

Khorale Brings Holiday Spirit to Nursing Home Residents



Khorale members Ashton Wright, Peyton Wright, Julia Childress, Janna Williams and sponsor Mrs. Carter.

On Fri 2 Dec, the Kenston Forest Khorale traveled to Heritage Hall to perform a number of songs for the residents. In what has become a Christmas tradition at Kenston, the students performed many holiday favorites. The staff and residents of Heritage Hall look forward to the Khorale's annual visit. The students, led by sponsor Mary Liz Carter, enjoy bringing some holiday cheer to the seniors. The Khorale is open to students in grades 8-12. Practices are usually Thursdays during lunch, with occasional after-school practice.

Christmas Events

As Christmas break approaches, the Early Learning Center (ELC) and Lower School (LS) students have been busy. Students were able to go Christmas shopping at the PTO's Gingerbread House to buy presents for their family members. ELC activities included a visit to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse to see the play *Drifty Snowball Soup*, a trip to Bevell's

Hardware in Blackstone to gaze in wonder at the model train display, and enjoy a special visit by Mrs. Claus. ELC and LS students also presented their annual Christmas program for their families.



Lauren Maitland rocks out a holiday tune at the Christmas Program.

National Honor Society Offers Tutoring Sessions

The KFS National Honor Society (NHS), as part of its service to the school, is offering tutoring sessions to any Upper School student in grades 8-12. The sessions are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and Wednesdays during lunch. The demand has been so great that non-NHS members have volunteered their time and services as well. Interested students should bring specific material, such as homework, textbooks, flash cards, test reviews, etc. Tutoring takes place in room 24 in the Upper School building. Sessions will continue during exam week. Please sign up with Mrs. Bigger if you are interested in using the tutoring service. There is no fee.



NHS members Tom Jones and Tyler Simmons help with tutoring.

Kenston Scholastic Bowl Team Wins First Place

On Wed 7 Dec, the KFS Scholastic Bowl team traveled to Amelia Academy for an Association of Virginia Academies (AVA) competition. With seven teams competing, Kenston placed first with 400 points. The team is sponsored by Mrs. Carter.



Scholastic Bowl members Clay Huff, LeighAnna Foley, Amanda Hawthorne and Kimberly Brown.

Point breakdown by team:

Kenston Forest	400
Tidewater Academy	385
Southampton Academy	320
Brunswick Academy	285
Blessed Sacrament	280
Isle of Wight	250
Amelia Academy	160

Customized Kavalier Spirit Wear Now Available

Just in time for the Christmas season, Kenston has launched an on-line store where shoppers can customize Kavalier gear. Items include shirts, shorts, hoodies, bags and more. You can add logos, sports, names and other personalization. To get started, click on the link on the Kenston News/Weather/Sports web page. Please note the disclaimer that items purchased from the site must meet dress code requirements to be worn at school.



Prosecutor Lays Down the Law to Civics Classes

Last month, the 8th grade Civics classes welcomed a guest speaker. Lezlie S. Green, the Brunswick County Commonwealth's Attorney, spoke to both sections of the class. The students were studying the judicial branch of government and Mrs. Green provided some first-hand knowledge. Green practiced civil law for 4 years and has been the chief prosecutor for Brunswick County for the past 16 years. She



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was recently re-elected for another term. In addressing the classes, Green detailed her background in law enforcement, her college education and experiences in court. Having practiced both civil and criminal law, Green was able to give students a unique perspective. When students were encouraged to ask questions, the favorite topic was interesting cases that Mrs. Green had tried in court.

Familiar Faces in New Roles on the Basketball Courts



Eric Nash moves from JV to Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach

The sidelines at Kenston boys' basketball games this season have familiar faces in new roles, as last year's JV coach, Eric Nash, takes over the reins as varsity coach. Replacing Nash as JV coach is Debra Hood. Hood, who was a long-time girls' varsity basketball coach, returns to coaching basketball after a 1-year hiatus. Tom Inge, who also coached JV football, steps in as Middle School coach. Inge takes over for long-time Middle School coach David Flippen.

Jannon Coley returns as varsity girls' basketball coach, and John Schwabenton returns as JV coach. Mark Wrenn joins the coaching staff as the girls' Middle School coach. All the coaches anticipate successful seasons.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Blackstone Three Arts Club promotes love of the arts. Each year, they offer two scholarships to high school seniors from the Blackstone area of Nottoway County. A senior from Nottoway High School and Kenston Forest School will be chosen. Each winner must be active in one of the following areas: art, music, drama, or literature.



The scholarship amount is \$1000, with a possibility of a third scholarship in the amount of \$500. Each application must include a short essay on the applicant's interest in the arts and plans for including the arts in their future endeavors. The application deadline is March 2, 2012. See Allison Jones for more details.

Mail completed applications to:

Mrs. Deborah S. Elliot
2340 Indian Oak Rd
Crewe VA 23930



Upcoming Girls Basketball

3 Jan: V/JV/MS vs. Blessed Sacrament
4 Jan: V/JV vs. Brunswick Academy
5 Jan: V/MS vs. Richmond Christian

Upcoming Boys Basketball

4 Jan: V/JV/MS @ Blessed Sacrament
5 Jan: V/JV/MS @ Richmond Christian

Check the www.kenston.org news-weather-sports web page for driving directions, calendars, and details.