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Core messages communicated to students by ambassadors



Student ambassadors teach lessons adapted from *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey. With over five million copies sold worldwide, the “ultimate teenage success guide” has been adopted into curriculum in over 500 schools.

By Patrick Seroogy
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Throughout the school year, the Loveland school district’s core mottos and values (My Voice, My Choice, care, respect and responsibility) will be emphasized and put into action and perspective by representatives communicating a behavioral system based on the book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effectively Teens* by Sean Covey.

This system involves student ambassadors providing a monthly introduction through seven months of the school year of a topic, directive, or habit meant to contribute conductively toward the participating younger students.

Senior Ambassadors convey these messages about these “7 Habits” to students in grades K-8 throughout the school district. Most of the Link Crew as well as **Emily Hageman, Aaron Autin, Kara Joseph, Logan Smith, Emma Gillespie, Kiley Allen, Rikki Baddinghaus, and Brycen Carle** serve as

ambassadors. The objective of the month of September, according to the program, was to “Be Proactive.” Students were and are encouraged to “stop and think before making a choice... take responsibility for your life.” Questions are asked about the possible outcomes, positive or negative of choices and their effect on the students themselves and others.

For October, the lesson included the habit, “Begin With the End in Mind.” Ambassadors discussed end goals and their effect on relationships for both the near and distant future. In addition, ambassadors asked students to consider what can be learned from both successes and failures. Other questions asked included “Where do you want to be in 5 years?” “What kind of friend do you want to be to others? What kind of people do you want to be your friends?”

The pattern continues all the way into May, the full remaining list of habits or directives being: November, “First Things First.” December, encouragement to take a break; January, “Think Win-Win;”

February, “Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood;” March, “Synergize;” April, “Sharpen the Saw...;” and May, “Find Your Voice, and Help Others Find Theirs.”

Kirby Jonas (third grade teacher), along with the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, has been working to implement and spread information about this program.

“High school, we are thinking, is going to look very different,” Jonas said. “With the growing drug use in the areas, we know this is an important concept, and we want to get this language of the 7 Habits out to the students.”

Working with representatives from various grade levels, these monthly habits, according to Jonas, are introduced to the students in ways meant to adapt to their ages and be made applicable to their unique situations.

Jonas hopes the program will serve as an aid to students. Providing these habits is meant to help them think about how their attitudes dictate decision making endeavors.

Sub shortage creates complications for staff

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There’s an epidemic in the high school. It’s not a disease. You can’t view it under a microscope. Where you can view it, is in the classroom.

Whenever a teacher gets sick, or has a personal emergency, or has other obligations, substitute teachers are relied on to, well, substitute. And right now, the school does not have nearly enough of them. The epidemic is a severe lack of substitutes.

Several factors can play into a sub shortage, and this year has seen an amalgamation of several of those factors.

“There was a large number of retirees across the region prior to 2015 and many young teachers who were not able to get jobs in the past (and, therefore, been great sub candidates) have now been employed full time. This cut into the potential substitute pool. Shortages can also be more pronounced early in the school year as are still recruiting new substitute teachers,” **Mr. Keith Koehne (Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources)** said.

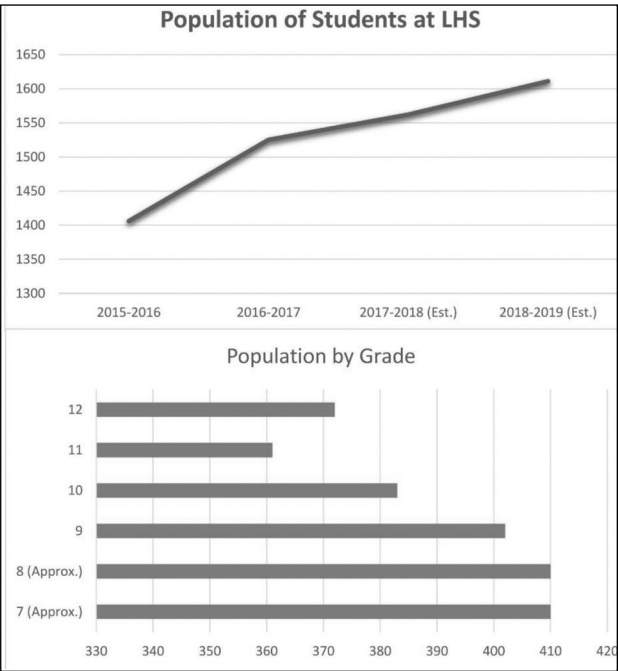
Currently, substitute teachers in Loveland are paid \$80 a day. Comparatively, working an eight hour work day on a minimum wage nets a worker \$64.8. And while those on minimum wage might work every day,

substitutes do not have a consistent work schedule. Mr. Koehne has stated the pay rate is being examined by the district in lieu of the recent substitute teacher shortage.

While the sub shortage is certainly a problem, Mr. Koehne remains confident that the school district will find a remedy.

“We are fortunate in Loveland because substitute teachers enjoy working with our students and in our schools. We also have many community members who want to sub in our classrooms. We typically hire new substitute teachers every September. Due to this current situation, we have expanded our recruiting efforts,” Mr. Koehne said.

Population at high school expected to continue to grow in near future



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According to compiled statistics from both the middle school and the high school, the population at the high school is expected to grow by almost 100 students by the 2018 school year. The middle school 7th and 8th grade classes both have around 410 students, and are similar in size to this year’s freshmen class which is the largest ever in the history of Loveland.

The loss of students from private schools is a zero-sum game, as the number of students leaving after 8th grade to be schooled privately tends to be balanced out by the students entering the high school, from other private schools.

The school has made several improvements to the facilities, including two new classrooms, and a new set of lockers. **Mrs. Peggy Johnson (Principal)** claimed that any major improvement or addition of the building would ultimately be a public decision.

“The school district would ultimately handle the issue, and put it to the public vote for a bond issue,” Mrs. Johnson said.

Although the class sizes continue to grow, it has yet to be determined whether or not major improvements and renovations will be necessary in the coming years.

NEST partners to support at-risk learners

By Anna Azallion
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Students may have noticed a table outside the cafeteria with signs reading NEST or peers wearing stickers dawning the same logo, but not thought much of it. Curious what it’s all about? In short, NEST stands for “sound Nutrition and targeted Education in a Safe neighborhood environment that will Transform the outcome of at-risk school-age children,” according to the organization’s website.

Evangeline DeVol (founder), a lifelong educator who has lived in at least seven countries and eventually decided to make Loveland home, created NEST to help solve the cycle of poverty.

“If you were born today in poverty you only have a 50/50 shot of not living your whole life in poverty, and for a woman of faith and an educator living in one of the best countries in the entire world, that just wasn’t good enough,” DeVol said.

One big aspect of NEST is tutoring, but it’s more than that because NEST come into the community where the kids they are serving live. They also work in conjunction with the students’ teachers to extend the reach of the teachers on what the students are already doing in school, making NEST different from other tutoring services.

Another aspect of NEST is targeted

tutoring which pairs students who are falling behind with a tutor for the year. For this part of the program, NEST completely partners with the student’s teacher. The tutor and the student meet twice a week to work on a certain subject to close the academic gap so the little bump in the road they’re experiencing doesn’t turn into a big mountain.

DeVol has established these programs and more because she believes in the cause.

“The big picture is, I believe with all my heart that if every community can be responsible for the at risk kids in their own backyard, then these kids stand a chance,” DeVol said.

Every week day from 3-6 NEST is set up at a park near downtown Loveland in the center of a neighborhood full of kids they are serving. The kids come home from school and have a snack, play with the multitudes of equipment NEST has brought – dodgeball, kickball, badminton, balloon hats and more – then get help with homework.

NEST has also purchased a late model RV and transformed it into a learning center on wheels. They plan to use this RV to better help students and parents alike with schoolwork and tutoring. Adults in the neighborhoods in which NEST serves have asked for help with GED work and other essential skills they didn’t learn during their time in school. The RV would allow NEST

to drive to the neighborhoods in which these adults live and provide the equipment and help they need.

NEST hopes to gain the funds for a second RV with the same purpose of tutoring.

“This is important because cognitively the children that are at risk the most for not developing properly are children at or below the poverty line and that’s because two things that are important for cognitive development is good nutrition and physical activity, which a lot of children in poverty don’t get,” said DeVol.

NEST worked to establish a relationship with the families they intended to work with over the summer. The entire summer from 11-1 every weekday they had a lunch program. This allowed NEST to get to know the kids and the families and build a relationship with them.

NEST was at the high school the week of October 3 so students could sign up to volunteer. But it’s not too late according to **Ben Cummins (11)** and **Jonah Smith (11)**.

“Students can help by volunteering their time and spreading the word. If anyone is interested in volunteering they can go to nestclc.org or talk to myself or Ben Cummins,” Smith said.

Once the organization has established itself in Loveland, they plan to spread to other communities like Kings and Milford.

New clubs surface in first quarter

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Four new clubs have emerged including a more prominent Book Club, a reboot of International Club, Coffee Club, and Yoga Club. All these clubs are new aside from International Club which is making a comeback.

Book Club provides people with an outlet to read books for fun and then share their opinions about the book. Also provides people who do not usually read a way to read with others and provides a place where people can read and focus on their book.

“We wanted to invite people to read books that they otherwise wouldn’t read on their own,” **Mrs. Theresa Bosse (Media Specialist)** said.

“Book club was actually started largely out of student interest,” Mrs. Bosse said.

International Club existed last year, but did not gain as much traction as they wanted and they have decided to reboot the club this year.

“International Club is all about understanding and experiencing cultures in a way you normally wouldn’t be able to, we hope to give people new perspective on world views and ways of life,” **Renn**

Redslob (12) said.

They had their informational meeting in October and they will be having periodic meetings

Coffee club is a brand new club this year and adds to the wide variety of clubs now available. This club meets every Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. to have coffee from a different region around the world every week and to discuss the coffee. Coffee Club provides an avenue for students to appreciate coffee from around the world.

“Our goal is to show students the joy of coffee by providing high quality coffees at a reasonable price, and to create a laid back environment,” **Jacob Korniak (12)** said.

