

The Loveland Roar

LHS Welcomes New Principal for 2023-24

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Loveland, Ohio - Loveland High School has hired Mr. Dave Spencer as its new principal. Mr. Spencer comes to Loveland with more than 25 years of experience as an educational administrator, most recently serving at Turpin High School in various capacities for the previous nineteen years.

Spencer fills the position vacated by Mr. Adam Reed, who left Loveland this past spring to take an opportunity in the Mt. Healthy City School District Board Office. While at Turpin, Spencer was an assistant principal for eleven years, working alongside former Loveland High School principal Ms. Peggy Johnson, before moving into the principal role for the previous eight years after Johnson came to Loveland.

Spencer, a 1991 graduate of Tri-State University (now Trine University) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, described his career path as “unusual,” saying, “When I finished college, I stayed to work as a coach and teacher, but I was at that stage of life when I was looking to do something different. My wife and I moved to a new state with new jobs and few expectations.”

That first position in Ohio was the assistant principal and athletic director roles at small, rural Whiteoak High School in Highland County, located an hour east of Cincinnati. Despite the new challenges of the position, Spencer said that he experienced countless valuable lessons in his five years at Whiteoak.

Along with those valuable lessons, Spencer discovered his passion for administration at Whiteoak. In an interview with The Loveland Roar, Spencer said that his “favorite part of the job is that there is no blueprint. Every day is different. You work with scheduling, discipline, athletics, special education, you name it. You witness young adults mature and grow while realizing their passions. It is a fulfilling job.”

Spencer then settled down at Turpin in 2004. He was very complimentary of his employer of nearly two decades, saying, “I loved Turpin so much that I thought I would retire there. But I began to feel a sense of complacency, which I felt could potentially hinder our collective progress.”

With its position opening, Loveland became an attractive destination for the well-respected and experienced Spencer.

He stated, “the Loveland student body, parents, and staff are very similar to that of Turpin. They are hard-working and caring, and they have very high expectations for their school district.”

He continued to say that he had always been impressed with the spirit that the Loveland community had shown at various events during his tenure at Turpin, and how he believes that spirit speaks volumes about a school.

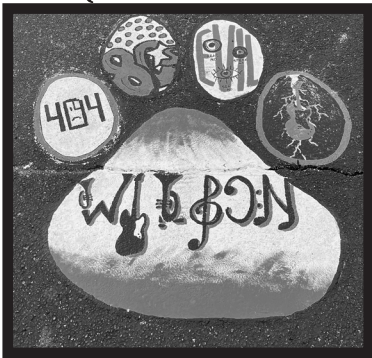
Spirit is just one part of an ideal school culture according to Spencer. He added, “an involved student body is integral to a successful and positive school culture. We also want students to have a voice and be the catalysts for change. All in all, we want graduates to have enjoyed their four years.”

Spencer concluded by saying that he believes he is entering a good situation surrounded by exceptional students and staff. He said, “I want to be an active listener. I want to find ways to support students and allow them to have a safe space where their opinions can be heard.”

If you see Mr. Spencer in the halls throughout your first few weeks back, be sure to say hello and welcome him to Loveland High School!

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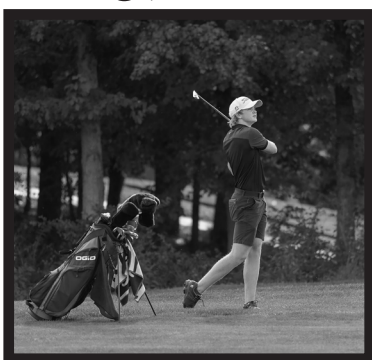
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'23 LHS Homecoming Week Review

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This year, Loveland had a lively spirit week, with nearly the entire student body filled with school spirit. Each day had a theme that students dressed up for, and all four grades competed against each other for class points, which were tallied up throughout the week. Each day had one winner whose points would be added to their grade's total.

Monday was “Mathletes vs. Athletes,” which had students dressing up as sports stars or nerds. Loveland was able to see Bobby Boucher wandering around its hallways and McLovin headed to the bathroom on the same day. The school spirit was out and proud as grades went head to head in an attempt to quench each others' chances at bringing home the points of the day. In the end, seniors won the day with **Hannah Pawlikowski (12)** as Jackie Moon from the blockbuster movie *Semi-Pro*.

Tuesday was “Dress like Younger You”

day, a theme brought back from last year by popular demand. Tuesday saw Loveland students wearing outfits ranging from their Loveland elementary school shirts to a full-on diaper outfit. The theme had limitless possibilities to what you could wear, as everyone had their own individual style, as much as it may make our older selves cringe. Tuesday's winner was **Bo Zierden (11)**, who brought home the points to the junior class with his diaper outfit.

Wednesday was “Barbie vs. Ken” day. This day was a new addition sparked by the popularity of summer's most esteemed blockbuster, Barbie. The day brought out loads of pink clothing, with students dressing as many different variations ranging from Cowboy Ken to Zoomba Barbie. The class competition was tough, but in the end, the seniors won the day with **Claire Zeigler's (12)** Barbie in-a-box presentation.

Thursday was “Character Day,” where students could dress as any of their favorite pop culture icons. We saw Marty McFly

from *Back to the Future*, Rapunzel from *Tangled*, and many more amazing outfits. Every grade really showed out, but the seniors ended up taking the day with **Hannah Pawlikowski (12)** as the Lorax. The competition was fierce and each grade had good representation on the finals stand.

Friday was “Class Colors” day which had freshmen in gray, sophomores in white, juniors in orange, and seniors in black. It was a more difficult theme to compete with, but students got creative. The winner of the day was **Ryan Faessler (11)**, who wore a completely orange three-piece suit that was so bright it was blinding. He took the win that day, but there was a lot of competition from the other classes like the senior dressed as Darth Vader or the sophomore with a laundry basket on his head.

At the conclusion of the week, not only did seniors win the most spirit days, but they also won the whole week, racking up the most points with the help of the powderpuff activities and lawn painting. The week was once again a success.

LHS Drama Announces Fall Musical

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Earlier this school year Loveland High School Drama announced that the fall musical will be *Something Rotten*. This show will take the stage November 15th-18th, with five performances. In an interview with The Loveland Roar, Mr. Shawn Miller, Loveland's Theater Director, described this show as “a blast” that captures “all the things that we love to do here in Loveland,” making this show a must-see. If you'd like to see the show, tickets will go on sale in early November.

Miller described *Something Rotten* as a show “about the times of William Shakespeare” when “there are other people who are trying to be as great as William Shakespeare.” Two of these writers are the brothers Bottom, one likes Shakespeare and the other hates him because “everybody likes Shakespeare, and he wants to be better than Shakespeare.” To do this, he tries to “write the world's best show, that

is going to make Shakespeare wish he were him instead.”

Miller chose this show because “it's super entertaining” and “it never really gets to the point where you're taking it seriously,” even featuring a number titled “A Musical” which Miller says, “basically make[s] fun of all of the silly things about musicals.”

