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## Marching band receives superior rating at state competition

By Niki Fiorenza

Staff writer

The marching band earned the top rating at the state competition at University of Dayton after a season of triumphant performances, according to Director **Geoffery Miller**.

On Sunday, November 8 at UD Welcome Stadium, the band scored an overall superior rating. Bands can receive a rating of 1-5, five being the lowest score. To achieve the superior rating, the band had to score a one.

Achieving such a high rating was a thrilling experience for all the band members, but especially for the seniors. **Caitlin Carlsen**

(12) said, "Ending the season on such a great win was a wonderful way to close my five years of marching band."

Drum Major **Amanda Slager** (12) said, "The band has been putting in countless hours starting in July to produce the show that we performed on Sunday. I am so proud of them and definitely think they deserve the superior rating they got at state. It was a perfect way to conclude the season."

**Bailey Hansen** (12) said, "It is bittersweet. I am happy about the win, but sad that band is over."

In order to compete at the state level, the band had to qualify at the Forest Hills Invitational which was held at Anderson High School

on Saturday, October 24. The group not only earned the designation of best overall effect and best music, but also won the title of Grand Champions out of all of the schools that performed. Scores were tallied from nine categories. The group scored ones in eight of the categories, and a two in one category.

Mr. Miller was very proud of the band after this performance. "I thought their performance was great," Mr. Miller said. "The show was unaffected by the weather; it was by far the best run they've ever had. They did a wonderful job of capturing the idea and feeling of the show; I couldn't have dreamed of a better end to the season."



Photo by Anna Azallion

**Mark Geiger** (12) and **Joe Carver** (11) perform in the State marching band competition. The marching band received a superior ribbon at the competition.

## ROAD TO STATE: Girls' soccer makes program history

By Claire Ruben

Sports and Entertainment editor

A dream come true—that is how captain **Hannah Fischer** (12) described playing in the Ohio High School Women's Soccer Division 1 State Championship. Fischer and the Lady Tigers made history on Friday, November 13th, when that dream became a reality.

"Ever since freshman year I've dreamed about making it to that stadium," Fischer said. "[As a senior,] it was an unbelievable way to leave this team."

From every cross to every corner, all goals for this year's women's soccer team lead to a greater one—making it the Columbus Crew's MAPFRE Stadium for the state finals. With nine of eleven starters returning from last year's conference championship squad, expectations were high for the 2015 Tigers beginning in the preseason. The team entered the postseason boasting a 12-3-1 overall record with a 5-2-0 record in the Eastern Cincinnati Conference, ready to work towards the state finals.

As the number three seed in the area, the team earned a bye for the first round of the state tournament. On Thursday, October 22nd, the Tigers shutout eighteenth-ranked Hamilton in a 3-0 victory.

"The win against Hamilton was great for the team because it gave us a lot of confidence knowing we can score early on teams and we can keep the ball out of our net,"



Photo by Colin Johnson

Senior Captains **Courtney Spicer**, **Andrea Gomez**, and **Hannah Fischer** display their trophy from the regional finals game against Springboro.

**Lauren Parker** (10) said.

With another three-goal win, the Lady Tigers matched their second round offensive in their third round game against Sycamore. While the defense held the Aviators to just one score, the offense attacked with goals from **Taylor Nuncio** (10), **Brice Grieshop** (10), and **Brooke Harden** (9).

The win against Sycamore advanced the team to the district finals held at West Carrollton High School where they faced second-ranked Beaver Creek. **Rachel Ernst's** (11) goal gave the Tigers

an early lead, but Beaver Creek answered with a goal of their own. Ultimately, **Colleen Swift's** (10) goal led to a 2-1 victory.

The Tigers dominated their sweet-sixteen game against Centerville. Having beat the Elks 4-0 during the preseason, the Tigers approached the match cautiously confident in their ability to advance to the elite eight.

"I thought we had a good chance of winning," **Amanda Sugrue** (12) said.

The Tigers entered the half with a 1-0 lead following a goal from **Courtney Spicer** (12).

This, however, was the postseason where a single goal lead was far from comfortable. The Tigers emerged from halftime electrified, adding three unanswered goals, another by Spicer and two by Grieshop. The regional semifinal win marked the farthest tournament advance in Loveland Women's Soccer history, yet the victory proved far from the finale of the Tigers' postseason journey.

On Saturday, November 7th, the team faced fourth-ranked Springboro in the regional finals. The defense recorded a shutout, and the offense scored off **Megan**

**Schuster's** (11) corner for the game's only goal. The win clinched the Tigers a spot in the state final four and was the 200th of Coach Todd Kelly's career.

Excitement grew as the Lady Tigers drew over 160 students and countless parents and teachers to the state semifinals at Legacy Field in Centerville. The team faced the Olentangy Liberty Patriots, a 15-5-1 squad out of Columbus.

The Tigers dominated the first half with goals from **Claire Beran** (11) and **Courtney Spicer**. The Patriots returned from halftime with a new energy, however, scoring first in the second half. It was ultimately **Colleen Swift's** goal with 5:15 left on the clock that solidified the Tigers' trip to the state finals.

"Making it to state was a feeling that I can't even put into words," captain **Andrea Gomez** (12) said.

With one step left in their historic journey, the Tigers faced the three-time defending champion Walsh Jesuit Warriors for the title. As time expired, the Warriors pulled out the victory in a close 1-0 win.

"[We are} so proud of our Lady Tigers," **Mr. Chad Hilliker** (Superintendent) said in a tweet following the match. Throughout the Tigers' unprecedented journey, goalies **Lauren Parker** and **Taylor Thole** (10) set school records for most saves in a season. The squad's current seniors have won the most games in their four years than any class before them, and this year's team recorded the most victories in program history.

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## Staff Editorial

### Changes to APUSH mask reality of U.S. history

In response to an onslaught of complaints from Advanced Placement U.S. History (APUSH) teachers that the course framework focused on too much simple regurgitation of facts and not enough on interpretation and comprehension. The College Board revised the outline in 2014 in an attempt to design a course that encouraged critical analysis of American history, according to NPR's lead education blogger Anya Kamentz.

However, conservatives met the revisions with immediate backlash, claiming that the new framework held anti-American and unpatriotic biases. Concerned that too much time was spent discussing less than savory points in American history like the persecution of Native Americans, slavery, and Japanese internment camps, conservative groups began attacking the College Board.

By altering the course to soften the enraged outcry from conservative groups, the College Board has managed to institute a new framework that glosses over incredibly significant aspects of American history by using vague language that does not speak to the extent of a topic:

#### European settlement

2014 edition: "Many Europeans developed a belief in white superiority to justify their subjugation of Africans and American Indians, using several different rationales."

2015 edition: "There was a debate among European leaders about how non-Europeans should be treated, as well as evolving religious, cultural, and racial justifications for the subjugation of Africans and Native Americans."

#### Native Americans

2014 edition: "By supplying American Indian allies with deadlier weapons and alcohol, and by rewarding Indian military actions, Europeans helped increase the intensity and destructiveness of American Indian warfare."

2015 edition: "The introduction of guns, other weapons, and alcohol stimulated cultural and demographic changes in some American Indian societies."

#### Manifest Destiny

2014 edition: "The idea of Manifest Destiny, which asserted U.S. power in the Western Hemisphere and supported U.S. expansion westward, was built on a belief in white racial superiority and a sense of American cultural superiority, and helped to shape the era's political debates."

2015 edition: "The movement west was due to the desire for access to natural and mineral resources and the hope of many settlers for economic opportunities or religious refuge. Advocates of annexing lands 'argued that Manifest Destiny and the superiority of American institutions compelled the United States to expand its borders westward to the Pacific Ocean.'"

While the 2014 framework may have highlighted darker moments of American history, it is incredibly important that we recognize that these darker moments are and always will be a part of our history. Simply glossing over these events does not erase the fact that they happened. You have heard it before and you will certainly hear it again; those who do not study history are doomed to repeat its mistakes.

By yielding to its critics, the College Board

has completely undermined its previous attempt to inspire debate and a critical perspective of American history. Instead, the College Board has reworked the course to mask the true nature of events in American history, painting America in a more positive light. With over half a million students enrolled in APUSH annually, we are instilling a nationalistic view of history to some of the brightest minds in the country, condemning us to a vicious cycle of misunderstanding and misrepresentation. This sugar-coated perspective of American history discourages criticism of the past, thus preventing us from developing an ability to evaluate the issues of the present.

The 2014 framework may present a critical perspective of American history, but we must be critical of our mistakes. It isn't un-American to recognize our faults; it is completely American to recognize our faults. The idea that the 2014 framework is unpatriotic is founded upon a misunderstanding of patriotism. Being patriotic does not mean that you shove your fingers in your ears, wrap yourself in an American flag, and scream "The Star Spangled Banner" to drown out discussions of Japanese internment camps and Native American persecution.

Patriotism does not equal nationalism. Being patriotic means you are genuinely concerned about your country, and if you are genuinely concerned about your country, you are always looking to improve it. We can only achieve improvement when we take our past failures as a lesson for future successes.

### TV high school fails to represent real high school

By Erica Perl

Staff writer

Throughout my adolescence, I envisioned high school to be just as it is portrayed in movies and TV shows; cliques, easy classes, and spontaneously bursting out into song in the middle of the hallway all included. Little to my knowledge, it's nothing like what I assumed.

Firstly, I want to know how much time TV high schools have between classes, because characters always seem to have enough time to break up, make up, and do their homework in the given time to transition from class to class. Transition periods at real high schools don't even seem to have enough time to make a quick pit stop at the bathroom.

Approaching high school, one of my biggest fears was the fear of cliques and fitting in. Fortunately, stereotypical cliques such as the "popular" group, "jocks", "nerds",

### Chivalry not gender-specific, extends to both men, women

By Anna Azallion

Business manager

Chivalry is defined by *Urban Dictionary* as "something women complain is dead even though it cannot logically exist in an equal society, which is something women wanted. It's one or the other." That may be the view of some, but there is another way to look at this medieval knightly code of behavior.

Chivalry can also be defined as manners, or treating people the right way. To give some cliché examples, opening doors, paying for a date, and lending a girl your coat when she's cold.

Some argue that chivalry is against equality; however, there is a difference between equality and etiquette. Equality says that one gender is not better than the other – that both deserve the same rights and opportunities. On the other

hand, "goths", and "outcasts" really don't exist. Sure, everyone has a circle of friends they associate themselves with, but it's okay to be friends with people outside of that circle, too. No one cares if you're in the marching band, in show choir, on the soccer team, or if you aren't involved in any extracurricular activities, and you don't have to be friends with people exclusively from your group.

Accompanying the social differences from real high school, TV high schools begin class at around 8:00, giving students the opportunity to get a full eight hours of sleep, eat a full breakfast, and dress in expensive outfits no teenager would ever wear. Unlike the movies, cheerleaders don't wear their uniforms to school every day, and football players don't roam the halls in letterman jackets.

We can skip class if we're not feeling up to it, just like students do in the movies, right? Not really. Despite how easy it may look

hand, etiquette is polite behavior or, according to *Urban Dictionary*, "(Rules governing) socially acceptable behavior."

So if chivalry is manners, the question can now be posed – "Is chivalry dead?"

The answer is no, but it is definitely a declining trait. If one were to Google "Chivalry," many things would come up, including a WikiHow article describing how to be chivalrous. Some of the steps are to consider the other person's thoughts and opinions, offer your seat to someone else, and open and hold doors.

While many people are excellent at door holding and giving up their seat to someone who needs it more, how often in our society do we listen without hearing? We tend to consider only our own thoughts and feelings rather than somebody else's.

on the silver screen, it'd be hard to escape the watchful eye of the attendance office secretaries and skip second block without anyone noticing. If only it were as easy as dodging the hall monitor in the hallway and driving off into the sunshine.

Unfortunately, there is no School Survival Guide like the one on *Ned's Declassified*, but we students don't necessarily have to deal with the intense drama of teenage television. As far as my knowledge, no one at Loveland has ever been "slushied" like students from *Glee*, no one has experienced the trauma of *Mean Girls*' "Burn Book", and no one has had to handle a crazed murderer as the students in *Heathers* did.

The expected drama and tribulation of teen shows and flicks would be considered quite inaccurate by my standards after three years of high school experience. I guess it's good to know that there's no chance of a Loveland

So what's the solution?

"Chivalry and manners should be one in the same," **Braxton Smith** (11) said

Following that standard, chivalry isn't only for guys. There can and should be a standard of chivalry for women as well – especially when chivalry is synonymous with manners.

