

Witches' Brew

Greenwich High School



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Class Officers

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By Beth Kirtley

7th Grade:

President: Meghan Dusha
Vice President: Joanna Herrick
Secretary: Austin Raywood
Treasurer: Keith Mann

10th Grade:

President: Kyle Watters
Vice President: Annelise Kelly
Secretary: Liz Worthington
Treasurer: Ellie Fitzgerald

8th Grade:

President: Jon Patrick
Vice President: Jessica Gerber
Secretary: Rosie Pickering
Treasurer: Hillary Mattison

11th Grade:

President: Jean Kratzer
Vice President: Cassie Cloutier
Secretary: Sarah Durrin
Treasurer: Tim Herrick

9th Grade:

President: Jessica Billings
Vice President: Emily Fung
Secretary: Laura Salkowe
Treasurer: Shelby Guilder

12th Grade:

President: Greg Mumby
Vice President: Kendra Saunders
Secretary: Becky Mann
Treasurer: Sam Roods

~**Congratulations to all who made it!**~

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Special points of interest:

- Newly elected Student Council members
- Participation in Student Government
- Check out page 6 for info on the new recycling club!
- Take a look at our poetry page!

SPORTS

Varsity Sports

By Mike Pryor

It's been a jaw dropping experience for all Greenwich sports fans this fall season. From tennis to field hockey, teams are performing well.

The varsity girls' tennis team recently became the first girls' tennis team to reach the sectional finals in Greenwich's long history. Coach McGuirk's squad has been very impressive on the court and has overcome unthinkable odds. Hats off to the girls' tennis team!



The varsity boys' soccer team, after coming off impressive performances against top notch teams in the Wasaren League, have found themselves in sole possession of first place. Although they've had their woes this season, losing Senior Nick Johnson to a foot injury, they are on an impressive streak and plan to keep up the intense play. The Witches traveled to Tamarac which proved to be a good test for the boys.



The varsity girls' soccer team, after coming off a tough win in Salem, are looking to bounce back and look ahead rather than behind. They've been challenged on the field but are keeping it together as a unit. The

team has been known for keeping their composure even when they're down. Don't give up on them just yet.

The field hockey team is still going strong. Their superb defense has guided them through many of their games. Senior Jordan Dwyer redirected a pass from Junior Mary Ahigian past Cambridge's goalie to take a 1-0 lead. Senior goalie Lindsey Flynn had a very easy day on the field. There were no shots taken on the goalie the entire game. What defense these girls have displayed! Their next game is against



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Hoosick Falls.

On The Gridiron, Varsity football is back in Greenwich and here to stay. The Witches have

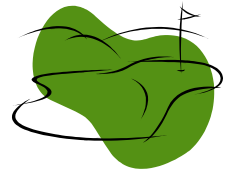
put together quite the run for a playoff berth. Their intense defense held the Lake George Warriors to a mere 6 points in their 14-6 Homecoming win. Hard work in practice has showed the past few weeks for this

team. The Witches were 2-7 in the past two years, and have already exceeded that number of wins this season. Head coach Jason Slater had his team set and ready to go to sectionals. The



Witches played Corinth on October 15th and spoiled Corinth's homecoming celebration. (Forgive my bias).

The varsity golf team has had their share of disappointments. That has not stopped them, however, from bringing their best game play to the links every match. Juniors Tim Herrick and Oliver Williams have taken on the role of leading the team, having seniority. This season has been a drastic turn around from last year when the team won a mere 2 matches and lost 10 others. They will be an older team next year and will be contenders to win their league.



The girls' cross country team, led by Freshmen Emily and Ashley Fung, are on pace for another sectional title and are in good shape to do so. Their hard work in practice has set the tempo for another unbeaten season as

well. The boys' cross country team is looking to keep stride in a race to sectionals. Senior Ron Cutie and Junior Jake D'Acchille, have kept the team together throughout these tough times.



Look for more scores and highlights in the next edition of the school newspaper. Until then, enjoy.

J U M B L E

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ELECTION

Results of Student Council Election

By Beth Kirtley

7th Grade

Christian Clark, Maddy Fitzgerald, Collin McCormick, Sam Woodruff, and Joanna Herrick.

8th Grade

Jon Patrick, Hillary Mattison, Jessica Gerber, Britney Henderson, and Hannah McFadden.

9th Grade

Collin Stewart, Monica Hogan, Sophie Varosy, Brittanie Nolan, and Tivona Renoni.

10th Grade

Liz Worthington, Mary Tallon, Michaela D'Acchille, Ellie Fitzgerald, and Peter Campbell.

