

THE BARRON PERSPECTIVE: THE NEWSLETTER OF WHS

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AMAZING YEAR FOR WHS ATHLETES

By: The Perspective Staff

As the 2010/2011 school year comes to a close, many in WHS began reflecting on the remarkable year so many of our athletic teams had. In our final edition of *The Perspective* for the year, we wanted to highlight all of the achievements!

Boys Soccer, Girls Swimming, Girls Winter Track and Softball were all awarded the Sportsmanship Award for their respective divisions.

Barron Baseball and Coach Urbano made it to the State Sectional Semifinals and ended with a 21-7 record, the most victories ever in a season for WHS baseball.

The 2011 **Woodbridge Lady Barrons Softball** Program and **Coach Jago** won the Greater Middlesex Conference Softball Tournament. This is the first ever title for Woodbridge Softball and the 5th for Coach Jago in his career.

Boys Track and Coach Angatia and Coach Russo for placing second in the White Division Relay Championship.

Lady Barrons Basketball and Coach Moyer finished the season with 20 wins, as a state qualifier team, a county

semifinalist team and with a Red Division Title. The team also competed in the KSA Holiday in Disney's ESPN Zone. The Lady Barrons won three-of-three and were named tournament champions.

Congratulations to **Alex Nardoza** who became the Girl's All-Time Leader in points scored in Lady Barron's Basketball history.

Center in Toms River, NJ.

Boys Bowling and Coach **Mad-dock** earned the title of Group 3 State Champions.

Congratulations to Football Barrons **Anthony Nyers** on setting the all-time receptions record and **Kyle Anderson** for most TD passes in a WHS career.

Girls Soccer and Coach **Figure-roa** and **Boys Soccer** and **Coach Ballos** both qualified for the state tournament.

Congratulations to the following Barrons for these well deserved honors:

- Dina Kendle** - NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete
- Briana Pichalski** - GMC Sportsmanship Award
- Oluwaseun Ibiwonke** - GMC Sportsmanship Award
- Lauren Drumm** - GMC Scholar-Athlete
- Steven Kosakowski** - GMC Scholar-Athlete
- Alexandra Nardoza**, GMC Girl's Javelin Champion.
- Dylan Baldwin**- District 19 Wrestling Champion.
- Allan Jordan**- District 19 Wrestling Champion.

Information courtesy of Mr. Ward, WHS Athletic Director



Congratulations to WHS wrestler **Matthew Coons** for taking 2nd Place in Region 5 and advancing to the state finals in Atlantic City, NJ.. Also great job to the other wrestlers, **Dylan Baldwin** and **Allan Jordan**, who finished in the top 6 and **Nick Carbonaro** who finished in the top eight.

Dina Kendle, Praise Martin-Oguike, Bashir Griffin, Oluwaseun Ibiwonke, J.C. McPherson, Luis Vega, and Julian Donoto were WHS's first ever Winter Tournament of Champions entries at the Bennett

WHS CHOIRS CONQUER OHIO!

***Honors WHS
Choirs earned
at "Music in
the Parks":
1st Place and
"Superior" Rat-
ings: Concert,
Jazz and
Show Choirs.
Best Vocalist:
Valentina
Saremba***

By: The Perspective Staff

You may have seen a group of tall, gleaming trophies in the main office; these belong to the Choirs of Woodbridge High School and their director, Ms. Amory! The students and Ms. Amory recently traveled to Cleveland, OH, to compete in the "Music in the Parks", a series of competitions held in different amusement parks around America.

The students and staff members were able to dine around the city and even

Right: the 2010/2011 Choir officers proudly show their trophies. From l. to r.: Julianna Luksa, Brianne Ludlow, Krystal Bonus, Stephen Cordero, Brianne Oddo, Rosemary Mende, Kelly Peterson and a very proud Ms. Amory.

visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; however, the purpose of their trip was to compete.

The choirs made WHS proud, with the Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Jazz Choir and Show Choir ALL earning first place, "superior" ratings.

judges at the competition. In addition to all of the groups performing well, sophomore Valentina Seramba was named "Best Vocal Soloist".

Congratulations to Ms. Amory and all of the Choir Students!

In fact, the WHS Show Choir was the highest scoring choir with a score of 98 (out of 100) from all the



Below: Choir members and chaperones celebrate their numerous victories!



WARPED TOUR: SUMMER'S BEST MUSIC FESTIVAL!

By: *Asiah Sharpe*

Summer is the time of year we all are anticipating to arrive. The thought of warm weather, the blazing sun, sandy beaches and no school makes us all smile. Many have already planned out their summer activities but for those who haven't or simply want to make their summer a little more memorable you should attend this year's Vans Warped Tour.

Vans Warped Summer Tour- known as a 'punk rock summer camp'- will be kicking off this year's festival in Dallas, Texas on June 24 and will wrap it up in Hills-

boro, Oregon on August 14. Warped Tour 2011 will be the 17th annual Warped Tour festival sponsored by Vans Shoes.

The Warped Tour was created in 1994 by Kevin Lyman. It's a festival designed to host the hottest, popular bands and to bring the music of punk rock and skate to an audience. The tour presents many attractions like a half-pipe for bikers and skaters. Performing bands will sell merchandise, personal record labels and will meet up with fans to sign autographs and take pictures. The festival features as many as 100 bands per show. They will each play 30 minutes in over

approximately 10 stages. These bands include Paramore, Against Me!, Every Avenue, Gym Class Heroes, Hellogoodbye, Jack's Mannequin, Relient K, and Simple Plan.

The Warped Tour is a great event to attend to invigorate your summer. Enjoy great music with friends, rock out with the hottest bands, and create an unforgettable experience.