Yoga club is also a new addition to the arsenal of clubs that the school provides and is a health club which is a new category of clubs that people can attend here at school.

“Yoga Club was created to promote the practice and study of yoga. Yoga allows for individuals to find balance, strength, and focus in their everyday lives. Athletes can increase their flexibility and protect against injuries while others can find a fun way to stay healthy,” **Bailey George (12)** said.

The clubs mentioned are all in progress and students can contact the students mentioned for more information.

Students showcased in Xavier Art Show

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This November, Xavier is showcasing local young artist’s work. The show, “Juried High School Exhibition” is a judged contest with awards. The students accepted are as follows: **Sam Smith (11)**, **Maya Earl (12)**, **Alex Gilbert (12)**, and **Mackenzie Talbott (12)**. Mr. Barrett and Mrs. Grant encouraged students to enter the art show.



Finger-painted self-portrait by Mackenzie Talbott (12)

“After entering a number of students, these four were the only ones accepted. The students will have another chance in 2018 as the show takes place every two years. This event is citywide, and entries are accepted from schools around the Cincinnati area. The works are all hung in the Xavier gallery,” Mrs. Grant said.

Smith entered a piece entitled,



“Notes of Decay”, photographed by Sam Smith.

“Notes of Decay,” Talbott’s work is entitled, “Self Portrait,” Gilbert’s artwork is titled, “Snake Eye,” Earl’s piece is, “Autumn Death.”

The awards include Best of Show, second, and honorable mentions, which allows them to get experience in a showcase and receive praise and critique.

“I’m looking forward to seeing my photo alongside some of the talented local artists.” Sam Smith said.

The exhibition takes place November 4th, 5:30-7:30. The awards begin at 7:00. The art will be on display through November 18th. Students are encouraged to attend and support school art.

Alumni endure Hurricane Matthew

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The previously category four Hurricane Matthew has affected alumni along the east coast and has caused millions of people to evacuate the areas most affected.

Former student, **Andrew Snyder (alumnus)**, who attends the Florida Institute of Technology, and **Josh Carovillano (alumnus)**, who attends the University of South Carolina were affected by the hurricane as

it hit the east coast during the week of October 3rd. It had killed 26 people by October 10th, according to The Weather Channel.

"I had my classes canceled and I had to evacuate my school because the hurricane was going to travel right over us. So, I just went to South Carolina with my roommate to visit my brother at University of South Carolina for a week," Snyder said.

This was the strongest hurricane to hit the Caribbean islands as it was at a category five rating and

it weakened to a category four when it hit the United States. Millions of people were urged to evacuate as Florida and North Carolina issued states of emergencies on October 3rd, according to the National Coast Guard and the National Hurricane Center.

The National Hurricane Center also reported that this hurricane was one of the few category four hurricanes to make landfall in the United States after Hurricane Katrina being the most recent category

four and Hurricane Sandy being a category three hurricane.

The states that have been the most heavily affected were Florida, South Carolina, and North

"This hurricane was one of the few category four hurricanes to make landfall in the United States"

Carolina with flooding causing the most damage

and winds reaching speeds of around 130 miles per hour.

South Carolina was not the hardest hit, as North Carolina and Florida sustained an astonishing amount of damage from massive flooding on the coasts according to The Weather Channel.

"I was positively affected by Hurricane Matthew because as a student at USC, our classes were cancelled from Wednesday, October 5th to Friday, October 7th, and so

I got to travel home for the first time since moving into college," Carovillano said.

The University of South Carolina did not receive the brunt of the hurricane and the students were not forced to evacuate; although classes were cancelled. The storm continues to cause flooding along the coasts of North Carolina and to cause even more households to evacuate. CBS News reported that 36 people had died from the hurricane and the after flooding, as of October 12th.

To vaccinate or not to vaccinate? HPV Vaccinane side effects cause controversy

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Due to some recent reports some parents are reconsidering vaccinating their children against HPV.

HPV stands for human papillomavirus. HPV is a virus, so there are multiple strands and those strands can be classified

also recommended because some strands of the virus can cause some cancers, specifically cervical cancer.

If they haven't received all three doses, women are able to get the vaccine until they are twenty-six and men can get it until they are twenty-one.

In opposition to the CPC, some people and doctors disagree and say parents

LEPTA raises more than \$55,000 for schools at annual Walk-a-Thon

By Heather Higdon

Guest writer

The LEPTA with the support of the Tiger Family has done it again – this year raising more than \$55,000 during the third-annual Walk-a-Thon to support student learning at Loveland Early Childhood Center (LECC), Loveland Primary School (LPS) and Loveland Elementary School (LES).

"The LEPTA is truly overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and our community!" said LEPTA Fundraising Coordinator Amy Friday. "We also want to thank all of the local businesses in Loveland and the Cincinnati area for supporting our cause and donating prizes for this event.

Money raised is used to pay for field trips, visiting author/illustrator assemblies, Science Day, Field Day supplies, stipends to teachers for classroom supplies, COSI on Wheels, food and treats for special events, and the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon festivities.

"A HUGE THANK YOU to the LEPTA for hosting another AMAZING Walk-a-Thon! Our students truly enjoyed all of the fun stations along the route – the limbo, an obstacle course, a relay, a dance party, class pictures, and of course, a popsicle!" said LES Principal Jennifer Forren. "The LEPTA works very hard to put on this huge event, and they are extremely generous with the funds that are raised!"



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

into two categories; low-risk and high-risk. It is currently the most common sexually transmitted disease in the U.S.


Low-risk HPVs do not cause cancer but can cause uncomfortable warts on the body. High-risk HPVs can be cancerous; about a dozen high-risk strains have been identified.

There are currently three vaccines available; Gardasil, Gardasil 9, and Cervarix. The vaccines are administered in three doses. The second shot is given a month or two after the first, and the third is given six months after the second..


The CPC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) say all kids ages eleven to twelve should get all three doses of the HPV vaccine. The CPC recommends children get vaccinated because after infected with the virus, the vaccine cannot be used to treat it. The vaccine is

should not give their children the Gardasil vaccine. According to a The Washington Post article, parents are worried the vaccine will increase their child's sexual activity. Another reason some are against vaccinating their kids is because in the past ten years there have been some serious side effects reported. These side effects have included ovarian failure, premature menopause, and amenorrhea. According to a study done by The American College of Pediatrics, these side effects were caused solely by the Gardasil vaccine.

There haven't been any reports of these side effects happening with the other vaccines, but the American College Of Pediatrics hopes parents will consider all of the information available when choosing a vaccine their child.



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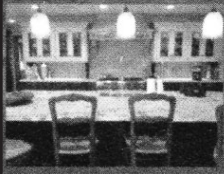
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What to expect for presidential election

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For myself and many other seniors, this November will be our first time participating in an election. On top of that, this year’s presidential election is estimated by political scientists to be one of the most important-by means of the status of the economy and the U.S.’s relationships with other countries having the chance to affect the future of the nation exponentially.

WHAT TO REMEMBER:

- Your political opinions are *your* political opinions. Don’t base your vote for the presidential candidate on who your friends or parents are voting for. Do your own research on each candidate’s policies and decide from there which you agree the most with. An easy way to do this is to take the quiz on ISIDEWITH.com or 2016election.procon.org. Your results will point you in the direction of the candidate you have the most in common with in terms of policies and stances on issues.
- The outcome of every election directly affects you as an American regardless of whether it appears to or not. Taking advantage of your constitutional right to vote is imperative and should be done by all who are eligible.
- Keep in mind that along with the presidential election, you will be voting on candidates for many other positions.

- Candidates for the Senate include Rob Portman (R), former Gov. Ted Strickland (D), Joseph DeMare (Green), Thomas William Connors (Independent), and Scott Rupert (Independent).
- Candidates for the Ohio House of Representatives include Joe Otis (D) and incumbent Tom Brinkman Jr. (R).
- Michele Young (D) and incumbent Steve Chabot (R) are running for the House of Representatives Ohio District 1 seat.

- The issues to be voted on for Ohio residents depend on where you live. Information can be found on ballotpedia.org.
- Check out a sample ballot at home. This will save you time in the polling place and you will know what to expect on Election Day.
- After registering to vote, you should have received a voter card in the mail containing a confirmation of your registration, and most provide information on where you will go to vote on Election Day.
- To find out where you can vote, visit the previously listed ballotpedia web page. Voting hours take place from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 8th.

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View: Presidential election becomes joke

STAFF EDITORIAL

Let’s face it; all this election has become is pure, reality T.V., designed to squeeze every last cent out of you in this election by getting you to watch the next crazy thing that Trump said, or 24 hour coverage of Clinton collapsing on Fox news. The whole 2016 presidential race has become a “Trump did this”, and “Hillary said that”, without any focus on actual issues. The news outlets cover the candidates like they are reality television stars, not the elected public officials that they both want to be. Students who have taken AP government know about racehorse politics; this is real housewives politics.

In the recent town hall debate, Donald Trump publicly threatened to prosecute Hillary Clinton on live T.V. Donald’s Trump’s dystopic comment about imprisoning Clinton crosses all sorts of lines; respect of the office, comes to mind. In other debates with other candidates, looking at a watch or coughing too loudly could be considered embarrassing, and a loss. But when it comes to threats of unconstitutional prosecution, it spells a win for Trump. The most shocking part of this whole affair? This is considered par for the course in this year’s election cycle, as well as for Trump, and it is frankly embarrassing.

Now whose fault is it that we’ve removed all substance from our elections? It’s our fault. We are the ones who even let Trump get past the primaries, as nobody took him seriously until it was too late.

It’s our fault that Clinton supporters cannot seem to even fathom that Clinton might just be a corporate hack, and not some progressive revolutionary that will lead us into the golden age of America, as her camp seems to believe. A vote for Clinton appears to be nothing more than a vote for corporate interests, no matter how hard she pushes the anti-capitalist sentiment. Any cursory glance at her voting record is far from the New Deal progressive she likes to make us think that she is.

And not to mention that the Clinton administration has been rife with scandals, some of which date back to Bill Clinton’s governorship of Arkansas. The Clintons have been involved in at least 22 separate scandals, and her most recent scandal involving emails is certainly not an anomaly. People who are voting for Clinton are people voting for shady, back alley politics.