He says he's excited for Loveland Drama perform this show because, “I personally have never done it before, and I'm just so excited about working with the students on a show that's just so fresh and new” which he says that “no one here has done. It's brand new to everybody.”

If you'd like to audition for the show, audition information can be found on the LHS Drama website at lovelandhstheater.wixsite.com/lhsdrama, which can also be found in the *Abre waffle*.

Something Rotten is just this year's iteration of the fall musical, with 2022's fall musical being *The Wizard of Oz*, and 2021's fall lineup having 2 shows, being All

Together Now and *Leading Ladies*. While all of these shows were hits when they debuted at Loveland, many of Loveland's actors are sure that *Something Rotten* will give students a greater opportunity to showcase their abilities in such a hilarious and unique show.

When The Loveland Roar asked what Loveland High School Drama actor William Day (12) thought of Miller's choice of *Something Rotten*, he said, “I like that he picked something sort of out there that not a lot of people have heard about, and I'm excited to get the opportunity to show off our talents through this show.” Another Loveland High School Drama actor, Ethan Shepard (11), agreed, saying that “it was a show that I had not heard of before, but after learning more about it, I'm really excited.” Shepard added that “it has a large ensemble and has some big parts that can display different people's abilities very well.” Both of these actors agree, *Something Rotten* will be a great show for Loveland Drama.



Urban Legends of Ohio: The Crosswick Monster

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Crosswick, Ohio is a sleepy little community located just outside of Waynesville. Despite its relatively unassuming appearance, the town has a terrifying secret; just sixty years after it was originally settled, two boys were almost fatally attacked by some sort of snake-monster. The only record of the incident seems to be a May 1882 Western Star article, archived by the Warren County Historical Society.

In May of 1882, two boys, Ed and Joe, were fishing in a small creek. After some time, they began to hear some rustling in the nearby brush. When they turned around, the boys saw a huge monster, almost like a snake. The monster charged them, and they screamed and attempted to flee. The snake came closer to Ed, and “suddenly [threw] out two large arms” and grabbed him. Simultaneously, it produced two more back legs from “some mysterious hiding place” on its body, and dragged Ed to a large, hollow sycamore tree around a hundred yards down the creek. The monster

attempted to crawl inside with Ed still caught in its claws.

Hearing the boys’ screams, three men working in the quarry above the creek ran to investigate, and witnessed Ed being dragged off. They chased after them, and caught up as the monster attempted to enter the tree. Frightened by their shouts, the snake released the boy and scrambled into the opening. Ed, who was carried home, was projected to recover in a few days, but suffered from “convulsions” and fits of “fright and terror.”

Later that day, 60 men with an assortment of pitchforks, axes, sticks, and similar weapons gathered around the sycamore, ready to fell both it and the monster within. As they began to chop, the beast suddenly “leaped from the aperture” and ran. However, it did not just run; it ran upright, as though it were a person. Said to be 30 to 40 feet long, 12 to 14 feet in height, and as fast as a racehorse, the monster raced up the creek, crashing through a rail fence along the way, before slipping into a burrow in a large hill.

The theories surrounding the monster are small but interesting, with some even linking it to Michigan’s Milton

Lizard. The general consensus seems to be that it’s more lizard than snake.

The main evidence lies in the drawing paired with the Western Star article. It’s reminiscent of a monitor lizard. However monitors are not in Ohio, much less during the Victorian era. The bipedal nature brings to mind something like basilisk lizards, though those are nowhere near the described 40 feet long. Its described yellow spots and black tongue are akin to gila monsters, though those face the same geography issue as monitor lizards. Different features of different lizards seem to be smashed into one scaly, cryptid-shaped ball, making it hard to find a possible explanation.

The Crosswick Monster has not been sighted since its first eventful appearance, and has seemingly been lost to the murk of both the creek and our minds. Considering that monitor lizards live to only twenty years in captivity, it’s likely we won’t be seeing it anytime soon; though, if its nature is as esoteric as it seems, that very well may not be the case.

Loveland High School Band Jerome Takes Flight

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Over the past few months, local Loveland High School student band Jerome has played their first few gigs. Jerome consists of five students who attend or graduated from Loveland High School who meet in **Ryan Werne’s (11)** garage to practice. The members who currently attend Loveland are **Denver Riddle (12)**, **Sam Oughterson (12)**, and **Ryan Werne**. They have had three concerts so far, playing some of their originals and some covers.

The Loveland Roar interviewed Jerome guitarist Sam Oughterson about the band and its future plans. He described Jerome as “indie rock” inspired by “a lot of Indie and Alternative music.” Oughterson says that Jerome’s favorite self-written song is “Space Heater” due to its popularity within the Loveland community.

Oughterson says that Jerome will be releasing a self-

titled album in February. He told The Roar that “fans can expect 11 songs, and a variety of feels between each song.”

Jerome has made a lot of noise around the school the past few months. Their debut song “Space Heater” was released in April and combined their Indie sound with a nostalgic feel. It brought listeners on a magic ride back to the ‘80s. Its themes and timeless sounds take the listener on a rollercoaster of emotions. The song starts and remains at a steady pace until it reaches a peak of intensity, feeling as if they’re crying out for help. The song then proceeds to calm down and drop into a cool and almost relaxing guitar solo. “Space Heater” tells us a fascinating story, but isn’t the only thing to get excited about though. The aforementioned new EP album will be available on Apple Music and Spotify.

Jerome has performed many concerts so far, with some

being at Three Feather Records, a music shop in Fairfield. Each concert they have performed has had more and more fans, exhibiting their growing popularity. Jerome is gaining traction every day, especially following their most recent concert. Jerome guitarist Denver Riddle told The Roar that if you or any Loveland High School student would be interested in playing music with the members of Jerome, they can feel free to join. They will be hanging out weekly and jamming out together, and all are welcome to join.

Make sure to stream “Space Heater” and Jerome’s upcoming album on Apple Music or Spotify! If you want to support Jerome or if you have any questions, contact any of the Jerome members on Instagram at @jerome.official_. Also, be on the lookout for new concert dates to see Jerome live!

Downtown Loveland’s Newest Restaurant: An Overview of Teak

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Last month, Teak, a Thai restaurant, opened its newest location in downtown Loveland, bringing a new type of cuisine to downtown’s slew of dining options. With its expectation-shattering opening, more and more attention is being brought to this new restaurant, but those only recently tuning in may be wondering: where did Teak exactly start? And where is it going now?

According to their website, Teak started in 1999 when the restaurant first opened in the Mount Adams area. It was one of the first authentic Thai restaurants within the Tri-state area. With two other successful locations in Rosewood and Over-The-Rhine, Teak now opens a new chapter of serving their food to an entirely new community

of diners.

