



Steppin Out Club



By: Sarah Ganson



Pizza is good food for thought. Here students enjoy a pizza party on their last day of the club. They also played fun games.

Steppin out club was a club supervised by **Mrs. Emily Conaster**. This club brought students together to interact with each other.

"I have been to many events the Steppin Out Club has had and they were really fun," said **Rachel Zakem, 11**.

The Steppin Out Club had fun, games and food at every one of their meetings and programs. Some fun activities that they did included a scavenger hunt and an end of the year pizza party.

This club got each student to learn about other the other students who were present.

"I love seeing these students interact with other students. They really enjoy it as well," said **Mrs. Emily Conaster**.

The Steppin Out Club was more successful because of the willingness of the student body to participate. More and more students are getting involved in this club hoping to give something back while obtaining new friendships.

"Our students enjoy going to this club and have fun," said **Ms. Kathy Barrow**.



Fun and games. While eating their pizza, students interacted with the entertainment. It was a fun end of the year meeting.



Relaxing while eating is essential. Many students got to sit and talk with each other while eating. They celebrated the year and shared summer plans!



Mock Trial



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It's party time! The Mock Trial team just finished its competition and celebrated in **Mrs. Valerie Nimsch's** room. **Sam Pollak, 10**, and **Sasha Pinkerton, 10**, shared a few laughs as they caught up on old times and complimented each other on a job well done. As members of the Green Team, they worked together in and outside the classroom.

O bjection! This is only common language in the court room ... well...Mock Trial practice to be more exact.

Whether one was a witness, a defense attorney, or the plaintiff, he or she was fighting for one cause!

The case was one of the Animal Rights Foundation (ARF) versus Biotex Labs, a company who did testing on animals involving a nerve gas, to be used in case of

terrorist attacks.

The lawyers and witnesses had to get to work to defend their side. Not to worry, they did not do all of their work on their own.

"Having a four-person team worked out so well because we could all share responsibilities and help each other," said **Alexa Fogler, 9**.

The witnesses, known to some as "the makers or breakers of the case" had to use their acting skills to favor their side.

"I like being a witness because it involves drama," **Elliot Skopin, 11**.

One wrong move on any side may have caused a loss of the case. No problem, the team enhanced their performances, memorized their lines and hit the court house in style.

The results were that three of the four teams of Mock Trial won their cases, each being a pair of two defense lawyers and two witnesses, or two plaintiff lawyers and two witnesses.

"Mock Trial was really fun. The people in our team were amazing. It was also really cool to go to a real court house," said **April Wang, 12**.



It is trial time and Mock Trial members are gathered together by the courthouse before beginning their first ever practice trial. Members had to dress professionally, except for the witnesses, which had to dress close to their characters. The trial lasted about three hours, but the memories lasted much longer!



Practice makes perfect! **April Wang, 12**, a winner of Best Attorney for the Gold Team practices her opening statement for the trial. Persuasion and practice were important aspects of Mock Trial. Extra time was involved in a large-scale to perfect speeches and questions.

