

# Troy School District Newsletter

January 14, 2012

## EVENTS TO ATTEND

- All members of the community are invited to attend **MLK Day: Celebration of Freedom at Athens High School on Monday, January 16** at 8:30 a.m. The event includes a march, dance and singing performances, student essay winners and Keynote Speaker and educational consultant Ray C. Johnson. [See flyer for more information.](#)

- **SING, SING, SING!** You are invited to the **Troy District "Festival of Song" at AHS.** This event will include performances from our elementary, middle and high school choirs. Come listen and watch as our "enthusiasm infused" Troy students sing their hearts out on T. We have 2 nights of exciting music.

**Tuesday Jan 17, 7 PM** will feature students from Troy High, Smith, Boulan, Bemis, Hamilton, Martell, Schroeder and Wattles

**Wednesday Jan 18, 7 PM** will feature students from Athens HS, Baker, Barnard, Costello, Hill, Leonard, Troy Union, and Wass.

## Hockey legend thanks Baker students



Hockey Hall of Fame member Ted Lindsay came to speak to 8th grade students, Baker Middle School an IB World School.

Ted, who was a part of the Detroit Red Wings "Production Line" from 1944-45 to 1956-57, and won 4 Stanley Cups, also founded Ted Lindsay's Foundation for Autism.

This foundation caught the attention of a group of Baker students in a Life Skills class, taught by Mrs. Lisa Gaglio, when researching a charitable organization to donate their earnings from a bake sale to.

The Life Skills bake sale is created through the MYP tool known as the Design Cycle. This cycle encourages students to investigate, design, create and evaluate a product that serves as a solution to a challenge. In this particular case, Baker's Life Skill's students were given the challenge to run a bake sale for charity. All students conducted research and chose a charity of their choice.

The group of students that chose Ted

Lindsay's foundation wrote a letter to him to send in along with the money they raised. This letter caught the attention of Mr. Lindsay, who was moved enough to visit Baker, personally thank the class, as well as provide each student with a signed copy of his biography. Lindsay shared that "I don't care if you raised a \$1, or \$100. I care that you used your thinking to help someone else."

Ted also shared that this small donation



from Baker students may reach the University of Washington to go towards research in understanding and supporting Autism.

Students and teachers were thrilled to have a Detroit Legend in their graces and thankful for his words of wisdom and advice, such as "Be better next week than you were last week."

# Perfect Scores!

Twenty-nine middle school students in the Troy School District scored a perfect 25 on the ACT Explore test. This remarkable achievement is testament to the students' hard work and diligence and the support and instruction from their teachers and parents. The ACT Explore test is given to 8th grade students across the nation in November. Way to go!



Students with perfect ACT Explore scores from Boulan Park Middle School (not in photo order): Luna An, Benjamin Balas, Christopher Chen, Hareena Kaur, Matthew Kunjammen, Lena Leszinsky, Alexander Liu, Claudia Macri, James McAuliffe, Leo McManus, Dhruv Medarametla, Carol Wu, Justin Xu, Andrew Yuan, Alex Zhang, Winston Zhang



Students with perfect ACT Explore scores from Larson (from left to right):

Jiwoo Choe, Natalia Jenuwine, Jared Martin

See students from Smith and Baker on page 3



## Perfect Scores!



Students with perfect ACT Explore test scores from Smith Middle School:  
(Front, left to right: Ashley Zhang, Lucy Li, Jenny Shang, Michelle Gu. Back row, left to right: Arjun Puri, Michael Kolakowski, Benjamin Gregory)



Students with perfect ACT Explore test scores from Baker Middle School (from left to right): Apurva Virkud, Erin Mitchell, Jennie Yang

# THS Bands delight library patrons with flash mob!



Emily Webb catches up on some reading before the flash mob.

The new year kicked off with a bang at the Troy Library.

Shortly after 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, library patrons got a special treat as students from the Troy High School band program "flash mobbed" the library.

The performance, which is part of Troy Bands' "Taking it to the Streets" program, helped celebrate [Troy Public Library](#) being [open on Saturdays](#) in the new year with peppy rendition of "Walking on Sunshine."



Jarred Brusca and Matthew Rodriguez peek out from the hiding places before the event.

You can see a video of their performance and read more about "Taking it to the Streets" [in the Troy Patch](#).



Library Director, Cathy Russ, and students assess the size of the crowd waiting to get in the library.

# THS student to present safety lesson at Auto Show



Victoria Lines, Troy High Junior, will present at the North American International Auto Show on Jan 18th for their Education Day. Her program Get Buckled! is about auto safety.

The state Police and the Highway Department have teamed up to provide Victoria with a mascot, Click It the Cricket. She will have three presentations during the day and then get a chance to visit with the Big Three auto companies with her mascot.