The new norm in debates seems to be a “roast” battle rather than addressing actual issues, diversionary tactics used to push their agenda, rather than address the question at hand.

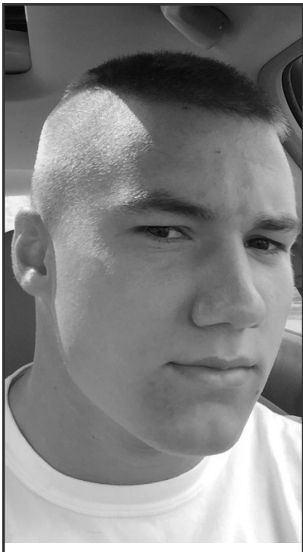
It is our fault that we have mindlessly voted along party lines, and we continue to eat up this garbage that is the political process.

The election is a joke -- a stain on this country’s history. The apathetic and vapid Americans have sat idly by while the two candidates play the “lesser of two evils game.” The rhetoric on both sides of the field widely seems to be “oh, I’m voting X because I don’t want Y to be president.” Rather than voting based on policy or conscious, people are voting with a vindictive spite.

However, the disillusionment of establishment politics doesn’t end with Donald Trump’s “outsider” rhetoric. Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson has seen a spike in the polls, up to 8% according to the Wall Street Journal. What we are witnessing is the birth of alternative right American politics, which includes Tea Party Republicans, fascists, and ultra-libertarians. Donald Trump’s candidacy has given a small, but vocal group of fascist and fascist sympathizers a platform they haven’t had since before World War II Now I’m not saying that Trump is responsible for early stage fascism, but there is certainly a correlation.

So this November, don’t complain about the outcome when the American people put up with such a grotesque destruction of American political integrity.

What do you think about the election year?



“It’s funny how the candidates just try to roast each other and not focus on the questions/topics that need to be discussed.”

- James Meckey (12)



“Neither candidate should have been elected for the position of our President in the first place.”

- Hannah Gray (12)



“The election is a joke. It’s a race between two malicious people.”

-Luke Dunning (12)



“The election is a joke and our country is making a fool of itself.”

- Abby Hickey (12)

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One Tree Hill shines superior to Gossip Girl

By Anna Azallion

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As a teenager, two shows are a staple to your Netflix binge-worthy list: *One Tree Hill* and *Gossip Girl*. However, not all shows are created equal; *One Tree Hill*, popularly referred to as “OTH,” outshines *Gossip Girl* any day.

While it tends to be difficult to fully sell *OTH* without spouting spoiler after spoiler, prepare to be convinced.

To start, let’s talk about how relatable *OTH* is. In anything but average Tree Hill, North Carolina, teenage drama hits a new level of extreme, but somehow it is completely relatable. In *Gossip Girl*, they face—to put it simply—rich people problems, but in *OTH*, the daily struggles are just crazy enough to be both interesting and relatable.

Tree Hill has a killer basketball team, awkward family drama, and a rambunctious group of upperclassmen at Tree Hill High. All of this and more made me, as a viewer, crave the iconic friendship, freedom, and crazy parties (and this is from someone who would never in a million years be described as a party girl).

If *OTH* were a car, the next feature I’d draw the buyers’ attention to is the drama.

“Brothers,” Nathan and Lucas Scott share a dad, but come from different mothers. Yesterday’s generation of basketball stars, Dan Scott, fathers both the boys, but after impregnating Lucas’ mother, Karen, he went off to fulfill his college basketball dream. While in college, Dan had maybe a little too much fun and gets Nathan’s mom, Deb, pregnant. The difference lies in the fact that Dan and Deb

married and moved back to Tree Hill, while Karen is a single mom, making money only from her small café.

With the drama this situation creates in the background, Nathan and Lucas strive to lead the Tree Hill Ravens to an undefeated season and State. Cheering on the sideline are the female leads, Brooke Davis and Peyton Sawyer.

These best friends fight and create enough drama for a show of its own, eventually roping in “Tutor Girl,” Lucas’ best friend, Haley James.

As the show progresses, the characters grow and mature as viewers grow and mature alongside them, creating the next reason why the one and only Tree Hill is the best TV town and series.

Brooke teaches viewers that people can change and have the ability to become someone they are more proud of. In the beginning, Brooke was not anywhere near my favorite character, but in the end she was the one I would miss most. She begins insecure and misunderstood saying things like:

“That’s what I’m afraid of. Not being enough. Not good enough, not smart enough, not pretty enough.”

But in later seasons, she gains confidence and inspires others with words like:

“There’s a day when you realize that you’re not just a survivor, you’re a warrior. You’re tougher than anything (life) throws your way.”

Gossip Girl has the drama and a character similar to Brooke: Blair Waldorf. While I ended up falling in love with Brooke, I can’t say the same for Blair. She

is a character I never truly understood and as much as I wanted to like her, It just never fully happened.

Another reason *OTH* is far superior to *Gossip Girl* is how much you can learn.



Photo courtesy of othgallery.com

The characters in *OTH* at one time or another all felt alone in the world, a feeling I think everyone can relate to at some point in their lives.

They faced so many obstacles and show the world how to overcome such adversity.

For example, in season three, episode 16, Tree Hill experiences an event that changes things forever (in their world and mine), but our favorite friends find a way to keep going and do great things.

The characters are so real. They feel pain and find happiness even in the worst of times, leaving us with my favorite quote:

“Happiness is a mood and it’s a condition, not a destination. It’s like being tired or hungry, it’s not permanent, it comes and goes and that’s okay. And I feel like if people thought of it that way, they’d find happiness a lot more often,” said Julian Baker, a character introduced later in the series.

With quotes like that, and the support the friends in Tree Hill show each other, *OTH* is a dream model of friendship. In other words, I know I want friends like Brooke, Peyton, Haley, Nathan, and Lucas. That’s not something I can say of *Gossip Girl*.

So if you don’t know what to watch on Netflix, and you’re torn between *One Tree Hill* and *Gossip Girl*, go with the former, you won’t regret it.

Gossip Girl out-shimmers One Tree Hill

By Hannah Bingham

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“Hey Upper East Siders, *Gossip Girl* here,” the notorious voice mysteriously speaks as pictures of Blake Lively and Leighton Meester flash across the screen. Of course, in *Gossip Girl* they’re known as Serena Van der Woodsen and Blair Waldorf.

“You know you love me, XOXO, *Gossip Girl*.”

These two characters, best friends through all the drama, remain the stars of the show among a ridiculously amazing cast.

Don’t get me wrong, *One Tree Hill* has some great guys, but not even Nathan Scott can compare to Nate Archibald, (sorry, not sorry). Not to mention, *Gossip Girl*

in high school face, the duo continues to remain besties for college and beyond, similar to Brooke Davis and Peyton Sawyer. Everyone needs a best friend to balance them out sometimes, which every high school girl can relate to despite S and B’s so called “rich people problems.”

As I am sure every girl can relate, boys are the main source of drama. However, no matter how much trouble they cause, you can’t help but love them. Unfortunately, not many high school boys look like Chace Crawford, who plays

Nate Archibald. Let me also introduce you to Chuck Bass: the iconic bad boy turned romantic. I guess I could mention Dan too, but don’t get your hopes up. Every show needs the tortured whiny baby; for *One Tree Hill* this is Lucas Scott, and for *Gossip Girl* it’s Dan Humphrey.

I’ve already mentioned the main characters of the show but beyond them, *Gossip Girl* draws you in to each and every character. Even the ones you love to love and love to hate.

I feel that the first and foremost character I need to mention is Dorota. So much more than a housekeeper, she basically raised Blair as a child and continues to steer her in the right direction throughout her life even if it includes going along with Queen B’s crazy schemes. I promise if you watch this show she will quickly become your favorite character.

Little Jenny Humphrey plays Dan’s supportive sister and Rufus plays their former rock star father who constantly drops gems of

wisdom. Somewhat early on in the show we are introduced to Serena’s ex-best friend Georgina Sparks. She’s just crazy enough to where you can’t wait for her to leave, but secretly want her to stay just to see what drama she is going to stir up next. Lastly, the show is star studded with special guests such as Hilary Duff and Tyra Banks.

After watching *Gossip Girl*, you’re going to feel like a seasoned New Yorker. From the Humphrey’s homey loft in Brooklyn to the Van der Woodsen’s decked out Upper East Side penthouse and every coffee house in between, you’ll even feel ready to take on the New York subway system. Not that anyone in the show takes the subway (duh, there are drivers for that). It may not be the most realistic show; unfortunately not all of us can spend our summer in the Hamptons attending the hottest parties or jetting off to Paris when we are having a rough time, but you’ll still love the characters regardless.

After all this time we are still talking about *Gossip Girl* and its words of wisdom that are relatable enough to be your senior quote, like “Destiny is for losers. It’s just a lame excuse for letting things happen to you instead of making them happen” given by Blair Waldorf.

You’re not going to find another show like *Gossip Girl*, not even *One Tree Hill*, that shows the true value of friendship above all and an amazing cast that perfectly complements the backdrop of New York City. In addition, *Gossip Girl* teaches every one of us life lessons to keep for a lifetime. “You know you love me... XOXO, *Gossip Girl*.”



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The College Convo

Homecoming Edition

Make the most out of college Homecomings



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One of the largest activities of the fall is homecoming. While we’ve already experienced that phenomenon, October is prime time for homecoming at colleges across the country as well. But how does it work at these institutions of higher education?

Homecoming tends to differ from school to school but the main focus is football and alumni. This in no way means that it’s not fun for students too. Read on and find out what to expect when you step onto your chosen campus in years to come.

Kayla Herrmann (Alumnus) attends Miami University and described how homecoming works in Oxford.

“We have a week-long celebration followed by a weekend of more events. The entire week is all about school spirit and pride, and bringing people together to celebrate a common love amongst us all; Miami University,” Herrmann said.

Some of the activities included an exotic animal zoo in Uptown Park, a house decorating competition in which the winner received \$500, a special homecoming dinner, a networking reception for students and alumni, an outdoor movie screening each night, and much more.

