By: Colt Sprague

Prescott South sports have been thriving, with the Lady Bulldogs Basketball team working hard for runner-up in their district post-season play and PSMS cheerleading and dance teams went to a national competition in Florida.

The girls' basketball team made it to the sectionals championship game on Feb. 4th. They lost the game 49 to 39, placing 2nd in their district. They played Charlotte Middle School in this game. In these post-season games; the 1st place team earns play time in the state championship tournament. The Lady Bulldogs earned the state championship title in the 2021-22 season.

The boys' soccer team tryouts were in February and manned with around 30 players. Their first game was March 4th for Varsity and 3rd for Junior Varsity.

In February, the girls' soccer team got a new soccer coach, Justin Cason.

Cookeville Boys' and Girls' lacrosse is also underway with several PSMS students playing for the teams. The team started practicing the first week of February. The coach is Joe Powell for the boys and Resa Roberts for the girls.

The Dance Team made history by going to Nationals in early February. They competed in the Dance Team Union Nationals, they placed 6th in the Pom category and 9th in Hip-Hop. Tryouts are May 1 and 2.

The Bulldog cheerleaders went to a cheer competition in early February. They competed against 30 other teams and got 14th overall.

If you are a student that is interested in joining the football team, conditioning began March 20th. If you need any other information, email John.Dzioba@pcsstn.net, the football coach. You must have a current sports physical in the office to attend the conditioning.



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Strength and
Conditioning