Diving into their specific dining choices, Teak sports a menu of authentic Thai foods including staples like spring rolls and fried rice, all the way to other categories such as various noodle dishes, stir fries, soups, salads, curries, and Pad Thais. Among these are also plenty of specialty items, many of which are too unique to even cover in one concise category, but all of which are plenty worth trying themselves. They also have a very unique option to choose a spice level from 1 to 10, which gives a nice individualized form of variety to the already versatile menu, all of which is generally priced under or around \$20. However, this is only half of it, as Teak also prides itself on having a quite lengthy sushi menu, most of which keeps itself under \$15, with enough options to fuel many visits.

The Loveland Roar was able to get a chance to speak with the owner about the recent opening and his thoughts on their potential success and popularity in the Loveland community. He attributed their past success to the fact that “we bring a type of cuisine to the area that not many other restaurants here feature” and after being asked what his favorite menu item was, he responded “everything on there is my favorite. That’s why it is there.”

If you ever entertain the thought of trying Teak yourself, it sits comfortably right on 110 2nd Street in Loveland with plenty of seating, both inside and on an outdoor patio. They have a large bar area as well with enough seats to suffice for multiple parties of people. Go ahead and try out Teak and continue to support local businesses!

The Loveland Roar Debuts LHS Sports Podcast

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Loveland, Ohio - The Loveland Roar has announced plans to debut their first ever podcast later this week. Co-editor-in-chief **Ben Hicks (12)** and Sports Editor **Chase Gibson (12)** will co-host a weekly show centered around all things Loveland High School Athletics.

Produced by **Ryan Dooley (12)** of Digital Media Productions, the show, entitled Loveland Sports Talk Radio, will be released each week on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons, following Tuesday afternoon recordings. The Roar and DMP have collaborated to produce various promotional videos in the past, but this alliance is unlike

anything the two groups have ever published together.

Loveland Sports Talk Radio had been in the works since last spring, but The Roar lacked the studio and camera equipment necessary to produce a high-quality show. When Dooley approached Hicks in need of a year-long project at the beginning of the school year, Loveland Sports Talk Radio swiftly came to fruition.

A roughly ten to twenty minute production, Loveland Sports Talk Radio will be published both in video form on The Loveland Roar’s YouTube channel, and in audio form on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. It will consist of three recurring segments, along with rotating special segments. Each episode will open with a burning question

sure to spark intense debate, followed by an informational interview with a current LHS student-athlete, before concluding with a recap and preview of each in-season team at Loveland High School.

Episode #1 was filmed last week and will be released tomorrow as a test show. Regularly scheduled releases will begin this week, with Episode #2 being published Thursday afternoon at 2:00pm. Be sure to reach out to any of the hosts with questions or recommendations for the show. Be on the lookout for Episodes #1 and #2 later this week!

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Cat Shelter Needs Volunteers!

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Do you need volunteer hours for graduate credits? Perhaps you love animals, or maybe you want to help the community. Whatever your reasons may be, His Eye Is On the Sparrow can be the perfect opportunity to “get involved!” This business is run locally at a house refurbished to board kittens, cats, and occasionally dogs. This organization is run completely by volunteers, donations, and a fun time!

You may be asking, what are the requirements? There are none! To get started it’s simple - after contacting the owners by phone or email to see available times or information needed to volunteer; +1 (513) 227-8414, heiots.animalrescue@gmail.com; you can finally meet the cats! You can volunteer as an adult or as a kid.

Volunteering itself is pretty simple. All you have to do is switch out the cats’ water/food dishes, give them attention, and try to attend to specific needs on notes written on the cages. There are kittens, social cats, shy cats, sassy, and silly cats! The experience itself is magical as you get to

meet so many different animals and better understand their individual needs, alongside the ways in which cats work and communicate.

On Monday, August 28, 2023, I volunteered at this shelter myself. By far, my favorite part about the experience was meeting all the cats! There were around 30-40 cats, some being kittens of course, all housed in sizable cages. As volunteers we had the opportunity to take the cats out of the cages individually, pet and brush them, and even hold them (at the cats’ will).

I found the shelter to be incredibly ethical by enforcing significance in taking care of all the cats. This community is non-profit meaning that it does not make money and rather is seen more as a charity for animals. The animals in the shelter are typically rescues- for instance I met one that was from Home Depot. He didn’t have a name, was terrified of being touched, and seemed to be somewhat feral, but he seemed to feel incredibly safe in this environment. He didn’t mind the workers or the other cats- something uncommon for traumatized animals.

At His Eye Is On the Sparrow, they follow the slogan: “not one animal is forgotten in God’s sight.” This means that all of the animals are equal and are given the same amount of love, but unfortunately there are only so many volunteers, yet endless cats/animals who need assistance. That’s why this community is looking for your help.

In this humble home for these cats, they are given love, attention, and care. Some of the cats were even given special diets, treatment, or enclosures to suit their lifestyles, alongside being given mandatory vet checks including vaccinations, parasite control, micro-chipping, and more.

With so many animals and so little time, money, and human hands, the shelter needs more assistance. So, what can you do besides volunteering? One option would be to donate- this shelter is looking for supplies such as bowls, litter, food, dishwashing soap, and cleaning supplies. Alongside items, this shelter is looking for money donations- you can find more information at heiots.org!

Getting Involved: Chess Club

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Chess, the game thought by many to be, “the smart people game.” While being invented all the way back in the 6th century, Chess has stuck around in our society for a long while now. Being a super accessible game for all ages and all skill levels has led to its ability to be playable in any situation, anywhere: against an online robot or just a fellow person. Bored at home? Play a game of chess. Waiting for someone to show up? Play a game of chess. Or stuck waiting after school? Yep, you can play a game of chess.

Held every Tuesday after school in room 97, Chess Club exists for Loveland students to scratch any chess-related itches they may have. Although the idea of entering a room full of fellow students who are already well acquainted with chess may intimidate some would-be members, Chess Club President **Sohani Gauniyal (11)** assures any hesitant newcomers that, “it’s very easy to pick up at any point and just start playing against anyone, even if you will probably



Photo Courtesy of Unsplash

get completely destroyed in a match right off the bat.” Even if other concerns crop up in the way of joining Chess Club, Gauniyal also stated that, “it’s very low commitment and you can just show up when you feel like it.”

All in all, if you need a fun after school activity to keep your brain pumping even after all of your classes, Chess club is a great way to get involved!



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College Essay Tips and Tricks

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September is here, and with that comes the annual tradition of high school seniors hammering away at college applications. From picking the right schools, thinking ahead about costs, and sorting out transcripts, there’s a lot on students’ minds when it comes to applying for college. However, the part of the application process most either struggle with or tend to stress about the most is the “college essay” and the challenges that come with it. But before digging into tips, it’s best to establish what exactly a college essay is asking for.

