Marching Band takes home 2nd place at State & National Championships

By: Kiana Torres

This year, the Lenape Valley marching Patriots found themselves again in a new, larger division! Switching from 2 Open to 3 A, the staff and students started working hard to perform an even better, more spectacular show for the 2019 marching band season.

This year, the school’s marching band seemed to be defying the standards. Their show was “Jekyll and Hyde,” a story about a scientist who drank his potion and turned into a murderer!

In their first competitions, they received 1st Place, even though it was their first year in the new division. The marching band continued taking home 1st Place awards at almost every competition, finishing 2nd Place in only one. This was extremely different from last year. Going into the States and nationals, no one knew what to expect.

As the score were being announced, the 2nd Place trophy was given to Lenape Valley at both the States and the Nationals.

After this year, all the band members can wonder about is next year, and the possibility of receiving that 1st Place recognition.

The rise of the term “OK Boomer” in modern culture

By: Monet Vala

Recently, the term “OK Boomer” has arisen as a prominent phrase in the vocabularies of middle school students, teens and young people across the United States. The term uses old terminology to describe the lacking technological and cultural knowledge of members of older generations, specifically the “baby boomers.”

“OK Boomer,” while a humorous term for most, has proven to be offensive to those at whom the term is directed. The term teases people, mostly older people, for their inability to use modern technology and to accept modern ideas. Whenever someone says something like “Millennials aren’t buying diamonds anymore,” a typical response is to say “OK Boomer!”

Junior, Alexandra Lopez thinks that the term is “funny, but it is becoming over-used.” She explained that her younger brother, Owen, says “OK boomer” a lot, just to get on her nerves.

Just as all trends come and go, “OK Boomer” is destined to dissolve from the vocabularies of many, as it becomes a fossil of the culture of the year 2019.
New opportunities available for students participating in girls track

By: Monet Vala

Starting with the 2019—2020 school year, Lenape Valley is going to have a winter track team open to all girls who wish to participate. The team will be attending four meets in Brooklyn, NY, over the span of the winter track season.

The events the team will be participating in will be the same as in spring track, except for a few changes. The throwing events will only include shotput, instead of the typical discus, javelin and shotput. The running events will be reduced to half of what they usually are for the spring season. For example, the 50 m hurdles will become a 25m event.

Milagro Segura, a participant in spring track, is “excited for a new opportunity to improve her shotput throws.” Milagro decided to join the girls winter track team because she “wants to make new friends” and “become more prepared for the spring track season.” She will be joined by many other girls in her excitement to be a part of a new team.

Winter track is now an opportunity for girls to be a part of a team, make new friends, and get in shape for the spring track season.

Patriots raise funds in a new way for Prom 2020!

By: Dante Marra

Lenape Valley Regional High School has been known for its school spirit, and the week of pride was just another example of this extreme school pride.

Mrs. Jennifer Cautero’s Sports Marketing class was challenged to promote and sell Lenape apparel that was released and available for this coming winter. The catalog was sponsored by Fancloth.com and featured winter hats, t-shirts, windbreakers and hoodies, just to name a few of the items for sale. All would feature Lenape colors and logos.

About 75 students were selling the items, of which all proceeds would go toward the 2020 Junior/Senior prom. Mrs. Cautero was very enthusiastic about the students’ efforts to see, encouraging them to sell to teachers, family, friends, and members of the community. The more items sold, the better off the juniors and seniors would be for their upcoming prom.

“I was only expecting to break the $1,00.00 mark, but guys, you crushed it! That is insane,” said Mrs. Cautero.

This burst of excitement came from the astounding results of the fundraiser. The class sold over 500 items, bringing in upwards of $4,600.00 in sales! This amazing achievement by the young patriots was a shock to everyone.

The head sellers of this event were Jayce Kenny with 63 items sold, followed by Bridget Dudziec with 23, and Alanah George and Mia McLean tied with 21.

However, with the entire class’ dedication, these committed salesmen and women created the most profitable fundraisers in Lenape Valley history.

Congratulations to those who both participated in the selling and bought items. Go Patriots!
Fall sports records and honors for the 2019 season

**Football**

**Varsity** 10 - 2

*State Conference Champs*

*NJ Herald “Team of the Year”*

**JV** 5 - 3 - 1

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**Boys Soccer**

**Varsity** 6 - 11

**JV** 6 - 7

*1st Team*

- Gabe Hernandez
- All-West Jersey
- NJ Herald 2nd Team
- Jude Ashley
- Lenape Valley 2019 Golden Boot Award
  (5 goals; 6 assists).

*2nd Team*

- Dakota Krug
- Connor Duffy
- Lenape Valley Patriots 2019 Preparation Award

*Honorable Mention*

- Alex Dominguez

*NJAC All Academic Team*

*8th Consecutive season to qualify for State Tournament*

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**Girls Soccer**

**Varsity** 15 - 3 - 1

**JV** 7 - 5

*All-American Team*

- Bridget Dudziec

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**Cross Country Girls**

**Varsity** 4 - 10

*First Team All-Conference Freedom Division*

- Ciara Mulroy

*Second Team All-Conference Freedom Division*

- Bella Granada

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**Cross Country Boys**

**Varsity** 5 - 9

*Second Team All-Conference Freedom Division*

- Adam Raffay
- Lukas Krauklis