"I don't think [chivalry] should be just guys. It should be common manners," **Gabby Nielson** (11) said.

Now that that is established, how can it become a reality?

"Saying yes, sir and yes, ma'am" **Jake Saunders** (12) said.

"Be kind and general to people," **Jessica Griffiths** (10) said.

"Being a decent human being," **Audrey Daugherty** (10) said.

## Different music tastes bring controversy among students

By Erica Perl  
Staff writer

Music is the soundtrack to life, setting the mood and guiding us from scene to scene. With all of the trials and tribulations the world has to offer, different styles of music appeal to different people living different lives. Accompanying this, though, are one of my biggest pet-peeves: music snobs.

Liking and disliking different styles of music is fine; what bothers me is when people think that they are superior to others because they consider the music they listen to to be “better.” Dubstep and country music in particular get criticized often by people that aren’t keen on their sound. While those genres of music aren’t my cup of tea, what’s the point in bashing them? All music is just noise, and some people are attracted to certain sounds more or less than others.

The concept of music-snobbery has been around for quite some time now; during its first years emerging into the mainstream, rock and roll was seen as primitive and vulgar by older generations that grew up listening to swing and jazz music. Fast forward to 2015, and rap music has gotten the same reception by parents and older crit-

ics alike. While yes, today’s music is much more explicit compared to the type our parents grew up listening to, music is and always has been a reflection of pop culture and societal appeal. Not all new music is bad, and not all old music is good.

For some reason, people that have been fans of a band since its conception feel superior to newer fans that know fewer songs or lyrics than they do. If you like J. Cole’s music, you don’t have to be familiar with mixtapes he made before he signed a recording contract. You don’t have to know the ins and outs of Tyler Joseph and Josh Dun to go to a Twenty One Pilots concert. Knowing the words to every Black Sabbath song doesn’t make you any cooler than someone who knows the words to every Nicki Minaj song. Everyone likes different music, and everyone was a new fan at some point, so cool it.

“You can like ice cream without eating every cone ever made [in the same way that] it’s possible to like a band without memorizing/ listening to it all,” Brighton Hummer (12) said via his Twitter account. “Thinking that because you know more about music than someone else disqualifies them from enjoying it is an ignorant blow,” he added.

Music is created to bring people together and to portray every different emotion and human feeling. An artist or genre’s music can be appreciated without bashing other kinds. Ask someone that has a different taste in music than you to make you a playlist of their favorite songs, and consider broadening your auditory horizons.

### Quiz: Are You a Music Snob?

Circle Yes or No for each description.

1. You find yourself wanting to “educate” people when it comes to music.  
Yes No
2. You only listen to musicians before they “made it”.  
Yes No
3. You’ve shamed a person younger than you for not understanding a musical reference they’d be too young to know.  
Yes No
4. It bothers you when people just start listening to a band you liked a year ago.  
Yes No
5. You’ve found yourself saying, “there’s nothing good on the radio”.  
Yes No
6. You’ve pretended to know a musician’s

work to seem cooler.

- Yes No
7. You’ve quizzed someone on their knowledge of a band because they were wearing the band’s merchandise.  
Yes No
  8. You don’t publicly listen to pop music.  
Yes No
  9. When it comes to deciding who gets the AUX chord, you get aggressive.  
Yes No

### Your Results

If you circled yes for...

0 to 2 descriptions: Congrats, you’re not a music snob! As a music lover, you accept all kinds of music and others’ opinions, even though you may not agree.

3 to 6 descriptions: You’re treading into some snobby waters, there, pal. Take a chill pill and vibe out to music you normally wouldn’t listen to.

7 to 9 descriptions: Yikes! You need to learn to go with the flow and accept differing opinions. Turn on Kiss 107, let the mainstream music flow into your veins and take you away from your pretentious ways.



Kaylee Harter

## CONTRA

### Commercial/Private Drones



Madelyn Cummins

#### Kaylee Gives a Thumbs-Up

Remember that book you were supposed to have for class tomorrow? Remember when you forgot to order it and it’s won’t be here for another 5-7 business days? This may be a problem of the past thanks to the prospect of commercialized drones. Commercial drones would benefit consumers greatly. For example, Amazon.com has announced its plans to implement Prime Air, a delivery system that would use unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), more commonly known as drones, to deliver packages in thirty minutes or less. Never again would forgetting to order a book or birthday present be a problem. This type of change in the way that goods are purchased is unprecedented in convenience.

Similar tactics could be used in the medical field in order to potentially save lives. Medication could be quickly delivered to areas of low-accessibility. Time-sensitive samples such as blood could be transported promptly to hospitals. Drones could monitor and deliver supplies to areas affected by natural disasters. Should we not take advantage of any means available to better healthcare and save lives?

#### Madelyn Gives a Thumbs-Down

Do you feel safe and secure in the comfort of your own yard? Well, with the rising popularity of drones and few laws to monitor them, that feeling of security might disappear soon.

Imagine this: standing outside in your yard on a sunny day when, out of nowhere, a drone buzzes up your street, knocking over your neighbor and taking pictures before flying away. Unaware of who was flying the drone and with almost no laws controlling them, what can you do? With the rising popularity of drones, this imaginary scene becomes more and more likely.

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), better known as drones, have become a popular toy for average Americans, available for as little as sixty dollars. And with growing technology such as cameras and facial recognition programs, I would feel safer if there were rules and regulations protecting me and my privacy from the prying eyes of UAV flyers.

However, the Federal Administration of Aviation (FAA) has almost no laws governing drones, minus a few “no fly areas,” including national parks and Washington, D.C., and needing a license from the FAA to use drones commercially.

Besides these, there are only “know before you fly” guidelines set up by the FAA, which drone supporters say will prevent accidents, but these are not laws, and therefore anyone who breaks them cannot be prosecuted. These guidelines include: Fly below 400 feet and remain clear of surrounding obstacles, keep the aircraft within visual line of sight at all times, remain well clear of and do not interfere with manned aircraft operations, don’t fly within 5 miles of an airport unless you contact the airport and control tower before flying, don’t fly near people or stadiums, don’t fly an aircraft that weighs more than 55 lbs, and don’t be careless or reckless with your unmanned aircraft – you could be fined for endangering people or other aircraft.

Despite these suggestions, there have been multiple reports of airplanes coming close to UAVs. One instance occurred this past February near Los Angeles, California when a drone flew right next to a commercial airplane at 4,000 feet, well above the suggested 400-foot limit.

Furthermore, agriculture, energy, utilities, mining, construction, real estate, news media, and film production all stand to benefit from commercial drones, according to “Business Insider.” Drones would create efficiency and effectiveness within these fields.

However, in order for any of this to be possible on a large scale, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) needs to reform its UAV regulations, which have been proposed and will be finalized soon, according to the “Wall Street Journal.”

There are valid concerns of privacy among the American public. However, the focus of those who have these concerns should not be inhibiting the use of commercial drones altogether. Instead, these individuals should focus on lobbying for the restrictions they deem necessary to the protection their privacy. Some are also concerned with the possibility of drone-airplane collisions. Once again, the regulations and enforcement of these regulations simply needs to catch up with the technology.

Drones provide endless possibilities for the consumer, business, and medical worlds and to allow these opportunities to fall by the wayside would be a foolish mistake.

“It’s scary to think a plane could crash if someone flew a drone into it,” Lydia Powell (11) said.

Another safety concern is if UAVs are used for commercial use. Amazon has gone public with Amazon Prime Air, which will deliver packages worldwide within thirty minutes using drones. And despite their assurances it won’t be put to use until it is one hundred percent safe, I’m not convinced. How can you program a drone to avoid hitting children playing in the street or a moving car? How could drones have quick enough reactions to avoid accidents in busy residential areas? In this day and age, it’s simply not possible.

In January of 2015, the secret service had a scare when a drone crashed onto the white house lawn. Thankfully it was unarmed and flown over the white house accidentally by an intoxicated pedestrian, but it opened the eyes of many to the threat drones could offer if used as weapons. A bomb attached to a drone could be detonated while the criminal stands safely miles away. I’d be interested to hear how drone-supporters believe this can be prevented.

Another issue is that of privacy. Because drones can be equipped with cameras, they can film you without your permission wherever you might be.

There have already been many cases of people being arrested and charged for shooting down drones which are on their property since the drones were not considered threatening.

One such case occurred in Hillview, Kentucky when a teenage girl saw a UAV equipped with a camera above her yard as she was sunbathing. Her father then shot the drone out of the sky since he perceived it as an unwelcome invasion on HIS property. However, he was arrested and charged with felony wanton endangerment and criminal mischief.

Are we not allowed to defend ourselves on our own property? How are laymen supposed to be able to distinguish a drone with mal intent from a harmless one?

To ensure the privacy and safety of everyone, I believe laws should be enacted to regulate specifications including size and speed, to limit how they are used, and to require licensing for private use.

# Winter sports prepare for upcoming seasons

By Claire Ruben

Sports and Entertainment editor

## Girls' Basketball

Under the senior leadership of **Alyssa Stahl** (12), **Olivia Henderson** (12), and **Hailey Bauer** (12), the Lady Tigers look to improve upon last year's 11-12 season. Head Coach **Mr. Herb Laughman** (Health and Physical Education) expects contributions from freshman through seniors at the varsity level. The team strives, "to be competitive in every game, play together, and WIN," according to Coach Laughman.

With lifting beginning in May, the team conditioned throughout the off-season while also traveling to the University of Cincinnati and the University of Louisville to play high-caliber competition.

"This is year three of the process," Coach Laughman said. "We have brought this program back from the ashes. It's not good enough to just compete in games. We need to make winning a habit."

Players hope that dedication in practice and solid team chemistry will do just that.

## Boys' Basketball

With a roster including nine players who did not play varsity last season, new head coach **Rob Reis** expects the Tigers to improve greatly as the season progresses and the team learns to play under new expectations.

"The team we are at the end of the season is the most important thing to me," Coach Reis said.

The Tigers remained active playing in

summer leagues, lifting weights, and using open gym time during the off-season.

**Drew Plitt** (12) returns as the team's leading scorer, and **Drew Steinbrunner** (12) also returns as a starter. According to Coach Reis, **Mitch Suder** (11) and **Mitch Robinson** (11) should be impactful at the varsity level.

"Members of the Loveland community should expect to come out and see an exciting basketball team that hustles and plays with passion," Coach Reis said. "We want to make our school and the community proud."

## Girls' Bowling

Coach **Drena Campbell** holds high expectations for the Lady Tigers following last year's 10-4 season.

"The season has changed, but the excitement is still there," Coach Campbell said. The team returns strong bowlers including **Taylor Hayden** (12), **Mallorie Scharfenberger** (11), and **Carlie Hicks** (11).

One of the team's goals is to get as many girls as possible to sectionals. In the off-season the girls have worked on their strike shots and spare shooting, hoping to improve from last year's third place ECC finish. The squad's biggest competition this season should come from Glen Este and Milford, the two teams that finished ahead of the girls in the conference in 2014.

Coach Campbell notes the team chemistry already developing. "[The girls] are beginning to gel as a group, feeding off each other with positive reinforcement," Campbell said. "The team dynamic for this year is shaping up to be

something special."

## Boys' Bowling

According to head coach **Mr. Steve Adams** (Math), the boys' bowling team returns several starters and some "nice experience" including that of **Chris McDowell** (12), who was named second team all-conference last season. Coach Adams also expects **Aaron Autin** (11) and **Ethan Bell** (11) to impact the team. The team looks to improve averages all around to defeat defending champion Anderson. During the off-season, the squad formed several 3-man teams and joined a summer league which allowed members to work on technique, the ability to read and adjust to lanes, and overall teamwork.

## Swimming

Head Coach **Mrs. Jaclyn Jones** (Science) expects both the girls' and boys' swim teams to place in the top half of the ECC. The girl's team looks especially strong.

"We have a really strong girls' team who I think can be in the top three in the ECC," Coach Jones said. "I would like to see both the boys and girls have district qualifiers as well as a few state qualifiers."

Neither team graduated many seniors, therefore, Jones counts on new freshman and returning swimmers such as **Ryan Mesmer** (12), **Mitchell Laifook** (11) and **Vaughn Ritcher** (11) on the boys' side and **Emily Michelfelder** (12), **Courtney Mennen** (11), **Kendall Wheeler** (10), and **Emma Blackburn** (10) on the girls' side to lead the teams.