While most students are deathly familiar with the concept of a five paragraph essay and other informative writing techniques, a college essay generally asks for a very different approach: Creative writing. Specifically, presenting an experience of your own, in a creative, unique manner. This mainly exists as a way to give a college admissions counselor a taste of you, divorced from just numbers and statistics on a transcript. This is the reason an essay can make or break a college application, solely because it sets an applicant apart from the others more than any other datapoint will.

The Loveland Roar had the opportunity to gather the thoughts of multiple English teachers who have plenty of experience with this particular subject and gave their insight on multiple aspects of the essay-writing process. Starting with the first major aspect of writing an essay, choosing the prompt you will write about in the first place and what experience you have that will fit. One teacher told *The Roar*, “Make a list of your best character traits. Then, consider what the non-essay portion of your application already tells the college admission officer.” Giving the example that “if you have had high grades consistently through high school, focusing on the fact that you are a hard worker in the essay isn’t going to tell the colleges anything more about you than the grades already did.”

However, once you have a personal experience picked out based on a prompt, how will you actually answer it? According to Loveland’s own experts, understanding a prompt is a multi-step process, but the first step is to give one readthrough of it looking for a general meaning, but the next step gets more detailed. Another teacher commented that, “I make sure to bracket off all the questions it asks of you. Use a checklist to help yourself.” Generally prompts can be broken down into three distinct portions, which is a useful tip to keep in mind.

Finally, the most difficult part of writing a college essay is, well, the writing itself. The best way to get this done actually refers back to the previous point of bracketing off the prompt. As one teacher advised, “Think about what each paragraph will be about before you write the essay.” They also suggested writing everything as it comes to you when you can, because a long essay can always be trimmed, but a short one is hard to fluff up. This ties into what another teacher mentions, that “the best essays will not be written in a single draft, so you want to give yourself time to write and revise.”

Knowing these tips, good luck in the college application season!

Getting Involved: Envirothon

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Do you enjoy hiking and spending time in nature? Are you interested in environmental science and conservation? If you answered yes to either of these questions, Envirothon may be right for you!

Envirothon is an academic competition focused on five environmental science categories: forestry, soils, wildlife, aquatics, and a current environmental issue that changes yearly. At competitions, each topic has its own station where teams fill out a twenty-five-question test on each



Photo Courtesy of Loveland Envirothon Team

Members of the Envirothon team at the state championship. They advanced to state after placing 5th at the regional tournament.

topic. These tests always include hands-on opportunities to interact with the materials being studied, with forestry including identifying trees, wildlife including working with animal pelts and products, and soils including entering a pit in the ground to identify soil content. As well as being able to work in the field, students are also given the opportunity to work with experts in the field of environmental science, giving students interested in environmental science an excellent opportunity to explore potential future jobs.

Sophia Choi (11), a third year member of Envirothon, told *The Loveland Roar* that her “favorite part of envirothon is competing. The competition itself is the most rewarding and exciting part of the club.” Her favorite memory from Envirothon was attending “the state competition. As a team we all bonded a lot and gained helpful information for next year.”

The club meets on Tuesdays or Wednesdays before school at 7:10 AM. If you’d like to get involved, talk to Mrs. Nkhata or email her at nkhatato@lovelandschools.org. If you’re planning to pursue a career in environmental science or just enjoy spending time outdoors, make sure to check out Envirothon!



MAY 10th

Photo Courtesy of Cincinnati Enquirer

On May 10th, Loveland City School District hired **Mr. Spencer** as Loveland High School's new principal. Before Loveland, Mr. Spencer served as principal at nearby Turpin High School. Since becoming principal, Mr. Spencer has worked with students to improve Loveland's learning environment and has been well-received by students and faculty.



SEPTEMBER 5th

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Photo Courtesy of Madeline Spencer

On September 5th, Loveland Girls Soccer took down the West Clermont Wolves on their home turf. West Clermont came into the game unbeaten in their last 5 matchups, but Loveland ended their streak in a 5-2 upset over the Wolves. **Megan Davis (12)** and **Lucy Perusek (11)** led the Tigers by each scoring a goal and making an assist.



SEPTEMBER 8th

Photo Courtesy of Chet Bentley

On October 8th, Loveland Football took on Kings at home for their fourth matchup of the season. The Tigers, led by **Colton Endicott (12)** were able to beat the Knights with a score of 31-20. This game ended Loveland's cold snap and begin their eventual five game winning streak.



SEPTEMBER 18th

Photo Courtesy of Loveland Spirit Club

On September 18th, Homecoming Spirit Week began with the theme of "Mathletes vs. Athletes." The following days were themed "Dress like Younger You," "Barbie vs. Ken," "Character Day," and "Class Colors." Students in every class expressed their school spirit with elaborate outfits to win points for their class. Ultimately, the seniors won the week.



SEPTEMBER 21st

Photo Courtesy of Ian Richards

On September 21st, students came together for the Homecoming Parade, followed by the powerpuff festivities. The juniors won male cheer, but in the end, the seniors won in tug of war, volleyball, and powderpuff, bringing them to a win for the week. Through friendly competition, the school came together to enjoy a fun evening.



SEPTEMBER 22nd

© Madeline Spencer

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On September 22nd, Loveland Football beat the Walnut Hills Eagles 35-0 for their homecoming game. The winless Eagles weren't able to snap their losing streak as LHS celebrated a third straight victory. During halftime, Loveland's homecoming court was honored, **Nolyn Ujvari (12)** was crowned the 2023 Royal Tiger, and it was announced that the seniors won spirit week.



SEPTEMBER 23rd



Photo Courtesy of Alex Proano-Raps

On September 23rd, Loveland celebrated Homecoming with its yearly dance. Students dressed up to bring friends and significant others to the dance. This years theme was Tangled, which had the dance floor lit with paper lanterns in the style of the lantern scene from the movie. Students had a great time dancing with their friends.

OCTOBER 5th



Photo Courtesy of Carter Pendlum

On October 5th, Loveland Boys Golf won the Eastern Cincinnati Conference Tournament. The team shot a total score of 304 with senior **Anthony Moran (12)** leading the way with a 71. This was Loveland Boys Golf's first ECC Conference Tournament title in school history. After capturing the ECC title, the Tigers advanced to the district stage.

OCTOBER 10th



Harrison Hentz

Photo Courtesy of Harrison Hentz

On October 10th, Loveland Girls Volleyball celebrated their senior night with a game against Winton Woods. This victory snapped a cold streak, with the Tigers beating the Warriors in 3 sets behind seniors **Jayden Neff (12)**, **Summer Shinkle (12)**, **Nolyn Ujvari (12)**, and **Ava Votapek (12)**.

OCTOBER 14th



Photo Courtesy of Coach Laughman

On October 14th, Loveland Boys and Girls Cross Country both won the Eastern Cincinnati Conference Team Championship. Additionally, **Caroline Murnan (10)** was the individual girls ECC Champion and **Ronan Wolfer (10)** was the individual boys ECC Runner-Up. Pictured above is the Loveland Girls Cross Country team celebrating their win on the podium.

