

Wyoming Valley West High School starts a new tradition with 'Spartival'

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Tenth-grader Carson Evans tries the Bungee Run during the Spartan Carnival at Wyoming Valley West High School Saturday.

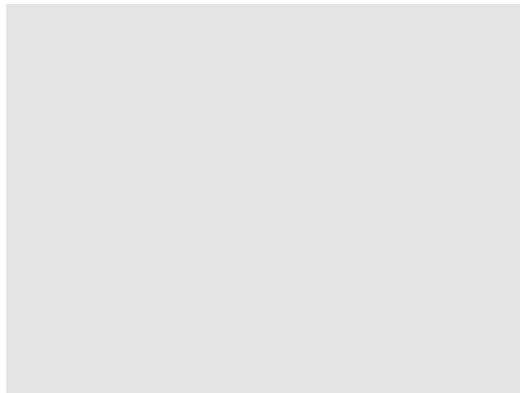
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Freshman Nathan Baggett plays a hockey shootout game during the Spartan Carnival on Saturday.

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Students attend the Spartan Carnival in the Wyoming Valley West high school gymnasium Saturday in Plymouth.

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PLYMOUTH — Wyoming Valley West High School held its first Spartan Carnival on Saturday to welcome high school students back to school with carnival-style games, food, drinks and music.

Jade McKenna, senior class vice president, came up with the idea for the "Spartival" at the end of the last school year.

"I was thinking we haven't done anything fun in awhile and a carnival, that would be so fun," the Plymouth resident said. "It would get everyone in here having fun. No one in the area is doing it. There are carnivals, but not school carnivals. It's perfect for everyone having a good time. Nobody is worried about cliques or impressing anyone."

The event began at 4 p.m. and was held in the high school gym and cafeteria.

"Things are going amazing. We were a little scared that no one was going to show, but more than expected showed. Everyone's having a blast," senior class President Jonathan Cardona said. "We're so proud. We put in so much work over the summer. It turned out great."

Cardona, also of Plymouth, said the high school band's performance was a highlight of the three-hour event.

"I like to think we have one of the best bands around here," Cardona said.

More than 200 students showed up, and about 50 teachers and school employees also attended, Cardona said.

"I've had a stupid smile on my face this whole time," said Murphy Pick, senior class treasurer, band member and Pringle resident. "I am absolutely stunned by the turnout."

Students paid 50 cents for a ticket to play a game or buy a slice of pizza. Games included bungee run, ring toss, mini-putt and balloon animals.

"We did everything we could to get permission for everything," said Chase Griffiths, who lives in Kingston and is senior class secretary. "We wanted to make sure this was a new tradition for the Valley West High School.

The bungee run was the most popular game of the day, Pick said.

"It's on an inflatable thing, and you have to mark a spot as far as possible," Pick explained. "But the thing is there's a bungee cord that is constantly pulling you back. You have to fight against it. It's a one-on-one event. It's hilarious."

The event had several sponsors — Tommy's Pizza Corner provided pizza, Rita's provided Italian ice and Movies 14 provided popcorn.