

PANTHER PAWS

February Special 2023
Climax-Scotts Jr./Sr. High School
Climax, Michigan 49034

February is a busy month at Climax Scotts! Therefore, our CS Publications staff wanted to draw attention to some of the big events coming our way this February, including Winterfest, the Carol Vick Memorial Basketball Game, and the first annual Black Light Volleyball tournament.



The 6th Annual Carol Vick Memorial Game will take place on Friday, February 17th. This year's event is benefitting two guests of honor: 2016 CS Grad Alyssa Gibson and Mrs. Deena Patterson, wife, mother, and grandmother to friends and students within our community.

There will be three games for the evening against Colon High School, starting with the JV teams at 4:30 pm. The Girls' Varsity game will commence after the JV game. The start time will be at approximately 6:00 pm. The Boy's Varsity team game will start after the girls at approximately 7:30 pm.

All proceeds raised from the event will go to our guests of honor and their families to aid them in paying for their medical bills. Proceeds also go towards the Yerby Vick Perseverance Scholarship which is awarded to one senior student from both Climax-Scotts and Colon.

Please join us in thanking our sponsors for their support of this event and for everything they do and have done for our community and school: the Max and Beulah Bradley Family, Lyster Exteriors, Carleton Equipment, Matt Coon Farm Bureau, The Groundskeeper, The Climax Crescent, Swarthout Excavating, and Jack Pearl's Team Sports.

Meet Alyssa

Alyssa Gibson is a 2016 graduate of Climax-Scotts High School. On the day her daughter, Maddison, was born, she was also diagnosed with leukemia, which is a cancer of the blood. Therefore, in addition to becoming a new mother, Alyssa was also now presented with the challenge of fighting cancer. After surgery, radiation, and chemo, Alyssa was deemed cancer free in June of 2021. However, due to the aggressive nature of her cancer, Alyssa will continue to receive chemo therapy until August 17th, 2023. That day will be a great day of celebration for Alyssa and her family.



Meet Deena

Despite never showing any symptoms of cancer, Deena Patterson was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer on March 26th, 2021. Initially, she went in to see the doctor about concussion-like symptoms because she hit her head on a garage door. What proceeded next was a valiant fight for her life that included brain surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. Even though the chemo was successfully defeating the cancer, there were many complications with the drug she was taking. Sadly, Deena passed on December 3rd, 2022 after an incredibly brave struggle with her illness. This year's Memorial Event not only remembers Deena's courageous battle for her life, but also celebrates the incredible life she lived and the many loved ones she affected along the way.



Winterfest 2023

Winterfest week 2023 begins Monday February 6th and concludes on Saturday February 11th with the Winterfest Dance. The Winterfest basketball games will be played against Battle Creek St. Philip, starting with a JV boys' basketball game at 4:30. The Girls' Varsity Game will begin at about 6:15 that evening with Boys' Varsity game beginning at about 8:00 pm. The Winterfest King and Queen will be announced at halftime of the boys' game. The Winterfest Dance will be held on Saturday, February 11th from 8 until 11 pm. The cost to enter the dance is \$10 at the door. Students can purchase tickets at lunch starting Friday, February 3rd for \$5 each. Students who want to bring a guest from another school must have their request submitted by the end of the school day on Wednesday, February 8th.



Above: Last year's Winterfest Queen and King: Ryleigh Borden and Aaron Holder, (Photo credit: Mrs. Brenda Borden)

Winterfest Court:



King Candidates

**Brandon Banig
Rudy Espino-Sotelo
Omar Toribio Garcia
Brenten Hendricks
Brandon Reed**

Queen Candidates

**Morgan Brown
Addison Godbee
Chloee Harrington
Reagan Howell
Sarah Howell**



Underclassmen

**Freshman: Amy Lynn and Blake Buddemeier
Sophomores: Nora Lynn and Cole Curtis
Juniors: Lauren Meyer and Feron Piper**

Winterfest decorating theme: Video games

**Seniors: Donkey Kong
Juniors: Super Mario Brothers
Sophomores: Sonic the Hedgehog**

Spirit Week Days

**Monday: Video Game Character Day
Tuesday: Career Day
Wednesday: Class color Day
Thursday: Famous Person Day
Friday: Blue and Gold Day**

Are You Ready?

Get ready for the 1st annual charity Blacklight volleyball tournament hosted by the National Honor Society!

If you are interested in putting a team together, please see Ethan Kinney as soon as possible.

Come show your support of your favorite team by wearing neon or white on February 9th beginning at 6:30pm.

Glow sticks will be available at the door!



Other Important **Events and Dates**

February 17th

National Honor Society Blood Drive

February 23rd

Jr. & Sr. High School Conferences 4:00-7:00.

February 24th

Half Day

Start of Midwinter Break

February 27th.

No School

Midwinter Break

Upcoming Career Speakers

February 9th: Jake Lane University of Michigan/Coding Engineer 12:30—130pm

February 17th: Matthew Lyster from Lyster Exteriors 12:30—1:30 pm

February 23rd: Brent Brown from Alro Steel 12:30-1:30 pm