During the week of February 9-13, MUHS hosted its annual Winter Carnival. As in previous years, this week-long event engaged students and school staff in fun and competitive (trivia) games, and spirit-building. The MUHS Student Senate worked diligently in the weeks leading up to the carnival to organize the “spirit days” dress up competition, the diverse array of games and competitions hosted during lunch periods, and the culminating event, the ever-anticipated student basketball tournament.

All week long, an impressive number of students participated in “spirit days” such as Superhero Day, Vermont Day, and Twin Day. The Junior Class won the gingerbread structure competition with its rendition of a Vermont barnyard. The MUHS Scholars’ Bowl team hosted a Teachers vs. Students trivia bowl and the teachers were victorious, winning two of three lengthy rounds. On alternating days, students earned points for their class and found a competitive edge with big-screen video games hosted in the auditorium.
Students and staff showcased their talent in the annual Winter Carnival Talent Show which included many impressive musical acts including the jaw-dropping performance of Heart’s “Barracuda” by the MUHS Teacher Band (Bjarki Sears, Al Calzini, Derek Bartlett, and Liz Lebeau).

Continuing with the success of the MUHS scavenger hunt from last year, teachers and staff once again submitted interesting facts about themselves and students skillfully connected these little-known factoids with their owners. In addition to the scavenger hunt, a pool of staff submitted baby and toddler pictures of themselves and students enjoyed competing to connect the photos to their owners, earning valuable points towards the overall carnival competition. The Freshmen class won the scavenger hunt, while the Seniors won the Baby Photo Contest. Despite leading the overall carnival point total nearly all week, the Juniors lost valuable points when they finished in last place in the annual Penny Wars competition as members of the other three classes contributed enough coins and dollars to reduce the Juniors’ penny total to a near record-breaking -42,538 points. This year, the Penny Wars raised a total of $1461 for the American Cancer Society.

With a win in the Penny Wars fresh in their mind, the Seniors entered Friday’s student basketball game with an aim for a come-from-behind win of Winter Carnival as they faced the Junior Class in the deciding matchup. The Seniors trailed the Juniors nearly the entire game but, a fortunate bucket in the waning seconds of the game propelled the Seniors to a win in the basketball tournament and subsequently, being named Winter Carnival Champions for 2015.

Winter Carnival Scores:  Seniors: 1300 pts; Juniors: 1175 pts; Sophomores: 825 pts; Freshmen: 775 pts
Winter Carnival Highlights
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The Student Recognition Breakfast for Quarter 2 was held at the Glass Onion on Friday, January 30, 2015. Nine students were nominated for awards by members of the faculty for academic achievement, positive attitudes, motivation and diligence. These students serve as role models for other students and are helpful to their peers. Superintendent Peter Burrows addressed the students, faculty members and parents. Principal William Lawson congratulated all the students and presented the award certificates. The students in the Culinary Arts Program, under the direction of Woody Danforth, provided a wonderful array of breakfast items for the recipients, their families and the nominating teachers.

The following students were recognized:

- Abigail Benz was nominated by Natasha Causton for Spanish.
- Jon Bolduc was nominated by Matt Cox for Auto/Diesel Tech English.
- Rebeckah Chamberlain was nominated by Torey Olson for Earth & Physical Science.
- Jack Eagan was nominated by Denise B. Mayone for French.
- Emily Fleming was nominated by Cathy Stoddert for Poetry Class.
- Erin Gebo was nominated by Carma Fitzpatrick for Spanish.
- Mackayla Kimball was nominated by Devan Walsh from Alt. Ed.
- Jacquelyn Oster was nominated by Doc Seubert for English.
- Alexis Ouellette was nominated by Paul Scaramucci for Biology.
- Leah Raymond was nominated by Kerianne Severy for Math.
Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest: February 6, 2015

*Congratulations to Jacob Klemmer,* winner of the MUHS Poetry Out Loud qualifying contest! He will be advancing to the State Semi-Finals at the Barre Opera House on March 11 and 12. Jack Brisson is runner-up. In third place is Emily Fleming.

