

SENIORITIS—A CRIPPLING DISEASE THAT STRIKES HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE: LAZINESS, LACK OF STUDYING, AND REPEATED ABSENCES. THE ONLY KNOWN CURE IS A PHENOMENON KNOWN AS GRADUATION.

The Chatter

ISSUE 14

MAY 27, 2011

The End of One Chapter and the Beginning of Another

BY: MRS. REED

When we think of a book as a metaphor for life, we often think of it in chapters. Our childhood might be one chapter, our teenage years another, and our adulthood several more. To this point, the chapters of these seniors' lives have looked much the same. The characters have been made up of friends, family, teachers, and acquaintances all playing parts of a story that is yet to be finished. The setting has been small town Peebles, Ohio where everyone knows your name even when you would have preferred anonymity. The rising action has consisted of first words and first steps and the first day of kindergarten. It has also included teachers and recess and field trips and school lunches. The action has occurred in ball games, dances, and late night

phone calls. This chapter has contained many highs and lows and perhaps some memories and regrets. And though the early chapters of this book may appear somewhat the same, hopefully none of these seniors has reached the turning point of the story yet. For most, the best is waiting in future chapters where so many more characters will enter and future conflicts and resolutions will develop.

As each senior leaves the halls of PHS and enters into a new chapter, I am reminded of those "Choose Your Own Adventure" stories that I use to read as a kid. Remember the stories where you would read chapter one and then it would tell you to turn to page 10 for option A or turn to page 17 for option B? Similarly, the seniors have had early chapters that may

resemble each others, but their upcoming chapters will vary greatly. Some will choose college, others the military; some will go directly into the workforce while still others may take a little time to decide how their plot will unfold. Regardless of the path that is chosen, blank pages await for each graduate. The last chapter is coming to a close, but a new chapter is about to begin. Remember that no matter where your story may lead, you are the writer and you have control of your destiny. Be sure that from today on, you live your life to the fullest and accomplish all you dream of in life. When an unexpected "conflict" arises in your path, do not use it as an excuse for a boring storyline or a poor ending. Overcome it, use it, and continue writing a story that is worth reading.

Class Quote: "It's the end of one chapter and the beginning of another."
- Anonymous



A Note From Mrs. Rhoads...

To My 2011 Seniors :

I hope you will always remember your school start in Kindergarten...

*Tyler McFarland crying every day for 6 weeks straight! It didn't matter WHO brought him to school....Mom, Dad, Mamaw Linda, or Papaw Larry in the Tow Truck! He was always fine once they departed but had a little separation anxiety.....but look out, The Ohio State University!!! He will ready for YOU!

*Learning the Pledge of Allegiance

*Songs: Thumbkin, The Rain Song, Five Little Monkeys, Going On A Bear Hunt...(Blake always HATED to sing and hardly participated in the songs but, by golly, Andy did!)

*Mrs. Rhoads' ABC & 100 Club

*Learning about the coins

*Taking Curious George home for a weekend

*Our Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch

*Our Class Halloween Party and my Cow Suit (I hope you all learn to laugh some! It will keep you young, keep you sane, and make life a joy!)

*Making Paper Bag Indian Vests and getting "Indian names" for our Thanksgiving Feast

*The Recipe Books we made our parents of recipes that YOU recited in your own words

*The Grinch stealing our Christmas Tree

*Learning to Read

*The Estimation Tub

*Ohio's Birthday

*The 100th Day of Kindergarten – our 100 Collections, the goofy 100 day glasses

*Being the Super Star for a week- we had LOTS of cool things come in

for these!

*Kindergarten Ag Day Field Trip to the Adams County Fairgrounds/ Adams Lake

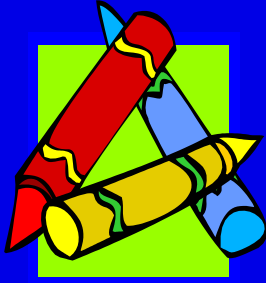
*Saying our prayer before Lunch and Snack Time

*...and making my job a joy!

You were an AMAZING group of kids...so many of you came from solid, two-parent families; many of you were the First-Born or even the Only child! Those that were from a different birth order than that had other advantages in life. Not only did your parents show up that first day of school, but there were aunts, uncles, grandmas, and grandpas! I love you all and wish you only the best! I can't wait to see what's in store for you next! Best Wishes, Graduates! I am SO PROUD of you!

Love, Mrs. Rhoads

Kindergarten in 1999



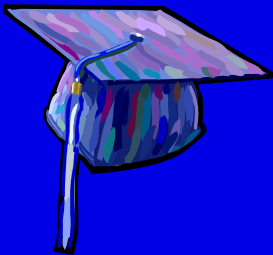
- Gas price- \$1.03 a gallon
- Cup of coffee at the White Star—\$.35
- A first class stamp - \$.33
- Loaf of Bread- \$ 1.49
- Dozen eggs- \$.89
- 1 pound of Bacon - \$2.59
- Average cost of new house - \$131,750.00
- Average Income per year \$40,810.00
- Average Monthly Rent \$645.00
- Movie Ticket- \$5.06
- Average cell phone bill – \$40.24
- Popular Movies– The Wedding Singer, Saving Private Ryan, Rush Hour, A Bug's Life
- McDonald's Big Mac- \$2.50
- August 1999—Monica Lewinsky scandal happened and President Bill Clinton admitted on tape an “improper physical relationship” August 1999
- September 4th— Google was founded
- Mr. Wilson was a freshman in Mrs. Reed's Language Arts I class!