Every hour in the United States a life is lost in a traffic related accident. That number could be reduced by 50% with the use of seat belts and the correct use of child restraints and booster seats. Victoria is proud to represent Troy High and our community. She is Miss America's Miss Tip of the Mitt's Outstanding Teen 2012 and will go on to compete at Miss Michigan in June.

Her message to Get Buckled! is so important to her because she is a new driver and her peer group is the largest percentage of people who do not wear seat belts. Mrs. Spiteri's 2nd Grade Classroom at Bemis Elementary offered their time to help Victoria prepare her presentation.

## Baker Middle School Band Teacher honored by National Association for Music Education



Spiros Xydas, who teaches band at Baker Middle School, has been named a National Association for Music Education's (NAfME) band mentor for the month of January.

As a mentor, Mr. Xydas will read and respond to the online forums and posts from band directors throughout the country, answering their questions and commenting on a lot of great music education topics.

You can read more about this honor and see all the great reasons Mr. Xydas at [the National Association for Music Education website](#).

# Smith Ecology Students honored by Troy City Council



Students from Smith Middle School's Ecology Club were recently honored for their efforts in cleaning up Sylvan Glen park. The City Council recognized the contribution the students and their teacher made to the community with a certificate and official recognition. These students worked hard to make the park a cleaner, better place for all our families to enjoy!

Bottom row: Harsh Patel, Reece Maxwell, Pasha Liforov, Najeeb Chowdhury, Jacob Horne, Sai Sundar, Pranav Vijay

Middle Row: Blaise Dahmer, Cassidy Swope, Claire Sexton, Dalton Shoon, Nick Sirhan, Brendan Cronan, Nicole Setelia, Patience Westbrook, Andrew William, Nancy Klein (teacher)

Top row: Tim Fulcher (Principal), Kevin Carlson, Johanna Lafayette, Julia Howard-Doney, Kaylin Bigelow, Kyle Christie, Chase Linton, Michael Kolakowski, Nick Watson

Not pictured: Kelsey Nickerson, Adi Harig-Mikel and Hannah Malone

## **Troy Newcomers (women's social organization) extends an invitation to some exciting events for January:**

1/26 Thursday January Luncheon 11:30 am at Rochester Mills Beer Company in Rochester. Speaker is Carolyn Stieger "Organize it for a Better Life" what a great way to begin the New Year! Come join us! RSVP 1/19.

1/27 Friday 1:00 pm MAH JONGG offered again for those who could not make the 13th. It is again at Jane's home.

TNC also offers two golf leagues – Somerset Golf – 10 weeks and Sylvan Glen, a little more competitive for 18 weeks. Either golf league has fun women to golf with, maybe try both and see which one suits you! GET SWINGING!!!

If interested, please visit [www.troynewcomers.com](http://www.troynewcomers.com).

## Students win AHS Principal's Scholarship



Two Athens High School Seniors were recently awarded the Principal's Scholarship. Michael Fair (pictured left) and Vikram Prasaad were selected for this honor.

Fair is also a semifinalist for a National Coca-Cola Scholarship. From 84,000 applicants he is now one of 2200.

The Coca-Cola Scholarship Committee will then narrow the field down to 250 finalists and they will have to go to Atlanta to interview. The top 50 will receive \$20,000 and the remaining 200 will receive \$10,000.

### **Jackie Short earns All-Region honors**

Jackie Short, a junior from Troy (Athens HS), was selected to the All-Central Region Second Team as presented by the NSCAA (National Soccer Coaches Association of America) on Saturday, Dec. 10. Short was the Hornets' leading scorer and earned All-MIAA First Team honors as the league's second leading scorer, recording 19 goals and two assists in conference play for a total of 40 points. Short scored against every MIAA opponent and also tied the school record for scoring in consecutive matches by recording a goal in six straight games. Twice during the season Short was honored as the MIAA Offensive Player of the Week and also finished the season ranked second nationally in game winning goals with eight.

## Still time to help Wattles and Larson RULE!

Wattles Elementary and Larson Middle School are part of the Oakland Mall "Will Your School Rule?" program.

The program runs October 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>. We get one point for every dollar spent at the Mall. When you shop or eat at Oakland Mall, take your receipts to the information booth at the mall and tell them you are from Wattles or Larson. They will record how much you spent and give you back your receipt.

Please help us by telling all your friends, family and neighbors. Their purchases will also count toward our school. Just tell them to make sure they say it's for Wattles Elementary. Oakland Mall is located west off of John R road between 14 and 15 mile roads. They have over 100 stores and restaurants including Macy's, Sears and JC Penney. Several stores located in the Mall parking lot area also count toward this program including ABC Warehouse, Chili's, Henry Ford OptimEyes and Classic Auto Showplace.