OCTOBER 14th



Photo Courtesy of Loveland Marching Band

On October 14th, Loveland Marching Band won Grand Champions at the Dawson Bryant High School Marching Band Invitational. They also won Best Color Guard in their division, Best Over-All General Effect, Best Overall Music, Best Overall Visual, Best Overall Percussion. This big victory will propel the band to the state championship at the end of October.

OCTOBER 17th



Photo Courtesy of Loveland Boys Soccer

On October 17th, Loveland Boys Soccer beat their biggest rival Milford in a close match, after falling to the Eagles five days prior. **Ian Ciric (12)** scored with 48 seconds remaining, bringing an exciting end to a hard-fought match. Loveland's 2-1 victory enabled them to advance to the next round of the Ohio High School Athletic Association Boys Soccer



What is Academic Quiz Team?

By Jack Gerber

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What is Academic Quiz Team? Is it a varsity sport? What do they “quiz” on?

Like Quiz Bowl, Academic Quiz Team is a winter sport with both a Varsity and a Junior Varsity team at Loveland High School. While it’s an unconventional sport, those who spectate and those who participate can tell you that it’s fascinating and a lot of fun.

Loveland’s Academic Quiz Team plays matches on Wednesdays at four o’clock against other ECC schools both home and away during the winter sports season.

These matches consist of four rounds: two rounds of categories, the “Alphabet Round,” and the “Lightning Round.” After each round, coaches can substitute players, giving people the ability to specialize in certain areas. In the category rounds, both teams are given the chance to answer a question, but if the team gets the question wrong twice or runs out of time, the other team is given the opportunity to answer. Teams that get the answer correct on their first attempt receive two points, but getting it

correct on the second attempt or on a steal can still score one point. After the two team questions, teams are given the chance to buzz in with a toss-up question, where only the first team to buzz in gets to answer, with this question being worth 2 points. The categories in the first round are American Literature, Math, World History, Life Science, and Fine Arts, and the categories in the second round are World Literature, Government/Economics, Physical Science, Geography, and U.S. History. Following the category rounds is the Alphabet Round, in which teams are given four minutes to answer the twenty questions written on a sheet of paper. These questions can range from pop culture to mythology to obscure film, with their only commonality being a shared first letter, and each correct answer being worth two points. The final round, the Lightning Round, is the most intense, but also the most exciting to watch and partake in. There are twenty questions, all worth two points. Each question starts off broad and obscure, but becomes easier and more specific as the question progresses. To answer a question, like the earlier toss-up questions, teams must be the first to buzz in,

which incentivizes making educated guesses with limited information. Since this is the final round, the players and the audience are often at the edge of their seats, with matches oftentimes coming down to the last question.

Nate Dawes (12), a member of the Academic Quiz Team, told The Loveland Roar that his favorite part is “that moment when the answer to the question clicks in your mind, you buzz in first, and you answer the question correctly.” He said that he “lives for moments like that” and that Academic Quiz Team gives him the opportunity to “apply random knowledge that isn’t often used elsewhere.”

Ben Hicks (12), a player for both Loveland’s football and basketball teams, said that Academic Quiz Team is his “favorite sport to watch” because “despite the quiet nature of the sport, it’s the most collaborative and invigorating for a spectator” and that he enjoys “mentally competing against the athletes.”

If you’re interested in joining Academic Quiz Team, talk to Varsity Coach Klinger in room 110 or JV Coach Hutzel in room 203.

Top 5 Football Players in ECC

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The Eastern Cincinnati Conference has been one of the more prominent conferences in Division II Ohio High School Football in the last decade. The talent pool in this conference is higher than it’s ever been, but there are some notable players who stand out.

5. Paul Kelly, Senior RB/DB, Kings

The King’s offense was one of the best in the ECC last year. Will Kocher led the Kings to the Division II Final Four in Columbus behind his 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns through the air. But with his departure, along with Michael Mussari and Jake Cameron on the outside, the Kings will have to rely more on the run this year. Kelly is an athletic two-way player who I believe can make a huge impact offensively, as well as in the secondary. In his first game this year, he accounted for 197 yards and 4 touchdowns on the ground. If he keeps up this pace, he is going to be a problem.

4. Zae Jennings, Senior RB, Winton Woods

Winton Woods has established itself as the premier running back school in the ECC over the last half-decade with Trey Cornist and Tyreke Spikes leading the conference in rushing the last two years. Zae Jennings certainly has the talent to carry on the tradition. He originally won the starting quarterback job at Colerain in 2021 where he rushed for nearly 2,000 yards and 15 touchdowns in two seasons. With much more talent around him and an upgraded offensive line, I believe Jennings can have an upgraded Offensive Player of the Year campaign.

3. Quinten Wagers, Senior DL, Lebanon

Lebanon doesn’t have the highest expectations for this season, but Wagers has established himself as an absolute machine in the trenches. He amassed 13.5 sacks and 21 tackles for loss last season to comfortably lead the ECC. He had 4 games with multiple sacks and a 3 sack performance against one of the best offensive lines in Cincinnati (Lakota West). Wagers is a monster inside and will continue to dominate this season.

2. Brodey Berg, Senior RB/WR, Anderson Quite possibly the most versatile player in the ECC, Berg has a

ridiculous combination of speed and strength that makes him a threat both in the backfield and on the perimeter. He put up some ridiculous all-purpose numbers, rushing for 800 yards while putting up nearly 1,000 receiving yards. He doesn’t have trouble getting into the end zone either, amassing 39 total touchdowns. After putting up 80 all-purpose yards and 2 touchdowns in the Raptors’ first contest, it’s safe to say Berg could have another monster season in 2023.

1. Delan Massey-Wright, Junior DL, Winton Woods.

This guy is the definition of a game-wrecker. Massey-Wright is one of the most skilled defensive players in Cincinnati and the scary thing is he’s only a junior. Last year, he recorded 64 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, and 10 sacks, one of the better defensive seasons this conference has seen in the last five years. He is certainly a candidate for Defensive Player of the Year this season and next season as well. The Eastern Cincinnati Conference is loaded with Division 1-worthy talent, and there are plenty of teams that can make a run to Columbus.

Loveland Postseason Football Preview

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Loveland, OH - Entering the month of September, the Loveland Tigers were trending in the wrong direction. As of September 1st, the Tigers sat at 0-3 and dead last in the Eastern Cincinnati Conference. Fast forward to mid-October, the Tigers sit at 5-4 and fourth in the ECC and are one of the hottest teams in all of Cincinnati. As the postseason approaches, this Tiger team is looking to make a big-time run at a district and possibly a state title.

The five-game winning streak is the Tigers’ longest winning streak in eight years and was kickstarted with a 31-20 win over rival Kings on September 8th. “The Kings win was huge for our program and the school,” stated head coach **Andy Cruse**. “For our players, it allowed us to have such a strong belief that we could beat anyone moving forward.” Captain **Max Carver (11)** shared this belief, saying, “Knowing that we have a target on our back as one of the hotter teams in the area really motivates us to be the best team we can be.”