Remember When?

“Graduation is only a concept. In real life, every day you graduate.

Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference.”

- Arie Pencovici



...Andy Countryman would sing the words to every “Tuesday's Tunes” and entertained all of us with his exaggerated lip synching.
-Ms. Long

...Tyler McFarland caught my overhead projector on fire in Algebra class. -Mr. Vogler

...Jerison Harper and I went to pick up a pizza but forgot how to write out a check for \$60.50. We wrote sixty fifty dollars.
Sorry Mrs. Lewis.

-Cody Jordan

...I had baseball laces temporarily imprinted over my left eye when I attempted to catch a flyball, but obviously missed. I still insist I lost it in the sun. -Dylan Rinck

...our soccer team got to compete in the district finals for soccer.
-Dalton Fischer

...I “accidently” drooped Dakota Vincent in Ms. Gorman's class in 8th grade. -Joel Sturgeon

...Me, Bryce, AJ, and Shaylin were playing with a tennis ball and broke Mr. Robinson's candle light.
-Stacey Hauck

... we stole Mr. Robinson's EXPO markers and hid them in the ceiling. We had 75 by Christmas.
-Taylor Huffman

...the “One Tree Hill” gang loved their Sunkist and drew symbols on my board.
-Ms. Long

...”Let's just say: what the teachers don't know won't hurt them.”
-Jerison Harper

...our freshman science class went out to the track and Nick Warfe and Taylor Huffman had a race (we were actually trying to determine speed). Anyway, Huffman took a “dive” in front of Nick and the whole incident was caught on camera.
- Mr. Berridge

...Mindja was pinch running for the runner on second and high fived the umpire?

... Me, Breanna, Ciera, and Hannah was on the back of the softball bus eating grapes and Ciera put them in the top of her lip? She looked like she was about to go to Whoville.

...we played softball at Mineral Springs and Coach Brian Seaman would hit us balls on the big hill? Caylah Baldwin and I were a the top of the hill and Caylah said, “if I were the king of the forest...” and fell and hit her head on metal wires and ended up with a gash on her forehead.

Softball team... remember when we all went to Long John Silvers and got the mustaches out of the machine?

...we all went to Arby's after winning sectionals and Haley Jo went up and ordered her food with war paint gear all over her face, and then “dropped it like it's hot” in the middle of the restaurant.
-Jayde Boyd and Breanna Unger

What I Wish I'd Known As A Freshman

BY: KAILA RUDD

- It's not necessary to carry six binders all at once.
- Nobody really cares if you forgot to put on your mascara or your hair gel. We don't notice.
- The teachers aren't as scary as your older brother and sister say they are.
- There's no need to stay up till four in the morning studying for your science test—you can almost always convince your teacher to give corrections.
- You aren't cool because you hang out with juniors and seniors.
- It's also not cool to prove you're the loudest one in the hallway to get attention; we notice but we also instantly dislike you for being obnoxious.
- Being in high school doesn't mean you have to give up things from your childhood. I know more upperclassmen who watch cartoons when they get home from school than elementary kids.
- It's okay if you forget your lunch money.
- Also, no older kid is going to beat you up for it.
- Nobody is going to judge that brown paper bag with a heart your

mom packed your lunch in unless you make a big deal out of it.

- Don't ignore your parents for your friends. Your parents are the only real friends you're going to have at this stage in your life.
- Grades, class choice, and ACT scores really do matter. After all, you never see anyone getting a scholarship just for showing up.

Before you know it, you're going to be the one standing on stage with your diploma. If it feels like forever away now, tomorrow it'll be right around the corner.

Once An Indian, Always An Indian

BY: MS. LONG

In 2007, several 13-and-14-year-old kids sat in my 8th grade classroom, working on Time Capsule projects they would open as seniors. To them, graduating high school was one of those far-off concepts; something they talked about but couldn't really imagine yet. But I knew the time for them to leave Peebles High School would come sooner than any of them realized.

As those students filled their Time Capsules with memories of their school year, I remember looking around and hoping I would be with them in 2011 to watch as they revisited those special moments from junior high. Luckily, this week I am able to do just that; I can't wait to meet with them one last time and share one special part of their upcoming graduation process. As they open these Time Capsules, they'll read their "8th Grade Memories" essays, letters from classmates, and special messages from me; they'll look through and probably laugh at their predictions for the Senior Hall of Fame winners, and shake their heads at some of their mementos

and notes on opinions, current events, and prices from that time. Hopefully, these Time Capsules will give them a quick break from the craziness of all the graduation events and allow them to reflect on some memories that make them smile.