11th Grade

Luke Anderson, David Wright, Jean Kratzer, Sarah Durrin, and Julie Bussing.

12th Grade

Mike Pryor, Breann Sereika, PJ Campbell, Emma Fitzgerald, and Erica Stewart.

Want To Write For Your School Newspaper??

If you are interested in writing for the *Witches' Brew*, the next meeting of the school newspaper is **Tuesday, November 2nd**. We need creative, dependable writers with fresh new ideas! If you would like to be one of these people, attend the meeting on November 2nd in room 203. If you cannot make it to the meeting but would still like to participate, then make a point of talking to Ms. Lee or anyone you know that is already on the newspaper staff.

SECTION

Participation in Government—Starts with Student Council

By Jillian Towne

When the class elections were passed around in my second period Global class, everybody in the room was a little bit awe-struck to see our selection or lack thereof. Three of the four positions for class office only had one candidate, and when we went to English classes after that, we found that we weren't voting on class office because only five people ran, and that was how many positions were up for grabs. Now, I would like to congratulate the people that did have the guts to run, because I think that there are a lot of people that would like to run but don't have the courage. Just getting twenty names on a petition that says you are allowed to run can be intimidating. So congratulations. Despite my congratulations however, the lack of candidates caused us to hold a long class discussion on class politics.

The first thing we talked about was why we thought that so few people ran. Some people did feel that in the end, class elections are nothing more than a popularity contest. Others thought that the idea of running was intimidating. Others still weren't even sure what each of the positions actually did. Which is a good point, because if you think of the people that we have elected the past couple of years, what have they done for our class? Not to say they haven't done anything, because we've done some awesome things in the past, but some of the positions can be a bit fuzzy.

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An interview with Mrs. Facin revealed some of the really cool things that Student Council does for the school. They are part of shared-decision making committees, have adopted a highway, and have done some awesome Homecoming week fundraisers and events. I heard so much that I'm even considering running next year. If I had known as much detail this year, I might have even run. I think that that is a common feeling of people in our grade.

Now, another issue was that people who weren't running didn't know who was running until the day ballots were passed around because we have no way of finding out. Mrs. Facin said that she could probably post a list in the future. The only problem is that time is pressed between the time petitions are handed in and Election Day. So, if there is an empty position, generally people aren't aware. A lot of people that day said that they would have run for some of the positions if they had known there was only one, or no one running.

A lot of people wanted to re-run class elections after new candidates had been selected. Ms. Zurbrugg told us that Mr. Donnelly had said there were no defined rules as to re-running an election. When asked, Mrs. Facin said that she would be willing to work with us if we had an idea. However, in all fairness, I don't think it would be right to re-run class elections, in respect to those who did get chosen.

So now we are left with the future. Hopefully, next year our class will consider running so that non-candidates have more people to choose from to represent our class. But, I also wish luck to those who were selected this year for our class. I hope that we continue to do fun things, and that new ideas come up as well.

CLUB NEWS

SADD

By Beth Kirtley

S.A.D.D. had its 1st meeting on September 14th. At the second meeting they held the annual elections for offices. Congratulations to AJ Jones our new President, Lauren Anuszewski the Vice President, Rachel Carson the Secretary, Beth Kirtley the Treasurer, and our Public Relations officers, Jackie Proch and Kayt Cerone. On Friday September 24 S.A.D.D. held a “reality check” assembly for the 7th and 8th graders to help provide information about teen smoking. On October 14th S.A.D.D. went to the Corn Maze and on October 29 they will be attending a conference for the Prevention Council. S.A.D.D. is always looking for new members. Anyone is welcome to join. Meetings are every Tuesday in room 118 with Mrs. Gordon.

Students To Oppose Pollution

By Kerry Tucker

The newly-formed club, Students To Oppose Pollution, or STOP, plans on reviving the school’s abandoned attempts at recycling. Boxes placed throughout most, and eventually all, classrooms in the building will collect white and colored paper, newspaper and magazines.

The STOP club is always open to new members and their ideas on recycling projects that can be undertaken. The club meets every Wednesday at 2:30 in Mrs. Aierstock’s room, room 308, and anyone is welcome. Throughout the year we plan on continuing this project, possibly join the Adopt-a-Highway program and go on field trips.

So, please don’t throw that old homework assignment away! Recycle it!



Greenwich FFA

By Kayla Germain, FFA Reporter

On September 20th the Greenwich Chapter of the FFA held its first annual meeting, Erin Nessle, Chapter President, conducted the meeting. Other officers for the 2004-2005 school year are: Leslie Saunders, Vice President; Matt Strainer, Secretary; Maureen Kerr, Treasurer; Kayla Germain, Reporter; and Jay Irwin, Sentinel.