Despite the immense challenges the Tigers faced early in the season, this team is confident in their ability to make a run in the OHSAA playoffs. “During those first three games, our team definitely showed glimpses of being a good team, we just needed to be more consistent and put it together for four complete quarters,” Cruse articulated. **Colton Endicott (12)** agreed, stating, “We certainly had the talent, and our last five games have shown that. We just have to show we want it more than the other team.”

During the Tigers’ five game winning streak, Endicott has averaged 161.4 yards on the ground to go along with twelve rushing touchdowns, helping contribute to the Tigers averaging 37.2 points per game over this dominant stretch. Cruse felt a difference in the team’s mantra during this winning streak, discussing, “From that first game against Kings, we have developed a strong belief that we can beat anyone. Our players are playing so hard, with a deep belief and finding ways to win. They are a confident group and have a ton of fun playing the game.” Carver again agreed, saying, “Consistency allowed us to turn this

losing streak into a winning streak. People consistently come to practice wanting to get better and compete. We want to keep winning.”

As this article is being written, the Tigers are projected to play the La Salle Lancers of the Greater Catholic League in the first round of the OHSAA state playoffs, where the Tigers would hold home-field advantage. Despite the challenges that lie ahead in the postseason, the Tigers are confident they can make a run. “Obviously the goal is always to win, but this year we believe we can win districts,” Carver states. “We have continued to grow every week and the mindset of winning has flooded our program and changed us for the better.”

“We have talked since last December about playing and winning postseason games,” Cruse continued. “All season we have talked about Week 11 and beyond and what we have to do to win those games.”

Be sure to continue to support Tiger Football and be in attendance for Week 1 of the playoffs on October 27th! Go Tigers!

ECC Teams’ State Playoffs Predictions

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As ECC conference play comes to a close, eight of ten conference teams are still in contention for the OHSAA playoffs. The current ECC standings are as follows: Milford 9-0 (8-0), Anderson 8-1 (7-1), Winton Woods 7-2 (6-2), Loveland 5-4 (5-3), Lebanon 6-3 (5-3), Kings 5-4 (4-4), West Clermont 3-6 (3-5), Turpin 3-6 (2-6), Little Miami 0-9 (0-8), Walnut Hills 0-9 (0-8). Little Miami and Walnut Hills are no longer in contention for the playoffs and Turpin is on the bubble, and a win would likely be just enough to make the bracket.

The ECC has three Division I teams in contention: Milford, Lebanon, and West Clermont. Milford is the current one seed in the ECC as well as the one seed in Region 4. Lebanon would be as high as the four seed with a win, and as low as the nine seed with a loss. West Clermont controls its own destiny. With a win they lock in a playoff spot. With a loss they would need a Lakota East

loss to clinch the sixteen seed.

Milford should be able to cruise past West Clermont in round one, especially considering Milford just recently dominated West Clermont 27-0. As for Lebanon, I expect their playoff hopes to be short lasting. I think Sycamore is able to go on the road and upset the Warriors. Milford would end up playing Sycamore in the next round where I expect another dominant win at home advancing them to the Regional Semi-Finals against St Xavier. I think this is the first real test Milford faces but I expect a close game in which Milford defends its home field and wins to advance to the Regional Finals. This is where I expect their road to end and Princeton to advance to the State Semi-Finals.

In Division II, the ECC teams vying for a playoff spot are: Anderson, Winton Woods, Loveland, Kings, and Turpin. Anderson will likely end up with the one seed. All they need is a win over Kings which shouldn’t be too much to ask of the Raptors. Winton Woods will end up with the five seed assuming they are able to take down Lebanon.

Loveland will likely lock up the seven seed with a win over West Clermont. Kings currently sits at the nine seed, and as much as I expect them to lose, I don’t expect them to drop below the ninth seed as the teams below them will likely lose their matchups as well. Turpin is sitting right on the bubble as the current sixteen seed. All the Spartans need to make the tournament is a win over Milford, which would take nothing short of a miracle, or a Talawanda loss.

With five of the six division two teams moving on, I expect Anderson to rout Turpin at home, I expect Winton Woods to beat La Salle, Loveland to beat Xenia, and Kings to beat Lima Senior. In round two, I expect an Anderson win over Kings, Winton Woods to upset Northmont, and for Loveland to fall short against Withrow. Moving on, I expect Anderson’s run to end in their rematch against Winton Woods. In the Regional Finals, I expect Winton Woods to have their improbable run ended by the Withrow Tigers.

Top Ten Loveland Senior Paws

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As the temperature cools and the leaves begin to fall each autumn, an array of traditions start to unfold on Tiger Trail. From Link Crew to Homecoming, the seasonal festivities have a unique way of connecting and uniting the Loveland High School community as school returns for the year. The most highly anticipated tradition of all, however, is the senior student-athlete tradition of paw painting the path leading up to Tiger Stadium. All fall student-athletes, cheerleaders, and marching band members in the class of 2024 have the opportunity to express their creativity and passions on the walkway for all of Loveland to witness. Each year, dozens of students decorate their paws in uniquely personal ways. While all paws have special meanings to their creators, some are more detailed, rare, and downright weird compared to the rest. So today, *The Loveland Roar* will be ranking the top 10 senior paws.

10. **Emily Haught (12)** - Girls Volleyball

Although more simplistic than the nine paws ranked higher, the double orange look is a unique, yet visually appealing edge that not many other paws boast.

9. **Drew Holman (12)** - Football

The four blank fingers leave much to be desired, but the extensive detail of Holman following what has to be a game-changing sack is second to none.

8. **Claire Federman (12)** - Girls Golf

The paw outline is what separates this from many other sport-centered paws. The unique pattern adds a nice touch to an already consistently designed paw.

7. **Charlotte Gordon (12)** - Girls Soccer

A pretty basic paw, but the eye of the tiger design is exceptionally well done. The soccer ball in place of the "0" is a nice touch too.

6. **Jason Marmer (12)** - Boys Soccer

Instead of taking the basic "2024" route with the four fingers, Marmer adds three-dimensional soccer balls which is very rare. The alignment of his name and the illustration of him making a clutch save is a different look than most paws.

5. **Anthony Moran (12)** - Boys Soccer

From a blind eye, this may just look like an interesting background design, but Moran perfectly replicates Boys Soccer's home jersey pattern on his paw. A great idea, with even better execution.

4. **Avery Dennedy (12)** - Marching Band

The artwork on this paw is exceptional. The tiger speaks for itself, and the splatter paint in the four fingers is well executed as well.

3. **Dani Hildebrand (12)** - Cheerleading

Once again, the double orange works to perfection. A pretty simple pattern, but arguably the cleanest of all paws this fall.

2. **Ashley Fancher (12)** - Girls Soccer

Another simple paw, and another high ranking. Clean outline, appealing font, and good usage of gray, but obviously, Tony the Tiger steals the show for this one.

