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BUCYRUS SECONDARY SCHOOL TO HOST SKYPE INTERVIEW DURING VETERANS' ASSEMBLY

BUCYRUS, OH (Nov. 8, 2010) – The Bucyrus Secondary School is celebrating Veterans Day a little differently this year, adding a non-traditional avenue in which to engage and educate students, while continuing to honor and recognize the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The Nov. 11, activities will feature an interactive Skype interview with Bucyrus graduate Tommy Herman, a current Captain in the United States Army. Skype, “a web application which allows users to make free voice calls over the internet,” will allow students to see and hear Captain Herman share his stories, experiences and knowledge in real-time, while serving overseas. As this technology is also capable of supporting two-way communication, a question and answer segment with the current Bucyrus students is also scheduled during the program. This is the first time the school has set up a live Skype with a soldier. “It’s an awesome example of how we can use technology to benefit our students,” said Bucyrus City School Grants Director Bob Laipply.

The idea came from a Bucyrus teacher whose husband is currently serving in Afghanistan. “We feel that students can benefit from this by making the idea of war more of a reality, and to help them understand the sacrifices that our soldiers are making so that our country may accomplish its mission,” added Event Coordinator Nancy Fischer. “It’s also, beneficial, I think to see a BHS grad that is making a successful career from the military and may inspire some of our students to take this career path.”

The assembly will also include some Veterans Day readings, a chorale selection and a video chronicling the United States involvement in conflicts from WWI to the present, set to music from each time period.



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The program is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and will be held in the high school gym. Community members are invited to attend. For more information about this year's Veterans Day activities, contact Nancy Fischer at (419) 562-7721.

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