



## High school teams compete in local science competition by Alex Grubbs



Senior boys and girls modeled for the Prom Fashion Show on Friday, February 28. See page 3. Photo courtesy of Carla Fiumara

Two East Allegheny High School teams, coached by science teacher Mr. Winschel, competed in the 2014 Southwestern Pennsylvania (SWPA) Science Bowl at CCAC South in West Mifflin on Saturday, February 22, 2014, with one team winning two rounds and The Civility Award.

The SWPA Science Bowl, sponsored by the National Energy Technology Laboratory, is an annual science quiz competition held out in CCAC's South campus. Hundreds of students in Allegheny County participate, competing to get in the finals. If a team wins the finals, they will go on to compete in a national competition against other regional competition winners around the country. There are three separate competitions—high school, middle school, and elementary school competitions. Each school can have two teams of four with alternates.

The students participating practice after school to prepare for the competition. They go through a series of rounds, answering questions in question form. Instead of the first four letters, the choices are W, X, Y, Z. "We hold practice every week after school in my classroom," says Winschel. "The students are exposed to a plethora of different questions in the process and get accustomed to the format of the competition."

Mrs. Joll, former high school coach and current middle school coach, encouraged students to compete in this annual science bowl back when the senior class was still in middle school. When she taught at the high school in 2010-2012, she introduced the competition to students in the school, recruiting the entire student body to participate in it. When Joll was relocated to the middle school, Winschel began coaching the science

bowl teams, having insight from Joll. "Coaching the Science Bowl is a lot of fun and gives me the chance to interact with some of the students in a different manner than during class," says Winschel. "The students that sign up are all very enthusiastic about science, so it makes it very enjoyable to coach."

Senior Kenny Weaver has been participating in the science bowl since 8th grade. "I watch a lot of documentaries. They provide an in-depth explanation of various subjects," says Kenny. "It's [also] cool to see so many kids have the same love for science that I do."

Senior Maggie Edwards has been competing in the science bowl since her freshman year. "I love science, and I wanted to learn more," says Maggie. "We meet one day a week after school and just practice, buzzing in and answering questions." As captain of her team last year, she helped lead them to winning a sportsmanship award even though they did not win the competition.

**Team 1-** Seniors Maggie Edwards (Captain) and Kenny Weaver, juniors Stormy Green and Jared Schmeltz, and freshman Matt Sanchez

**Team 2-** Freshmen Marc Edwards (Captain), Bryanna McEwen, Brenden Schmeltz, Dylan Welsh, and Sunni Coyne

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## SENIOR COORDINATES CAREER FAIR, RECEIVES GOLD AWARD BY KAYLA NOVAK



Senior Maggie Edwards has KDKA weatherman Jon Burnett participate in the career fair. Photo by Kayla Novak

East Allegheny graduate Zach Gumpher and senior Krista Bozurick set up table to tell students about a career in electrical services. Photo by Alex Grubbs

Dr. Bob Kalkstein of Kalkstein Family Chiropractic gives Security Guard Sam a neck message during the career fair. Photo by Alex Grubbs

On February 13th, senior Maggie Edwards coordinated a career fair at East Allegheny High School for the freshmen and sophomores. By doing this, she earned her Gold Award, which is the equivalent to an Eagle Scout Award.

Edwards got a hold of approximately twenty-one different companies and professions, including Gumpher Electrical Services, Kalkstein Family Chiropractic, Bella Capelli Academy, E. Hennigan Studios, and the U.S. Marine Corps.

During seventh and eighth period, the students reported to the indoor court, where they were given the opportunity to speak to representatives from careers ranging from technological to military.

Edwards was especially excited to secure a guest appearance from weatherman Jon Burnett. The students were quick to snap selfies and spark up conversations with Burnett, even asking him for a weather forecast.

Edwards recruited project advisor Mrs. Peiffer and the members of National Honor Society, who set up various tables for the event. The members also handed out and collected surveys.

“It was a wonderful experience,” says senior Krista Bozurick, NHS member and representative for Gumpher Electrical Services. “I feel that it opened the eyes of the lower classmen to all the different careers there are out in the world.”

A Girl Scout since kindergarten, Edwards planned this career fair for about four months. “I really [wanted] to have this accomplishment,” she says.

Edwards hopes that her career fair “will help give students an idea of what they might want to ‘be when they grow up.’ I really want to give the students information about different careers that are out there.”

Mr. Edwards, father and school district teacher, thinks “it was a great success. I got to see how hard [Edwards] worked at both home and here at school. I watched it come together, and it was quite satisfying to see how great of an event she pulled off.”

Principal Mr. Morton loved how “wonderfully organized” it was. He was impressed by the attendance of business representatives from the Pittsburgh area.

Next year, The Future is Mine has agreed to put on another career fair. Sophomore Adam Bannister is their representative.

