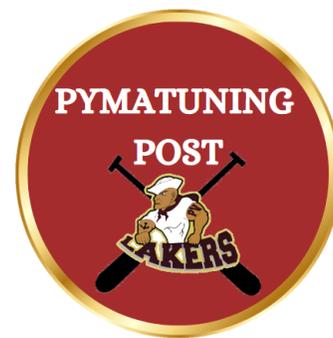


# Pymatuning Valley High School

## Pymatuning Post

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## Meet Mr Mollohan!

By: Emily Blanford

- **What was your dream job as a kid?**
  - ▽ As a kid I wanted to be a professional football player but obviously that didn't work out.
- **What is your proudest achievement?**
  - ▽ My proudest achievement is being a dad.
- **What are some of your hobbies?**
  - ▽ Some of my hobbies are hunting, watching my kids, spending time with family, and playing video games.
- **Do you have any pets?**
  - ▽ I have a 100lb, 1 year old, American Bulldog named Haden.
- **What is your favorite restaurant?**
  - ▽ My favorite restaurant is a taco place in Willoughby called Barrio.
- **What is your favorite song to belt while driving your car?**
  - ▽ "OMG THERE'S SO MANY" Definitely either Free Fallin' by Tom Petty or any of the Pitch Perfect songs.
- **If you had to pick Star Wars or Star Trek which would you choose and why?**
  - ▽ Star Wars, easy. Star Wars is very similar to present times. Also Star Wars has a purpose and Star Trek does not. Star Trek is like someone threw a dart at a dart board and decided to see what stuck.
- **Out of the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes, which is your favorite and why?**
  - ▽ I love each group because they are all unique, but my favorites are the Freshman and Senior class because the Seniors are ending their high school career with me and the Freshmen are starting their high school career with me.
- **What is it like so far at PV?**
  - ▽ Everyday has been a dream, I'm happy every night going to bed and happy everyday when I wake up. I truly feel like this place is a hidden gem.

# Sports:

## Football *By Isabella Limestoll*

The Pymatuning Valley Football team has had a fantastic season, going 8-3 with many accomplishments from all their players, and winning their 5th consecutive NAC championship. Ty Vickery, #22 is a running back, and has had a great season so far. When asked what he learned this year he responded, "I've gotten a lot smarter about running the ball and understanding the game better." Vickery is looking forward to his senior year and hopes to continue his football career in college. He has put many years of hard work into his football career, starting at just ten years old. Vickery would like to thank his linemen, and says he wouldn't be anything without them.



This season, he has been nominated for and won four awards. He is very grateful for all of them. His first award was the YSN Baird Brothers Big Dog of the Valley. He was also the very first player from Ashtabula County to ever win this award. This qualifies him for the Big Dog of the Year at the end of the season, don't forget to vote for him! The second and third award he received was for week 8 and week 9 Mahoning Valley High School Football player of the week. His fourth award is Ashtabula County player of the week from 440 Sports. Vickery also achieved a season milestone - 1,000 yards rushing. He received this alongside PV's quarterback, Ryan Croston. YSN calls Ty Vickery and Ryan Croston the "dynamic duo." Vickery's favorite color is red.

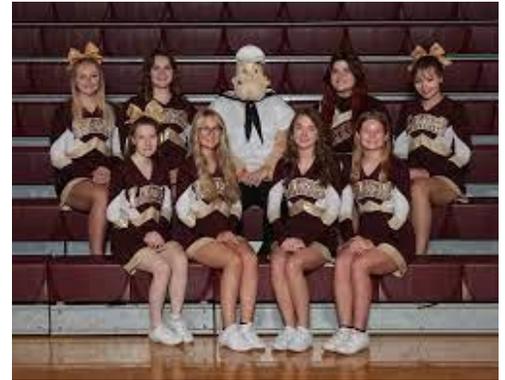
Coach Croston has been a coach at Pymatuning Valley High School for twenty years, and has spent fourteen of those years as head coach. Coming into this football season there were three goals. One, win the league. Two, be competitive in all non conference games (first six games). And three, make the playoffs. Coach Croston says that the team did a great job this season so far and that they worked hard through the school year and through the off season. When asked how he felt about the team out west joining our NAC next year and the division rivalry, Croston didn't seem worried at all. He thinks it's going to be interesting because we will be playing them week 10 near the end of the regular season. Coach Croston was asked what he thinks next season will be like he responded with this, "We will have the same goals, and will improve and continue to get stronger. We had two kids out with injuries, Brennan Moore and Sean Croston, hopefully they will be back next year. There also seems to be some decent freshmen coming up. We just need to keep improving. Keep working." Overall Congratulations on a great season so far boys. Everyone is looking forward to seeing what next season will hold for us. Goooooo Lakers!