While the events seem much more exciting than just the class competitions and parade experienced in high school, the premise is the same. Celebrate your school, let alumni come home, and have fun.

At Belmont, where Clayton Walker (alumnus) is furthering his education, the focus is, of course, on the alumni but there is plenty for students to do.

There is a king and queen who are chosen through online voting; since Belmont focuses heavily on the arts, some alumni perform, and there’s a campus-wide tailgate before the homecoming football game.

To make the most of the week-long festivities, follow these tips.

Take advantage of the week and make plans with friends both still in school and alumni. Along with all the school-run activities,

there’s plenty of parties and excuses to get together with friends.

Participate. You may have gotten into the habit of thinking you’re too cool for spirit week, but college is a

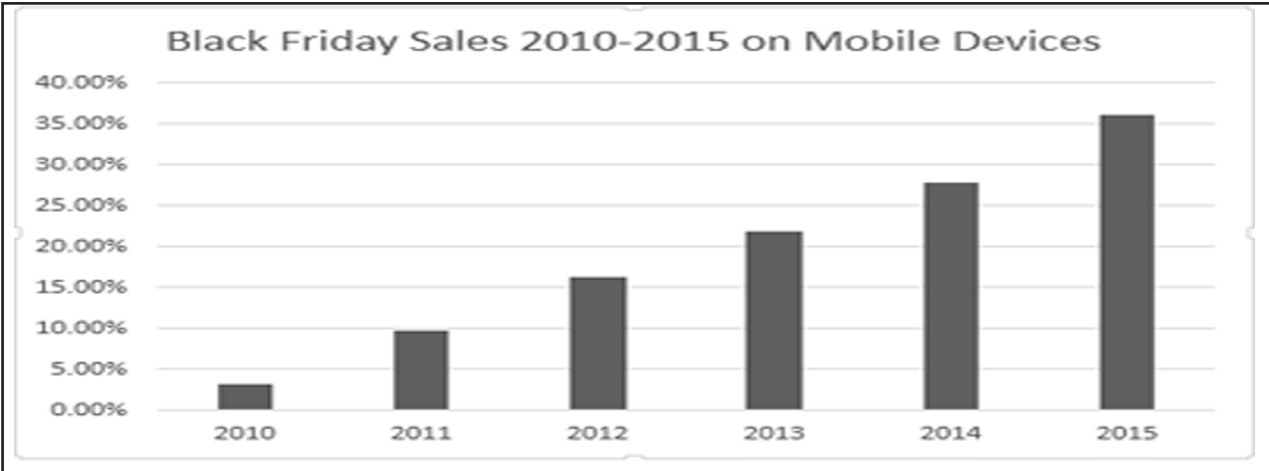
fresh start. Get into the spirit of the week and show some pride for your new school.

Go to the football game. If you’re going to miss a game, this is definitely not the one to miss. Similar to high school, the atmosphere is amazing and fun. Tarah Wagner (12) attended the homecoming game at The Ohio State University and describes the fun.

“The passion for the school and overall energy was amplified even more than it already is. OSU is full of energy 24/7 and it was like something you’d see in a movie,” Wagner said.

Take advantage of all the opportunities. Whether it’s an exotic zoo like at Miami, or networking opportunities with alumni, don’t miss out on the unique opportunities the week has to offer.

How not to treat retail employees
Students describe horrors of working retail



Data from silverpop.com

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“Why do I work in retail again?”

This question screams in the head of any worker watching little kids tear down a stack of clothes they folded for 30 minutes, a common trend in the aisles of retail stores everywhere.

Let’s face it- we’ve all done it: left a dressing room full of clothes, been in a store the last five minutes until closing time, knocked over a row of sweaters or left something in the last place they should be; things seen by retail workers every day. These instances will be dealt with a sigh and nothing because they have become so normal; people treating stores like they treat

their rooms. However, I, as well as other retail workers, have encountered people we will never forget, and the wonderful stories that come with their visits that will always be stored away for good dinner conversation. The students below share the best/ worst story they have of retail horrors.

“When I worked at Target a woman walked up to my checkout lane with over 100 items and she handed me too many coupons to count. After 20 minutes of scanning them, the total came out to around \$2. She then told me it wasn’t worth it, and just left. Total checkout time: 30 minutes. And then I quit.” - Zach Seltzer (12)

Ava shares a situation in regards to fitting rooms.

“I was working in the fitting room and this man came up with his teenage daughter and yelled at me because we did not have any shorts left in his daughter’s size, but after I explained that we no longer had any left and offered to call another store, he rudely asked for my manager and told me, “You wouldn’t understand because everything comes in your size,” because his daughter was a bit on the bigger side and we had nothing larger than a size six left in the store.” - Ava Peter (12)

Sam has a unique story about credit card applications.

“One time I was at the back register helping this couple fill out an

application for a credit card and up until this point we were being friendly, so I figured that it would be fun, so jokingly I asked if they’d like their instructions in Spanish or English and the woman proceeded to go off on a tangent about how she was tired of people asking her about Mexican things and how we should declare English as the official language of the United States and how it was astounding that I had the nerve to ask her if she would want something done in “Mexican.” Eventually, my manager had to come over to get the women back on track so that she could finish her card application” - Sam Faingold (12)

Student’s guide to making a killer playlist



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Playlists have become digital eyes in the way that they are windows to the soul. Love letters have progressed into a lineup of songs that speak novels. Playlists are one of the most personal gifts one can give, for they provide the listener with someone else’s perspective of music that still pertains to their interests. However, there is a challenge in creating the perfect mix of songs in which both the producer and listener can find solace. With that, there are many different steps to take in

order to make an impeccable playlist.

1: Know the person who will be listening to the playlist. Become familiar with what music they already like. This will give you an idea of what sort of songs to include in the personalized playlist.

2: Create a general theme. This isn’t necessary, but by keeping each song under the same umbrella of genre, it becomes easier to pick songs that the listener will like.

3: Grab the listener’s attention from the beginning. Start off with a song that you know the listener will enjoy, such

as their favorite song or something similar.

4: Make it flow. Sequence the songs based

“Playlists have become digital eyes in the way that they are windows to the soul.”

on their mood. This creates a nice flow between songs that will make the listener

experience the emotions of each song.

5: Include a wide variety of music. Choose songs from different decades and different genres. By having songs that sound different from each other, you’ll maintain the listener’s attention.

6: Be yourself. Put yourself into the mix; make it personal.

7: Make it something you’d personally listen to. What’s the point in making a playlist that you wouldn’t listen to? If you don’t love it, then it’s not personal.



1. Don't dress as a clown. Seriously!
2. Allow a little sibling to climb over a fence and through a bush and jump twenty feet into a gorilla enclosure, leaving the zoo no choice but to shoot a 17-year-old silverback gorilla creating the greatest meme of all time.
3. Take candy from sketchy people.
4. Take all the candy from a "take one" bowl.
5. Ring doorbells after ten o'clock.
6. Drive erratically through your neighborhood, disregarding the lives of innocent children.
8. Stay up past 11. That's when things get mostly ghostly.
9. Give out gum instead of candy.
10. Eat all your candy the night of Halloween.

Bad Suns new album proves kind of bad

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Throughout this album season (September – January) many artists that went under the radar are finally coming back into the spotlight, with better-than-ever albums. People like Frank Ocean- the most awaited artist of the year- Solange Knowles, Young the Giant, and others

The most recent debut from an artist that stayed under the song writing radar for years is the alternative band Bad Suns. After their first album in 2014, fans old and new were waiting for the release of their sophomore album; when it finally came September 17th of this year, disappointment rang in headphones of listeners to their new album *Disappear Here*.

Is *Disappear Here* bad? Far from it. It’s just a tad bit boring. The songs are incredible when separate, but not together. When played all at once they blur into one long monologue (by the lead singer Christo Bowman) a mix of ’80s new wave guitar work and repeated hooks. The album is more like an orchestral symphony, where

there are multiple movements to one piece of work, all connected together with slightly different sounds and melodies. Albums should have recognizable, concrete songs with diverse sounds and tempos, but this is not the case with *Disappear Here*.

Dissecting the album to individual pieces,

the songs offer new insight lyrically as well as progressively in music. The first track “Disappear Here” sounds like it belongs on every indie playlist on Spotify. If the album came sooner, this track would be blasting through every teenager’s car windows. It is easily heard in this song, as well as others,

that the band took huge inspiration from sounds similar to British New-Romantic acts.

A personal favorite on the album is “Even In My Dreams, I Can’t Win”, the ultimate song for any synthesizer lover out there. Bands similar to Bad Suns, like The 1975 and The Smiths all use the synth to replace the guitar, *Bad Suns* have used it more as a musical argument between the sounds of the guitar versus the synth, and the songs like “Even In My Dreams, I Can’t Win”, “Patience”, and “Daft Pretty Boys” it is embodied perfectly.

The best thing to come of this album is the lyrics. The band dives into soul-searching motives and some dreary topics that sharply contrast with the tambourines and chill vibes like in the song “Maybe We’re Meant To Be Alone”. Overall, the album is a 6/10. The songs independent from each other remain solid for the most part, a couple odd lyric-melody match ups and interesting tempo changes from here to there. Nonetheless the songs will be adored by many, but listening to the songs consecutively may cause the listener to lose track of where one starts and the new one begins.



The Art of Racing in the Rain brings joy to dog lovers

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It’s obvious that some of the smartest animals on the planet are dogs, so can you imagine getting to see the way they live through their eyes? Well, thanks to New

never bring him home. Enzo has a feeling that if he dies, he will be reincarnated as a human and can finally meet his human family as a person as well.

