



## S.W.A.T

*By: Mekena Taunton*

S.W.A.T., (Students Working Against Tobacco), is a statewide youth organization in Florida that works to spread awareness and educate people on the dangers of tobacco.

S.W.A.T. is for grades 5-12 and is split into three groups (elementary school, middle school, and high school).

Wewahitchka S.W.A.T. works together along with Port St Joe S.W.A.T., the health department, and other organizations to spread our message of the dangers of tobacco use.



We work to de-glamorize Big Tobacco and show you the real truth. Big Tobacco is targeting youth with their flavored tobacco and cool ads. They are trying to get youth hooked now so they are addicted for life. They need new customers because their old ones are dying from all of the diseases and cancers that are the unfortunate side effects of tobacco.

The high school chapter (grades 9-12) is lead by Mrs. Lana Harrison and include the following members: Brianna Bailey, Jonah Bidwell, Takaylynn Carter (Secretary), Kayla Cody, Sha'Mario Cole, Savannah Harrison (Parliamentarian), Ethan Hinote, Dakota Hornsby, Eddie Hunter (Vice-President), Blake McComas, Brooke McMillian, Jocelyn Minchew, Anna Setterich, Mekena Taunton (President), Trayquan Tiller and Allison Young.

Sr. High meetings are every Friday at lunch in Mrs. Harrison's room. We are SWAT and we stand up against Big Tobacco. For more information please check out the SWAT website.

<http://www.swatflorida.com/>

## **School News**

*By: Callie Sanders*

Well, as everyone knows, the WHS Christmas Ball was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> for the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys, or should I say ladies and gentlemen, the dress code was semi-formal. Congratulations goes out to 7<sup>th</sup> grade Lady was Ms. Mackenzie Groves. As for our Lord it was Mr. Harley Redd. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Princess was Ms. Aleah Wooten. As for our Prince it was Mr. Seth Calareso. Last but not least is our 9<sup>th</sup> graders! Our humble Queen is Ms. Ashten Lolley and our king was none other than Mr. Bailey Brogdon. Hope everyone enjoyed the night dancing and eating. A special thanks to Ms. Karen Turner and the Cheerleaders for sponsoring the event.

## **The Box**

The newspaper staff has decided to put a “box” in the library, the box will be for creative skills you’d like to share and also articles or ideas for articles that you, the students, find interesting or want to read or see. The box, at the moment, is on the back shelf, it’s black and has dull yellow strips of paper on it. You can put drawings, short stories, poems, quotes, birthdays, and just anything else you’d like people to see. You have to make sure it’s school appropriate, and we will try our hardest to put it in the newspaper the next month. We hope to see all your creative ideas next time we check.

## **Haunted History**

*By: Callie Sanders*

Well, have you ever heard about how WHS is haunted? People say they have heard sounds echoing through the hallways yet, no one is there. It has also been told that at night if you go into the gym you can hear a whistling noise and a weird mop bucket noise. The Gator Sound Band has had a couple encounters with a little super shisha as well. Sometimes, late at night when only 3 or less people are still in the school, the toilet in the band director’s office will flush all by itself. Anyone out there reading this article have an experience to share? Let us know.

## **We Want To Know Your Opinion**

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

Do you agree with schools that make students wear uniforms? The amount of school uniforms in the world today is on the rise. If you add up how many schools require uniforms its 27,000 public schools and nearly 14,000 private schools that do so. I couldn’t see our small town school getting uniforms but what do you think? Do you think uniforms would be nice? I mean a study showed that 41% of people asked thought that since they’ve gotten the uniform at school there seems to be less gang activity. It also improves student attendance, and even lowers bullying, so what’s your opinion?

## Sports Schedule

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

### Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>-Bozeman-home-1:00(V)/2:30(JV)

Dec. 15-Vernon-home-4:00/7:00

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-@Sneads-5:30/7:00

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-@N. Bay Haven-5:30/7:00

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-Liberty-home-3:30/5:00/6:30

Dec. 21-23-Franklin Christmas tournament-TBA  
times

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball schedule

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>-Vernon-Home-4:00-boys and girls

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-Bozeman-away-5:00-girls only

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-Vernon-away-4:00-boys and girls

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-Bozeman-home-3:00-Girls only

### Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 11/12<sup>th</sup>- Westfield Invitational-Perry, GA-  
3pm/8am

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>-Andrews Institute-Gulf Breeze  
HS-9am/9am

Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>-Timberwolf Duals VII-Chiles HS-9am

### Girls Basketball Schedule

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>-@Sneads-5:30

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-Liberty-home-5:00

Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>-Vernon-home-5:30

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>-Deane Bozeman school-home-1:00

## ***Show Review***

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

If you watch shows on the channel AMC you might have watched the season premiere of the new show *Into the Badland*. It's about a mighty warrior, who can fight epically, and a *young boy* searching for enlightenment *in a* ruthless territory controlled by feudal barons. They fight in head to head combat that sometimes may make you flinch, and there's a twist, no guns are EVER used. The story so far, as the first few episodes, has already set a steady pace. There are some great action scenes and bloody moments. My official opinion for this show is; it has epic fight scenes, a nice story, a weird twist, and some great characters, anyone should watch it.

## **Original Fairytales**

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

You've all heard the tale of Red Riding hood right? The one that ends with Riding Hood being saved and the wicked wolf killed? Well that was the nice version not the true one, in the original tale of red riding hood the girl is a young lady who is given the wrong way to her grandmothers and ends up being eaten because she followed the strangers directions. Well that version wasn't that nice right? Well that's because the moral to that story is not to take advice from strangers. Although that is very smart, and needed, advice I couldn't seem to stop thinking it needed more action.