Poetry Out Loud is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, and partnered with the Vermont Arts Council. This contest encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and recitation, and helps them master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage. English teacher Cathy Stoddert is the MUHS Poetry Out Loud advisor.

State Finals winners receive $200 and an all-expenses-paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington, D.C. to compete for the national championship. The state winner's school receives a $500 stipend for the purchase of poetry books. The first runner-up in each state receives $100, with $200 for his or her school library. A total of $50,000 in awards and school stipends is awarded annually at the National Finals. *Good luck, Jacob!*

*Left to Right: Jack Brisson, Emily Fleming, Jacob Klemmer, Cathy Stoddert*
Creating a video documentary to affect social change/conversations is one major work that focuses on creating a complex narrative in the AP English Literature and Composition course. As part of these efforts, on February 6, 2015, world renowned author and humanitarian Julia Alvarez joined two MUHS students (Nathan Cobb ’16 and Madeline Ganey ’16) in Tim O’Leary’s classroom along with a student from Mt. Abraham UHS and Mount Mansfield UHS. These four students interviewed Julia Alvarez on a wide range of topics. The two students from area schools were included through Tim O’Leary’s work with Middlebury College’s Vermont Bread Loaf Teacher Network.

On the following day, Tim O’Leary delivered a full-day Media Seminar and Workshop at CVU to teach young people from across the state how to use digital tools to tell their own stories; this, too, was through his work at the college. MUHS student David Dregallo was in attendance along with students from other high schools.
Middlebury Union High School will be hosting the 88th VT All State Music Festival May 6-9th. This will be the third time MUHS has hosted this festival, the former festivals held in 1993 and 2005.

The festival will kick off with a Parade on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:00 pm in downtown Middlebury. A parade of just marching bands from Elementary, Middle and High Schools from all over Vermont will be marching to strut their stuff on a route that will begin and end at MUHS, going over our beautiful new bridge and through downtown. Francois Clemmons will begin the parade with the singing of the National Anthem on the reviewing stand on Cannon Park as he did in 2005.

The bulk of students in the festival will arrive on Thursday morning for rehearsals. Thursday evening at 8:00 pm, a free concert featuring Scholarship winners in the categories of Voice, Piano, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion and Strings will perform at the Congregational Church of Middlebury. Friday evening will feature the All State Jazz Scholarship Winner (a Jazz Vocalist this year) and the All State Jazz Ensemble in the MUHS gymnasium beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door for this event. Saturday afternoon at 2:00 pm will feature the All State Concert Band, Concert Choir and Orchestra in the Memorial Sports Center. Tickets will be on sale at the door for this event. If you wish to purchase tickets ahead of time go to vmea.org/allstate and choose “Festival” to obtain ticket form.

Our greatest need is to house over 400+ students during the festival. If you are interested, please contact the housing chair, Hannah Benz, for forms and information at hannahbbenz@gmail.com. All host homes will receive two Saturday tickets in exchange for our appreciation for housing students.

In addition, if you would like to place an ad in our program, please contact Anne Severy for more information at asevery@addisoncentralsu.org

We are proud to announce the following students that have been selected through an audition in January to perform in this year’s festival:

**Concert Band:**
- Sophie Saunders - Flute
- Zara London-Southern - Clarinet
- Greta Hardy-Mittell - Clarinet
- Jakub Kraus - Tenor Saxophone
- Haven Tate - Bass Trombone

**Jazz Ensemble:**
- Oziah Wales - Tenor Saxophone
- Luke Benz - Trombone

**Concert Choir:**
- Meigan Clark - Soprano I
- Isabel Velez - Soprano II
- Hannah Roque - Soprano II
- Isabel Rosenberg - Soprano II
- Hadley Evans - Nash - Soprano II
- Tyler Giorgio - Tenor I
- Tor Bright - Tenor II
- Nikhil Plouffe - Bass I
- Adam Joselson - Bass II

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**Band News**

Congratulations to the following students for being selected to attend and perform at the National Association of Music Education’s Eastern Honors Music Festival in Providence, RI this April. Only nine students from Vermont are selected for this prestigious festival that draws from the Eastern States from Maryland to Maine. Scores are based on results from the previous years All State Music Festival scores and students are then recommended by their music teacher.