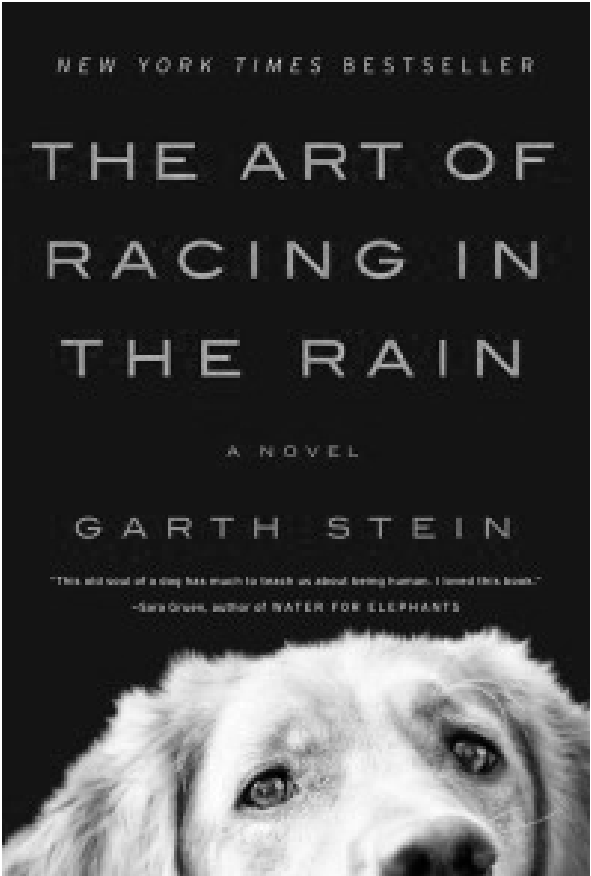
Enzo constantly struggles with the desire to communicate with his family, but can’t speak. He is able to signal a few things to

Denny, but he wishes that he could verbally communicate. He has many challenges that require communication, which unfortunately leave him struggling to be understood by Denny.

Denny has a passion for race car driving and often finds himself snuggling on the couch with Enzo, watching footage of past races in which he has participated in. This is one of Enzo’s favorite activities, and he loves when Denny leaves the racing tapes on for him to watch when he stays home alone. Enzo feels like a true human when he’s binge watching the TV for hours on end.

Enzo also refers to the days when he was a puppy. He was energetic and loved life more than anything. The flashbacks of his past occurred every couple of chapters and added some spice to the already intriguing plot.

I don’t normally enjoy reading, but this book was something different. I couldn’t put it down and found myself reading everywhere, including on the bus rides to away soccer games. The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein was by far the best book I’ve ever read and I would highly recommend checking it out.



York Times best-selling author, Garth Stein, this is all possible.

The Art of Racing in the Rain begins by setting the scene of Enzo, the dog who’s telling the story. Enzo is very old and knows that his time is coming to an end. He desperately wants his owner and best friend, Denny, to take him to the vet and

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Season six of “American Horror Story” takes on new style

Mystery of Roanoke Island disappearance serves as storyline

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With each new season, *American Horror Story* brings a strange and sinister feel to TV screens. From haunted houses filled with ghosts, to creepy clowns, to the new season based around an unsolved American mystery, the new season of *American Horror Story* kicks off with a bang, airing each Wednesday.

In 1587 when settlers emigrated from England, they settled in what is now North Carolina. Three short years later, the hundred plus settlers and any trace of them were gone. The mystery of Roanoke Island is what this new season is based off of. The “Lost Colony” baffles historians today, and is a perfect setting for the new season.

The big change from the past five seasons is the style the episodes are set up. Instead of the generic storytelling setting from either a narrator, or main characters point of view, the episodes are set up in a documentary style. The story follows a married couple’s lives with one set of characters starring in the “reenactments” and another set of actors playing the people in an interview style.

Starring returning actors Sarah Paulson, Evan Peters, Kathy Bates and many more, who all take new roles, as they did in previous seasons. Even though the show is already a few episodes deep, there is still a lot of mystery as to what the main plot of this season is. There are returning actors who still haven’t made their appearance yet, and the general feeling of suspense that seems to come along with the show.



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Movie Review

Deepwater Horizon sinks its way to the very bottom

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I would much rather be a bird in the 2010 oil spill than to suffer through this movie again. *Deepwater Horizon* a tribute movie about the 2010 BP oil disaster that focuses on the events leading up to and including the terrible explosions that created the oil spill. The movie was directed by Peter Berg and stars Mark Wahlberg and Kurt Russell as the leads. It shows the human side of the riggers, as they go about their daily routines on the oil drill.

Many of the actors had very thick Texan accents that were hard to follow (for me at least), and their dialogue was definitely was designed to show how tough oil riggers really are. The BP corporate management staff on the rig are all portrayed as “idiots” who were continuously taking shortcuts trying to moderate the project deadline (already overrunning by 43 days)

The first half of the movie was a slow burn, building the characters, which were very cliché. The “disaster” of a second half section plays out more like a Micheal Bay noisy, action movie, with loads of special effects and the standard “shaky” cam.

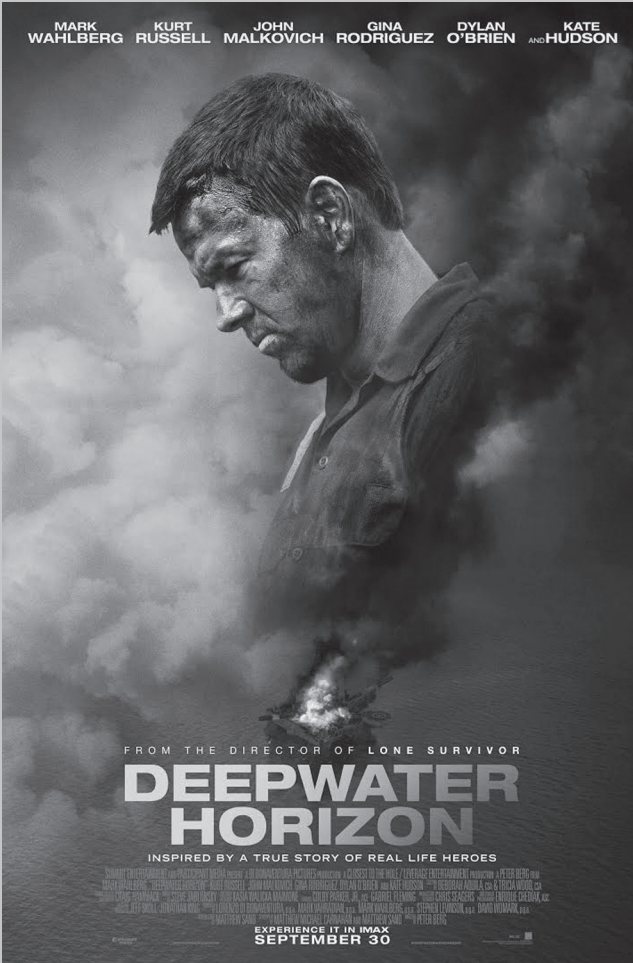


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After a while, I actually got a bit bored of all the stuff exploding, banging, and catching fire. The movie was much more concerned about the special effects than it was about the environmental fallout from the disaster. I would give this film a 4/10 overall because the film could have added a lot more on the story and could have made the characters feel more personable and give more of a back story of what happened to all of the people and places affected by the awful disaster of the BP oil spill.

Halloween must see movies

Roar Favorites

- The Goonies

Halloweentown

Carrie

Nightmare on Elm Street

Paranormal Activity

Hocus Pocus

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Beetlejuice

The Adams Family

The Little Vampire
- Corpse Bride

Ghostbusters

Casper the Friendly Ghost

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Varsity soccer progresses in tournament

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Last year, the girls’ varsity soccer team went to the state finals. This year, the team is rising again; they placed first in the ECC tournament and 10th in the nation. Because of their placing last year, they were given a by in the first round of the tournament. The team defeated Mother of Mercy in a shutout 6-0 in the second round of playoffs. The team won 15 games, tied one and lost zero in the regular season. The next closest ECC competitor, Milford, trails behind with 6 wins, 7 losses and 2 ties. In the conference, the team is holding a 6-0 winning season.

“This season has been more than what I expected. I knew we were going to be great, but I never thought we would be undefeated with the difficulty in our schedule. We have exceeded our team goals that we set in the beginning of the year, and have already broken two more school records, along with adding on the ones we broke last year,” said Forward **Brice Grieshop (11)**.

The varsity girls broke a school record, only letting up seven goals in the season. They broke the school’s previous record, winning 15 games in the regular season. Goalie Lauren Parker set a new school record and broke her previous set only weeks before, with 12 shut-outs.

“This post season was tough just like last years, but there was no doubt that this team could do anything possible to get back to playing in Columbus crew stadium and bringing home the huge gold trophy,” said Grieshop.

“I feel super confident because our team in super close and we are all in on the same goal. We are excited to see how it plays out,” said Goalie, **Lauren Parker (11)**.

The team played the last game of the sectional on Tuesday, October 25th. scheduled to play the sectional final



Photo by Jack Sexton

Colleen Swift (11) fights for the ball in this game against Lakota West. The Lady Tigers won this game, defending their undefeated record and helping to allow them a bye week during the first round of the playoffs.



Photo by Sam Smith

Goalie, **Lauren Parker (11)**, prepares to stop a ball from entering the goal as two team mates run get the ball. Parker was tied for the school record of most shutouts.

ECC STANDINGS

| TEAMS | W-L-T |
|--------------|---------|
| Loveland | 6- 0- 0 |
| Milford | 3- 1- 2 |
| Walnut Hills | 3- 3- 0 |
| Turpin | 2- 2- 2 |
| Anderson | 2- 3- 1 |
| Kings | 1- 4- 1 |
| Glen Este | 0- 4- 2 |

ECC Offensive Leaders

- 1.Kiley Keehan, Walnut Hills
- 2.COLLEEN SWIFT, Loveland
- 3.Mallory VonHolle, Anderson
- 4.DANIELLE KENYON, Loveland
- 5.CLAIRE BERAN, Loveland
- 6.BRICE GRIESHOP, Loveland

Golf teams qualify for district tournaments

Allison Rountree (9) tees off during a regular season match. Rountree made it to districts along with 4 other teammates. Rountree was also ranked in the top ten in the ECC.



Photo by Emma Vuyk



Photo by Rhonda Overbeeke

Luke Oslack (9) tees off at an away match during the regular season. Oslack along with five other varisty teammates made it to districts where they shot a 321.

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women’s and men’s golf teams won’t be stopping. All members of the girls’ and both golf

teams have qualified for the district tournament.