## ***Poems***

*By: Jantezia Smith*

You can't have it if you don't ask

You must allow it in

Give God the task

He'll take care of you

All your needs but be specific

Plant the seed

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## Riddles

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

Q: What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A: A carrot!

Q: What has 4 fingers and one thumb but isn't living?

A: A glove!

## Quotes

*By: Jantezia Smith*

In the end we only regret the chances we didn't take.

Hurt me with the truth but never comfort me with a lie.

Sometimes the right path is not the easiest one.

I don't trust words, I trust actions.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*By: Samantha Lanier*

Did you know - Rabbits like licorice?

Did you know - The first Burger King was opened in Florida Miami in 195

## January Game Releases:

*By: Lillian Maguadog*

-Mario & Luigi Paper Jam

-Hyrule Warriors Legends

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- Final Fantasy Explorers
- Plants vs. Zombies: Garden Warfare2

## Things in 2016:

*By: Lillian Maguadog*

In 2016-2020 China will start building the largest undersea tunnel in world! The tunnel is 76 miles from Dalian to Yantai. The tunnel will knock 800 miles off the current route between the two cities. It will also be a link from China's frozen north to the tropical islands in the south. We all know how china has amazing technology from the back in the day Great Wall of China to building the largest high-speed railway network. The tunnel is 22 billion dollars right now but it could add up to about 36 billion by the time it's done. There are 3 parallel tunnels, one for cars, one for trains, and one for maintenance, and engineers are going to have to bore through hard rock 100 feet below the sea bed. The area they are building it on is prone to earthquakes, and the tunnel will traverse two major fault lines. Would you go through the tunnel?

## December History

*By: LaZaylahn Granier*

If you're like me and you like knowing some history about things that've went on during holidays then this should be your favorite article. Did you know that on Christmas Day in 1776 General George Washington led 2,400 troops on a daring adventure crossing the Delaware River. They got there on December 26<sup>th</sup> the Continental forces did a surprise attack on Trenton. It worked out for him also they defeated them with minimal bloodshed although they won his army wasn't equipped enough to hold the city and was forced to re-cross the Delaware that same day. So there you go, now you know a little more about history in December.

## Bible verses!

*By: Jantezia Smith*

Second Timothy 1:7-For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Philippians 4:13-I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.

Psalm 57:6-They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.

### **Hotlines:**

Crisis Text Line: text support to 741-741

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[Depression/Suicide-call 866-488-7386](#)

[Dating abuse/domestic violence- call 1-866-331-947](#)

## Short Story

### *How Comet Became a Reindeer*

*By: Alex Pitts*

The story of Comet the reindeer is a story that is not known worldwide, yet is regarded in the North Pole as one of most highly revered legends among the reindeer and elves. It was #2 in the list of most famous Tales of the North, just under "*Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*," of course. And now, without further ado, I shall recount the tale to you.

Comet had always admired the famous reindeer with their shiny pelts and glittering hooves. He also envied their ability to fly. On the night before Christmas Eve, Comet went up to Santa Claus and asked, "Oh please, Mr. Claus? Won't you let me join the Star Force? I would make a great steed, and I promise I would do good deeds in return for your generosity!"

Santa considered Comet for a moment, tugging at his tangled white beard. What Comet said was true. He was very fit, even for a reindeer. He was the fastest sprinter around. However... "If you wish to be a part of the Star force, you have to prove your honor and commitment. I shall give you a true test of your abilities. You must go into space, and while you are there, you must find the perfect star to put atop the Grand Holly Christmas tree."

The grand holly Christmas tree, Comet knew, was the most important tree of Christmas. It symbolized eternal peace and the spirit of giving, and it was very important to the whole world. So Santa was right. This would be the hardest thing Comet would ever attempt. But this was what he wanted.

"I'll do it," he said, and so Santa gifted him the power of flight, and Comet took off, up and up, until he could touch the stars.

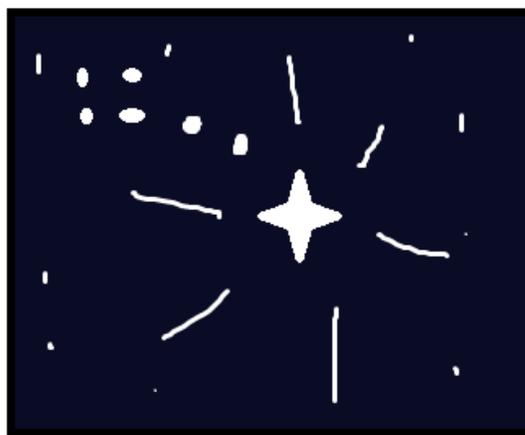
As Comet glided among the spectral orbs of light, the hope he had held in his chest began to dwindle. None of the stars seemed quite perfect enough. Then he spotted a nearby Space Elf horde, which had been sent to work on one of the many spirit files, which had malfunctioned. "Hey there, laddie!" one of the elves called. "What is it you be doing among the stars this night, boy?"

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“I have been sent on an epic quest to find the perfect star for the Grand Holly Christmas Tree!” Comet replied. “I think we can help with that,” another elf said, and pointed to something behind Comet. He looked to where she was pointing, and breathed a sigh of relief, Polaris, the North Star! The Star Force called it the Ancestor Star, for it guided them to the North Pole after their former home was destroyed

With the elves’ help, and the help of ancient magic unknown to us today, Comet managed to guide the star back to Earth and put it atop the Grand Holly Christmas Tree. The star shone brightly among the mass of sparkling green needles, a spectacular sight. Comet was induced into the Star Force soon after. The Christmas of was said to be the best one, as it was the first time Comet flew with the Star Force. It was said to be the happiest moment of his life. This story has been passed down for decades, and many more to come.

Prancing Around the Star (What Really Went Down) By: Alexandria Pitts



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