With any luck, all of them will think about the "quote of the day" and our classroom goal to "think deep". I hope most of them will remember at least a few of our class work assignments and projects; perhaps the "I AM" poems, March Madness, thesis statements, The Diary of Anne Frank, or something else. Some of them will probably think of Tuesday's Tunes and the songs we listened to, or the "R-E-S-T-A-T-E, Restate the question!" cheer we chanted over and over. Others may recollect the imaginary "spirit ball" or the honorary student in room A203, Teri Morrison. Several could recall their attempts at artwork on the white board, or the symbols they drew every morning. Few may even remember calling themselves the "Afternoon Assassins" and their attempts to drive me crazy. Whatever they recall about their 8th grade year, I hope it's something that fills them with happiness and positivity.

"Remember this feeling. I pass the pictures around of all the years we stood there on the sidelines wishing for right now."
-Taylor Swift

As these seniors prepare to graduate, their thoughts will shift from reminiscing about the past to focusing on the future. Change is one factor that none of them can avoid. I, along with many others at PHS, must also face impending changes whether I like them or not. Next year there will be adjustments to almost every part of Peebles High School, including teachers, staff, and students. Since these changes include me, I can definitely say I am sad to leave the only teaching home I have ever known. Yet in the past few weeks, I have realized that if I must leave, I'm glad I get to go with the Class of 2011. I couldn't think of a better group of young men and women with whom I'm able to "graduate" and move on to the next phase of life. A good friend recently reminded me that "what we leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others." Just as these outstanding young men and women have left their mark here, I'd like to think I have too.

Messages to the Seniors

Class of 2011,

Learning never stops. As you go on the next journey of your life just remember your attitude is more important than anything you will ever wear. Keep a smile in your heart and be willing to go the extra mile. Good luck to each and everyone of you.

-Mrs. Pryor (Elementary Counselor)

"Nothing can stop you from fulfilling your dreams but you. Dream it, plan it, then do it."

-Mrs. Gorman (8th Grade Math)

Never forget the people, places, and events of your past. Continue to set goals

and dreams for your future. But most importantly, treasure each minute of the present. The most regretful life is one in which time was wasted, opportunity was missed, and busyness took precedent over living in the moment.

-Mrs. Reed (9th Grade Language Arts)



Remember...

1. Be kinder than necessary
2. Learn something from everyone you meet.
3. Pay your bills on time.
4. Leave anything a little better than you found it.
5. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
6. Don't expect money to bring you happiness.
7. Lie on your back and look at the stars.
8. Fall down seven times, get up eight.
9. Overnight success usually takes about fifteen years.
10. Call your mom.

Make lots more happy memories along your way...

-Mrs. Wallace

Class of 2011

Graduation Day— May 29, 2011

Valedictorian— Hannah Greene

Salutatorian— Ciera Seaman

Class Colors— Red, Blue

Class Song— "Free Bird"

Class Flower—Carnation

Senior Hall of Fame

Next Host of Saturday Night Live (Class Clown)— Nick Warfe and Ashira Gardner

Biggest Love Bugs (Cutest Couples)— Blake Justice and Andy Countryman

Biggest Flirt— Jayde Boyd and Joel Sturgeon

Biggest Chatterbox (Biggest Mouth)— Joel Sturgeon and Kayla Keidel

Most Likely to See Shrink (Craziest Senior)— Jacob Tolle and Ashira Gardner

First Round Draft Picks (Most Athletic)— Blake Justice and Breanna Unger

Future Rhodes Scholar (Most Likely to Succeed)— Hannah Greene and Andrew Waters

Most Presentable to Mom and Dad (Best All Around)— Jessica Lane and Jacob Denzik

Busy Bodies (Most Involved)— Breanna Unger and Eli Scott

Fashion Police (Best Dressed) Andy Countryman and Bethany Pendell

"We'll Get It Done... Tomorrow!" (Biggest Procrastinators)— A.J. Chamblin and Ashton Arnold

Most Addicted to their Dental Floss (Best Smile)— Christy Smitz and Andy Countryman

Future Models (Best Looking)— Jayde Boyd and Jacob Denzik

Most Likely to be Seen on Dancing with the Stars (Best Dancers)— Stephanie Aaberg and Andy Countryman

Everybody's Buddy (Friendliest Senior)— Chris Jones and Amy Myers

Most Likely to be Seen in the Louvre (Most Artistic)— Eli Scott and Ciera Seaman

Future Snipe Hunters (Most Gullible) Ashton Arnold and Dereck Westcott

Our Very Own Rip VanWinkle (Sleepiest)— Jessica Cotrell and A.J. Chamblin

Most Likely to Pull their Hair Out (Most Stressed out)— Hannah Greene and Dalton Fischer

Accident Prone Drivers (Most Reckless)— Cody Jordan and Molly Dargavell

Future Hollywood Resident (Most Likely To Be Famous)— Blake Justice and Carrie Chalker

Least Likely to Yell (Quietest)— Raktibul Mind Truejentwela and Jeremy Knauff

The Fisher Price Kids (Least likely to Grow Up)— Ashira Gardner and Nick Warfe

Happy Campers (Happiest Senior)— Natasha Knoechelman and Dylan Rinck