**Concert Band:** Sophie Saunders - Flute; Luke Benz - Trumpet; **Concert Choir:** Adam Joselson - Bass
The Middlebury Union High School High School Marching Band will be marching in the New York City St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17th!

The Tiger Marching Band, under the direction of Anne Severy, has been participating biannually in this parade, the largest in the world, with over 250,000 marchers since 1989.

66 students will be marching up 5th Ave past such famous sites as St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The parade is broadcast on NYC local television stations.

While in NYC, students will spend the afternoon at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, attend a performance of “Phantom of the Opera” on Broadway, a tour and lecture of the Apollo Theater, and a fun night watching knights battle at “Medieval Times” followed by a competitive few rounds of bowling.

A special thanks to all who supported these students by purchasing Tiger Cards! Forward, March!

Congratulations to the following students who auditioned and were accepted into the following music festivals this year. The Concert Band and String Ensemble Festival was held February 6th. The Jazz Ensemble and Concert Choir Festival will be held March 6th, both at St. Joseph’s College in Rutland.

### District Concert Band:
- Sophie Saunders - Flute
- Meigan Clark - Flute
- Zara London - Southern Clarinet
- Greta Hardy-Mittell - Clarinet
- Abigail Benz - Clarinet
- Oziah Wales - Alto Saxophone
- Jakub Kraus - Tenor Saxophone
- Ryan Biette - Baritone Saxophone
- Joshua Girard - Trumpet
- Luke Benz - Trombone
- Addy Parsons - Trombone
- Haven Tate - Bass Trombone
- Micah Rubin - Percussion

### Jazz Ensemble:
- Oziah Wales - Alto Saxophone
- Julian Schmitt - Trumpet
- Luke Benz - Trombone
- Haven Tate - Bass Trombone
- Micah Rubin - Drum Set

### Concert Choir:
- Kess Moulton - Alto
- Nikhil Plouffe - Bass
- Zara London - Southern Soprano
- Adam Joselson - Bass
- Nick Beauchamp - Bass
- Carolyn Balpanda - Alto
- Tyler Woods - Baritone
- Lauren Turner - Alto
- Jake Ingenthal - Tenor
- Samuel Killorin - Bass
- Tor Bright - Tenor
- Tyler Giorgio - Tenor

### String Ensemble:
- Simon Broucke - Double Bass
The Governor’s Institutes of Vermont

The Governor’s Institutes of Vermont (GIV) offers a summer program for students in grades 9-11. The Governor’s Institutes are programs for students with an interest in the arts, engineering, entrepreneurship, world cultures and events, math, science, technology, or activism. Students who enjoy GIV tend to have a strong intellectual or artistic curiosity, possess academic skills equal to or above their grade level, and function well in a highly independent learning environment. Applications are available on-line at www.giv.org. The deadline for applying is March 20, 2015.

Green Mountain Girls’ State

Each summer, young women from around Vermont will attend the Green Mountain Girls’ State conference. This program offers training in the practical processes of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society. This year, the conference will be held at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont from Sunday, June 14th through Thursday, June 18th. Eligible candidates must be in their junior year of high school. Applications are available at the Guidance Office and on-line at www.alagmgs.com. Applications must be returned by March 13th. Contact the Guidance Office for more information at 382-1195.

Virtual High School Courses

Over the past several years, MUHS has had many students enroll in an on-line class with Virtual High School. These on-line classes offer enrichment opportunities for our students to explore subjects ranging from Screenwriting to Biotechnology. Students interested in taking a VHS class should speak with their school counselor and pick up a registration packet. Completed registration forms need to be returned to the Guidance Office. A list of classes is available at www.goVHS.org.