## Diving

Through training at the Mason Community Center and the Kids First Sports Center, the diving team hopes to reach its goal of sending divers to the Southwest Classic Finals, the largest high school swimming and diving meet in the country, as well as the OHSAA District Meet. The team is smaller this year, allowing Coach Lisa Werwinski to devote more individualized attention at practice. Coach Werwinski expects leadership from captain **Sarah Sheeler** (12) and solid scores from veterans **Ryan Drapeau** (11) and **Alex Scharfenberger** (10). The team will compete against some of the best divers throughout the greater Cincinnati and Dayton areas.

## Wrestling

Following last year's second place ECC finish, the Tigers look to take back the crown from defending champion Glen Este. The squad is extremely young with a roster of twenty-two freshman.

"We have lots of talent; we will get better as the year progresses," Head Coach **Mr. Chris Switzer** (History) said of his young team. Over the off-season the wrestlers lifted and participated in open mats as well as open tournaments in order to prepare for competition. Coach Switzer expects big things from veteran **Conner Homan** (12) who was a state alternate last season.

"The team is full of potential," Coach Switzer said. "If they work hard, we will be very good by the post season."

## FC Fut Squad returns this winter

By Claire Beran

Staff writer

The fall sport season has officially come to a close and many students are wondering what they will do with their Friday nights without football games. Well, FC Fut Squad could be the solution.

FC Fut Squad is a recreational soccer team that started in 2014. They went undefeated in their league last season and they plan to do it again.

The team consists of **Trace Dunning** (12), **CJ Regan** (12), **Adam Paulson** (12), **Kyle Oblong** (12), **Adam Rubikas** (12), **Joe Distler** (12), and **Luke Dunning** (11). **Peyton Terry** (12) is the general manager.

"Our plans this year is to win the league going undefeated," Dunning said. "As goalie, I plan to let the least amount of goals in the league, repeating last year's record of only

letting seven goals in the whole season."

Midwest Best Barbecue and Creamery sponsors the team. They business was established in 2013 and provided the team with equipment.

"They were kind enough to sponsor our team and pay for our jerseys. We wouldn't be where we are today without them," Dunning said.

The boys are always looking for fans to support them at their games at Wall 2 Wall. The fan of the year will receive a gift card to Midwest Best Barbecue and Creamery as well.

"People should come watch us play because we have pure talent among the team, and we seek to give the people a show," Regan said.

The team also has a Twitter account, @FC\_FUT\_SQUAD2, where they will post information about their season.



Photo by Ashlyn Taylor

**Kyle Oblong** (12), **Luke Dunning** (11), **Adam Rubikas** (12), **Adam Paulson** (12), **Andrew Snyder** (12), **Peyton Terry** (12), **C.J. Regan** (12), **Jacob Lesperance** (12), and **Trace Dunning** (12) pose in front of a goal. They just won their first game of the season.





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## Football players dominate with impressive stats

By Nick Henthorn

Staff writer

Records were broken and memories were made in a season that saw the Tigers go 6-4 overall, and 5-2 in the conference. Narrowly missing out on the state playoffs,



*Photo by Jack Sexton*  
**Jake Saunders (12) stands tall on the football field. Saunders had two sacks last season.**

the team ended its season on a five-game winning streak.

Loveland football was stocked with individual talents, with players leading the league in a number of statistical categories. **Luke**

**Waddell (11)** led in rushing yards with 1,784, **Cameron Beck (11)** led in interceptions with five, and **Eric Popp (12)** led in fumbles recovered with three. As a team, the guys held their opponents to the second fewest total yards per game, 267.9, including only 100.9

rushing yards per game, the second least amount of such yards in the ECC.

With 25 seniors on the squad,

including team captains **Drew Plitt (12)**, **Eric Popp**, **Jake Saunders (12)**, and **Jake Ferrell (12)**, experience led the force. The defensive front seven in particular served as home to many seniors,

such as **Colton Lakes (12)**, **Todd Payne (12)**, **Michael Newbold (12)**, **Colin Johnson (12)**, **Saunders** and **Popp** to form a fearsome defense.

“Our defense brought a lot of intensity this year,” **Johnson** said. “We gave 100% all season”

The Tigers found themselves in a number of close contests, with three of their first five games decided by a single touchdown or less. All three of those games were losses.

“The beginning of the year was rough,” **Kevin Sieg (12)** said, but we turned it around”.

The Tigers definitely did turn it around, winning their last five games by an average margin of 33.8 points, including a 50-0 shut-out win against **Withrow**, a 55-14 win against rival **Milford Eagles** and a 32-14 victory against a previously undefeated **Turpin** team.

In the win against **Turpin**, **Loveland** history was made when junior **Cameron Beck** snatched four interceptions, setting a new single-game record.

**Loveland** boasted an explosive

run game, with 5 players in the top-25 ECC rushing list, a list headlined by **Luke Waddell’s 1,784 yards**. This was the third straight year **Waddell** led the ECC in rushing yards. **Waddell** also finished second in the ECC in receiving yards.

Ten Tigers were recognized on the ECC’s all-conference teams, with **Drew Steinbrunner** receiving a honorable mention, **Jake Ferrell**, **Calvin Whitaker** and **Michael Newbold** being selected for second team, and **Cameron Beck**, **Drew Plitt**, **Colton Lakes**, **Eric Popp**, **Jake Saunders**, and **Luke Waddell** making first team. **Waddell** also won Offensive Athlete of the Year.

**Loveland’s Junior Varsity** team had a conference best 7-3 record overall, and displayed lots of younger players **Tiger fans** can ex-



*Photo by Jack Sexton*  
**Cameron Beck (11) celebrates after a big play. Beck had five interceptions last season.**

pect to see on varsity in the future.

Despite the success the team enjoyed as a whole and individually, the season did not meet some of the players’ expectations.

“It was a little disappointing,” **Michael Newbold** said. “Everyone worked really hard, and hey, that’s life.”

In a season where the team was three plays away from being 9-1 instead of 6-4, life hit the **Tigers** hard.

## Cincinnati Bengals off to historic season



By Claire Beran

Staff writer

What caused the Bengals to have an undefeated start? Has it been the coaching by **Marvin Lewis**? Or the combinations of **Andy Dalton** and **A.J. Green**? Whatever it is, it’s resulting in a record-breaking start.

Going into week 9, the Cincinnati Bengals were undefeated. This put them at the top of the American Football Conference

(AFC) North division with a record of 8-0-0. Other teams in the AFC North division include the **Pittsburgh Steelers**, **Cleveland Browns**, and the **Baltimore Ravens**.

The Bengals haven’t started their season off undefeated since 1988. They were 6-0-0 and they also went to the Super Bowl that same season, which unfortunately, resulted in a loss against the **San Francisco 49ers**. The score was 20-16.

“The Bengals are so good this year! They’re going to go all the way,” said **Noah Elliot (11)**.

**Andy Dalton (QB)** has thrown 2,226 yards and rushed 57 yards. **AJ Green (WR)** also has been a key player on the offensive end. He has caught 50 passes and has 702 receiving yards. **Giovanni Bernard (HB)** has 91 rushing attempts and with 511 rushing yards. **Mike Nugent (K)** has attempted 14 field goals and has made 11 of them. The longest attempt was 47 yards.

According to ESPN, the “Bengals defense rose to the challenge” against the teams they’ve played so far. They’ve had a total of eight interceptions. **Reggie Nelson** is leading the team with three, followed by **Adam Jones (CB)** with two, and **Vincent Ray (LB)**, **Darqueze Dennard (CB)**, and **Shawn Williams (S)** all with one.

The Bengals offense and defense have proved to be mighty this year. They made franchise history by becoming 8-0-0 and they continue to lead the AFC North.

Unfortunately, the Bengals lost to the **Texans 10-6** on November 16.

*“The Bengals offense and defense have proved to be mighty this year.”*

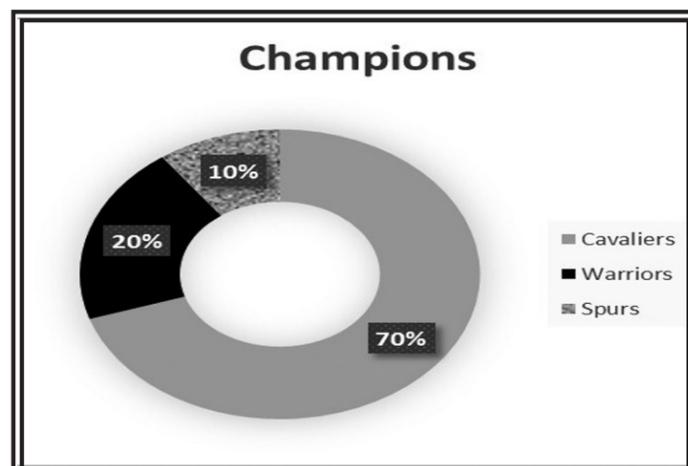
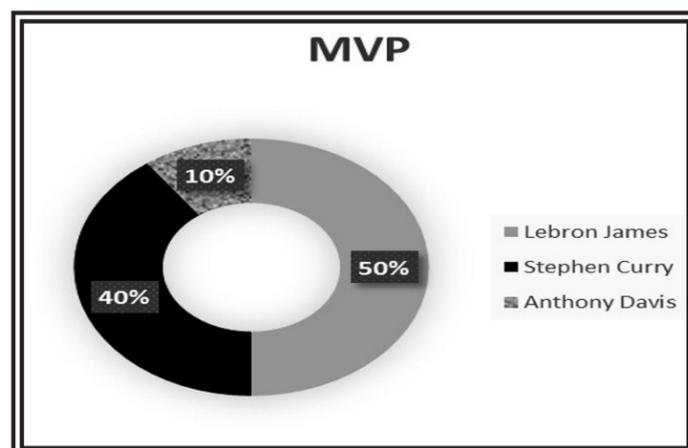
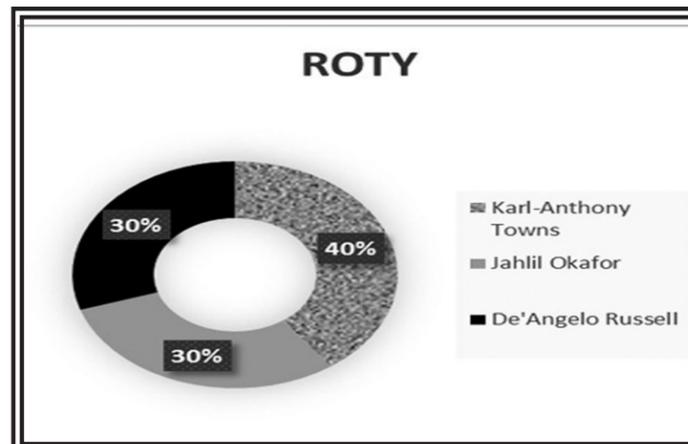
## Students predict NBA award winners and more

By Nick Henthorn

Staff writer

The NBA is back! And like every year, followers of the National Basketball Association know three things for certain; the Eastern Conference will be bad, the **Spurs** will be good, and every sports outlet will spew out knee-jerk predictions about the year. It’s hard to find well-thought out season forecasts, but sometimes the best predictions come from fans. Ten students were polled about their predictions for Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year and 2017 NBA champions, and the results were very interesting.

The poll indicated there was no clear favorite for Rookie of the Year. Not because of a lack of good rookies, but because of an abundance of them. **Karl-Anthony Towns**, formerly of **Kentucky University**, squeaked out as the favorite with 40% of the poll. Despite winning the MVP last year, **Stephen Curry** managed to get only 40% of the votes for MVP, placing him behind last year’s runner up and four time MVP winner, **Lebron James**. Finally the majority of the students selected the **Cleveland Cavaliers** to take home the **Larry O’Brien Trophy** as NBA Champions this year. The Cavaliers are certainly a talented team, boasting three All-Stars in **Lebron James**, **Kevin Love** and **Kyrie Irving**. The reigning champions, the **Golden State Warriors**, finished in second at a measly 20%. The students have spoken, now it is up to the players to make them right or wrong.



# College Credit Plus offers free credit hours

Anna Azallion  
Business manager

High school has a purpose: preparing students for the next steps in their lives, whether that be college, a technical school, or the work force. The curriculum offers course options with a variety of difficulty levels. Do the students know of all the available opportunities though? Do they know how to take advantage of them?

College Credit Plus (CCP) is one of the opportunities presented to students grades 7-12. How many people know about this select opportunity? For those who don't know, **Jamie Gordon** (Guidance counselor) explained.

