


**THE *PINK* PAW**
  
 October 2011

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



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**THINK PINK!!!**



**Junior High Secretary  
Mrs. Sherry Timmons**

**Junior High Joins Breast Cancer Campaign**  
 Shades of pink filled the halls of Cortland Junior-Senior High School as students, faculty, and staff joined the national campaign to raise awareness and funds toward a cure for Breast Cancer.



**get pink.  
PINK ON PURPOSE**  
 It's easy to take pink. Simply get pink and donate \$5 or more to support breast awareness and research.  
 American Institute for Cancer Research



**7<sup>th</sup> grader Noah Watkins  
& teacher Mrs. Jill Pace**

## **Mr. Cory Giroux: New Team Two Teacher**

**By Natalie Moore**

We have a lot of new teachers CJSHS. Mr. Cory Giroux is Team Two's social studies/history teacher. He is really nice.

Mr. Giroux became a social studies/history teacher instead of a math or science teacher because he took classes in this subject in college and really like it. He also taught swimming and other sports. He really likes kids. He also realized there weren't a lot of other jobs so he picked social studies/history.

Mr. Giroux picked Cortland School District because he said it is a great school with great people. He loves it here! There is nothing that he doesn't like yet. When asked, "How do you make it so things are enjoyable for the class?" He uses the class as a tool to tell a story about history so everyone is interacting!

That was my interview with Mr. Giroux. I hope that sometime you get to meet him because he is a really nice person and a great teacher.



## **Mr. Matthew Kinsella:**

**By Eduardo Ezra Engst- Mansilla**

You can say hola!, hello, or hallo to our new Spanish and German teacher, Mr. Kinsella. He is new here at Cortland Jr/Sr High School, so be sure to welcome him kindly to our awesome school.

This is his first year teaching here at Cortland and he is coming from Syracuse after teaching there for three years. He was taught by my mother Patricia Martinez de la Vega Mansilla for two semesters at Suny Cortland, and he then went on to get a Masters degree in Spanish at the University of Buffalo. He went to Liverpool for high school. This is his first year teaching German. He has wanted to be a teacher since his freshman year of high school. He says he enjoys our school as much as the other schools he has taught at so let's make his career here the best time of his career.

He would want to be a professional hockey player if he were not a teacher. This is our new teacher Mr. Kinsella!



## **Miss Caitlyn Rohe**

**By Carlotta Case**

Miss Caitlyn Rohe is a new teacher at Cortland. She went to college to run her parents dairy farm. Since she had won Dairy Princess she had also taken a public speaking class. Miss. Rohe liked it a lot, but ended up taking an education class. When she was done she loved it and wanted to be high school biology teacher. After working with Junior High children she genuinely liked their enthusiasm and took the job as a substitute here. She really likes CHS and she thinks the students and teachers are awesome. Now she is a science teacher and her favorite subject has always been science. Her dream teaching job is to teach needy children in Africa. After her subbing job here is no longer needed she really hopes to find her own classroom.



## **Miss Katie McCann**

**By Carlotta Case**

Miss Katie McCann is new to Team One but not new to Cortland Junior High. She was a replacement for an eighth grade teacher who retired last December. Miss McCann is certified in both math and special education and once taught classes in a local prison besides having experience in both the Tully and Syracuse School Districts. She is enjoying teaching seventh graders because they still find learning fun. She does notice that many students find math difficult but that that is part of the challenge and fun of teaching. Miss McCann, who spends most of her lunch and planning periods helping students with math homework and assignments, says that it is sometimes tough to stay organized but she is doing her best. She is looking forward to a great year.



## Beginning of the School Crisis

By Hannah Sidebottom and Cassie Halpin

As some of you might have noticed that the beginning of this school year was chaotic.

One of the big issues was lunch. Instead of having five lunch periods, now there were only three; and those mixed together all different grades. The lunch room was so packed that it was difficult to find a place to sit! The lunch lines were also crazy. Some people only have about fifteen-twenty minutes to eat because of it.

Another issue was scheduling. Some people had their schedules changed multiple times. "Personally I have had my schedule changed twice" said Cassidy Halpin. "I had mine changed six times" said Hannah Sidebottom. Some problems with the schedules included missing classes (required and requested) and some people had nothing scheduled for either A or B days.

One last problem concerned lockers. One person didn't get their locker until the seventeenth of October. That's awful!

All in all, let's just say the first day of school, even the first week, okay, even the first month was "A Mess".

## Fun Facts of October

By Brian Barnes

\*In 1975 Bicycles were called Big Wheels. Now they are called Safety Bicycles.

\*Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women.

\*The Halloween celebration dates back some 2,000 years. The Celts were the first to celebrate the event.

\*Baseball takes the scene for the Postseason, but football dominates.

\*First frost comes in October.

Facts From: <http://www.entourages.com/barbs/october.htm>  
<http://www.lifescrypt.com/Health/Conditions/Cancer/Breast-cancer/10-Life-Saving-Breast-Cancer-Facts>.



## Baby Boom

By Kelsey Neville



As you may know there are a lot of teachers in the High School that have either been out of school for a baby or are expecting. The joke is that there is something in the water here at CHS. I had the chance to ask some of the Junior High teachers some questions about their new or upcoming babies.

**Mrs. Rice** (just came back from maternity leave):

Q: How long were you out of school?

\*Eight weeks

Q: When was the birth date of your child?

\*August 15<sup>th</sup>

Q: What is the gender and name of your child?

\*Girl- Emma Jillian Rice

Q: Was this your first child?