## Students participate in GATE’s Mr. Presidents Competition by Christina Branch

Last month, a group of students won second place in a GATE competition called Mr. Presidents on Tuesday, February 18th at McKeesport High School. Mr. Presidents is a quiz competition testing the knowledge of United States Presidents. Seniors Maggie Edwards, Will Marshall, and Chris Russo; as well as juniors Mish Coles, Jessie Edwards, and Charlotte Kapral were trained by Mr. Edwards to learn about presidents from George Washington to Theodore Roosevelt.

Edwards, American History teacher and history buff, believes that the ones who take part in this competition can “take away an appreciation of the presidency and the men that held that office.”

Anyone can join, but only the top-ranking people during practices can compete. Students played games such as their own presidential version of Trivial Pursuit to help them practice.

Each student joined for different reasons. “My dad [Mr. Edwards] had asked if I wanted to join,” says Jessie Edwards. “I figured Mr. Presidents would be a great way to kind of prepare me for the A.P. test I have to take at the end of the year. Also, I feel like I’m gaining knowledge.”

Charlotte Kapral feels as if she is taking away “a lot of inside jokes” and thinks “it’s nice to learn about the leaders of where we come from.”

## **FASHION SHOW RAISES MONEY FOR PROM BY AUDRA KATILIUS**

The Fourth Annual Prom Fashion Show was held by the junior class cabinet last week, Friday, February 28th, to raise money for this year's prom.

Most people are unaware of what goes on behind the scenes to make this event a success. Mrs. Ekis begins planning for the event during the holiday break and spends about fifty-five hours between then and the show getting ready. None of that time goes to waste.

There are many things that need to be done when preparing for the show. Ekis has to collect about thirty models, find an M.C., and a D.J. Then she has to solicit sponsors, contact dress and tuxedo companies, and schedule fittings. Hairstylists also have to be contacted. "I'm excited to see how beautiful all the seniors are going to look, and I'm very proud of everyone involved for helping to make this a success," says Ekis.

One of the senior girls who modeled this year is Maggie Edwards. She said that she's "excited for the fashion show. I've gone to it the past three years, and I'm excited to finally be able to walk in it."

Ekis doesn't handle this all on her own. She has the junior class cabinet members and models to help raise money and collect donations. "A lot goes into the show. We have to put together programs, make food, and decorate," says junior class cabinet president Leah Pier. "Ekis does everything. She's fantastic at organizing, putting together the t-shirt design, and assigning all of us something to do."

"I think the fashion show is wonderful. I support it. It's a great opportunity for parents and the community to get involved in helping to raise money for prom," says principal Mr. Morton.

## **Taking advantage of the snowfall, joining ski club by Shayna Barner**



This winter has been filled with lots of snow and chilly temperatures, leaving many students cooped up in the house. While avoiding this weather may seem like the best thing to do, sometimes getting out and trying something different can help anyone through this brutal weather.

East Allegheny's ski club has been busy in the snow this winter. They headed to Seven Springs Mountain Resort to hit the slopes and leave some tracks. It's not hard to join the club; a positive attitude and desire to learn new skills are the requirements.

Mr. Mandell joined the ski club this year. "I like to ski. It's exciting, and part of the few things I can do at my age," says Mandell. At the age of twenty-five, he started skiing, but he believed he knew everything and didn't need lessons, so he ended up learning everything the wrong way. He finally learned to ski the right way at the age of fifty and has been taking every chance to hit the slopes.

Mandell enjoyed being able to go down the hill, feel the cold wind in his face, and look at the blue sky. On the ski bus, Mandell ran into some bad luck when he got hit in the head with a snowboard. Other than that, he enjoyed the ski trip and recommends more students join.

If skiing isn't your cup of tea, snowboarding and snow-tubing are available to learn as well. These winter activities are a way to have fun during the winter months. People become lazy or end up putting off plans to go do something because of the low temperatures and icy roads. This causes a lack of exercise and motivation to go out and do things.

Junior Jared Schmeltz has been in the ski club since he was a freshman. He enjoys going with the ski club and meeting new people along the way. Schmeltz snowboards and has learned a few things throughout the years as a ski club member. "One thing I've learned is snowboarding is a lot more fun when you have more people to join in," he says. The bus rides up are interesting to Schmeltz because he has the chance to get to know people better and have the opportunity to meet people you normally don't talk to in school.

The Ski Club is a great way to take advantage of all the snow that has fallen this year. Instead of staying indoors, go out and leave some tracks with the ski club.

## Tree Horoscopes by Celtic Astrologist Audra Katilius

**Birch (Dec. 24-Jan 20)** – You’ve been moving close to the speed of light in search of your next conquest. Be cautioned of your need to be in control of the situation.