For the first time in school history, the girls’ golf team qualified for districts as a team. Last year, the Lady Tigers not only won the Eastern Cincinnati Conference (ECC), but also went undefeated in their conference, 13-2 overall.

Returning to the varsity

team this year was lead scorer, **Alejandra Bonet (11)**. In 2015, Bonet qualified for the district tournament and earned Second Team All-City Honors.

“It was really awesome to get to return to the tournament after a year of practicing just to get back there,” Bonet said. “It meant a lot that I got to go with my team and share the

experience I had last year.”

The girls’ golf team participated in districts on Oct. 11. **Lindsey Bachmann (11)**, **Olivia Horrigan (12)**, **Allison Rountree (9)**, and **Ashleigh Deal (11)** joined Bonet on the course. Bonet, Bachmann, Horrigan, and Rountree were all in the top 10 at the ECC.

The men’s golf team also had a successful season

posting a 7-3 record and qualifying for the district tournament as a team. Varsity returner **Drew Docherty (12)** led the team by receiving metals at matches throughout the season including against Oak Hills, Turpin, and Anderson.

Docherty was joined by **Jonathan Geist (12)**, **Luke Oslack (12)**, **Garrett**

Fasig (12), **Pete Matuszak (11)**, and **Austin Huynh (11)**. The boys shot 321 collectively at districts.

As the season finally comes to a close, the golfers reflect on their season.

“It was an amazing season,” Geist said. “There is not any other group of guys that I would rather call my teammates than them.”

Booster money used to improve sports facilities

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It's fair to say Loveland football games are a community-wide event. Every week, home or away, the stands are filled with students, parents, alumni, and just plain old fans of football. The bright lights, the snazzy uniforms (yes, snazzy), the cowbells.

Oh, the cowbells.

If you've ever been to a football game up at the Tiger Turf (and if you haven't, you really should sometime), you might have noticed some signs

"The weight room opened in the spring of 2013. Athletic Boosters raised all the money for the whole room, including the ten new squat racks," Mrs. Julie Renner (Athletic Director) said.

While the improved infrastructure can be attributed to the Athletic Boosters, many school events are also brought to the Loveland community because of them. Loveland Athletic Boosters has brought annual events like the Craft Fair, Mulch Sale, Mattress Sale, and Tiger Ball. These events have served to provide the town with products



Photo by Nick Henthorn

Many athletic teams and gym classes use the new weightroom. It was made in 2013.

in parking spots, reading "Reserved for Loveland Athletic Boosters." Athletic Boosters is an organization that provides funds for all of the school sports. Many parents and alums invest a lot of money and time into the athletic boosters, and the question is, just what is that money being used for?

The answer can be found all around the school. For one, in the weight room.

What's up with pirate flag?



Photo by Christian Harris

Calvin Whitaker (12) holds the pirate flag as the football team prepares to run out onto the field.

Students share thoughts on flag

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What do you think the significance of the pirate flag that is held by seniors at football games and where do you think it came from?

Jack Sexton (12): "It's the Renegades (that's what I've heard people call it), but I don't know where it came from.

Jonathan Geist (12): I believe that the flag represents the defense and how they are relentless and continue to battle until the last seconds wear off the clock."

Russell Quisenberry (12): "I think the pirate flag is used to cheer for our awesome Loveland Tigers and it

probably came from *Pirates of the Caribbean*."

Braxton Smith (12): "I'm not sure of the exact significance or how it traces back, but to me the flag represents the free-spirited, yet rebellious and brutish side of football, where a ragtag band of brothers fight tooth and nail for what they seek on the regular. That 'dub.'"

Fitz Dwyer (10): "I think the significance of the flag represents that when we go to school, our manners are shown and we are respectful to teachers and other students. When we go to football games all painted up and rowdy though, our true "pirate side" is represented. [The flag is] the rowdiness of the Tiger Nation."

Lillian DeMillia (10): "Wait... They hold up a pirate flag??"

Wait...They hold up a pirate flag??



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Bengals undermine fans' expectations



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Alright, last month I made the argument that Bengals fans could expect more of the same out of their much-maligned football team. I said they would again be good but not great. That was when the season was just kicking off. Now I know how wrong I was. How very, very wrong I was.

Name the top five leaders in receiving yardage. You could probably guess Julio Jones, Odell Beckham Jr, T.Y. Hilton, and Cincinnati's incumbent stud receiver A.J. Green. But the fifth member of that elite club is Marvin Jones, the same Marvin Jones that was cast off to Detroit after the Bengals decided he was not worth the asking price. To fill this the void left by Jones as well as the departure of fellow receiver Mohamed Sanu, the Bengals brought in Brandon LaFell and drafted Tyler Boyd, who have combined for 617 receiving yards. Jones by himself has 623.

The dearth of receiving options behind Green has left Cincinnati with a predictable passing attack, which has yielded results that could be considered spotty at best. With less talent through the air, the Bengals running backs would surely have to rise to the challenge and get the job done on the ground to make up for it. Which brings me to my next point....

The Bengals running backs have not risen to the challenge. They might, if they weren't being sucked down by the metaphorical quicksand that is Cincinnati offensive coordinator Ken Zampese, who has decided the best way to adjust to less receiving talent is to ignore your running backs. Jeremy Hill had under 10 carries three times all of last season. This season he has already seen less than 10 three times, including just four against the Dallas Cowboys in week five. Granted, Hill left during the fourth quarter of that game with an injury, but he was still blatantly uninvolved throughout the time he did play. The offense is looking disjointed and hesitant about what they want their identity to be.

A team with a great defense can get away with some offensive hiccups – unfortunately, the Cincinnati defense has been anything but great. The Bengals have sacked the opposing quarterback all of fifteen times this season, good for 17th in the NFL. They have snagged six interceptions, putting them at 13th in the NFL. They have allowed 829 rushing yards, ranking them 25th in the NFL. These stats do not inspire confidence. Not unless you are on the other team, that is.

Maybe Cincinnati will figure it out in time. Maybe their receivers will rebound, their offense will find some semblance of balance, and their defense will return to its form of years past. However, time is not with the Bengals. The season's nearly half over and the Bengals sit in third place in their division, at 3-4. At the beginning of the season Bengals fans were hoping for a playoff win. I was one of those people. But now we have to take it one step at a time. Let's get to .500 first.

Women's varsity tennis season ends

Players celebrate successful season



Claire Belcik (12) prepares a forehand to return the shot. Belcik moved up to varsity from junior varsity this year.

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Women's varsity tennis season ended on October 6th.

"It is a family. That's a good way to describe it. The unity is amazing; they've had lots of bonding things. One of the things we did this year was go to Ronald McDonald House and serve one night," Coach Hudson said.

Captain and leader of Women's varsity tennis is Peyton Geers (12). Coach Hudson claimed that, despite being faced with some of the very best players in Ohio, Geers has a record of 10-5 at the time of publication.

"She has lead by example. She has gotten compliments from coaches all over about her court etiquette and everything she does right. She is just a great, great



Erin Hopkinson (10), using a backhand, returns the ball. Hopkinson was on junior varsity freshman year.

tennis player and kid." Hudson said.

Geers was voted Women's Tennis Athlete of the week by MaxPreps/JJHuddle Ohio for the week of the September 20.

Women's varsity tennis took time to honor the seniors on the team. For senior day, each player was given a handmade poster from their peers. Mrs. Julie Renner (Athletic Director) gave praise to senior players, accompanied by family.

"It was such a close team, and it was such a positive environment," player Katie McElveen (12) said.

"We made it further than we ever have before in the sectionals, and in coaches classic we got third. In the ECC we got second" Geers said.

The season ended with a 14-4 record in Loveland's favor.

What not to say to an XC runner

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It takes a special group of people to voluntarily roll out of bed at six in the morning, on our summer break, grab our running shoes and go. If you have never noticed all the hills in town, we have ran them all. Each of us run at a different pace, but as soon as the gun goes off, we all only have one thought: go.

If I wasn't a runner I would say we are crazy too, but nevertheless this is my sport and these are my people. Although, I know it isn't the easiest to understand, there are some things that grate on our nerves, that non-runners say. I mean, what if I went up to a soccer player and asked him how many touchdowns he scored? Without further ado, here are some helpful hints.

1. "How is track?": Track has its name for a reason; because it is on a track. Cross country is on trails. Also, we do not have events. Sometimes there is more than one race, but no matter what we all run 3.1 miles.
2. Asking "Did you win?": First off, I sincerely appreciate the fact that you see me capable of winning a cross country race. However, what a lot of people don't realize is that the average cross country race consists of approximately 200 people. Although winning a cross country race would probably be a life goal, it isn't likely so please don't be surprised if you receive an eye roll if you ask this.
3. Yelling anything out of a car window: You may think

this is encouraging, but please don't do it. Especially if it is to say "run faster"; unless you want to get out of your car and run with us, you have no right. On another note, catcalling is never okay, stop.

4. "Wait, so you just run?": In addition to running we also do weight lifting and we also try to implement swimming and yoga. However, these activities are usually to help us run better because our sport is based around running.
5. "If you're tired, just walk": During a race, every second counts; meaning that if you walk your time will be destroyed. If you start walking you should be completely dead or close to it.
6. "You only run a 5k? That's not even that far": Cross country races are not a family fun run. It is 3.1 miles (yes the 0.1 counts) of pushing and shoving and no matter who you are or how fast you are, it is all about pushing yourself to your absolute limit. If you finish and you don't collapse on the grass, struggling to get air back into your lungs then you didn't run hard enough.
7. "Cross Country isn't a sport": You wouldn't tell a football player they don't play a sport, so why would you do it to us? Enough said.

This is not meant in any way to be insulting, we appreciate everybody who comes out and supports the team, but there are just some things you don't say. In the future, just know that a simple "you're doing great" during the race is plenty.

Football drone video grabs attention of many

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What does it mean to be a Tiger? **Jackson Herrmann (12)** and **Jack Sexton (12)** have an answer for you.

On October 3rd, Herrmann and Sexton released their much-anticipated hype video for the 2016 football team. The video was uploaded to YouTube and has gone viral throughout the community

with almost 1,000 views.