"CCP is a state program that allows the school districts and the colleges to come together to fund college courses for students. It's an opportunity to take college courses at no cost to the student or their family," Gordon said.

One may ask, "If this is free college credit, why doesn't everybody do this?" The answer may be the difficulty, the fact that these classes aren't always on the high school campus, or simply that they weren't aware of the opportunity.

According to Gordon, students that enroll in the program can take classes at UC Blue Ash, UC Clermont, or Sinclair

Community College, given that they gained acceptance into one of those schools. The road to acceptance into the program involves a lot of timelines and deadlines, placement tests, and forms. Despite the somewhat tedious process, many students take advantage of this opportunity to get ahead in college.

**Grant Leever** (11) attends UC Blue Ash through CCP. He takes these classes in addition to the few classes he takes at Loveland, giving him, in combination, a full schedule.

"I prefer college classes because they involve less busy work and tend to be less stressful so long as you stay on top of your assignments," Leever said.

Another student, **Emily Phillips** (11), takes classes at UC Clermont, and no classes at Loveland.

"The difficulty of high school wasn't as challenging as I would have liked it to be, and the atmosphere wasn't for me," Phillips said.

For seniors especially, this comes as a unique opportunity to prepare for college.

"The small classroom teaching is a great step for the larger classes I will have next year," said **Sarah Sheeler** (12).

Not all CCP classes take place on a college campus, however. AP Spanish, for example, is a CCP program, taught by high school teachers on the high school campus.

Many of the positive aspects have been surfaced, but are there negative aspects as well? According to Gordon, yes. When the counselors go to events for high school counselors, they each hear from different colleges. For example, one counselor might go listen to the representative from Ohio State University, another might listen to Miami University. Each college seems to say something similar about CCP.

"They want students to max out with the honors level and the advanced placement (AP) level classes at the high school before considering the college credit plus classes," said Gordon.

According to Gordon, the preference is because the colleges know exactly what is being taught in AP classes due to the fact that they are run by College Board. In contrast, colleges have their own curriculum, so the CCP classes are of unknown content and difficulty to other colleges and universities.

Can taking CCP instead of AP classes affect your acceptance into college? According to Gordon, not necessarily. Neither of these class types can guarantee you a spot into any university. Having CCP instead of AP will not make or break acceptance on account of the fact that college admissions counselors look at classes, as well as many other factors.

## Katie McElveen participates in "Windows of Hope"

Claire Beran  
Staff Writer

Many teenagers spend their free time watching Netflix or hanging out with friends, but one student chooses to give back too. Katie McElveen (11) serves families at the Ronald McDonald House (RMDH) in the Windows of Hope program in downtown Cincinnati. From making greeting cards to helping at the summer art camps, McElveen has always been involved and continues to serve in their student led service programs.

The RMDH is a place for families to stay while their child is being treated at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. The house is in walking distance of the hospital, which gives families easy access to see their loved one. Each night, 78 families spend the night; 1500 families were served at the RMDH last year.

McElveen uses artistic ability to bring hope to each family staying at the hospital. She meets with each family and asks them what they would like to see outside their window. She takes the ideas and transforms them into a painting, which she frames using an antique windows. She has met with 60 families and painted each of them a scene.

Students from Loveland and Sycamore High School have been assisting McElveen in painting. Sycamore has a Windows of Hope club that meets every Monday after school to discuss ideas and paint. McElveen also has over 50 volunteers.

"We would absolutely love to have a Windows of Hope club at Loveland too," she said.

Inside the RMDH, there is a gallery of all the paintings. There are 50 windows hanging that are available for private sponsorship. In total, McElveen has helped raise over \$30,000 and she plans on expanding the Windows of Hope program to other RMDH in places such as Columbus, Dayton, and Louisville.

McElveen continues to spread hope with her art among families staying at the RMDH. On November 1, the gallery was open to the public to view the paintings done by McElveen and her volunteers. Over 150 people attended the gallery and 19 windows were sponsored. She raised about \$5,900 for the house as well.

For more information on the RMDH and Windows of Hope, visit [www.rmhcincinnati.org](http://www.rmhcincinnati.org).

## 2015 possibly hottest year on record

Patrick Seroogy  
Staff writer

In the near 166 years that methodical thermometer-based temperature-recording has been in use globally, no year was hotter than last year. Now 2015 is set to beat 2014 for first place in that category, according to the National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI).

These high temperatures are both an immediate and long-term problem for global weather patterns, wildlife, and people in general, especially those in developing countries and/or those who have a profession in agriculture or something like fishing, which in turn effects people who buy harvested produce, which is a majority of the global population.

The immediate cause for this is the recent and ongoing El Niño (which is, as defined by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a global coupled ocean-atmosphere phenomenon that occurs every two to seven years that begins in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific and disrupts/alters weather patterns and temperatures worldwide). With this event, worldly temperatures and weather always fluctuate.

The long term cause, despite it being a nationally controversial subject, is the warming of the climate thanks to humans. There is, and has been for a while, a scientific consensus that climate change is happening, and that the human emission of greenhouse gases are the primary driver. **Brian Conatser** (biology teacher) explains the process of global warming in relations to people. "Here's how it works: industry worldwide (since the 1800s) excretes as an exhaust, among other things, carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas and the most abundant one of those in the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases are gases that trap some heat from sunlight in the atmosphere. It is the

increase of these gases, especially carbon dioxide in this case, by industry at a higher-than-natural rate that is causing the global climate to warm much faster than it should be warming."

This warming is by no means a hasty process, and the effects are not even close to immediate; the average global temperature this century so far is only 1.5 Fahrenheit higher than the twentieth century average, according to the NOAA. "Over the decades and centuries, however, this rise in temperature will build up until it becomes unbearable or unlivable for humans, let alone common species of other animals and plants. The delicate ecosystems that we have come to know and appreciate could be gone in the blink of the eye if the living conditions for flora and fauna were not enduring. Not only will this, but changes in weather patterns and events be trouble, even more so than they already are," Mr. Conatser said.

Take Hurricane Patricia, the cyclone that hit the west coast of Mexico last month. That was the strongest hurricane to ever exist within categorized records, according to the NOAA. Again, the immediate cause for this was the ongoing El Niño, but the long-term issue that had a part in it is climatic warming.

2015 being set to be the hottest year in over 150 years spells disaster for the future. It means that the global temperature will continue to rise to a greater point over time, which causes weather patterns to shift, which negatively affects agriculture, and land ice (ice formed on land, such as glaciers and icebergs) to melt water (the oceans) to expand, eventually causing sea levels to rise, which causes flooding, which in turn destroys property, homes and farms; the list goes on. The entire process is one slow, global chain reaction, if whose proponents are left uninterrupted will leave chaos in its wake.

## November News Briefs

Patrick Seroogy  
Staff writer

### Deadlines and Tests

December 7 is the deadline to submit college applications that need to be mailed before winter recess.

There's an SAT test on December 5.

There will be an ACT test on December 12.

Block 1 & 2 finals/semester exams will be taken on December 17.

Block 4 & 3 finals/semester exams will be taken on December 17.

On November 24, the interim report period ends.

### Music

There will be a wind symphony/symphonic band and jazz lab/jazz orchestra concert at 7 PM at the high school on December 3.

On December 10 there will be a strings concert in the high school auditorium at 7 PM.

On December 12, Show Choir's holiday event will take place at 7 PM in the HS auditorium.

An LHS vocal concert will be held in the auditorium at 7 PM on December 15.

### Sports

Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 PM on December 7.

The Athletic Boosters Winter Spirit Sale will take from 9 AM to 1 PM in the high school cafeteria on December 12.

### School/class events

December 5 is the LHS Winter Dance.

Class rings will be delivered during lunch on December 9.

You can adjust class rings from 7-7:45 AM on December 10.

AAA Winter Drivers Education Classes will take place from December 1 through January 21 in room 123. See the office or your guidance counselor if you wish to sign up or learn more.

### General Events

From 4-9 PM on December 12, "Christmas in Loveland" will take place, which includes various events including a 5K run/walk, horse-drawn carriages, and Raku firings.

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, the Loveland City School District will be moving to a two-hour delay schedule for weather-related delay days. This means all buildings will begin classes on a two-hour delay from regular start times, and all buses will run on a two-hour delay to pick up students.

## Winter formal set to sail Friday, December 5th

By Catie Shipp

News and Editorials editor

The winter dance is to set sail aboard BB Riverboats on December 5<sup>th</sup> as student council prepares to create an event like none the school has experienced before. According to **Megan Phelan** (12), student council's second VP, it will be a night on the water filled with music, dancing, and fun.

"I'm excited about this dance because it's going to be unlike anything we've done thus far. It's going to be a great time and I think everyone will really enjoy it," Phelan said.

The boat will begin boarding passengers at 6:30 PM and will depart at 7:00 PM. Once the boat returns to the dock around 9:30 PM, students will be released giving the attendees a chance to spend the night with their friends in the downtown area.

"We suggest to make a night of it. Have dinner at a nearby restaurant and spend



Photo by Carrie Hawkins

The Belle of Cincinnati docks in the Ohio River. The boat was used as a casino boat in the 1990s.

time downtown after the boat returns at 9:30. The boat is going to set sail at 7:00 and there will be no refunds if you miss it because of late dinner plans," **Mrs. K. Partridge** (science) said.

D.J Toesocks will return to provide music for the dance-goers as they sail across the Ohio River. He plans to bring a guest D.J so that students can choose whether they want to be

on the upper or lower deck of the boat. This gives an opportunity for a greater variety of music and a greater amount of space to enjoy the night.

"D.J Toesocks will be

back! Make sure to tweet the hashtag #hswinterdance with your song requests. The more requests the better," **Alyssa Gilliland** (12) said.

There are important things to make note of while look-

ing ahead to this night aboard the Belle of Cincinnati. First of all, wear semi-formal attire such as the attire worn at a usual Homecoming dance. Secondly, begin to think about means of transportation to the dock in Covington, Kentucky. There will be a bus available for those who need it; however, the bus will depart directly after the dance and students will not be able to stay downtown after the dance. Lastly, make sure to buy tickets early as there are only a limited number of tickets available. Ticket prices will start at \$20 on Monday, November 30, and they will increase in price throughout the week.

"Be sure to get your tickets early, it's definitely going to be a night you don't want to miss!" **Mrs. J. Dell** (math) said.

For more information concerning this upcoming dance, speak with a student council representative or advisor.

## November ballot passes redistricting, rejects marijuana legalization, prevents monopolies

By Madelyn Cummins

Staff writer

Earlier this month there were three issues on the Ohio ballot: redistricting, preventing market monopolies, and legalizing the recreational and medicinal use of Marijuana. Issue One, redistricting, and Issue Two, preventing market monopolies, passed. Issue three did not.

Redistricting will create a two-party commission to draw legislative voting districts. Ohio currently has a five member board that includes the governor, state auditor, secretary of state and two members selected by the legislative leaders of the two major parties to draw legislative districts. They vote by majority, so any three members can control the districts. If the members of this board are mostly of one party, they will often create voting districts that increase the chances of their party staying in office.

The passing of this issue creates a seven-member Ohio Redistricting Commission. The members would be the governor, state

auditor, secretary of state, one person appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the House of which the speaker is not a member, one person appointed by the president of the Ohio Senate and one person appointed by the legislative leader of the largest political party in the Senate of which the president is not a member.

Issue Two authorizes the Ohio Ballot Board to regulate monopolies. By preventing market monopolies, Issue Two would have invalidated Issue Three if it had passed because ten facilities would have exclusive rights to grow marijuana commercially, creating a monopoly. According to Fox News, lawmakers wrote this amendment in response to Issue Three, "concerned that the amendment would grant a monopoly to marijuana grow facilities."

Issue Two "could have voters dazed and confused," according to WDTN, Dayton's news station, because by voting yes on Issue Two you would be saying no to the

legalization of marijuana, no matter what you checked for issue three. In fact, had both issues passed, a court would have been required to determine whether Issue Two voided Issue Three.

When Loveland High School students were asked, seventeen out of sixty-five students think marijuana should be legalized fully, thirty-five out of sixty-five think it should be legalized for medicinal purposes only, and thirteen out of sixty-five think it shouldn't be legalized at all.

"I believe marijuana should be fully legalized, for medicinal and recreational use. Studies show that the effects of marijuana are less dangerous than both alcohol and tobacco, so I don't see any reason as to why it shouldn't be," **Katherine Vuyk** (11) said.