Two NJ shows are planned: Thursday, July 21st in the Susquehanna Bank Center, in Camden, NJ, and Monmouth Park Raceway in Oceanport, NJ on Sunday, July 24th! Get your tickets soon!



Left: One of this year's Warped Tour Headliners, Gym Class Heroes.

CONSUMER ADVOCACY: HOLLISTER



By: *Parmveer Manhani*

Positive: The store has a unique style. For example all the other stores have a boring entrance to it. But at Hollister if you look at the outside it has a very unique surf style full of surfboards, waves, etc. The clothes from Hollister have their own unique style. The words on

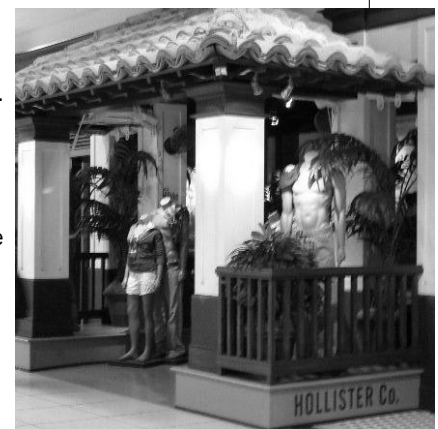
the shirt, made by thread, as opposed to a graphic, stick out three-dimensionally. Other stores simply have their logo screen-printed on.

Negative: The negative part of Hollister is they put too much perfume inside the store. which is overwhelming when you enter. As soon as you walk by, you will smell (too much) perfume. Another

negative part of Hollister is the price is too high. The hoodies alone are \$40-\$70; discount stores have hoodies for \$10! The tee shirts range from \$18 to \$25, unless you catch a sale. That is expensive if you just want to wear a tee shirt, especially since Target may have a graphic tee for \$6 to \$10.

Just remember, you're paying for that "Hollister" name!

Above: the famous Hollister logo



Right: the entrance to Hollister, made to look like a tropical club.

TWO WHS-BASED BANDS: MAKING NOISE IN THE NJ MUSIC SCENE!

Information and photographs courtesy of Jeremiah Sullivan.

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Audio Insight

Two WHS alumni are making waves in the music scene! The band Audio Insight was formed in the spring of 2008 when the talents of three individual artists blended over their affection for rock music. While still at WHS, Mike Deverin, bassist (Class of 2010) introduced Anthony Celi, vocalist and guitarist to Dan Sullivan, percussionist (from St. Joseph's High School) for the first time. After a jam session ensued, a hint of chemistry between the three began to form.

The band's music falls under the "progressive" category, and their influences are widely varied: Coheed and Cambria, The Deftones, The Fall of Troy, The Mars Volta, Pink Floyd, Radiohead, Rush and Tool.

Audio Insight went into the studio to record *Dimensions*. The band's debut full-length album includes eight tracks of original music, complete with a two-part title track that opens and closes the record. Currently, their debut album *Dimensions* is available on iTunes, as well as being on sale at Vintage Vinyl Records in Fords, N.J.

On April 9th, 2011, Audio Insight received a slot to play Bamboozle 2011 after being named a winner during The BREAK Contest Finals at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park, N.J.

With their undeniable talent and their original sound, it is hard to believe that the members of Audio Insight started their journey jamming in a friend's basement; and are still freshman in college. Sullivan is studying at Ramapo College, located in Mahwah, N.J., while his band-mates Celi and Deverin both currently study at Montclair State University. All are obtaining their bachelor degrees.

Still hitting the books by day and homework at night, in their spare time the guys from Audio Insight continue to perform their music and cultivate dreams of making it big.

The band was first featured in the Oct. 13 issue of *The Aquarian*, New

Jersey's oldest alt-weekly. In his North Jersey News column, Tim Louie says, "Audio Insight blew my mind. I listened to one of the unmixed songs off their MySpace and they sounded like a four or five piece band. They are here to make a statement."

To listen to several tracks from their debut album *Dimensions*, log on to www.myspace.com/audiointightmusic.



(above, l. to r.: Audio Insight members Anthony Celi, Dan Sullivan and Mike Deverin.)

Knight Owls

The Knight Owls, a four-piece blues-and-rock band from Fords, N.J., celebrated the release of their debut album *Who Gives a Hoot* with a performance at The Crossroads on Saturday, Nov. 20. With the album's release, the band introduced their original take on a familiar genre to the Central New Jersey music scene. The Knight Owls are John Check (lead vocals and guitar,) Matt Check (guitar and vocals), Manny Pena (bass) and Ronnie Wagenhofer (drums/percussion).

Who Gives a Hoot includes 13 tracks of original music written by John and Matt Check, as well as an eight-minute instrumental that closes the album. Currently a sophomore at Woodbridge High School, Matt Check is the glue that has

brought it all together. With an appreciation for the sounds of music past, Check credits the band's early days to an old-fashioned jam-session he and Pena once had.

Realizing their sound could be something more, Check and Pena began exploring the early sounds of an album. However, the true story of The Knight Owls is told by the bond between John and Matt Check; they are father and son. Although already serving as the front man of popular New Jersey cover band The Holy Smokes, John jumped at the chance to create original music alongside his son when Matt came looking for a lead singer for The Knight Owls.

"Once I realized how good he was getting, I started to see we were going to have a relationship playing together," Check says. "I'm going to help out my son. This is what he wants to do and if he needs me to be the lead singer, I'm going to do it for him."

To hear several tracks off their debut album, log on to:

www.reverbnation.com/theknightowls.



(above: Knight Owls, featuring WHS' own Matthew Check, second from left.)