**Rowan (Jan. 21-Feb 7)** – Feeling like an outsider has become a normal thing for you. You feel like no one understands what’s going on in your life, and you feel alone. Don’t let their lack of understanding influence your mood; remember that just because they don’t get it doesn’t mean they’ve turned against you.

**Ash (Feb. 8-Mar. 17)** – Some of the ideas you have come up with recently have been shot down by your peers without even the slightest bit of consideration. Stay calm. You must understand that they simply don’t understand your vision and would be much more easily persuaded if they had the imagination that you do.

**Alder (Mar. 18-Apr. 14)** – Change is coming, and if you’re not prepared to accept it, life will become very difficult for you. Be ready for what’s coming and embrace it. This will bring you the best results.

**Willow (Apr. 15-May 12)** – Having patience will be key in the near future. You need to take the time to look at the entire situation and find the best solution to the problem.

**Hawthorn (May 14-un. 16)** – Your creativity will be very beneficial in the time to come. Allow your mind to wander, and let your ideas flow. You’ll be surprised at how much you accomplish when you do.

**Oak (Jun. 10-Jul. 7)** – Your need to be in control of situations is beginning to cause problems for the people around you. Instead of trying to always be in charge, focus on trying to help.

**Holly (Jul. 8-Aug. 4)** – The seas you’ve been sailing on have gone from raging whirlpools to gentle waters. All of your obstacles have been conquered, and you’ve begun to feel quite bored. Don’t allow this to continue; if you don’t move onto your next challenge, you will lose all willpower you possess.

**Hazel (Aug. 5-Sept. 1)** – Just because the solution to a problem seems apparent now doesn’t mean that that will be the answer that works out the best in the long run. Remember this when rushing into a situation; it will save you time and frustration if you do.

**Vine (Sept. 2-Sept 29)** – Now is not the time to be indecisive. You need to make a decision and stick with it if you’re going to avoid trouble. Remember this when making choices, and everything will work out for the best.

**Ivy (Sept 30-Oct. 27)** – You have gotten very wrapped up in helping others in recent times. While this is a good thing, don’t allow it to completely take over your life. You have your own tasks that need tending to, and they cannot be ignored.

**Reed (Oct 28-Nov. 24)** – Keeping things from those around you has caused a huge predicament that has not yet shown at the surface. Take the coming time to be sure that you have not withheld any information from anyone that needs to know. Doing this will ensure that you avoid certain disaster.

**Elder (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)** – Your fast pace and intense focus have caused you not to realize the effect your brutal honesty has had on those around you. Take the time to slow down and think about what you say to people. It could make a huge difference in how people react to you.



## Boys, girls school fashion guide: DOs and please DON'Ts by Mish Coles

DOs	DON'Ts
<p><b>Dress Down</b> Also called “bumming” nowadays, it can be done, as long as it is done right! Students are meant to be comfortable at school. To make sure you “bum” right, add ONE nice piece. This piece can be a dope pair of sneaks or even a statement necklace.</p> <p><b>Dress For The Weather</b> If you look out of your window and see snow on the ground, that’s a sign to look in your closet and grab boots and long sleeves! It does look good to dress weather appropriate.</p> <p><b>Fit Your Clothes</b> Not every type of clothing can fit every body type. To ensure you look good in your clothes, make sure they fit you; nothing too big or too small!</p> <p><b>Statement Sneakers</b> You don’t have to be a “sneakerhead” for this fashion “do.” A great pair of kicks looks good on anyone, definitely when they pop and stand out. You can wear a simple outfit and pair it with statement sneakers to make your outfit instantly stunning!</p> <p><b>Wear Scarves</b> Scarves are a great way to make any outfit unique. There are so many different scarves to choose from; you are almost guaranteed not to wear the same one as someone, on the same day, unlike that boring old Hollister hoodie everyone has.</p>	<p><b>Mix Prints</b> Since when was it okay to wear camo and stripes? This is self-explanatory. It just cannot be done. Unless you are really confident, then you can pull it off.</p> <p><b>Long Shorts, Short Pants</b> Yup, those are it, and quite frankly, should not be worn by anyone; rappers, hipsters, students, no one!</p> <p><b>Blend In</b> We all commit this “don’t.” Following trends is just a way of life, but it is possible to follow a trend and make it your own. Don’t try to look like everyone else even if you like what they’re wearing. Take that as an inspiration and strive to wear something unique.</p> <p><b>Graphic Tees</b> Those shirts that say, “My dog ate my homework,” or even, “Funsized,” should have been left in the past. We’re in high school guys.</p> <p><b>Double Denim</b> I’m pretty sure a lot of people think they can pull this off, but it simply cannot be done. Matching jeans with a denim button down does not flow together. It’s a good thing to match, but not a good thing to look like you’re made out of denim.</p>



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