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## Cheerleading *By Faith Whitt*

The Pymatuning Lakers have a cheer team like no other. Every football game and the occasional soccer game, you find our girls cheering their hearts out. This girls cheer team puts their souls into everything they do for the school. As junior varsity cheerleader Riley Whitt explained, sometimes they feel a little underappreciated. She went on to say, “ Practice makes confidence, confidence empowers.” The cheerleaders practice really hard multiple times a week after school to stay on top of their chants and routines. They have an important season ahead; competition is only a few months away. Good luck girls!



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## Girls Golf *By Emily Blanford*



The girls golf team broke a record, won matches, and most importantly had a lot of fun while playing. This year has been the best season girls golf has had in at least the last 4 years. The girls won 5 matches this season and placed 3rd in the Karl Pearson Invitational. Senior member Emily Blanford shot a 43 which is the best score any girls golfer has shot in the last 4 years. Katelyn Blanford also shot a career best. Emily said, “This season was the most fun I’ve ever had playing golf. From all the funny moments at practice to somehow shooting amazing scores. I’m so proud of all my teammates who

came out and gave it their best even when they didn’t want to come. Also thank you to Coach Rob for being awesome as well.”

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## Boys Golf *By Emily Blanford*

The Boys golf team won 14 out of their 22 matches this season. The season went well for the boys and we would like to congratulate Andrew Wludyga for shooting an 86 at the sectionals invitational. Assistant Coach Wludyga said, “The boys had a solid season considering there are no seniors on the team.” Congratulations!



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## Volleyball *By Emily Blanford*



The volleyball team won 6 games this season. Overall they had a pretty tough season but they still won some games in the end. Mia Hall said, “Even though we had a tough season, we all worked very hard both on and off the court, the passion for the game was still there, just not at the right times.” We would like to say great job to the girls volleyball team.

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## Boys Soccer *By Katelyn Blanford*

Boys Soccer has had a fantastic season with a record of 14-4-1. Captains Caydence Wisner, Trevor Clute, and Brayden Shinault lead the team to victory against Perry but sadly lost their last game against Badger. The soccer team compared to last year definitely did better during the season, almost having a full winning season. Their skills improved and overall team morale too. When asked about next year's season, Captain Brayden Shinault said, “The freshmen soon to be sophomores have a lot of potential and they should do pretty good.” Next year's season is sure to be very exciting.



Photo by: Joclyn Nicholas Photography

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## Girls Soccer *By Katelyn Blanford*



The Girls Soccer team had a great season going 11-5-2. The girls soccer team unfortunately lost their sectional game but had a great season overall. They were a little short on players this year but that didn't stop them from winning 11 games. Coach Siembor said, “The girls showed a lot of growth this year and work well together.” The goal of the girls soccer team is to of course win but have fun as well! In regards to next year's season, even though they are only losing 5 seniors, they still need more people to play and could always use the extra hand.

Photo By: Faith Whitt

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## Cross Country *By Faith Whitt*

The boys have a good chance to go to regionals. Coach Richard Walters said the boys “continue to give their best” at practices and meets. Gavin Hodge, Justin Summers, and Zachary Tryon all have the chance to go all county. Julia Hitchcock and Rowen Jenkins also have the chance to go all-country. The boys made it to regionals and placed ninth!