This year the FFA is busy making plans to host the New York State Convention in May. Members are planning on hosting the best convention ever and in addition to that celebrate New York’s 80th anniversary of the convention. After conducting official business the meeting was adjourned for one intense night-time kick-ball game. Members were running in every direction because no one could see the ball and everyone had a lot of fun.

Anyone interested in mentoring a 5th or 6th grade with the PALS (People in Active Learning Support) program through the school agriculture department should see Mrs. Foote or any officer for more details.

On October 18th the FFA held a very special meeting to warmly welcome its new “greenhand” members.

OPINION

The Return of *The Opinionator*

By Andy Amodio

Welcome back! Almost makes you want to say, "Hey, Mr. Kotter". If you got that joke I applaud you and think you may watch a little bit too much *Nick at Nite*. Anyway, welcome back to another, um....., exciting year at Greenwich. Yea, exciting sounds good. So we are back in school and probably very tired most of the day. This is the first issue of this year's school newspaper and I hope there will be many more. So what more is there to say other than hopefully this year we can all work for a better Greenwich (I'm not saying it's bad, just for the record).

Now let me get down to my first article of this year. I would like to address the elections this year. As

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usual this is just an opinion, I am not saying that your political view is wrong. Please feel free tell me you disagree, I wouldn't mind. Now I know you probably don't care about

politics. So if you don't, I urge you to stop reading, but if you care about politics or the future, then please continue reading. Frankly I fear the upcoming years. Our country as we know it is heading in a very bad direction. That direction is solitude from our allies and friends. We are at a time in which we very much need our allies to aid us in the fight against terrorism, but there are very few people to help us now. The reason for this is that they are afraid of us. We showed our military strength in an area that didn't deserve it. Basically they fear us as a loose cannon that may attack anywhere and anytime.

Now don't get me wrong here, I support our troops. I think they are the true heroes in a time when our country needs them. However, everything is falling apart in Iraq. Most of the country is out of our control and after the alleged "Mission Accomplished" day we have lost over a thousand soldiers. I'm not going to rant about this, because I do not know much about the military or what it is like in Iraq. My main point for this article is to tell everyone why I'm afraid, afraid of what may come in the future. I'm afraid that if George W Bush is reelected that there will be more wars. Wars that cost American soldiers' lives. I'm afraid that if Bush is reelected that there will be a draft. Quite frankly I don't want to be drafted when I turn 18.



I will continue to always state my opinion as clearly as I can. I do not wish to make you hate me because of my beliefs in any area. I am just a person not afraid to say what I think and encourage everyone to share their opinion whether you share my beliefs or not. I am looking for ideas for *The Opinionator*. I ask that if you have an idea for a story, please tell me, and I'll write it for you. And if you want to write an article, go for it! The newspaper can always use more writers. I'll try my best to write good and interesting articles throughout the year. I hope you enjoy, and I'll try to make my jokes a little better.

Poetry Page

By Emily Cox

I Died for Beauty but was Scarce

By Emily Dickinson

I died for beauty but was scarce
Adjusted in the tomb,
When one who died for truth was lain
In an adjoining room.

He questioned softly why I failed?
"For beauty," I replied.
"And I for truth, the two are one;
We brethren are," he said.

And so, as kinsmen met a night,
We talked between the rooms,
Until the moss had reached our lips,
And covered up our names.

You left me; Sweet, Two Legacies

By Emily Dickinson

You left me, sweet, two legacies,--
A legacy of love
A Heavenly Father would content,
Had He the offer of;

You left me boundaries of pain
Capacious as the sea,
Between eternity and time,
Your consciousness and me.

When Forever Ends

By Stephanie Fitch~ Grade 9

You say that it's forever
You tell me you won't go
C'mon you're not that clever
How could you ever know?

What happens after the earthquakes?
The tornados and the floods?
What will you do when the world shakes?
Just wipe away the blood?

You tell me what you feel,
From the bottom of your heart.
But what if it's not real?
I'd be so torn apart

You vow "until the end of time"
But honey that's real long
It's not so easy just to rhyme
When life is one big song

You tell me not to worry
That everything's okay
But I'm in no big hurry
To send your love away

Yet still I know inside my heart
Forever's just a word
The end is just a brand new start
Your kiss is just the last thing that I heard. ~

Your Poem Here!



Want your poem published in the next *Witches Brew*??

Send a copy with your name and grade to Ms. Lee Room 203 or email it to
blee@greenwichcsd.org