"I think that it is helpful when used for medical purposes, and is more natural than other medications; however, if it were to be fully legalized, I think that people would abuse it," **Lindsay Klunder** (11) said.

"I would prefer it not to be legalized because I don't trust society," **Avery Lawrence**

(10) said.

Adult community members were also asked their opinions. Four out of twenty-five adults questioned think marijuana should be fully legalized, fourteen out of twenty-five think it should be legalized for medicinal purposes, and seven out of twenty-five think it shouldn't be legalized at all.

"I think marijuana should be permitted if it is prescribed by a doctor to help alleviate severe pain, decrease nausea in chemotherapy patients, help with seizure disorders, etc.," **Mrs. R. Overbeeke** (English) said. "If the ballot had said for medicinal purposes only, I would have voted yes, but because of the recreational aspect, I voted no. Marijuana does have harmful side effects."

"I felt that the issue of monopolies tainted my overall view of the issue and I wish I could have voted without the economic aspect," **Mr. K. Reed** (Psychology) said.

Only Issues One and Two passed this November, but the creators of Issue Three have stated they intend to put the legalization of marijuana back on the ballot in 2016.

## District announces two-hour delays

By Kaylee Harter

Editor-in-chief

Beginning this school year, students and families will experience two-hour weather delays as opposed to the traditional ninety-minute delays. The day will start at 9:25 and classes will be shortened accordingly.

Students' opinions on the switch range from indifferent to ecstatic. "I don't think it really makes that much of a difference to students. It's only half an hour," **Drew Graffin** said (11).

**Daniel Eilert** (9) countered that it will make a difference for students in that "it's much easier to figure out the altered times."

**Kyle Butts** (12) said, "I like it because it gives us more time to sleep,"

"I am thrilled... Less school equals more happiness," **Morgan Naber** (10) said.

However, the change could also result in

more school, as the extra half hour to sleep also allows an extra half hour for the roads to be cleared of snow reducing the need to cancel the entire day.

"With two hours, there is more time for buses to heat up and for the temperatures to rise for kids waiting at bus stops. There's more time for roads to be cleared, so that students and staff members can have safer conditions driving to school," **Mrs. P. Johnson** said (principal).

Mrs. Johnson assured that the switch will not affect make-up days in the summer. "That's not how it works in the state of Ohio anymore. It's based on instructional hours and Loveland meets those requirements," she said.

Weather-related delays and cancellations will continue to be reported through the school's alert system, on the district website, Facebook, Twitter and via traditional media outlets.

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# Bill Nye and Neil DeGrasse Tyson: Scientists educate our society

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From famous discoveries to educational shows which entertain any age, scientists like Neil deGrasse Tyson, Bill Nye and Stephen Hawking continue to shock and bring educational entertainment to the world.

William Sanford "Bill" Nye, popularly known as Bill Nye the Science Guy, is an American science educator, comedian, television presenter, actor, writer, scientist, and former mechanical engineer. He is best known as the host of a PBS children's science show and for his many appearances in popular media as a science educator.

Nye began his professional entertainment career as a writer/actor on a local sketch comedy television show in Seattle, Washington, called *Almost Live!*. The host of the show, Ross Shafer, suggested he do some scientific demonstrations in a six-minute segment, and take on the nickname "The Science Guy" which later evolved into Nye's own show, *Bill Nye the Science Guy* with PBS. Episodes covered gravity, reptiles and evolution. Nye covered a great deal of subjects and brought a new style of teaching through his skits and parody-like songs that incorporated information on the topic of the episode into them.

"Watching Bill Nye made me like science and was far more entertaining than any other videos we watched in school.... I even watched them at home and now watch them with my little brother," said **Brady Dotson** (11)

A close friend and collaborator of Nye, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, has also been a part of influencing popular culture's interest in science related subjects.

Tyson is best known for his hosting of the show *Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey* which covers many space- and earth-related topics; for example, episodes exploring the nature of the greenhouse effect and the evidence demonstrating the existence of global warming from humanity's influence.

The *Cosmos* series won the 4th Critics' Choice Television Award for "Best Reality Series", with Tyson awarded for "Best Reality Host" and also nominated for "Outstanding Achievement in News and Information" for the 30th TCA Awards and 12 Emmy Awards, including "Outstanding Documentary or Nonfiction Series".

**Mr. J. Barrett (Photography)**, shared his opinion of Neil DeGrasse and his show *Cosmos*. "Not the best host of the show, but the content is great."

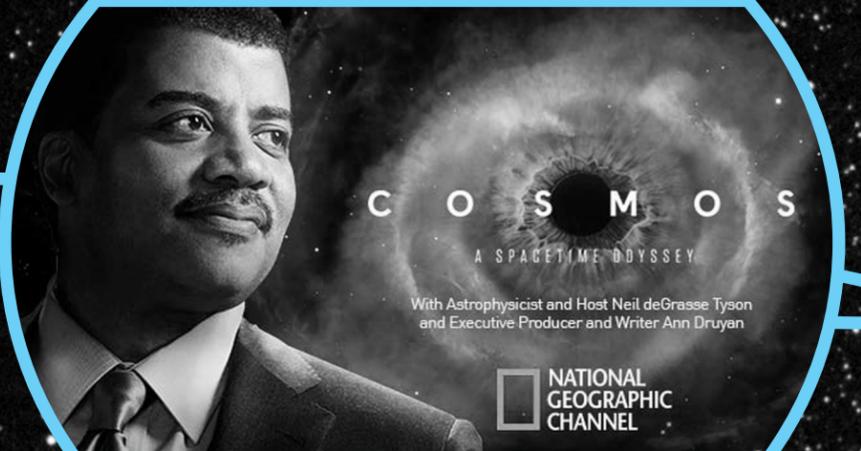
**Ava Peter** (11) said "My brother and I watching the show. It's very educational and has great visual content along with it."

Along with being the host of *Cosmos*, Tyson has been a part of many high-level projects such as serving as a presidential advisor. In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed him to a commission on the future of the aerospace industry. He also served another commission three years later to examine U.S. policy on space exploration.

Both Nye and Tyson are just two of many who have influenced common culture and impacted the science world with many inventions and discoveries.



Bill Nye poses next to a lab rat for his website's photo gallery. He has used many different props in his experimental videos.



Neil DeGrasse Tyson's promotes his National Geographic show, *Cosmos*. The show aired on March 9th of 2014.

## BORDERLESS BUDS:

*Students review space food*

By: Niki Fiorenza  
Staff writer

Some consider trying foreign foods an important part in becoming a well-rounded person. However, why limit oneself to simply trying food from other countries? In this month's article, we extended to the farthest place we can reach: outer space.

Astronauts have to eat special freeze-dried foods while in space. There are specific requirements for the food so that it provides balanced nutrition while being easy and safe to store, prepare, and consume in the low-gravity environments in the manned spacecraft.

Astronaut ice cream has become a popular modern-day snack. It can be kept at room temperature without melting, and it is more brittle than regular ice cream, but still soft when bitten into.

"It smells like cardboard. It's super hard and the texture is like styrofoam, but it starts to melt once you start eating it. It's not bad. It tastes good; I'd recommend it but it's really hard to bite."

-Noah Elliot 4/5

"Oh, it's pre-split into thirds. The Communist agenda is helping us out. You can tell the Russians went to space first. It's good, but the texture is like Lucky Charms marshmallows."

-Erin Wilmanns 3.5/5

"When I exhale out of my nose, I can taste it. It's like eating chalk."

-Chloe Tenbrink 2.5/5

"It's really chalky and dusty, but I'd eat it again."

-Maddie Poreczak 3/5

"It's not going to hurt me, is it? It looks like somebody's tampered with it. Boy, that's.....oh my god. Well, hhhmmmmmmhm. I wouldn't call it good. The taste does resemble that of an ice cream sandwich. I don't want to put the second bite in my mouth. I would, in space, enjoy this thoroughly. Maybe camping."

-Mr. Barrett 2.5/5

If you are interested in participating in next month's *Borderless Buds*, send an email to [17fiorve@students.lovelandschools.org](mailto:17fiorve@students.lovelandschools.org)

## Star Wars impacts society for generations

By: Jon Parker  
Staff Writer

Whether you watched every single movie in the series or got interested in it because the light sabers looked awesome, the *Star Wars* films and franchise has influenced culture for over thirty-five years and continues

The film series began with the first movie *Star Wars*, released on May 25, 1977 which was later retitled *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope*. The American epic space-opera film, written and directed by George Lucas and Lucas Films, was viewed by a wide spectrum of people and was one the highest box office grossing films of its time, earning seven hundred fifty-five million dollars. This popularity created the demand for a sequel, hence the creation of *Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back*.

Star Wars in many ways changed the aesthetics and narratives of Hollywood films, switching the focus of Hollywood made films from deep, meaningful stories based on drama related conflicts, themes and irony to sprawling special-effect-filled blockbusters, as well as changing the Hollywood film industry in several other fundamental ways. This style of filmmaking paved the way for modern special effects and is what made these films so popular with the public.

The film series continued with the movies *Episode VI: Return of the Jedi*, *Episode I: The Phantom Menace*, *Episode II: Attack of the Clones*, *Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* and *The Clone Wars*.

The premise of the series is one of a galaxy described as “far, far away” in the distant past and commonly portrays Jedi as a representation of good, in turn with the Sith, their evil counterpart. Their weapon of choice, the lightsaber, is commonly recognized in popular culture. The franchise’s story contains many themes, with strong influences from philosophy and religion.

With the last full length film being released over ten years ago,

the reveal of the new film *Episode VII: The Force Awakens*, has brought a great amount of excitement to many.

Joseph Smith (11) said, “I loved watching the movies as a kid and still rewatch them from time to time; the new movie looks like it will be awesome.”

The new edition to the series will be released on December 18th and rumors are circulating on social media of another film which would be introduced in 2017.

The saga has had a significant impact on modern popular culture. *Star Wars* references are deeply embedded in popular culture. References to the main characters and themes of *Star Wars* are casually made in many English speaking countries. Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker are just two of the most iconic characters in the series. Phrases like “evil empire” and “May the Force be with you” have become part of common culture.

Toys, board games and video games are just a few examples of how the Star Wars franchise has expanded from the films. A former student, said “I Used to recreate scenes of the movies with plastic light sabers and battle for hours, narrating along the way.”

Shaping common culture in many forms, the series also is referenced and shown quite often in medias like TV shows including *That ‘70s Show* where the protagonist Eric Forman is a huge Star Wars fan and in the show *The Big Bang Theory*, were the main characters are fans as well. The Saga is also constantly mentioned in the show *How I Met Your Mother* and the characters Ted Mosby, Marshall Eriksen and Barney Stinson are huge fans. Barney also has a replica man size stormtrooper in his living room.

Launching into theaters almost forty years ago, The Star Wars Saga has influenced culture in many vivid ways that still continue on today. With the reveal of two new movies in the near future the series will continue its legacy into the next generation with no weakening of its force.

## The 12 Zodiac Signs

By: Niki Fiorenza  
Staff Writer

### ARIES

stereotype: hot-headed, go-getter  
reality: down-to-earth, renegade

### TAURUS

stereotype: stubborn, always hungry  
reality: mellow, loyal

### GEMINI

stereotype: two-faced, nervous  
reality: loud, friendly

### CANCER

stereotype: crybaby, attention-seeker  
reality: nerdy, easygoing

### LEO

stereotype: conceited, athletic  
reality: supportive, passionate

### VIRGO

stereotype: neat freak, perfectionist  
reality: clever, observant

### LIBRA

stereotype: indecisive, preppy  
reality: hopeless romantic, peacemaker

### SCORPIO

stereotype: loner, obsessed with death  
reality: slightly awkward, funny

### SAGITTARIUS

stereotype: sarcastic, optimist  
reality: honest, old-soul

### CAPRICORN

stereotype: boring, ruthlessly ambitious  
reality: motivated, humorous

### AQUARIUS

stereotype: emotionless, believes in aliens  
reality: hilarious, unpredictable

### PISCES

stereotype: sensitive, likes fish  
reality: understanding, arts enthusiast

## Upcoming celestial events to watch for in December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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**DECEMBER 7 – CONJUNCTION OF THE MOON AND VENUS.** Look to the east right before sunrise to see two degrees of Venus in the early morning sky.

**DECEMBER 13, 14 – GEMINIDS METEOR SHOWER.** These showers produce up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour. They will be best viewed after midnight.

