

Pemberton Pride

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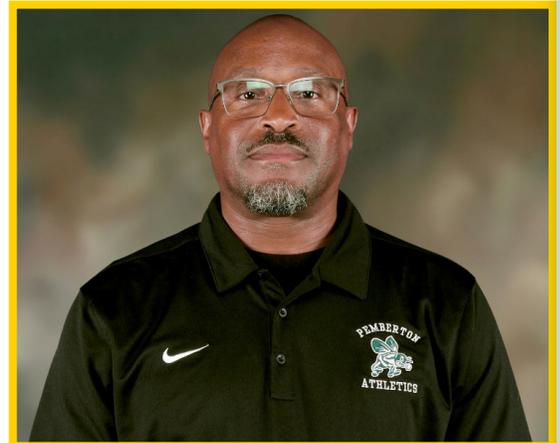
PTHS FOOTBALL COACH RECEIVES HONOR FROM NFL'S PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

PTHS football coach Gerald Davis was selected as the Philadelphia Eagles Coach of the Week for Week 6. He is one of eight coaches being selected this year by the Eagles and will be invited to a game later in the season and honored on-field. In addition to being selected, he will receive a \$1,500 equipment voucher for the PTHS football program.

The second-year head coach spent 11 years as a Pemberton Youth League football coach, serving as the program's president for six years. He joined the PTHS coaching staff as a volunteer in 2012 and became the defensive coordinator in 2019.

As a recipient of this award, Davis will also be a candidate for the 2024-25 Eagles High School Coach of the Year. He could also be selected as the Eagles' candidate for the 2024-25 National Don Shula High School Coach of the Year honor.

"It was extremely special to be recognized as one of eight H.S. football coaches in the area," Davis said. "For me, it is a community award. The number of people in the community that shared it and thanked me showed how proud they were."



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FOX29 TV Personality Bob Kelly Visits Pemberton Twp. H.S.



FOX29 TV personality Bob Kelly visited PTHS on October 2nd as he promoted Pemberton Township High School's participation in the ClassH-Room game show. The ClassH-Room is a trivia-based game show for local schools. The October 2nd episode aired on FOX29 and featured a competition between three PTHS students and three staff members. Kelly's visit aired live on the Good Day Show to promote the school's participation.



Pemberton Learning Community: *Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time*

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE ASSEMBLIES AT DENBO-CRUGHTON



Members of the New Jersey State Police hosted two outdoor assemblies at Denbo-Crichton Elementary School.

The agency's Mounted Unit visited Denbo-Crichton on Tuesday, September 24th. Students were introduced to "Phantom" and learned about his duties

as a mounted unit horse. Phantom is originally from Salem County, New Jersey and assists his handler in various high visibility policing roles. Mounted horses are often utilized by law enforcement agencies to help with crowd control at events.

The New Jersey State Police's Aviation Unit visited Denbo-Crichton on Thursday, October 24th. Officers

arrived in a helicopter and landed the aircraft in a vacant parking lot on campus. Several classes viewed the arrival through building windows as a few staff members stood



Third-grade students in Ms. Wnek and Ms. Ambrosini's class pose for a photo in front of the New Jersey State Police's helicopter at Denbo-Crichton.



Students at Denbo-Crichton Elementary School observe a Mounted Unit presentation by a member of the New Jersey State Police with assistance from the Pemberton Township Police Department.

outdoors to capture photos and videos of the aircraft's approach. Classes went outside by grade level to attend the two-part assembly. On one side of the rested helicopter, students took turns asking questions to be answered by two members of the Aviation Unit. On the other side of the aircraft, classes rotated and took pictures alongside the state police helicopter.

Members of the Pemberton Township Police Department also assisted with both presentations. Pemberton Pride!

DR. HOLLEY NAMED PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Pemberton Township Board of Education recently approved the appointment of Darvis Holley, Ed.D. as principal of Pemberton Township High School. Holley's tenure began on October 1st. He has served as principal of the district's Fort Dix Elementary School for the past three years. During his tenure at Fort Dix, the school was ranked as one of the Best Elementary Schools by U.S. News and World Report. In addition, under his leadership Fort Dix Elementary School was named a Purple Star School by the New Jersey Department of Education, was recertified as a National School of Character, and received a Promising Practice award for its commitment to character education.

"I'm incredibly excited about the opportunity to serve as the new principal at Pemberton Township



Darvis Holley was approved as the principal of Pemberton Township High School and began his tenure on October 1st.

High School," Holley said. "It's both an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously, and I'm eager to begin this journey with the staff, students, and community. PTHS has a rich history and strong sense of community, and I'm looking forward to building upon that foundation."

Holley has been a respected leader in Pemberton for the past 10 years, having served as an assistant principal at Helen A. Fort and Marcus W. Newcomb Middle Schools from 2014 to 2021 before moving to Fort Dix.

"Mr. Holley truly cares about his students and has remained committed to our district for the past 10 years," Jeff Havers, superintendent of Pemberton Township Schools, said. "We are excited for his transition to our district's high school and look forward to his continued leadership."

WEEK OF RESPECT AT PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



Pemberton Township Schools celebrated Week of Respect from October 7th to October 10th. The annual nationwide initiative highlights character education, and incorporates activities and theme days to teach students about safe and respectful learning environments.

Our district participated with various theme days such as Don't Sleep on Respect Day, Tip Your Cap to Show Respect Day, I Am a Fan of Respect Day, Respect our Earth Day, and more!



School Violence Awareness Week Activities



Pemberton Township Schools celebrated School Violence Awareness Week from October 21st to October 25th. The annual nationwide initiative coincides with Red Ribbon Week, and includes activities and assemblies geared towards violence prevention and creating safe learning environments.

Our district participated with various theme days as well as the playing of educational videos and messages during morning announcements at various buildings throughout the district!



Pemberton BOE Receives Board Certification



The Board of Education was officially recognized on October 24th for earning their Board Certification from the New Jersey School Board Association. Congratulations on this stellar achievement!

Pictured in the photo, from left to right, is superintendent Jeff Havers, Board of

Education members Lionel Lee, Sheri Lowery, Carmen Bivins, BOE president Terry Maldonado, board members Vicky Adams, Lori Sheridan and Wanda Knox, BOE vice president Robert King and business administrator and board secretary Pasquale Yacovelli.

2024 Homecoming Festivities at PTHS

PTHS hosted its annual Homecoming festivities against Florence on Saturday, October 12th. The Hornets prevailed for a 28-6 victory over the Flashes! Senior football captain Monroe Hall was named Homecoming King and senior Akeelah Thomas was named Homecoming Queen.



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The PTHS JROTC Raider Team traveled to Fort Knox, Kentucky for the U.S. Army National Raider Competition from October 24th through October 27th. It was the Hornets first appearance in the national competition in school history! Cadets wore the camouflage uniform and boots and participated in multiple events for points. Over 300 teams from around the country competed for the title of Raider National Champion, and while the Hornets did not place, they had a fantastic experience showcasing their skills and Pemberton Pride. Congratulations, Hornets!



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