“Our team’s entrance is one of the best in the city and we wanted to showcase that as best as we could,” Herrmann said. “The student section adds another level of excitement to an already intense environment.”

It all started when Herrmann and Sexton wanted to fly their drone over the field at a football game. The guys were given permission but also asked by the athletic department

to create a video to show how spirited the school is on Friday nights. It showed

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all aspects of a typical Friday night in Tiger Stadium: the band, the cheerleaders, the student section, and the team.

The production of the video sparked interest among Herrmann and Sexton.

“We were asked to do a video for the Tiger Ball. We’re also going to put together a senior video,” Sexton said.

Both Herrmann and Sexton plan to make as many drone-footage videos that they can this year and share them via YouTube. The football video is on Herrmann’s YouTube channel: Jackson Herrmann.



Photo by Jackson Herrmann

Jackson Herrmann (12) and **Jack Sexton (12)** are creating a video for the Tiger Ball and graduation. This was a drone shot taken over the field on military night.

Rosetta spacecraft ends 12.5 -year mission, crash lands on comet it set out for



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The *Rosetta* spacecraft, a space probe built by the European Space Agency (ESA), launched paired with its lander module *Philae* headed for a comet and finished alone on September 30, 2016, ending its 12.5-year-long mission with a crash landing on the planetoid it set out for. This probe was designed to accomplish the most detailed study of a comet ever attempted, and succeeded in providing valuable scientific data useful to astronomers and other potential endeavors in space. The probe documented its various flybys, the problematic landing of its partner craft, and much of the comet itself.

Rosetta, named after the Rosetta Stone, and *Philae*, named after the Philae Obelisk, were launched in March of 2004 from the Guinea Space Centre in French Guinea (in South America). Their intended destination was comet 67P (full name: 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko). They rendezvoused with it in August of 2014, and the lander *Philae* was dispatched to touch down on the comet a month later while *Rosetta* continued to orbit, according to NASA.

In the meantime, a number of flybys (gravity assists) were performed by the spacecraft. It passed by Mars in 2007 and two asteroids, 2867 Šteins and 21 Lutetia, in September 2008 and July 2010, respectively, according to the German Aerospace Center. Mars’ gravity (with some help from the asteroids’) assisted in adjusting the craft’s trajectory to meet with comet 67P. Cameras and thrusters fine-tuned the direction, according to *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, and the craft entered a 31-month mode of hibernation, which it was taken out of in late January 2014.

The more-than-a-decade-long mission garnered a lot of media traction in its lifetime. Livestreams were even set up of the mission control centers to track the space vessel’s journey.

“I sometimes caught up on the mission through its Twitter and Facebook accounts, which was entertaining and interesting enough,” **Mikey Palma (11)** said, “but what

really caught my attention was how *Philae* kind of bounced on the comet, twice, no less, and then went dark for whatever number of months.”

The *Philae* lander did indeed, when first dispatched, bounce on account of the failed deployment of its anchoring harpoons and a positioning thruster two times before coming to a soft - that is to say, non-destructive - landing, according to the *New Scientist*. However, *Philae* landed in an area covered by shadow, which was inopportune because of the fact it ran on solar power. The lander was shut down for eight months until sunlight was able to reach that area long enough for its batteries to be charged sufficiently and restart, which then sent images of the comet back to Earth.

Contact was slowly and eventually lost with *Philae*, according to the *New Scientist*, due to a lack of power and an inability to form a stable communication with the module. *Rosetta* captured blurry images of *Philae* wedged into the dark crevice of 67P on its side, giving explanation for the lander’s predicament and incapability to charge its solar cells.

Whatever mishaps along the way, this mission and its combined satellite and landing module achieved a multitude of historic firsts, according to the European Space Agency. *Rosetta* made the first close European encounter with several planetoids in the main asteroid belt and the first almost-flyby of Jupiter’s orbit with solar as the craft’s main power source. *Rosetta* was the first spacecraft to fly alongside a comet as it headed toward the inner Solar System, as well as dispatch the first craft, which was *Philae*, to successfully touch down on a comet and capture images and perform a direct analysis of the surface of a comet.

“The mission of *Rosetta* and *Philae*, despite several setbacks and failures, was one of significant scientific discovery,” **Riley Owens (11)** said, “Something to celebrate within the scientific community and look at as cool from outside (because it involves space). However, it’s still sad and rather disheartening to see the mission end after so long - first *Philae*, and now *Rosetta*.”

Upperclassmen give college application advice

By Alyssa James

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From applications and ACT scores to essentially figuring out what you plan to do with your life, these four years of high school involve various aspects of preparation. Before senior year, there are various preparations that you can take to save some stress before it’s too late.

Getting a head start anywhere from good grades to early-on ACT attempts is a recurring topic of advice among experienced high school seniors.

“I would say just prepare early. Whether it’s getting good grades freshman and sophomore year, taking the ACT, or applying, it saves you a lot of stress when you’re on the ball,” said **Lynn Broermann (12)**.

Continuing the trend of early preparation, senior **Andrew Boys (12)** shared the same general advice as Broermann.

“Get an early start on applying and essays so that you don’t get overwhelmed by writing college essays and doing school work all at

once. Write multiple drafts and edit them; even have other people like parents or teachers review them to set you up for the best chance at success,” said Andrew Boys.

As far as getting good grades, according to *mycollegeguide.org*, this may be the “make or break” factor in acceptance to top colleges. Besides looking at your individual grades over the course of your high school career, colleges look at your total GPA, ACT/SAT scores and rigor of classes before accepting you into their programs.

Volunteering will also help to improve your college credibility. According to *collegeraptor.com*, “Volunteering shows you’re engaged in your community.”

Loveland graduate and current Ohio State University student **Leighann Cotter (Loveland Graduate)** started to gain her volunteer hours sophomore year.

“I recommend starting volunteer work as early as possible. Colleges like to see consistency and

stability over periods of time rather than that one week you volunteered for fifty hours. Also, volunteering is a great way to connect to your community and get involved,” said Leighann Cotter.

Some seniors who did not start preparing for college early on are now facing the stress of it all at once; they advise you to do the opposite and get a head start.

“It’s better to prepare earlier because if you try to wait until you’re a senior you have to deal with cramming all of the college necessities into a few months, such as applications and papers. If you start sooner, you have more time to prepare and make sure everything is perfect and colleges will be more attracted to you,” said **Tyler Dixon (12)**.

While focusing on the academic aspects of your preparation, **Maddie Craft (12)** values physical and mental health as well. “Get lots of sleep and drink plenty of fluids,” said Craft advising underclassmen to prepare physically as well as academically.

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Student of the Month: Chae-Young “Julia” Hyun

Foreign exchange student provides insight to experience in America

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The Roar: Welcome to Loveland! What made you want to participate in a foreign exchange program?

Julia Hyun: Thank you for welcoming me! I always love meeting new people, finding new places, and trying out new things in life. To me, America is a country full of new discoveries within myself and life.

TR: Is this your first time being in America? How is Loveland different than your hometown in South Korea?

JH: Yes, this is my first time ever in America (though I have been in New York for 3 days which doesn’t even count). There are so diverse major and minor differences I find between my home country and America. For instance, eating bread instead of rice in every meal (just joking), how people approach the difference between people with respect, and everybody having their clear interest and expressing distinctive uniqueness.

TR: What do you miss the most about home?

JH: I miss my family and friends, who I was always used to. Yet, through this opportunity, I stepped back and saw the big picture that I had been missing the whole time. I acknowledged how precious they are in my life, and am more grateful to God for having them in my life. Plus, stepping into a whole new family and friends is like a fresh, brand new enhanced phase in life.

TR: Who are you staying with for the ten months you will be here?

JH: Oh, I always get this question, but I am never tired of answering. I am proudly and officially part of the Belieu family. They are my awesome host family that I am so blessed to have. I have two new loving younger sisters. Skylar Belieu also goes to Loveland high school and is currently a freshman.

TR: What do you spend the majority of your time doing?

JH: My hobby is writing whatever is up in my mind, also filming the moments to remember and putting

them together into videos. I love shopping and hanging out with friends. I love love love FOOD and am also into cooking to serve my dishes to my loved ones.

TR: If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

JH: I would say black. Black and white is my favorite color match. I want to be a bold black crayon, bordering people’s life and keeping the colors in shape.

TR: What is the best and worst American food you’ve tried?

JH: Oh man, there are so many good foods I fell in love with. My best food is Chipotle (although I only had it once so far) and worst was bean boozled smelly socks flavor. Whoever is reading this, please shout out ‘must-try’

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American foods when you see me.

TR: What kind of career do you plan on pursuing, or what college would you like to attend?

JH: Currently, I am fascinated to be a writer but unluckily, I don’t find much talent in it so pretty soon I will move on (hit me up with this question later and I will be prepared).

TR: Who have you connected with the most since you arrived?

JH: God. The more I adapt to new environment full of enchantment, I can’t be more grateful to see how He is working in me, introducing amazing people, things, and places. To be honest, I do find many struggles here but also, it is amazing how they drive me to realization and discoveries in exchange. I am very open share my story and culture with anyone. Friends! Teachers! Administrators! Whoever is reading this right now! Feel free to connect with me! I can’t be more thrilled to get to know you guys and introduce myself to you.

Does she ever sleep? Mrs. Partridge: Not your average teacher

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From jazzercise to skydiving, Kelly Partridge (science department) does it all. With a different perspective on teaching, a passion for what she does, and a love for adventure Mrs. Partridge is not your average high school teacher.

“I love being exposed to young people. I left my job working at a hospital, which obviously pays more, to come teach,” Mrs. Partridge said. “Every day is different. I get bored easily, and I need something different every day, and being a teacher does that. I obviously love the material and what I teach, but I love the environment of the classroom.”

During the school day, Mrs. Partridge teaches both regular and honors chemistry and honors anatomy and physiology classes. She also taught 7th grade science, Forensics and Physical Science in the past.

“I could never pick a favorite class to teach,” Mrs. Partridge said. “They are all so different and are all so interesting to me; there’s no way I could pick.”