Wattles is currently in 4th place in the contest. Let's help our schools win!

### **Troy Baseball Boosters 2012 Registration:**

Since 1961, Troy Baseball Boosters has been offering Troy residents ages Kindergarten and older the opportunity to learn and play the game of baseball and develop good sportsmanship on and off the baseball field. 2012 registration is now open. A registration form can be downloaded at [www.troybb.org](http://www.troybb.org). Registration questions will be answered by Don Harbin 248-225-3717.

# Athens Boys Wrestling has good showing at Spartan Classic



The AHS Wrestling team wrestled in the annual Spartan Classic Tournament on Sat Jan. 7, with several wrestlers placing in the top spots for their weight divisions. At this point, the team has a total of 66 pins.

Here are the final rankings for the Spartan Classic: 112lbs. Matt Stefut- 6th place, 119lbs. Thomas Keyes- 2nd place, 125lbs. Jazz Hubbard- 2nd place, 130lbs. Brian Turner- 4th place, 171lbs. Steve Toporowski- 6th place, 189lbs. Chris Codreanu- 5th place, Hwt. Jon Daniel- 4th place.

## Troy Athens students collect socks to benefit charity

The Troy Athens High School Student Congress recently collected over 400 pairs of socks for the Grace Centers of Hope during a school-wide sock drive. [Read more and see great pictures at the Troy Patch.](#)

## Troy Historic Village offers new lecture series

The Troy Historic Village presents *A Heritage So Richly Woven: Exploring Regional Cultures Through Personal Stories* on various dates from now until May.

These stories will fascinate high school and middle school students and their families.

The series, which features personalized accounts from a variety of people, begins this Wednesday at 7:30 in the old Troy Church at the Historic Village.

For more information on each of the lectures, see [this flyer](#).

## Beaumont Hospital

*offers FREE kids cooking and fitness classes and parent sessions as part of their*

## 2012 Healthy Family Special Events

Beaumont Hospital is excited to present free monthly classes to promote healthy living for children and their parents.

These classes offer the chance to learn healthy cooking and eating habits and fitness. They'll learn to pack yummy lunches and choose appropriate snacks.

Parents will meet to discuss such topics as setting boundaries and communication skills and learn about helping raise their children with healthy habits.

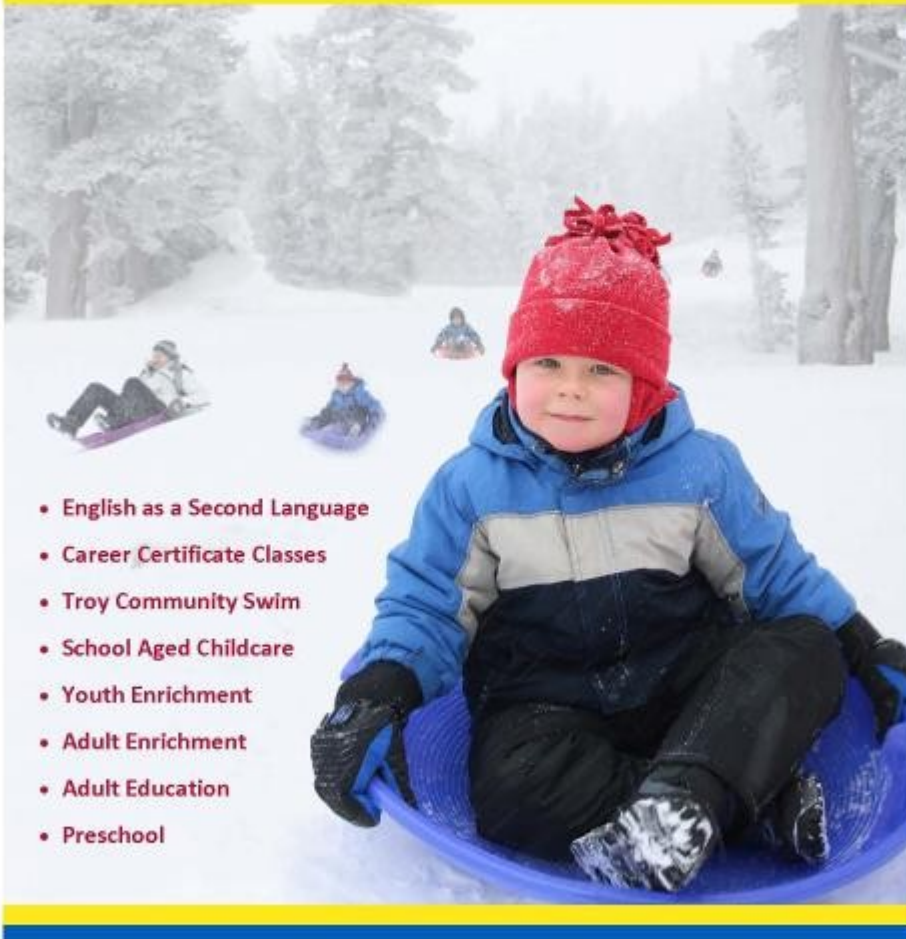
For more information on the specific courses offered, see [this flyer](#).

