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November/December 2017

“Election 2017”

Grace Gillen

Schools were closed on November 7th for Election Day. Ralph Northam beat Ed Gillespie for the race for the Governor of Virginia. Dwayne Ball won supervisor for Washington County, and Dave Maples won sheriff for the city of Bristol.

“Football Playoffs”

Dani Statti

The John Battle football team faced Graham in a playoff game on November 11th. This is the second year in a row that Battle has gone to the playoffs. The outcome was not what Battle fans were hoping for, as we were defeated by Graham. The final score was 48-7, with Jake Mumpower being the one to score for Battle.

“Cross Country”

Trinity Denton

The state cross country meet was on November 11th. The runners went to The Plains, Virginia near Manassas. Claire Melton and Andrew Smith represented John Battle. Claire ran 22:18 and placed 53rd. She thinks she did well considering she had a cold. Andrew ran 17:51 with a huge personal record. He said he did very well, but he could have done better if it was a bit warmer.

“Veterans Day”

Trey Childress

Veterans Day was November 11th. This holiday recognizes those who have served, those that are serving, and those who have died for this country. There are many different ways that Veterans Day is

celebrated. Certain churches have special services to honor these people, as well as certain families have dinners to honor those in their family. Wallace Middle School has a special assembly on Veterans Day for the veterans and this area.

“Sadie Hawkins Dance”

Haylee Dye

The Sadie’s dance is known as an American folk holiday. It is a tradition for women to ask men on a date or to dance. John Battle held their first Sadie Hawkins Dance on November 11th. The event had a good turnout and was a fun night for everyone. The event gave out cash prizes, and sophomore Chris Long was our DJ. We hope that this can be an ongoing tradition for John Battle.



“Thanksgiving and Black Friday”

Peyton Crowder

Thanksgiving is celebrated all across the U.S on the fourth Thursday in November. We celebrate this holiday in honor of the first harvest in the New World in 1621. We get out of school for this holiday from November 21-27.

the Friday after Thanksgiving and originated in 1981. It is considered the most hectic day of the year. This is the day that stores across America provide great deals you can’t get any other day to officially begin the Christmas season.

“Athletic Signings”

Hannah Messer

During the month of November, we had three student athletes sign to further their academic and athletic careers. Reed Crabtree signed with Radford University to play tennis, Callie Haderer signed with Emory and Henry to further her basketball career, and Sydney Bailey signed with King University to play softball.



“One Act”

Tiffany McCoy

On November 21st, the One Act cast performed their play for the school. The play was called “Lock-Down” and was about what would happen if there was a school shooting. The students huddled together in fear and confusion. Every scene was packed with drama and intense moments, as the students tried to decide what to do. Mrs. Buckles was in charge of the play, and she did an amazing job. We can’t wait for next year.



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“Basketball”

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Boys’ Basketball- Coach, Jon Odum
Key losses: Dylan Felty, Johnny Haderer, Caleb Boyd.

Key returners: Caleb Goins, Mikey Statti.

The boys’ basketball team is very young this year but have a lot of young talent. The JV boys basketball team won the JV championship last year, and most of that team is now on varsity.



Girls’ Basketball-Coach, Jeff Adkins
Key Losses: Cortney Kinder
Key Returners: Callie Haderer, Haley Dye, Bethany Smith, Sydney Bailey, Michaela Monk.

The girls’ basketball team has been working very hard in hopes to have a successful season. They have won both scrimmages and start the regular season off with Lebanon on December 1st. The Trojans will compete in the Virginia High tournament the following week on December 7th-9th.

“Wrestling”

Bryson Sargent

John Battle defeated Davy Crockett in the opening match up, trounced Daniel Boone, and lost a tight one to Morrison West 36-33. Battle defeated their crosstown rivals

Virginia High 39-36. Key pins: 120 lbs Avery Almany and a first period pin at 132 lbs by Luke Henagar, and a come from behind pin from Tielor Horne at 182 lbs to seal the win. Senior Gabe McCreynolds went 5-0 at the match. They suffered a loss to Tennessee High but took home a proud 4th place.

“Christmas Parade”

Hailey Rush

The annual Abingdon Christmas Parade was held on Saturday, December 2nd on Main Street. The annual Bristol Christmas Parade will take place on Thursday, December 7th down State Street. Make sure to bundle up and come prepared to spread the Christmas cheer.

“Speedway in Lights”

Hannah Messer

Bristol Motor Speedway is hosting the annual Speedway in Lights at the race track, open nightly from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., November 17-January 6th. After you ride around and enjoy the lights, you and your family can go inside the track on the infield where there are shops, kid rides, and food for all. The beautiful lights and music will get you in the Christmas spirit.

“Acoustic Christmas”

Camille Malone

Acoustic Christmas, presented by Grindstaff Kia, is coming Wednesday, December 30th to Freedom Hall. There will be many great shows including Fall Out Boy, Max, Sabrina Carpenter, and Prettymuch! Starting at 4:30, before the main concert, there will

be a show on the outdoor Plaza Stage with musicians Rachel Grow, Tyron, and Taylor Gray.

“Christmas”

Caleb Goins, Callie Haderer

It is the most wonderful time of the year, and Christmas break begins December 19th. As most could tell, a lot of students are excited about about the holiday season. As you you walk throughout the school, you see Christmas sweaters, socks, and even suits. Christmas this year will be on a Monday. There are many events going on during the holiday season, such as ice skating, Speedway in Lights, Christmas parties, and Christmas music.

“NBA Christmas Game Day”

Lauren Rhoton

The annual National Basketball Association games held on Christmas Day will feature the 76ers v. Knicks (12p.m.), Cavs v. Warriors (3p.m.), Wizards v. Celtics (5:30p.m.), Rockets v. Thunder (8p.m.), and the Timberwolves v. Lakers (10:30p.m.).

“New Years”

Whitney Jackson

Billions around the USA are familiar with the Time Square Ball Drop in New York City. The glowing ball drops to mark the new year every year, and 2017 marks the 100th anniversary. New Years is known for a new start, and many make new year’s resolutions. Tune in to NBC and watch the ball drop. A teacher workday will be on January 2nd, and students will return to school on the 3rd.



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