She also is in charge of student council, and link crew

In her classes, she preaches an active lifestyle and a healthy diet, and she practices what she preaches. A few years ago she had a stroke, caused by a birth defect.

“It [the stroke] kind of opened my eyes. We take advantage of our



Mrs. Partridge is the head of the science department. She also teaches jazzercise classes.

healthy bodies we are given and don’t take care of ourselves,” Mrs. Partridge said. “We need to appreciate everything our bodies do for us.”

Outside of school, she enjoys exercising, shopping, and even skydiving.

Instead of just taking the exercise classes, she teaches them.

“I teach jazzercise classes, which are kind of like an aerobic dance” said Mrs. Partridge “Dance classes are by far my favorite type of workout.”

She enjoys doing other things such as reading, shopping, and spending time with her grandson Cooper. She also does some pretty out of the ordinary things, such as skydiving.

“I love the rush of emotions it gives you. I liked it so much the first time, I was stupid enough to do it again,” Mrs. Partridge said. “From the fear when you get in the plane, to the panic when you’re standing at the door of the plane, to the exhilaration you feel when you’re falling through the air; it’s incredible.”

Mrs. Partridge has a love for teaching and everything else does in her life. She loves her students and being able to help and guide them as they go through high school.

“If I had one piece of advice for students it would be to do what you love. Even if people tell you can’t. I believe if you want something bad enough and work towards it you can really be anything you want.”






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Two men dressed as Spiderman pose for a picture in Times Square. After the picture was taken they refused to leave without payment.

By Jon Parker
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I’ve found myself in some strange places and situations in my life so far, many that have changed my ideology and inspired me to become who I am today.

In a recent trip to New York City, I spent a decent amount of time around Times Square, and I experienced some interesting things. The massive row of ads and storefronts lit up all of central New York; it can even be clearly seen from space. The square is a huge tourist magnet,

“Take photo, then you give money and go.”

and stores, along with street performers and the homeless, survive off their gullibility. Being a tourist in New York, I was walking around Times Square taking photos of interesting people in the area and the large advertisements that stretch all around.

I was accompanied by my friend **Stone Taul (11)**, and within five minutes of entering the square, my phone was taken by a woman in a Minnie Mouse costume yelling at us “Take photo!

Spidey get in, photo great!” Her English wasn’t the greatest, and three strange men with fanny packs dressed as Spider Man crowded around us for a photo. I quickly got my phone back from the women in costume and they followed us yelling “Money now!” as they were looking for payment for taking my phone and forcing me into a photo.

Stone and I continued to walk around the square as a man in a poorly-made Hulk costume came up to me, grabbed me, and wouldn’t let go, saying to me angrily, “Take photo, then you give money and go.”

W eweren’t even takin gphotos of him or makingeye contact for t h a tmatter, and n o wthis grown man dressedas the Hulk and holding a Thor hammer was holding me and refusing to let me go, so after a solid three minutes of me telling him to get off of me, he let me go then hit me on the head with his toy hammer.

Such a strange string of events that honestly scared me quite a bit. I mean, grown men and women dressed as your favorite childhood characters yelling and grabbing you is pretty weird, to say the least.

Oppenheimer finds passion in playing

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“Before I got a job, I would play every single day for five hours plus. I still play every day, just not as long.” **Nic Oppenheimer (12)** has been playing guitar for one year and ten months. Though the endless hours of practice may seem monotonous to some, Oppenheimer has never considered playing to be practice.

“Practice puts such a limit on music,” he said. “People think practice is to sit down and play the same thing over and over again until it’s perfect. Practice is not fun; playing for fun is fun. Playing because you feel inspired, no matter how bad it is, it’s fun. Just have fun!”

Nic’s first guitar teachers were jazz and guitar teacher, Mr. Lopez, along with student teacher and jazz guitarist, Mr. Pierok. He took beginning guitar last year, and found his love for the instrument in the

classroom. For their end-of-the-semester concert, he played both Black Or White by Michael Jackson Mayer, B.B. King, Eric Clapton, and Buddy Guy. “Jimi Hendrix has changed my life the message of love through my guitar to everyone. It all comes down to LOVE at the end of the day.”



Photo by of Nick Oppenheimer

Nick Oppenheimer practices guitar in his bedroom. He has been playing for almost two years.

and Runaway Baby by Bruno Mars.

His interest was first sparked by hearing the music of Jimi Hendrix, who he heartily admires amongst other musicians, such as Stevie Ray Vaughan, John completely,” Oppenheimer said. “His thoughts are just unbelievable. The way he thinks of the world is so inspiring; it’s all about peace and love. This has led to my main goal with music. I’m going to spread

His fondest memories of playing guitar occur whenever he turns on a song and listens to its guitar solo, then proceeds to learn it. “The moment I can fully play a guitar solo with every drop of emotion I have in my body is the moment I live for.”

When asked what advice he would give to any aspiring musician, Oppenheimer responded by saying “The advice I would give to any aspiring musician would be to never give up. This goes for anything anyone tries to do. You will get to a point where you think you are not improving, but one thing I have always believed in is that you can never get worse at something; you are always improving every single note you play. Also, every time you play, play your hardest. What’s the point of playing if you are not playing your hardest?”

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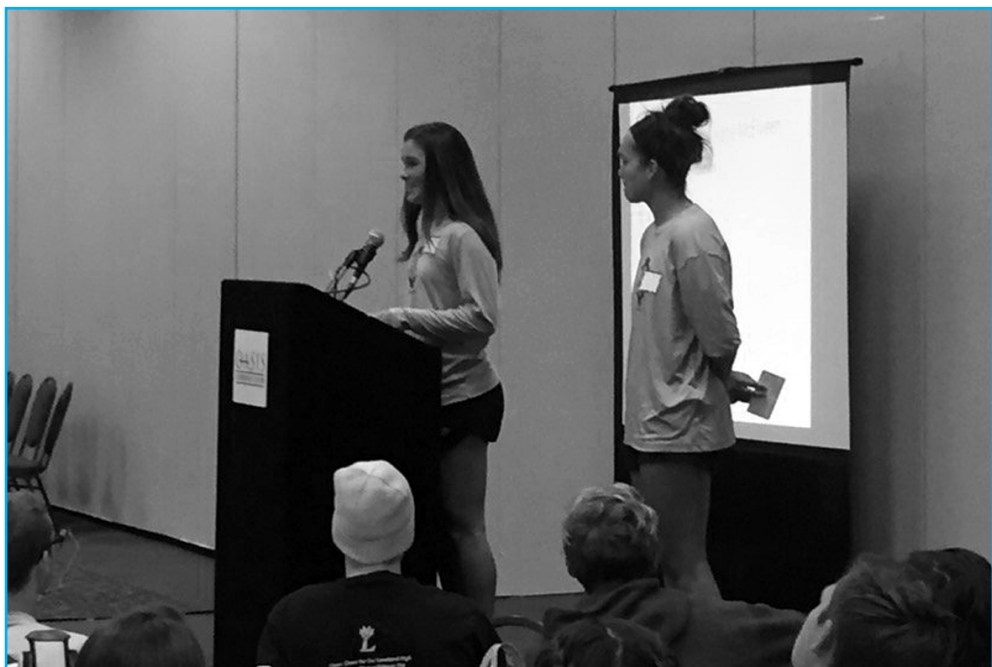


Photo by Jack Sexton



Katie McElveen (12) and **Claire Beran (12)** address the seniors in attendance for Senior Service Day at the Oasis Conference Center. Beran and McElveen served as Senior Service Interns for the event. They spent 90 minutes each school day preparing for the 1000 hours of service to be done by the graduating class of 2017. “I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things” McElveen said, quoting the late Mother Teresa. This quote was referenced several times throughout the day.



Photo by Anna Azallion

Seniors **Emma Berryman (12)**, **Kiley Allen (12)** and **Malori Scharfenberger (12)** prepare crafts for the residents at the Loveland Care Center. The students also played chair volleyball with the residents during their time at the Care Center. **Noah Elliot (12)** was one of the students who served at the Care Center and said he really enjoyed making the elderly folks smile.



Photo by Ava Peter

Seniors that served at the SPCA cleaned animal sleeping quarters and food and water bowls. **Andy Wellington (12)** was one student who took part of his time to clean bowls in his SPCA volunteer vest. “I love animals so the service was a lot of fun, it was a great feeling knowing the animals were going to sleep in a clean environment.” said Wellington.



Photo by Jon Parker

Liz Bartnik (12) creates holes for plant bulbs to be placed into as **Mitch Suder (12)** peers at a hawk that was in the distance. The group that visited Greenacres planted over 1,500 plants.



Photo by Jon Parker

Before beginning the planting process at Greenacres students separate the root structure of the plants from tubes they were started in. **Emily Poole (12)** and **Maggie Dowd (12)** noticed how complex the roots are in a plant they were prepping for ground.

Seniors contribute 1000 hours of service

Students of the senior class took part in the annual senior service day as they collaborated to serve for over 1000 hours in total.

Seniors served at 14 different locations including SPCA, Loveland Care Center, Greenacres, Cincinnati Parks, Dress for Success, Grailville, Granny’s Garden, Little Miami River Cleanup, Matthew 25 Ministries, NEST - Loveland Community Learning Center, New Life Furniture, QPR Training, Saint Francis Seraph School, and Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

The day started at the Oasis Country Club in the conference center at 7:45 a.m. where students met with their service groups. During the time at the Oasis, service groups played small games and bonding activities as well as listening to speakers that came to talk about service in general and the day planned at the 14 sites.

After the events at the Oasis the students headed to their service sites and volunteered from 11:30 until 2:15. After the students finished service they were given a piece of paper and asked to document a moment that spoke to them and what they took from the day of volunteering.

Ava Peter (12) who served at the SPCA said her moment was when she saw all the animals and knew she was helping them live a cleaner and healthier life.

Jack Sexton (12) served at Saint Vincent de Paul where he helped sort clothing. Sexton said his moment was when he came to a realization of how many people are truly in need right around his hometown. **Drew Docherty (12)** spent his day at Matthew 25 Ministries where he took part in unboxing razors that would later be placed in care packages. Docherty said his moment was when he realized how he was helping so many people in need.