Registration is now going on for Winter Classes and Activities through Troy Continuing Education. Go online now to [www.troyceonline.com](http://www.troyceonline.com) to register yourself or your child for some wintertime fun!

# Troy Continuing Education



Winter 2012  
JANUARY — MARCH



- English as a Second Language
- Career Certificate Classes
- Troy Community Swim
- School Aged Childcare
- Youth Enrichment
- Adult Enrichment
- Adult Education
- Preschool



Register Online Anytime  
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# Join the Junior Naturalist Club at Troy Nature Center

The Troy Nature Society is pleased and excited to announce that the Junior Naturalist Club (JNC) is returning to the Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center! This program is dedicated to giving children ages 4 through 5th grade invaluable experiences in nature. We are committed to having fun while learning. JNC will give your children the chance to explore nature through snow studies, pond dipping, insect hunting and many other hands-on activities. JNC will meet the third Saturday of each month beginning in January and will conclude with a full week of activities in July. Your family can sign up to attend a Maple Syrup Time program in March as part of the JNC experience. The membership fee includes all meetings, Maple Syrup Time, activities, crafts, patches, awards and a family BBQ. The fee for this eleven-session program is \$100 (or \$90 for members of the Troy Nature Society). The following is a list of the first meeting date and times of the new Junior Naturalist Club.

Section	Age/Grade	Day	Time	Date
Discoverers	4 years	Sat	10-11:30 a.m.	Jan 21
Adventurers	K & 1	Sat	10-11:30 a.m.	Jan 21
Explorers	2 & 3	Sat	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Jan 21
Seekers	4 & 5	Sat	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Jan 21

If you have questions, please call or e-mail Debbie Williams, JNC Coordinator, at [248-688-9703](tel:248-688-9703) or [dew@TroyNS.comcastbiz.net](mailto:dew@TroyNS.comcastbiz.net). We are excited to bring back this popular award-winning program and to have your child join us at Junior Naturalists! Registration and additional information is available on the Troy Nature Society website at [www.troynaturesociety.org](http://www.troynaturesociety.org).

## Larson Band students reach out, give back

Larson Band students reached beyond the walls of the school with their music. The parents and students of the Larson Middle School Bands collected donations for the Salvation Army (5th annual activity) at the Larson Band concert @ the Larson Gym Thursday, Dec 8, 2011, 7pm

Select students played Christmas Carols around the kettle during intermission and after the concert while audience members contributed to the charity. Thanks to the generous giving of the Larson Band parents and friends **\$343.26** was raised for area families, exceeding last year's donation.

## Order a great thermal tote and help Smith Middle School Relay for Life!



Smith Middle School is holding its first fundraiser for the Troy 2012 Relay for Life this spring. Thermal lunch totes can be ordered by [clicking on this link](#) from **now until January 20, 2012**. The Relay team will get five dollars for every bag sold. The Thermal Totes can be personalized and the Cinch-It-Up bags are a new style being introduced this month. Be the first to own one! They also make great birthday or Valentines gifts or you might even use one as a new Easter basket. For more information, contact (insert your email??) or [amydelong349@aol.com](mailto:amydelong349@aol.com). Thanks for



supporting Smith's Relay for Life Team.



# Hamilton students learn conflict resolution

Hamilton has recently completed training all students in conflict resolution. Each year Hamilton staff members Suzanne Miller and Carol Dospil help students learn to resolve conflicts. Students attend 2 – 40 minute presentations.



## Attention: High School Students - Venturing Crew 1716 Now Recruiting New Members

Are you interested in the outdoors, gaining leadership skills, community service, making new friends, and adventure? Venturing is a division of The Boys Scouts of America and is open to *all high school students (girls and boys)*. **Venturing Crew 1716** of Troy, MI holds meetings the third Thursday of each month where they plan monthly adventure outings such as zip lining, biking, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, rock climbing, and Hallo-Weekend at Cedar Point. All interested potential members are invited to the next scheduled meeting:

When: Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church, 6363 Livernois Rd., Troy

For more information, e-mail [vcrewadvisor@comcast.net](mailto:vcrewadvisor@comcast.net) or visit website [www.vcrew1716.org](http://www.vcrew1716.org).