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## Chili Cook Off: *By Katelyn Blanford*



The Chili Cook Off went great this year with a total of 196 people attending. All the volunteers and participants were very much appreciated and all the chilis were tasty. Each of these chilis had their own uniqueness giving it that special flair to win these prizes. For the Thick & Hearty, judges were supposed to pick their favorite comforting chili that tastes like a bite of home. The winner was The PVMS Middle School Staff! Next category was Unconventional. In this category chili makers were supposed to make the most



unique chili they could think of. The winner of this category was Mr. Dan Jackson’s National Park Class! Next category was Hot & Spicy as in the name judges were supposed to pick the hottest chili. The winner of that category was Mr. Christian Payne! Finally the last category was the People's Choice where the community picked their favorite chili. The winner of that category was Hope McMahan. All in all the Chili Cook Off was a major success proceeds the WAVE committee who are committed to help get school levies passed and help our student body have a great education.



# Halloween Celebrations:

Dress Up Day: *By Emily Blanford, Katelyn Blanford, Faith Whitt, and Isabella Limestoll*



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## Meadville Halloween Parade: *By: Emily Blanford*

The Laker Gold Pride Marching Band recently went and competed in the annual Meadville Halloween Parade. The marching band got to dress up thanks to Mr Dye. The dress up theme was Heroes vs Villains. The duo Mermaid Man (Carter Tisch) and Barnacle Boy (Brady Tisch) took home the trophy for best heroes and the duo The Joker (Elliot Jones) and Poison Ivy (Meghan Arrigan) took home the trophy for best villains. Although the marching band did not win best band they sounded amazing the entire time. They played iconic songs like “Fireball”, “We Got The Beat”, and “Monster Mash”. Overall the band had a great time both watching and performing in the Meadville Halloween Parade and are looking forward to coming back next year!



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## Vote for Your Favorite Parking Spot!

*By: Faith Whitt*

Students had the opportunity to paint some parking spots through a student council fundraiser!

Scan the QR Code to vote for your favorite parking spot!  
Make sure to look at all your options; there are some fun choices.



# Laker Rumble: *By: Faith Whitt*



The Laker Rumble is something the high school has done since the 2014-2015 school year, and the whole district attends. The highschoolers are the entertainment with the main event being a group choreographed dance that the cheerleaders design and teach the student body. The cheerleaders fundraise for the colored t-shirts that are given, free of cost, to every student in the highschool. These shirts cost the cheerleaders about \$3000 each year.

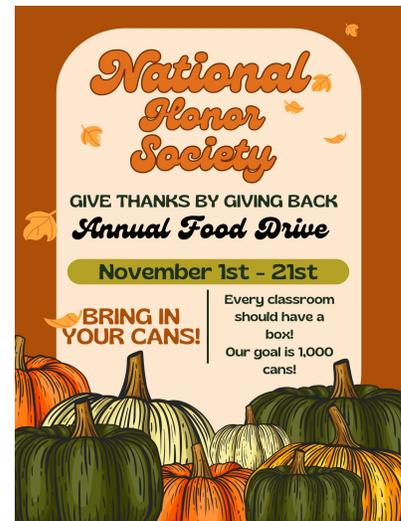
The highschool students dance and scream for the entertainment of the other schools as they promote district pride. The Laker Rumble has games, activities, and it's a bunch of fun.



# National Honor Society Food Drive!

*By: Emily Blanford*

The National Honor Society is hosting a food drive called "Give Thanks by Giving Back". The goal this year is to collect over 1,000 cans so please bring them in! Donations will be taken until the afternoon of November 21st (the last day before Thanksgiving break. All classrooms have a box for donations and all donations will be delivered to Andover UMC's local food bank.



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## Upcoming Events:

- **PV Veterans Day Concert** November 9th, at 7p.m - 8p.m in the VMPAC. Featuring 4th grade choir, 7th and 8th grade band, and the Sound Waves.
- **Sadie Hawkins Dance** Friday November 10th from 7p.m - 10p.m in the HS Cafeteria.
- **Daylight Saving Time Ends** November 5th, turn back time on those clocks! Extra hour of sleep!!!!!!!!

