

**Commendations and Recognitions  
November, 2009**

**High School**

Congratulations to Chenhao Yang for placing second in the individual division at the Calcu-solve Competition held at Duquesne University on Tuesday, November 10th.

The following students are commended for being selected to participate in Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Senior High Orchestra Festival, which will be held on January 14-16, 2010 at the North Hills High School. The students are members of the High School Orchestra and/or Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Paul Fox.

Joe Merchant  
Robert Kaufman  
Michelle Szucs  
Laura Rollick  
Leo Ciarlone  
Rachel Szucs  
Akhil Venkatesh

Congratulations to the following High School Students for successfully auditioning for the PMEA District 1 West Honors Jazz Ensemble:

Kevin Lynch – 1st Chair Drum Set  
Ian Gallo - 1st Chair String Bass  
Leo Ciarlone - Third Chair Trombone.

These students are members of the High School Jazz I Ensemble under the direction of Frank Eisenreich. The PMEA District I West Honors Jazz Festival will take place at North Allegheny High School on January 8 and 9, 2010.

The Upper St. Clair High School Drumline was invited to perform at Light Up Night in the Santa Spectacular at Point State Park on Friday, November 20.  
The drumline performed and lead the festivities and a parade in the lighting of the large tree near the fountain.

**Middle School**

Boyce Middle School celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 26th - October 30th. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated nationwide to promote drug awareness and prevention. The week began with an assembly attended by student speakers from the high school and the High School Dance Team performed a hip-hop dance. The activities included a food drive in which 1,000 items were collected and donated to the South Hills Interfaith Ministry.