1. **Conner Wilson (12)** - Marching Band

Wilson's musical name design takes the cake for this fall's plethora of well-designed paws. The gradient is exceptional, along with extremely detailed fingers to represent the four marching band shows since 2020 to top

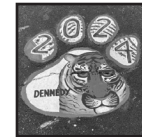
things off.

Be sure to check out all of the paws on your way up to Tiger Stadium this fall! Be on the lookout in March for the spring edition as all of our spring senior student-athletes will partake in the same tradition as graduation nears!



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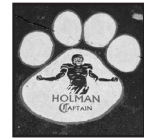


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LHS Parking Lot Situation

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No system is perfect when it includes a diverse amount of people, and Loveland High School is no exception. In the past few years that I've gone to Loveland, I've noticed a serious dilemma with transportation - the parking lots before and after school hours! Drivers tend to be reckless and ignorantly stubborn. This issue isn't restricted to me, though - many of Loveland's drivers are becoming frustrated as well.

Personally, I find that this is mostly a complication among high school students who rush out of the building, though I have had my own unique, yet poor experience dealing with irresponsible parents. I have found that for whatever reason, parents picking up their students assume that their situation is more urgent than other parents which creates super chaotic conditions. When every parent in the parking lot genuinely believes getting their kid is more important than the people around them, it causes mayhem and an incredible amount of, well - stupidity.

I'm not saying that the problem lies on the parents, as many of the actual students are entirely too dependent on getting home as quickly as possible. Similarly to the parents, when a ton of inexperienced high schoolers begin rushing their vehicles toward the same tiny roads, it causes a lot of inconvenience, along with actual illegal moves and accidents.

Alongside this, I believe this affects teachers heavily. On a daily basis, numerous teachers leave at the same time as me. When vehicles are cutting each other off and driving in the wrong direction, it makes it insanely difficult for teachers to back their cars out of their employee parking spaces. In this case, students and parents simply make driving for teachers unsafe and impractical while being in a work environment.

This is something important for many folks to improve upon, including myself. I find that occasionally I find myself making irresponsible decisions from fatigue and desperation to get home too. My main point is that all who drive to and from school during these busy hours should take a moment to evaluate the safety of themselves and others.

A solution to potentially avoid having so many accidents and safety concerns could include limiting the amount of cars going to and from school through carpooling and walking from a designated area. The public should actually pay attention to the circumstances around them when driving, especially in a school zone (yes, even if you attend that school).

To be blunt, I think when this becomes a problem for a large majority of a community, let alone when you are putting said community at risk, you'd think some people would take time out of their day to improve the ways they impact society. It's one thing to endanger yourself and a whole different thing to endanger a random crowd that has nothing to do with you.

When you use public services, you need to be aware of how your choices affect those around you. It's so crucial to understand the role that each person plays in society, and the significance these mistakes can have on each other. Seriously - if you can't drive responsibly, then please, don't drive.



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Fall Movie Recommendations

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As the weather gets colder and the leaves start to change, many people begin to order their beloved Pumpkin Spice Lattes, and the need to rewatch their favorite feel-good Fall and Halloween movies returns. Here is a list of movies to consider putting on the big screen to get in the mood for Fall.

'80s-'90s Fall Throwbacks:

When *Harry Met Sally* is a classic Autumn-spirited film starring Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal. This 1989 movie is set in New York, takes place over 12 years, and is a beloved romantic comedy that can be watched any time of the year but specifically includes vibrant colored leaves and more modest fashion, giving it the reputation of being an Autumn movie.

Dead Poets Society (1989) is similar to this as it takes place during the Fall which marks the beginning of the school year in the movie. It follows a multitude of storylines including Robin Williams' character teaching and inspiring his students through the art of poetry as well as the friendship and bonds between many of the students as they deal with their own personal struggles, giving it an authentic representation of human relations that explains why so many fans favor rewatching it each year.

Tim Burton Halloween:

Tim Burton has been known for decades as he perfectly encapsulates the Halloween spirit we all enjoy. His stories feature unique character designs that can be easily recognized and the cinematography of many of his movies comforts viewers.

Starring Johnny Depp, *Edward Scissorhands* (1990) is among fan favorites as it tells the story of an outcast who dreams of being accepted and loved. Played by Winona Ryder, Kim Boggs falls for the caring and devoted Edward despite their differences.

Another popular Burton movie, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* (1993), is a cross between Halloween and Christmas as the main character Jack Skellington leaves his world (Halloween) and discovers a plethora of other worlds. He then enters Christmas town and is met by a realization that the two worlds cannot cross, meaning that he is unable to bring Christmas to his home.

Family-friendly Halloween:

One of the most well-known Halloween movies is a family favorite, providing entertainment for any age group. Kenny Ortega's *Hocus Pocus* (1993) follows Max and his sister Dani as they move to Salem, Massachusetts during the Fall. They both have to adapt to the Halloween-filled spirit of their new home and the origins of the town that Max at first doesn't believe in but soon uncovers when he accidentally frees the witches from the town stories.

Hubie Halloween (2020) is more recent, but not less loved. Also set in Salem, this comedy follows Adam Sandler, Hubie, who is the town's eccentric but caring member who is often made fun of and teased. One Halloween, however, he finds himself in an actual police investigation of a potentially life-threatening situation that he then has to save his beloved town from, despite the mistreatment he has previously received.

In the spirit of the Fall season, commonly-used streaming services have decided to create their own lists of Halloween movies and limited series, like Disney+, Netflix, and Hulu featuring many different genres of Halloween movies that are worth watching and rewatching as the air becomes crisper and the days get shorter.



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Loveland High School Removes Toilet Paper from Bathrooms

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In response to the public outcry from Loveland students, the Loveland High School administration has made the controversial decision to remove toilet paper from school bathrooms alongside paper towels. This “scorched earth tactic,” as one student called it, has reportedly done little to improve the student body’s opinion of the bathroom situation following the removal of paper towels last year.

The Loveland Roar spoke to multiple students for their thoughts on the matter, with a shared sentiment popping up in multiple students. One student commented that, “I had to use a photo of my girlfriend in order to clean myself off after using the bathroom yesterday,” in response to the issue, while another student proposed that “I’d rather have sandpaper available than nothing at all.” Yet another student complained that, “I’ve never had to wash my own hand so much before,” giving a grim look into the lengths Loveland students must go to for basic bathroom hygiene. Most concerning however, one student The Roar talked with lamented that, “without toilet paper in the bathrooms, our bathroom therapy sessions have decreased in quality from the inability to wipe our own tears with toilet paper.” When asked to reply to these claims, a Loveland School Board member addressed concerns by saying, “cry about

it, oh wait...”