**DECEMBER 21, 22 – URSIDS METEOR SHOWER.** This Ursids is a minor meteor shower that produces about 5-10 meteors per hour.

**DECEMBER 25 – FULL MOON.** The Moon will be positioned at the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun, and its face will be fully illuminated.

**DECEMBER 29 – MERCURY AT GREATEST EASTERN ELONGATION.** This is the best time to see Mercury because it will be at the highest point above the horizon. Loom for Mercury low in the western sky after sunset.

# Fall, winter bring Seasonal Affective Disorder

By Mackenzie Talbott  
Staff writer

Fall can be exciting. The leaves change, everything tastes like pumpkin, it becomes cold enough for comfy sweaters, Halloween happens, Thanksgiving happens, and eventually snow falls. However, not everyone is happy when fall comes. Fall to them means unexplainable sadness, except there is an explanation that most people don't know about. It's called Seasonal Affective Disorder.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, called SAD, is a type of depression that is related to the change of the seasons. Most people find themselves having this during the beginning of the fall months, continuing throughout the winter. According to the Mayo Clinic, this disorder causes people to have decreased energy, changes in mood, hypersensitive to rejection, trouble sleeping, a crav-

ing for high carb foods, and problems getting along with other people. Young females have a higher chance of developing this disorder, but males have more severe symptoms.

"SAD is a moderate depression that affects many people during the fall and winter," said school psychology teacher **Mr. K. Reed**.

SAD is a subset of Major Depression, so it is possible to have both MD and SAD. Some of symptoms of major depression overlap with SAD, such as mood deficiency, sleep trouble, appetite and weight changes. If they have both then the risk factor raises extremely, because the effect on the mental aspects of the body need to be watched by friends, family, and oneself.

While the real cause of the disorder is unknown, some potential causes of SAD or major depression can deal with environmental factors such as a lack of sunlight, family issues, stress, or a

traumatic event. Others deal with the biological factors, like an offset circadian rhythm (your internal body clock), serotonin levels, or melatonin levels.

Even though SAD is usually self-diagnosed, medical treatment is now available. Medicine and counseling therapy are good examples of ways to get help. One of the best recommended treatment for SAD is light therapy. Light therapy is a full-spectrum light shined in a person's eyes indirectly. The person stands about two feet away from the light surrounded by a 20 times brighter than a normal room setting. The therapy starts at once-a-day 10-20 minute sessions, and increases to 30-45 minute, twice-a-day sessions if the diagnosed doesn't improve.

"Light therapy helps make up for the reduction in natural sunlight during the winter," Mr. Reed added. "I'd try to limit SAD with light therapy and a winter break vacation in the southern part of the US."

## SELF-HELP METHODS

1. Get regular exercise
2. Share your feeling with others
3. Take B6 vitamins
4. Get as much natural light as possible

## HELPING OTHERS METHODS

1. Educate yourself on the disorder
2. Recognize behavior changes
3. Note worsening signs
4. Don't push too hard for professional help but encourage it if symptoms

## Sushi Wednesdays begin in November

By Karlin Holley  
Staff writer

With Taco Tuesday and Pasta Thursdays already existing, the cafeteria is adding another food to the day of the week; Sushi Wednesdays.

"We had sushi Wednesday at the old high school where I worked (Turpin High School)" **Mrs. P. Johnson** (principal) said, "All the students loved it, so I talked to the cafeteria ladies and District Food Servie Director Kris Tracy, and we decided to bring Sushi Wednesdays here!"

The first opportunity to purchase sushi was e on November 18 and cost \$6.50. Sushi restaurant Fusion provides sushi that comes in six different varieties including veggie, shrimp and crab, and California rolls.

Students are seemingly

excited.

"Wednesdays are finally worth something," said **Audrey Boyd** (12).

"When I was young, I was a little bit afraid of sushi. This year I have been converted and I feel like a new person," **Boyd** added.

**"Wednesdays are finally worth something."**  
-- **Audrey Boyd**

"This new sushi Wednesday plays an essential role in my journey to becoming an avid sushi consumer," said **Jane Pearson** (11).

With more Wednesdays fast approaching, **Mrs. Johnson** said, "I wanted to do something like the senior lunches, but for everyone. It will be here for the rest of the school year and hopefully longer, as long as sales are good!"

If you don't like sushi, there will be all the other typical food options available.

## Help for abuse victims available *Six million children per year on average involved*

By Kaylee Harter  
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Child abuse may seem a distant concept to many students, while other students live in throws of abuse and are affected daily. Abuse is defined by **Mrs. Amy Mason** (counselor) as "any type of harm to a child." This harm can be physical, sexual, or emotional.

Child abuse is extremely prevalent today, with over 3 million reports involving 6 million children per year in the US, according to Childhelp, an organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse. On average, five children in the U.S. per day lose their lives as a result of abuse and neglect.

Though the majority of children who are abused do not lose their lives as a result of the abuse, the rest of their lives are often impacted by the abuse. Childhelp reports that individuals who are victims of child abuse are at greater risk for alcoholism, illicit drug abuse and depression. Furthermore, individuals who reported six or more "adverse childhood experiences" had an average life expectancy of two decades less than individuals who did not have any of these experiences.

The abuse is also damaging to children who are not direct victims. "Witnessing traumatic events has a devastating impact on children's ability to learn and to develop healthy relationships," **Mrs. Mason** said.

Victims of abuse may be wary to report abuse out of fear of the abuser, breaking up their family, or not being believed. To these children, **Mrs. Mason** said, "There is hope. It is important to tell and reach out for help."

To the abusers, **Mrs. Mason** said she would say, "You can put a stop to this by getting help. There are resources out there to assist with parenting skills, addiction, anger management, and mental health. Make the choice to give children a childhood they don't need to recover from."

However, since abusers are often unwilling to get help for themselves, others must take the steps necessary to protect the abused child.

Students who are victims of abuse can receive help through a number of methods. At school, any staff member is an option. This includes teachers, counselors and administrators. Staff members are required



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by the law of duty to report abuse to the necessary agency.

**Mr. Drews Mitchell** (counselor) said, "Our sincere desire is to help students to flourish. Structures that ensure student safety are paramount. We are happy to work diligently with families to develop processes for healthy relationships and student growth."

Students may also call the child abuse hotline or Children's Protective Services of Clermont County.

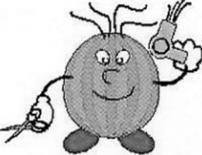
Additionally, anyone aware of abuse, even if not directly involved in any way, should file a report.

"Reporting child abuse is not pleasant, especially when it involves the children of a relative, neighbor or friend. However, the worst thing you can do is nothing. Before you make the decision not to call, remember that the abuse or neglect the child may be experiencing will likely continue if you fail to act," stated the Children's Protective Services of Clermont County website.

"It is something we must be aware of and know how to handle all kinds of situations so we can help or at least start the process of help," **Mrs. Jamie Hamilton** (counselor) said.

Abuse is damaging to the community and children. Awareness is vital.

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## The Last Witch Hunter falls flat, disappoints audience

By Nick Henthorn  
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*The Last Witch Hunter* recently hit over 3,000 theatres around the country, bringing an impressive acting cast and experienced directing together to produce... not much.

*The Last Witch Hunter* fell utterly flat, grossing an astoundingly bad ten million fewer dollars than projected on the film's opening night. Vin Diesel's newest movie brought in a paltry 3.7 million dollars on its first day and just 10.8 million in its first week. The plot is uninspired, the acting is inconsistent and the special effects are an overdone, convoluted mess.

As you could probably guess from the title, Vin Diesel stars as not just any old witch hunter, but the last witch hunter alive: a grumpy, immortal witch-killing machine mourning over his long-dead wife and kid. And that's really all we know about his character "Kaulder." The film doesn't really bother to explain exactly where he's from or how he became a witch hunter or when his family died.

Regardless, Diesel is now the last of his kind, as the evil witch queen (who the production team couldn't be bothered to give an actual name) cursed him with her own immortality just before Kaulder killed her. That was in the Middle Ages, flash forward to present times, and you would think maybe Kaulder would've had enough time to develop a memorable personality, but no such luck. Instead of letting Vin

Diesel be his usual self, *The Last Witch Hunter* restrains him, making him a plodding, boring main character.

One of the only bright spots in the movie is the performance of Michael Caine and Elijah Wood, who play Dolan 36 and 37, respectively. Caine's character is the 36th of Kaulder's sidekicks, tasked with chronicling his 'adventures' and fighting beside him: however, he is approaching retirement and Wood is slated to be his replacement and the 37th Dolan. Wood and especially Caine bring emotion and tempo in a movie with very little of either, as well as providing some of the only meaningful character dynamics in the film. Unfortunately Dolan 36 does not get as much screen time as he should.

Kaulder and his gang of chroniclers are dutifully hunting the last few witches, in New York City (you would think witches would know just to not go there by now, but I digress) and things are going well, until an old enemy resurfaces in a totally unimaginative and expected twist and Kaulder must fight through monsters, witches, and blatant plot holes to save the world.

Vin Diesel has starred in his share of generic action movies, but at least most have been enjoyable. *The Last Witch Hunter* brings nothing but boring and confusing content, overdone CGI and effects, and a grim, trudging tone unfit for Diesel's particular acting style.



## Latest in Paranormal Activity saga disappoints most movie-goers

By Hannah Bingham  
Staff writer

The key to a good horror movie is the suspense. Did you feel chills down your spine? Were you sitting on the edge of your seat? *Paranormal Activity the Ghost Dimension* has a way of creating this effect that has the wheels in your mind spinning to solve the mystery of this intense film.

The film opens with a scene left off from *Paranormal Activity 3* with the initiation process of Katie and Kristi into a bizarre witch coven that intends to do whatever it takes to get the demon, Toby, a physical body so he can escape his slithery black existence and walk the Earth.

In order to do this, however, they need the blood of, "the chosen one."

Fast forward to the future and enter one unique family.

Ryan, played by Chris J. Murray, and his wife Emily, played by Brit Shaw and their seven-year-old daughter, played by Ivy George are settling into their brand new home. It is Christmas time and Ryan's goofy brother Mike, who provided some much appreciated humor, is coming to stay with the family for a while. One day, the bros are messing around and come across an old camera and an accompanying box of creepy tapes.

Ryan begins to notice strange ghost-like figures that he can see through the camera that no one else can see. Also, since the discovery of the camera, Ryan starts to notice the strange behaviors of his daughter

Leila, and her new friend, Toby.

Although the plot of the movie doesn't add anything unexpected, the audience is still left guessing the outcome. However, as you climb this mountain of a plot to the climax, and struggle to solve the mystery, there is a sense of disappointment; you suddenly fall off a cliff.

The ending felt rushed, which is unsatisfactory as it is the finale to the somewhat famous series. In addition, the expression of real fear on Ryan and Emily's faces does not look convincing, and personally, if it were my daughter being brainwashed by a demon, I definitely wouldn't have waited so long to get my haunted house under control.

Overall rating is 3.5 stars out of 5.

## Reminiscing 2000s: Students recall entertainment memories

By Hannah Bingham

Staff writer

The generation before us looks back on its school days and see NSYNC, bleached hair, and Friends.

Our generation may roll our eyes when we see these old fads, but when we think about our childhood (the part that we can remember) we think about the 2000s, or the time between 2000 and 2009, the years when we all grew up and the years that contributed the films, shows, and music we loved.

What is your favorite 2000s' movie?

"Juno, Up and Pirates of the Caribbean." - **Audrey Cook** (10)  
"Shrek, Kim Possible and the Incredibles." - **Julia Dillhoff** (11)



Photo by Julia Dillhoff  
**Julia Dillhoff** (11) pouts at age 5 with her *Incredibles* costume. *The Incredibles* was her favorite movie.

"High School Musical and the Old Disney" - **Maddie Craft** (11)

What is your favorite 2000s' television show?

"Wizards of Waverly Place,

Drake and Josh, and Zoey 101" - **Rachel Crum** (11)

"Rugrats" - **Maggie Dowd** (11)

"Cartoon Network"- **Ricky Vilar** (10)

What is your favorite 2000s' music?

"I love 2000s' pop music!" - **Allysen Rosales** (10)

"That's when my idol Shakira came out with Hips Don't Lie" - **Maddy Ribeiro** (12)

"Soulja Boy"- **Gabby Nielsen** (11)

Among many other things about the 2000s, people seem to mostly miss all things entertainment. Did the entertainment industry from the previous decade actually create better movies, television and music, or do we just simply want to remember our childhoods in a pleasant way?