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Juniors and Seniors at MUHS are eligible to participate in the Vermont Dual Enrollment Program. This initiative allows students to take two college courses, tuition free, during each of their last two years of high school. For more information about the dual enrollment program, please refer to the MUHS Guidance Web-page or contact your school counselor.

AP Exam Registration

Any student planning to take one or more AP exams in May must submit their registration form to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. Fee waivers are available for families that find the cost of taking the AP exam a financial hardship. Any questions, please contact the Guidance Office.
Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 12\textsuperscript{th} from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, March 13\textsuperscript{th} from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. To schedule conferences, please call Julie Dodson at 382-1107.

Yearbook Sale

Now that the mail and on-line sales are finished, the \textit{Quatrain} will be having its final sales held at the high school. On March 10\textsuperscript{th} and 11\textsuperscript{th}, the yearbook class will be in the cafeteria during all three lunches so students can reserve their yearbook. We have about 75 left to sell so they are running out fast. The \textit{Quatrain} is currently $50, but will be going up to $55 when the books come in. If anyone is wondering if they have already ordered a book, we will have a list available at our table to ensure that no one pays twice. Please call Mr. Ottinger at 382-1039 or email him at \texttt{mottinger@addisoncentralsu.org} with any questions.

Don’t be left out!!!!
Save the Dates – Success Saturday

Success Saturday is back! The Learning Lab will be open for tutoring from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the following Saturdays: **March 28, May 16 and May 30.** These dates were selected to correspond with the dates nearest to interim grade reports and the end of each quarter. Students must sign up in advance in the Learning Lab. Snacks are provided. Success Saturday is a great way to stay caught up or to get caught up, to study for a test, or to work on a paper.

The Learning Lab provides tutoring in a positive and supportive environment. Tutoring is available to all MUHS students for all subjects and classes. Tutoring is provided by two licensed teachers, peer tutors, Middlebury College students, and community volunteers.

The Learning Lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and is located in room H-103. Please call Ben Krahn or Tammi Beattie at 382-1165 if you have any questions.
Parent / Athlete Meeting

Wednesday March 18th @ 7:00 pm
In the MUHS Auditorium.

This is a required meeting for the parents and athletes who are participating in athletics this spring. This meeting will provide an opportunity for parents and players to meet with the coaches and to hear their expectations and philosophies for the season.

If you have questions about this meeting or for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact Sean Farrell in the Activities Office at 382-1192. We look forward to seeing you here on Wednesday, March 18th to start off the much anticipated spring season.

Thank You.

 Sean Farrell
 Activities Director
Addison Central’s Spring into the Arts 2015 Festival Dates, Location & Theme

Addison Central’s Spring into the Arts (SITA) festival will take place on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Mahaney Center for the Arts at Middlebury College.

With the theme of “Mapping Our Imaginary Worlds,” SITA 2015 will give students opportunities to organize and express their imaginary worlds through different art forms and inspire students to discover new worlds as they experience and analyze the work of other artists.

The main goal for SITA 2015 is for artistic expression and experience to activate the imaginations of students and adults around places that are new to them, both as places never experienced before and familiar places experienced in new ways.

At SITA 2015, Addison Central students will share their own visual and performance art and participate in workshops with professional guest artists during the day on Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28. There will be an evening performance on Wednesday, May 27 in the Middlebury Union High School Auditorium that will feature the ACSU Elementary Band and guest artist Jeh Kulu.

Parents and community members are invited to attend any and all of SITA 2015. A detailed schedule will be announced later this year.

Please Save the Date
The Senior Play this year is *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. This production features 50 students and will be held on Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets are available for purchase by contacting the Athletic/Activities Department at 382-1192 and will be held at the door. Tickets are also available the day of the show for. Ticket prices are $12 for adults and $8 for students and seniors. If you would like any further information, please contact the Activities Administrative Assistant, Amanda McNulty at 382-1192.
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