SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

Home of the Spartans

October 9, 2015

* **Impacting Lives Beyond the Classroom:** Last week, Sparta High School received a hand-written letter from Private 2nd Class Robert McKinney (SHS Class of 2015). Private McKinney is completing his basic training for the US Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. In the midst of completing push-ups, Private McKinney reflected on his time in Sparta and at Sparta High School; he was moved to share his revelations with our staff. Here are some excerpts:

*“Dear educators of Sparta High School,*

 *As I am in the ‘front leaning rest position’ or, the starting position for push-ups, here at Fort Jackson’s Basic Training Base, I reflect on my roots…*

 *I am so thankful for such a family style upbringing like the one I had gotten in Sparta and I am even more proud to share that Sparta love with, pretty much, the world.*

*As I continue my life as a soldier, I will never forget my roots and where I came from. Thank you for being friends, teachers, staff and family.*

*Your Spartan,*

*PV2 Robert McKinney”*

* **Homecoming Court**: Congratulations to our 2015 court members!
	+ Freshmen: Grace DeLong and Zach Teliczan
	+ Sophomores: Karley Anderson, Hayleigh Powers, and Nickalas Reidzans
	+ Juniors: Samantha Priest and Ben Wilcox
	+ Senior Queen Nominees: Maddie Cook, Olivia Kane, Kassidy Krzykwa, Erika Mejia, Sarah Monterusso, and Madi Myers.
	+ Senior King Nominees: Erik Christafferson, Jared Coye, Mike Garza, Noe Puga, Jake Richmond, and Jonathan Tuinstra.

* **Homecoming 2015 Calendar of Events:** Please make note of the following, Homecoming specific, information. Also, please encourage your student(s) to be involved in our Homecoming festivities.
	+ Dress Up Days
		- October 9th Class T Shirt Day
		- October 12th Spartan Wear
		- October 13th Tourist Day
		- October 14th Tie Dye/Neon
		- October 15th America Day
		- October 16th Class T Shirts/Class Color
	+ Friday, October 16th, Homecoming Day
		- 7:25 am Formal Assembly begins
		- 8:40 am Class Competitions begin
		- 11:00 am – 12:20 pm Lunch and Mock Rock Practice
		- 12:30 pm Mock Rock Competition begins
		- 1:15 – 1:35 pm Parade to the Football Stadium (weather permitting)
		- 1:35 pm Pep Assembly
		- 5:00 pm Community Parade
		- 7:00 pm Football game versus Coopersville
* **Attention Parents:** On Homecoming Day, we ask that all guests leave the building from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm. Our doors will re-open at 12:15 pm for Mock Rock seating. Thank you for your cooperation.
* (Repeat) There is an early release day on Monday, October 19th, 2015. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. First session KCTC and KIH students will have district provided transportation to and from their programs. There will be no district provided transportation for KTC, 2nd session KCTC, or 3rd session KCTC. Students and families can plan to provide their own transportation.  **Absences from KTC and KCTC will not count against these students.**

**ENSURING SUCCESS FOR ALL SPARTANS!**