## Go Set a Watchman reaps positive response from critics

By Anna Azallion

Business manager

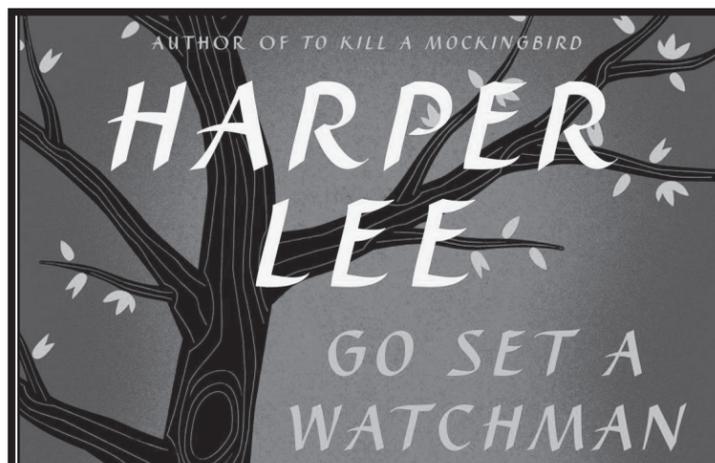
Attention book lovers! Harper Lee's new novel *Go Set a Watchman* is full of historical glimpses, controversial issues, and the beloved characters featured before in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

You may be thinking, "Why would I want to read the sequel to a book I was forced to read the summer before Sophomore English?"

I'll be honest; if you absolutely despised *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Go Set a Watchman* may not be the book for you. But, for those who didn't mind, or even loved Lee's first novel, read on and find out if her next one is your cup of tea as well.

The year is 1955 and the tensions of the Civil Rights movement are incredibly palpable in the south, including the small town of Maycomb, Alabama. Jean Louise, formerly known as "Scout," is all grown up and living in New York City. She comes home for two weeks every year to visit her father, Atticus; her Aunt Alexandra; and the boy she might love, Henry Clinton.

How do these characters piece together? With what must have been a spark of creativity, Harper Lee evolved America's beloved characters and created something completely new. Atticus is now 72 and suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, leaving him slightly crippled on a good day and closer to an invalid on bad days. He lives with his sister, Al-



Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* was released on July 14, 2015. The novel received an average of 3.5 out of 5 stars.

exandra, who also serves as his caretaker. Atticus has also taken on an apprentice at his law firm, Henry Clinton.

*Go Set a Watchman* features creative flashbacks into periods of Scout's childhood and adolescence not featured in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This adds to the plot of the novel and leaves readers with new perspectives on their favorite characters, effectively making the book more entertaining and connecting it to the first novel incredibly well.

During her visit, events transpire leaving Jean Louise hurt, unsure, and feeling as though she doesn't belong. Atticus, along with the rest of Jean Louise's loved ones appear to be on the wrong side of a na-

tional debate which results in the negative feelings.

That may be an understatement; Atticus has joined an organization with views similar to, but not as extreme as, the Ku Klux Klan. The point is, Jean Louise's world is changing around her, crushing the joyous spirit she sported at the beginning of the visit.

Other reviewers, as well as the general public screamed "racist" at Atticus upon the publication of this book. Readers will have to read the book to form their own opinion.

However, when reading the book, keep in mind, Atticus is a 72-year-old man living in the Deep South at the beginning of the civil rights movement. He had the same mind-set the rest of the South had, and the same mind set they had during the times of the Civil War.

Harper Lee drew these parallels and, with the hand of a seasoned writer, showed a vastly unpopular, yet very real, viewpoint.

Like a lot of readers, I loved Atticus in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. But with a little empathy, some historical understanding, and the knowledge that Atticus has a prejudice against government intervention, not African Americans, readers' love of him can remain.

Overall, this book has it all: a love interest, deep-seated conflict, and a character's discovery of their true beliefs. The novel was exciting and interesting, though a little slow at the beginning, so this reviewer awards it a 4 out of 5 stars.

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# Cincinnati 0-Fry-0

## Students review local french fries

By Erica Perl

Staff writer

What defines a good fry? Its crispiness? Its thickness? Or is what's on the inside that really matters? With the help of some students, I set out to find the answer.

McDonald's regular fries- 5 out of 10

Though McDonald's is frequently criticized for the unhealthiness of their food, the recognizable grease-factor reap them a decent rating despite their average-ness.

"I would give McDonald's fries a high rating because they are so cheap for the amount they give you and they are so salty and delicious. 9/10 would recommend," **Noah Elliott** (11) said.

Paxton's loaded potato skins- 8.5 out of 10

Homemade skins topped with melted cheese, green onions, and served with sour cream offer an authentic taste of Loveland, Ohio.

"Their fries are really good, but I learned that eating an entire plate in one sitting is a bad idea," **Sophia Muir** (9) said.

Steak & Shake's Cajun seasoned fries- 9 out of 10

This old-school diner offers more than regular fries with a slightly spicy orange colored salt put all over them. Cajun America is brought to Cincinnati with just one bite.

"I like how they're thin and not crinkled. Also, the best part about Steak & Shake fries is that you can draw faces with the ketchup," **Amanda Hains** (9) said.

"Their fries are delicious, and the seasoning is amazing," **Chloe TenBrink** (12) said.

The Works' loaded fries- 7 out of 10

Loaded with cheese and the additional option of bacon bits, the Works offers quality craftsmanship when it comes to fries, despite being famous for their brick oven pizza.

"They had something going for them, but anything compared to Shooters' loaded fries will always be mediocre at best," said **Sam Faingold** (11).

From my findings, it's apparent that Steak & Shake's Cajun fries are the clear winners. Though others were decent contenders, they were no match for the spicy, southern inspired

# Dead & Company

## John Mayer joins famed Grateful Dead in Columbus

By Jon Parker

Staff writer

Dead & Company is the new group that matches three of the surviving "core four" members of the Grateful Dead with widely acclaimed guitarist John Mayer alongside of them.

I recently was able to see a show that was apart of their tour in Columbus. The band started the show very calm and rhythm guitarist Bob Weir gave a small speech before playing on how the show would be in honor of the victims of the terrorist attack in Paris. The show had a solemn feel in turn from Weir's speech but really picked up after the first set. The band played many Grateful Dead classics like Tennessee Jed, Eyes of the World and Touch of Grey.

Lead guitarist John Mayer brought a great amount of energy to the venue with his mesmerizing solos and smiley stage presence that worked perfectly with the leads that Weir's guitar playing seemed to place just at the right time. Along with the music came the stage setup and the light show that shifted to match the tone of each song with different colored lights and images being shown. Two hours and thirty so minutes in total, the concert was full of great energy and left me with a smile on my face.

The new group formed soon after the original band, The Grateful Dead's Chicago Fare Thee Well shows where the band was playing as a whole for the last time and Lesh, Hart, Weir and Kreutzmann the core four of the band, would all share the stage together.

John Mayer being a fan of the Dead, addressed the situation by telling the Associated Press, "I don't know of any Deadhead in the world who said, When I paid my money, I paid to see these guys finish this," in reference to whether any fans would be upset to see the "Core Four" or even the threesome perform together again. Dead bandmates Bob Weir, Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann also opted to keep going after the Dead's 50th anniversary Fare Thee Well shows, and rounded up a roster that includes multi-instrumentalist Oteil Burbridge as well as keyboardist Jeff Chimenti.

John Mayer being a highly acclaimed musician went into more detail about his Grateful Dead background and the rehearsals in a chat with Mashable Music, "I heard the opening riff to Althea, and it was just directly injected into my vein, and from that moment on I had this thing in my blood. I just went down the wormhole," said about hearing the Garcia/Hunter late '70s rocker on Pandora in 2011. Mayer is not only studying the basics of each song Dead & Company plans to play but also is attempting to mimic Garcia's stylings, like "his warp-speed jazz-charged solos ... and all points between" as Mayer Described it.

Dead and Company just recently released a new set of dates for their first tour together that is currently in progress including shows in New York, California, Tennessee and several other states.

# November Notes

## A playlist for drinking nice coffee

By Mackenzie Talbott

Staff writer



Cherry Wine  
by Hozier

Lovesong  
by Adele



Mates of Soul  
by Taylor John Williams

Dreams  
by Fleetwood Mac



Home  
by One Direction

Art Deco  
by Lana Del Rey



Strawberry Swing  
by Coldplay

Love At First Sight  
by The Brobecks



Yellow Flicker Beat  
by Lorde

You're The Best  
by Wet



Soap  
by Melanie Martinez

Matilda  
by Alt-J



# Made In The A.M.

## One Direction's latest album proves instant hit

By Karlin Holley

Staff writer

Still on a high from their worldwide tour that just ended, boy band One Direction has just released their new album titled "Made in The A.M." on November 13, 2015. With a good assortment of bops and slow songs, it is a new and much more mature sound than that of past albums. On the first single released "Drag Me Down", the prominent bass sounds, and reggae undertones, resulted in a very popular first song for the album.

Most of the album includes upbeat happy songs like "Wolves" and "Temporary Fix", which are laced with upbeat drums and catchy choruses. On the other side of the tracklist, there are the other songs like "If I Could Fly" and "A.M." that have a much slower tempo and definitely pull at your heartstrings to give off a campfire vibe.

On this album, as with their other

four albums, there a few songs that the boys helped to write. One of the singles, "Perfect," was co-written by band members and long time best friends, Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles. Tomlinson and Styles have helped to write five of the songs on the band's previous album "Midnight Memories", and continued to do so throughout this album, also other band

member Niall Horan helped to write "Never Enough".

Although boy bands tend to get a reputation with a majority girl fan base, this album has songs that can appeal to a multitude of people, and everyone should

give it a listen.

In a fight against Justin Bieber's album which was released the same day, where One Direction currently sits in a close No. 2 on the iTunes charts. No one is really sure if this is possibly One Direction's final album, as they are taking a two year hiatus, but, it is definitely a good album to end with if it is.



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# Navigate Black Friday with helpful shopping survival tips

By Catie Shipp

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As Thanksgiving approaches, many begin to talk of the deals and door-busters of Black Friday. This day creates a haven for shoppers everywhere, especially for those who crave the chaos that comes from this time of holiday shopping.

"I love the craziness of Black Friday, especially the rush of trying to grab the deals before anyone else," Ashley Schmoock (10) said.

The great deals, however, only come to those who plan ahead and to those who are at the right place at the right time. Here are some tips to make the most out of this upcoming day of sales and to ensure success for the beginning of the holiday shopping season.

### Do the Research

It's good to know which retailers are going to have what on sale and when before the big day. This knowledge will help one to decide when and where to go and how to plan a budget. When browsing the deals of different stores, make a list including the product, who the gift would be for, the price, the location, and any special hours on the sale. If there is a major purchase to be made with a Black Friday sale, it's important to remember to check consumer reports and read consumer reviews about that product before making a big decision.

### Location is Everything

The crowds and rush of Black Friday can cause major parking and traffic problems. To avoid the worst of these problems, scout out for a shopping mall with less foot traffic and fewer cars. Find-

ing a calmer area may also help to strike the best bargains without dealing with the other crazy shoppers. However, it's not always necessary to fight the Black Friday mob to get the major bargains. Many stores offer the same- or sometimes better- deals on their websites, thus it's possible to get great deals without ever leaving the house.

"The best way to do Black Friday shopping is to stay home. That way you can shop while also eating food and watching Netflix, which is great," Franny Gear (12) said.

### Early Bird and Night Owl Specials

Many stores advertise late night and early morning deals to draw in a variety of crowds. The early bird deals will usually take place between 4 and 11 a.m., and the night owl specials will usually occur between midnight and 4 a.m. for those who prefer to stay up late. Catching these deals is a way to beat the crowd and to get the best of the deals. It's important to remember that once these Black Friday deals are gone, they are gone, so it would be an advantage to take part in these late night or early morning specials.

### Stay Calm

Although it can be difficult in the midst of the shopping frenzy, it's important to remember to stay calm. Stick to a plan of action, know what to look for, and if possible, avoid the locations of complete chaos. It will also help to avoid going out alone; with teamwork it will be easier and less stressful to find the best deals, and it can be a fun day to share with a friend. With these proper preparations, it will be much easier to obtain an enjoyable shopping experience to start off this holiday season.