\*Yes

**Mrs. Olshan** (still on maternity leave)

Q: How much longer do you expect to be out?

\*The rest of the year

Q: When was the birth date of your child?

\*June 1<sup>st</sup>

Q: What is the gender and name of your child?

\*Boy- Edward Spencer Olshan

Q: Was this your first child?

\*No- my first was a girl, Willa, who is now four.

**Mrs. Slade** (just had her baby October 28<sup>th</sup>)

Q: Do you know the gender of your baby?

\*Girl

Q: Do you have any names in mind?

\*Sophie Ann Slade

Q: How long do you plan on being out of work?

\*till January

Q: Is this your first child?

\*1<sup>st</sup> child

**Mrs. Rafferty** (expecting)

Q: Do you know the gender of your baby?

\*Boy

Q: Do you have any names in mind?

\*Ethan Theodore Rafferty

Q: How long do you plan on being out of work?

\*6-8 weeks

Q: Is this your first child?

\*1<sup>st</sup> child

Q: When are you due?

\*January 9<sup>th</sup>

## Junior High: OPEN HOUSE By Amanda Reygoundt

At the recent open house, parents were able to follow their child's schedule and meet our teachers. They saw how much walking we have to do because we only have 3 minutes to get to our classes and now they know why we are so tired when we get home. The only difference, their classes were only seven minutes long.

In each class, most teachers pretty much did what they did on the first couple days of school. The parents now know what we will be doing over the year. Other teachers however, just used that short period of time to get to know the parents.

Some parents were lucky enough to have brought their child along with them. While others were all over the place, they had no clue where to go. This is why there were student tour guides volunteering. The tour guides were there to help any lost parents, but to try to do it before the bell. So it was similar to our first day, but you know, we didn't have tour guides at every corner.

## The Fall Classic By Brian Barnes

Every year baseball fans, young and old, come together to watch what baseball is all about. The one thing every single MLB team wants... to show they can be the best. The world of baseball calls it The Fall Classic. Two of the best teams, one from the American League and one from the National League, come to show which league and what team is #1. This year, the St. Louis Cardinals came out of the Fall Classic victorious beating the Texas Rangers in 7 games. Who will be the next champion of Major League Baseball?

### Some facts of the Fall Classic:

- The original Fall Classic started in 1871.
- 2003: The All-Star Game was used to determine home field advantages in the Fall Classic.
- To get to the Fall Classic you have to win your division and then win the League Division Series or also called the LDS. Then you have to win the League Championship Series or LCS for short and finally if you win the Fall Classic you are the team of the year.
- The New York Yankees are the team who has won the most Fall Classics (27 to be exact).
- The Fall Classic is also call The World Series.



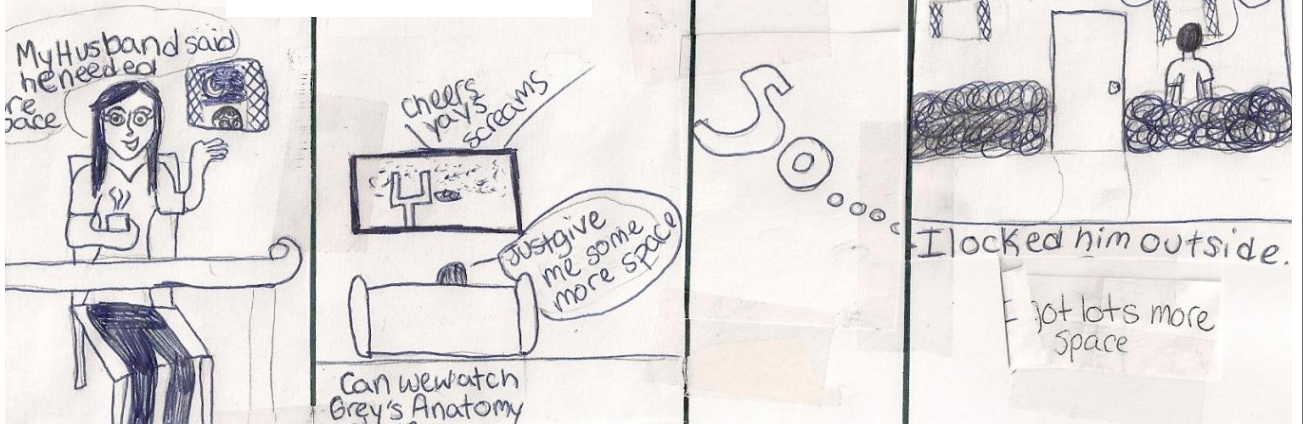
## TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR GRADES

Almost all of the Cortland Jr./Sr. High School students have gotten their progress reports on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Most people, well most people I know, are very happy or at least mostly happy with the grades they received. Although, some people were disappointed with the grades they received. Tips for improvement:

1. Pay more attention in class- 100% effort is worth it and it really pays off.
2. Be alert: know your grades or at least know around where your average is for your classes. Now, I'm not saying you have to remember your grades on all of your assignments. Just know what you need to make up so that you don't get zeroes and use your best effort.
3. Make up your zeroes! Turn in all of your due work. Trust me, it will pay off and you will see an increase with your averages for your classes. You will probably and hopefully be happy with your results.
4. Be a good kid! I don't know if others agree, but I think being better behaved students have better grades. I'm just saying attention can help be more behaved and work on your good behavior.
5. Care! Care about your grades! The more you care about school and grades the more you are bound to do better. Trust me! I just know!

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## More Space?



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