

# The Shield

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## Junior Beta Club Inducts New Members

*Katie Carter*

On Tuesday, November 14, new members were inducted into the Lawrence Academy Junior Beta Club. President Sheev Patidar presided over the induction ceremony. Current members gave a presentation of characteristics of a Junior Beta Club member. The ceremony ended with the traditional tapping of new members and the taking of an oath. The Junior Beta Club, sponsored by Mrs. Andre, promotes high scholastic standards and good character in students. The new members are Aadil Amod, Ryan Bailey, Casey Belch, Bethany Daniels, Danielle Davis, Hunter Davis, Wilson Greene, Van Johnson, Ashton Lyle, Nicole Marrow, Sarah Meggison, McCaul Nelson, Ashley Raynor, Kendra Spruill, Inglis Towe, Gillam Wood, and Katheryn Woolard.

## No Turkey on the First Thanksgiving?

Students in Ms. Womble's American literature class were surprised to learn that the Pilgrims probably ate ducks or geese, rather than turkey on that first Thanksgiving or harvest celebration as it was called. The students have been busy researching various aspects of the Plymouth Colony. After reading William Bradford's account of the voyage and arrival of the Pilgrims to America in "Of Plymouth Plantation", students were assigned research topics to explore the history of this colony and myths and truths about the first Thanksgiving. Students were



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surprised to learn that many of the traditional foods of our Thanksgiving dinner were not even in this country, much less part of this harvest celebration. In addition to the Thanksgiving myth, students wrote reports depicting the hardships and the relationship that developed between the Native Americans and the Pilgrims. At the completion of this research, the students then compared this colony to the Jamestown Colony which they had studied when reading John Smith's "The General History of Virginia".

## PTO News

The Lawrence Academy PTO held its November meeting on Monday, November 13th in the school cafeteria. President Valerie West opened the meeting by introducing the Lawrence Academy Chorus. PTO members enjoyed listening to several musical selections, including an "oldie goldie," "Going to the Chapel of Love". President West then continued with the business session which included a report on the "Fall Festival". The Festival raised \$1500 in profit. Discussion concerning the PTO "Grandparents Day" followed. The tentative date for this occasion is February 16th.

## School Calendar

<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	November 22 - 24
Blood Drive in Gym	November 28
Senior Beta Club Inductions	December 4
Christmas Program	December 11 7:00 P.M.
Snowball Dance	December 15
<b>Christmas Break</b>	December 20 - January 5

**Happy  
Thanksgiving**



# Lawrence Juniors and Seniors Enjoy Class Trips

The junior and senior classes at Lawrence Academy have recently returned from their annual class trips. The senior class departed early on Friday morning, November 17th, traveling to Charleston, SC. The class began with a tour of Patriot's Point, toured Fort Sumter, and took the Ghost Walk tour that evening. After a carriage ride around the historic area of Charleston on Saturday morning, the seniors departed for Myrtle Beach, SC where they enjoyed the Alabama Theater's "Christmas Show" performance. Senior advisor Beverly Young and chaperone Elaine Lancaster reported that a "good time was had by all".

The junior class traveled to Pennsylvania during November 7th - 10th for their annual class trip. The students visited the Amish community where they experienced the simplistic Amish way of life. The students then traveled to a dairy farm, the Harley-Davidson factory, and a chocolate factory. The highlight of the trip was a tour of Gettysburg. Many students were impressed with this famous battlefield and the historical impact of this event.



**Varsity Girls get ready as basketball season begins at Lawrence on November 20.**

## Earth Science Class Visits North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

*Scott Thompson*

Ninth grade students in Mrs. Meggison's Earth Science class visited the North Carolina Museum of Natural Science, located in Raleigh, on Friday, November 17. Students participated in a special presentation about North Carolina Geology.

Field trip attendees were given a worksheet and three hours to tour the museum. While touring the four floors, students had to answer questions in four general topic areas: geology, dinosaurs, insects, and the environment.

# Students Attend Chamber Theater Production

*MacKenzie Kirkman*

On Tuesday, November 7th Lawrence Academy grades 7-9 traveled to NC Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. The students had the distinct pleasure of attending the Chamber Theater performance of "Classics", five short stories written by famous authors. The first presentation was one of Edgar Allan Poe's best, "The Fall of the House of Usher", a rather scary story of a man cursed to share a life in his eerie house. The second short story by O. Henry was "The Ransom of Red Chief". The audience was delighted with this humorous tale of an upbeat hyperactive boy and his bumbling kidnappers. The next presentation, "The Lady or the Tiger", was very interesting, forcing the audience to decide the ending-did he choose the door with the lady or the tiger? Saki's "The Open Window" followed with its comical tale of a devious young girl whose aptitude to lie fooled the young man into believing in ghosts. The final presentation was Connell's "The Most Dangerous Game". The tale of an ex-Russian general who hunted "humans" for sport on his isolated island was truly suspenseful. It was a very enjoyable day and we hope to be able to go on many other field trips like this one.



**Spanish teacher Señor Giron and students William Leggett enjoy themselves at Mazatlan of Williamston. Several of the eleventh grade Spanish I students visited the restaurant to practice their Spanish.**

**Don't Forget:  
Lawrence Academy  
will be holding a  
blood drive on  
Tuesday, November 28**