Several Loveland teachers gave their opinions on the issue as well, but had much more varied responses compared to students. One teacher insightfully asked: “you guys use the bathrooms?” Another teacher, who was passing by at the time, asked the aforementioned teacher, “you don’t use the secret staff bathroom?” The Roar attempted to inquire further about the subject, however, were turned down by every teacher asked about the topic. The Roar will investigate this in a future article.

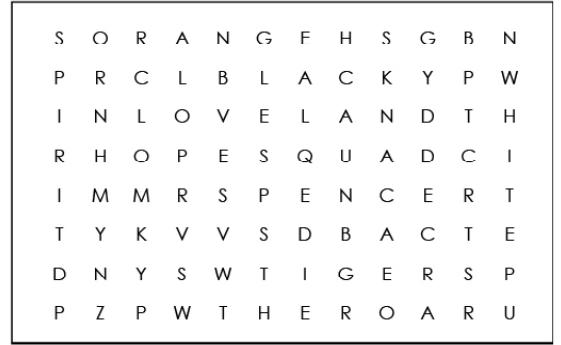
The Roar continued the coverage of the toilet paper issue by seeking an interview with Mr. Spencer himself. Upon asking him about the subject, Mr. Spencer responded, “Who did that?” before making a phone call. After leaving for several minutes, Mr. Spencer returned, informing The Roar that the toilet paper rolls missing from the bathroom were, in fact, missing as previously reported, however the decision to do so was not his.

The Roar moved to collect students’ final thoughts on the matter following this. One student responded that, “Sounds a bit fishy.” Another student ran away when approached, saying, “I told you I thought the donuts were free!” Finally, one student who was interviewed vehemently answered that, “They better get this sorted as soon as they can.”

Ultimately it seems the issue may be resolved soon, but only time will tell whether the current administration makes any changes.

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LHS Word Search



Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

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Insurgent Group Vows to Defeat Chess Club

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According to The Loveland Roar’s sources, a group of students have split off from Chess Club to form an insurgent group known as Checkers Club. Supposedly displeased with the single-game focus of their parent club, the group aims to serve as a “check” to Chess Club’s popularity, if not jump ahead of them outright.

Though many of the details around Checkers Club’s leadership and ideals remain shrouded in mystery, an equally mysterious spokesperson graciously provided us with a statement, claiming that they were “tired of being pawns of the Chess Club hegemony.” The fledgling organization hopes that their threat will force Chess Club into an “undesirable position,” and cause its leadership to panic and make a bad move. In response, Chess Club’s teacher sponsor Mr. Pohana asserted that the insurgents “will meet the same fate as Robespierre,” seemingly accepting Checkers Club’s declaration of war.

While the actual opening of Checkers Club remains ambiguous, opinions have already started to form amongst the student body; one student argued that Checkers Club will be victorious, due to the king from checkers having “way more power” than the king from chess, saying, “like, what could that guy even do in this situation? Move one space and immediately die? Checkers has the obvious advantage.”

Chess’ monotone color scheme has also come under scrutiny, with one student calling it “drab” and “uninspired.” As they put it, “...if I wanted to stare at a bunch of neutral tones for half an hour, I’d go shopping for furniture in Ikea.”

Others are instead in favor of Chess Club, citing the strategy aspect of its namesake game and its status as an unsolved game, unlike checkers. One chess supporter claimed that checkers “is for old people”, and that it shouldn’t spread past “the patio at Cracker Barrel.” Other arguments concerned the queen’s status as a “girlboss,” and checker’s disappointing lack thereof. Also criticized was checkers’ anachronism of the feudal system: “I mean, in chess, you have the king, queen, knights, bishops, etcetera. In checkers, it’s just kings and men. There’s no vassals, no accurate presence of the Church, no nothing,” said one student exiting their history class. “It’s inaccurate, infuriating, and reflects badly on Checkers Club as a whole.”

Most, however, are undecided, with one student commenting, “this whole thing is definitely a daring gambit. It could very well end up being a blunder on their end, or it could be what finally causes Chess Club to slip up.” Others claim the situation is not as black-and-white as it seems, and suggest that a compromise could be reached between the two opposing forces. However, as it stands, neither Chess Club nor Checkers Club seem willing to

give up any of the ground they’ve gained.

However, Checkers Club is seemingly utilizing some non-book tactics to gain an advantage. Sightings of students using the provided chess boards and pieces to play checkers have cropped up frequently within the last year, with loyal members of Chess Club considering it an act of espionage by Checkers Club, and some even calling it treason “against the king.”

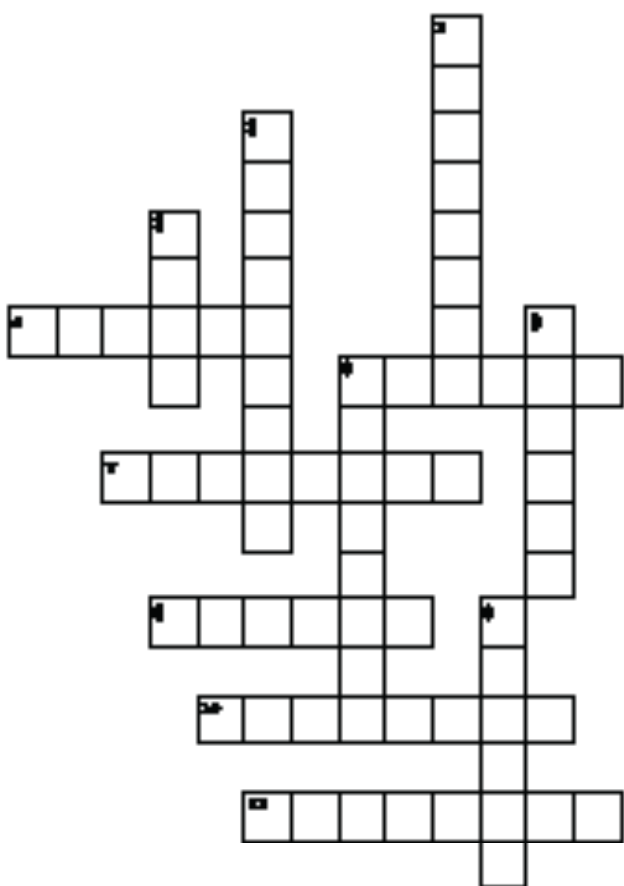
The title of LHS’s best board game club remains en prise, with both sides scrambling to capture it for themselves. No matter which side you may be on, this is sure to make for an interesting exchange.

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Crossword Puzzle



Down:

- This teacher ran the Chicago Marathon
- This teacher was an equestrian athlete as a teenager
- This teacher recently dyed his hair bleach blonde
- This math teacher went to LHS
- This teacher participates in Iron Man Competitions
- This counselor owned a restaurant in Downtown Loveland for 20 years

Across:

- This teacher struggles to beat his son in arm wrestling
- This teacher was at the infamous 1979 The Who concert
- This teacher played Big Ten Football
- This teacher rocked a mullet in 1989
- This teacher lived in Germany as a kid
- This teacher coached the 2013 state championship team