# Science teacher Mrs. Partridge promotes, follows healthy lifestyle

By Claire Ruben

Sports and Entertainment Editor

*I'm not going to live like this.* These were the thoughts of Mrs. K. Partridge (Chemistry and Physiology) as she lay fear-stricken on a hospital gurney around the time of her fortieth birthday.

Mrs. Partridge suffered from a debilitating stroke in her occipital lobe that ultimately claimed most of her peripheral vision. Following the health scare, which was caused by an undetected birth defect, she vowed to live a more health conscious lifestyle.

Mrs. Partridge's stroke isn't the only experience motivating her to lead a healthy lifestyle. Before working as teacher, "KP" spent fifteen years as a hospital's clinical chemist where she was involved with autopsies.

"My very first autopsy was of a lady, who was by no means overweight, but had a layer of two to three inches of fat surrounding her mid-section," Mrs. Partridge said. While some fat is necessary for proper bodily pro-

cesses, for Mrs. Partridge, actually visualizing the adipose accumulations in the body was eye-opening.

"I knew I was donating my body to science and I didn't want any student to be thinking the same thing when they cut me open," Mrs. Partridge said. "It really made me put everything into perspective and realize that long-term, my body was going to be making an impression on somebody."

In order to preserve said body, Mrs. Partridge now stays active by teaching Jazzercise classes multiple times per week. Jazzercise is an aerobic workout program that incorporates muscle-bearing exercise to increase strength and decrease bone frailty.

Tim Kim (12) recently participated in one of Mrs. Partridge's classes. "The workout was so challenging, but it was awesome to see my teacher leading it so effortlessly," Kim said.

While not working out, Mrs. Partridge concentrates on her posture to ensure that she retains postural strength to avoid the "senior citizen hunchback" later in life. Additionally, she urges a yearly physical to detect potential illnesses through blood work and other standard tests.

"Our bodies are like gifts to us; there are so many things that can go wrong and so many things out of our control that anything we can do to be the best we can be--we must," Mrs. Partridge said.

Mrs. Partridge claims that one does not have to strive for perfection when looking to improve overall health quality of life. While her diet is, in her own words, "by no way, shape, or form perfect" she eats many fruits and vegetables to make up for her biting sweet tooth. Overall, she balances healthy eating habits and an active lifestyle, truly valuing her body.

"We often abuse our bodies," Mrs. Partridge said. "We don't eat healthy, we don't get enough sleep, and though I am just as guilty of it, I've had scares to make me more appreciative of human life."

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## Q & A with Caleb Jacobs



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By Megan Phelan  
Photo and Features Editor

**Caleb Jacobs (9)**, a new student, moved from Mt. Healthy over the summer and said he is really enjoying the school district thus far. According to Caleb's friends, he always dresses very nice, has a fantastic personality, and is extremely polite. Because he is new here, there are a couple different things classmates might like to know.

**Q: How do you describe yourself?**  
A: "I am a kind, respectful gentleman," said Caleb.

**Q: What year are you?**  
A: I am a freshman.

**Q: Which has been your favorite grade thus far and why?**  
A: Probably 7th or 8th grade because my teachers really opened me up and I came out of my shell.

**Q: If you could be anywhere other than Loveland, where would it be?**  
A: I would try out the Indian Hill school district because they are rated very well.

**Q: What are your plans for the future?**  
A: I would maybe like to have a singing career or maybe be an artist because I am good at both.

**Q: Who is your favorite person/role model?**  
A: My youth pastor, Kurt, who is also now my step-uncle.

**Q: What is your favorite thing to do?**  
A: Singing or drawing, particularly scary things like Creepy Pasta.

**Q: What is your favorite movie?**  
A: Scary Movie

**Q: What is your favorite song/musician?**

A: I would go with Chris Tomlin, and my favorite song by him is "All Rise." He is a Christian singer.

**Q: What is your favorite book?**  
A: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

**Q: What is the greatest issue our world faces today?**  
A: World violence.

**Q: If you were given one week to live, what would you do?**  
A: I would spend as much time with my family as I possibly could. I have a sister who is 21.

**Q: What is your greatest fear?**  
A: Heights, demons, and their ability to possess others.

**Q: If there was one thing you could make disappear, what would it be?**  
A: A lot of the violence our world faces.

**Q: Can you speak any other languages?**  
A: No, but I would like to learn either Spanish or French.

**Q: Favorite childhood memory?**  
A: When I was younger, I was afraid of leaves and one time at dinner a fake tree fell on my sister and I started screaming bloody murder. That's my favorite memory because of how funny it was.

## Mak's Pinterest hacks: Oreo Turkeys

Embrace holiday spirit with Pinterest inspired dessert

By Mackenzie Talbott and Karlin Holley  
Staff writers



**Ingredients/Supplies:**  
Double Stuff Oreo Cookies  
Candy Corn  
Whoppers  
Peanut Butter Cups  
Chocolate frosting  
Yellow Frosting  
Optional: Red frosting  
Optional: black sprinkles for eyes

**Pre-Pin:**  
In the spirit of thanksgiving, we

decided to create these seemingly easy turkey oreos. They create cute little snacks for kids or are easy decorations (and snacks) for Thanksgiving dinner!

**Directions:**  
Take a cookie and put sme chocolate icing inside and then stick five candy corn inside. Put a dab of chocolate on the bottom of the oreo to stick it to the "base" oreo. While those dry, cut a small sliver off of the peanut butter cup so that one side is flat. Put a dab of icing on it and stick it to the oreo standing up. Then take a whopper and put icing on that so you can glue it towards the front edge of the base oreo but still touching the peanut butter cup. Use icing to glue the eyes and edge of a candy corn to create the beak to make the face. Once this is all dry, flip

it over and use the yellow icing to draw feet onto your turkey.

**Post-Pin:**  
You need to make sure you move quickly while doing this so that the icing doesn't dry out. It also would take a good amount of time to get a larger amount of these created. They are very cute once done though.

**Verdict:**  
Ultimately, they take aod amount of time and also require patience. They would be a great snack to make with younger siblings or friends. They also can make a great gift for friends! Despite the time factor, the final product is very appealing. Four out of five stars.

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## Students share stories of funny family fails

By Patrick Seroogy

Staff writer

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, soon will be a time for family, turkey and gravy. In the spirit of those things, students chose some of their more whacked-out stories about their relatives to share with the world.

**“He’s done it more than once...”**

**Mya “Slabby” Stulce (9)** – “It was like two years ago, and my aunt and uncle came to visit from Boston. We were shooting pumpkins at my grandpa’s house. So my grandpa was handling the muzzle of a shotgun and he

brought back between his thumb and pointer finger and somehow cut himself in the skin space in between. We had to drive to the hospital for it. The funny thing is that this has happened more than once; several years in a row, in fact. My grandpa’s not allowed to handle a shotgun anymore.”

**“Yeah, my dad ate with the mafia once...”**

**Nikki Varga (10)** – “Alright, let me tell you the story about how my dad ‘accidentally’ dined with the Italian mafia. Okay, so when my dad was around 30, he and a coworker were on a business trip in New York. His coworker said he knew a really nice Italian place and gave him

the place’s address. So my dad took a cab and headed for the address on the day he was supposed to meet his coworker there. The strange/suspicious thing was that the address was in the middle of nowhere - and this like in-the-middle-of-New York nowhere - and the buildings and roads progressively got more ruinous and worn down on the way there. The final destination was like, at the end of a tiny alleyway, and was a building with an iron door with a slat and barred windows. My dad was really creeped out by now, but the rusting sign on the side of the building proved that this was the right place. He went up and hesitantly knocked on the door,

and the slat opened to reveal a buff man who immediately asked what he was doing there and who sent him. My dad replied that insert-name-of-coworker-here had given him this address. The man opened to door to reveal a really lavish, like five-, seven-star interior, filled with guys in suits and/or dressed professionally. He was then invited in by his coworker, who was shoulder in shoulder with the owner of the place. It turns out they were childhood friends in Italy. Anyway, my dad, as he was being served food, noticed that everyone had an Italian accent, and horrifyingly, were holstering a tommy gun. It was then he realized that he was din-

ing with the Italian mafia. My dad by now was totally terrified, but he stayed for a while out of fear. The story ends with him carefully rushing out of there, fearing for his life.

**“My uncle thought he was a bird...”**

**Sarah Habermaas (12)** – When my uncle was three, he thought he was a bird and could fly, so he jumped off the balcony of the second floor of his two-story home. He didn’t break anything, but he scared the life out of my grandpa. This is the same uncle who was an illegal immigrant from Canada and got deported back there not too long ago.

## Staying in Shipp Shape : Choose correct foods



By Catie Shipp

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**STAY  
HEALTHY  
THIS  
HOLIDAY**

celebrate this fall holiday.

“Thanksgiving is the best holiday because you get to eat as much food as physically possible,” **Mallory Russ (12)** said.

This overabundance of food, however, can have negative health consequences as the body lacks the preparation to digest the food taken in. According to the Calorie Control Council, the average American eats about 4,500 calories worth of food on Thanksgiving Day... that’s more than double the average caloric intake! Here’s some tips on how to enjoy this food-filled day while avoiding the unhealthy splurge that it often brings.

**Eat breakfast**

Though many people like to fast to save up for the Thanksgiving feast, eating a small meal in the morning will ensure a controlled appetite to avoid overeating when dinner comes around. Starting the day off with a small but satisfying breakfast of protein and fiber will take the edge off of one’s appetite to avoid the overindulgence of calories throughout the rest of the day.

**Think about portions**

It’s easy to become engulfed in the many choices available at the Thanksgiving table. Before filling a plate, survey the options and decide what options are the best.

Then, select a reasonably sized portions of food. It’s all about the portions. There’s no harm in enjoying holiday favorites on smaller plates.

**Skip the Seconds**

Try to avoid filling the plate up a second time. Save the leftovers for another day so that the food can be enjoyed again. More importantly, skipping the second round also leaves more room for dessert!

**Eat slowly**

Put the fork down between bites while indulging in all of the great food. Tasting each mouthful is one of the easiest ways to enjoy the meal and feel satisfied with a smaller helping. If possible, try to spread out the food all day long. For instance, try to eat the main dinner, pause for a family activity, and then start on the desert. This will ensure the avoidance of feeling sick after overeating all at once.

**Focus on the real reason for the holiday**

Though the food is everyone’s favorite part of the holiday, it’s important to remember the real reason for its celebration. Focus on spending time with family and friends instead of on eating as much as the plate will hold.

“Nothing’s better than the family time on Thanksgiving. But... the food is pretty good too” **Tess Locasto (11)** said.

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*Lauren Hole, Katy Heath and Franny Gear snap a selfie at Mt. Vernon.*



*Kyle Butts gazes at the names etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.*



*Emily Michelfelder, Cade Woolston, Kyle Butts, Zach Winoker prepare for a movie at Mt. Vernon.*



*Trace Dunning, Kyle Oblong, Ashlyn Taylor, Michael Staley, Erica Padgett, Adam Rubikas, Ashley Owens and Adam Paulson visit the World War II Memorial.*



*Megan Rubenacker and Jillian Ferguson visit a sheep at Mt. Vernon.*



*Mrs. B. Buhrlage (Assistant Principal) looks out over the Potomac River at Mt. Vernon.*

## Seniors share special experiences on annual senior trip to D.C

For the annual senior trip, the class of 2016 traveled by bus to Washington D.C. on November 6th and returned on Tuesday, November 10th around 5 AM. Traveling down I 70, the 485-mile trip took close to 10 hours before students arrived at the Comfort Inn in Springfield.

Leaving the hotel each morning at 8 AM, students spent the day and evening hours visiting the sights. At the National Mall, students made stops at the various presidential monuments and war memorials.

"Seeing my uncle's name on the Vietnam Wall was the best. I felt sad, but I also felt happy that he was being honored. His name is etched in stone and it will be there forever," David Hansen said.

The group also toured several museums and landmarks including the Holocaust Memorial museum, two of the Smithsonian museums and the Capitol building. They also viewed the outside of the White House and the Pentagon,

Trace Dunning said, "The 9/11 memorial at the Pentagon was the most meaningful to me because I had a friend who died on 9/11."

Students also traveled outside of the city to visit Mt. Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery.

Kyle Oblong said, "Arlington Cemetery was the most eye-opening experience. It made me see how wars affected every community, even small ones like Loveland."

"Mt. Vernon was amazing because it was incredible to stand in the same place that George Washington has stood. It was also a beautiful place," said Ally Westley.

Students also attended a play one night called *Shear Madness* and had dinner on the terrace level of the Kennedy Center.

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