

The Loveland Roar

LCSD Attempts to Pass New Levy

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Loveland, Ohio - The future of public education in Loveland will once again be on the ballot this November. A motion to place a 4.9 mill levy before voters was unanimously approved by the Loveland City School District Board of Education this past August.

Superintendent **Mike Broadwater** suggested that the proposed levy would help the district maintain its recent successes, saying, "The goal of the levy is to simply continue to provide excellent education for our students. Without the additional revenue, the district will need to eliminate programming that our students receive now."

The Loveland community has had a multitude of local educational issues present on the ballot in recent autumns. Just last fall, three elected slots on the Board of Education were up for grabs. Additionally, voters in the district have rejected two prior levy attempts since the last successful levy, which occurred in the fall of 2014.

The levy would add \$14 in taxes per each \$100,000 of home value each month for property owners across the district. Some of this funding would be used to match national inflation trends, as Ohio is the only state in the union that does not make

inflationary funding adjustments for public education.

Despite recent funding deficits, the Loveland City School District has cemented its place as one of the premier public districts in the state of Ohio. Just last month Loveland was one of twelve districts to achieve a perfect report card score. Broadwater expanded on this achievement, saying, "That puts us in the top 2% of districts statewide, despite Loveland being in the bottom 7% for revenue per student. This shows that LCSD provides a great education for an extremely low price."

Those opposed to the levy argue that the district has mismanaged taxpayer dollars in the past, citing trust and transparency issues, as seen on campaign signage across town.

Without the additional revenue, the district would have to cut more staff, in addition to the 47 positions already claimed by prior failed levies, continued Broadwater. "There is very little discretionary spending, considering that 86% of LCSD's budget is staffing costs. While Loveland does provide a tremendous experience now, without having to make cuts would allow us to be flexible in serving our students. The goal is to allow our students to grow and adapt to new ideas, but to also be very fiscally sound in decision-making," concluded

Broadwater.

With nearly two weeks remaining before election day, the proposed levy has already become a very polarizing issue across the community. Yard signs from both sides of the issue can be seen on every street corner across town.

A major issue that could be resolved if the levy is passed is the revival of high school bussing. If the levy passes and the district can employ the proper number of transportation staffers, bussing services could be reinstated for students 9-12. This would relieve transportation stresses for many of the younger students at Loveland High School.

Citizens aged 18 and older have the opportunity to make their voices heard on this issue through voting during the midterm elections on Tuesday, November 8, however, those that cannot vote can still make their voices heard by talking to voters and by campaigning for their beliefs.

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November
8th

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Ohio District Ranking

2010

Lowest Tax Rate Since

4.9

Millage for Levy



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"LCSD provides a great education for an extremely low price" - Mike Broadwater



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LAST LEVY
Fall 2014

VOTE NO

13%

Property Tax Increase

8.5%

National Inflation Rate

18

Current Loveland Property Taxes



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Hauntings of Gore Orphanage

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In the woods near Vermillion, Ohio, locals claim that you can still hear the ghostly screams of the children of Gore Orphanage whose gruesome deaths have left a ghastly mark on Vermillion. The Gore Orphanage is rumored to have experienced a fire more than 150 years ago that trapped and burned every orphan there, leaving not a single one alive. Who set the fire off is the subject of numerous stories, different suspects for each. One story claims that Old Man Gore, the orphanage's proprietor, either attempted to collect the money that came from the orphanage burning down or simply hated children. An alternative explanation contends that a disgruntled male employee—who was never identified—had a vendetta against Old Man Gore and had resolved to exact revenge. In this version Old Man Gore adores kids.

Two other frequently told stories about the Gore

Orphanage include one in which the fire was merely an accident. The other, where there was this insane man—whose name we do not know—lived in the woods near the orphanage and detested all the children and the noise they made, so he set the orphanage on fire. No matter how the fire started, what followed is consistent across all accounts. The children at the bottom of the orphanage broke away and attempted to climb up while being ruthlessly pushed back into the burning ground by those who were descending. The back exit was locked for those who made it there. The girls' dresses and the children's hair were caught in the flames as they spread from one child to the next in the hallway. It has been claimed that the devastating fire left a stain on the area as the children's cries subsided and went silent and the building burned down. The rumors spread among the locals that if you ever visited the abandoned Gore Orphanage site, you would see the ghostly figures of the deceased children playing and

running around. The orphans would sometimes be seen on fire, yelling for help as a foul stench of burning flesh filled the air. Others claimed to see bright lights moving in and out of the woods, which they took to be the ghosts of the deceased children.

If you were to drive to the area, you might discover other occurrences. It's been said that if you were to drive your car, park it close to the remains, and then return later, you would discover tiny handprints that the orphans may have left as they attempted to move the car to warn you not to suffer the same fate as them. Be careful not to park your car close to the woods where the orphanage once stood and leave it there if you're ever traveling in Vermillion, Ohio. If you do, you run the risk of finding tiny handprints on your car's windows when returning. Below is a photo of a letter that was found on Weird Ohio that depicts someone's experience after visiting the Gore Orphanage.

How Old is Too Old to Trick or Treat?

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Halloween is under a week away and many high schoolers are questioning what they're going to do. Some will handout candy, some will go to a party, others might stay in, but is it okay for a high schooler to dress up and trick or treat?

Students have varying opinions on when it is too late to trick-or-treat. Loveland High School student Owen George (11) says it is "alright until you're 16" while Alex Tew (11) says that "there is no definitive age to stop, but most do around middle school."

Some cities in Virginia like Suffolk, Norfolk, and Portsmouth prohibit trick-or-treating over the age of 12.

The main concern with allowing older kids to trick-or-treat is the competition it creates for the younger kids. It is no fun when the 17-year-old empties the entire candy bowl into his bag early in the night leaving the children with nothing. Older teens are also quicker and more efficient

with candy grabbing and they may get large amounts of candy before younger children are able to get enough. Others argue that integrating older kids with younger kids could also be bad because teenagers may set poor examples for younger kids as they may misbehave, which may rub off on the younger kids and teach them bad lessons. If you put the 2 demographics together it creates an unhappy medium for all. Older high schoolers are perceived as young adults by some which exemplifies the mental gap between someone who is 16 versus someone who is 13. Although the brain doesn't fully mature well into your 20s, the older teen is at a very different point in his/her mental development than a middle schooler. On the other hand, allowing older kids to trick-or-treat can egg on the younger kids' excitement by showing them that an older kid can do it too. Etiquette expert Catherine Newman believes this, as she told Today Parents that, "If a 17-year-old wants to dress up with their friends and trade candy at the end of the night, I think that's great, little kids die of

happiness when they see big kids dressed up. It validates their excitement." Another good reason to include older kids is that a teenager is more likely to stay out of trouble when he/she trick-or-treats rather than doing risky things with their peers at parties and social gatherings.

Although most communities have no age limit on Halloween festivities, some cities have decided to make it illegal for high schoolers to trick or treat. The city of Chesapeake, Virginia, actually has a law that makes trick-or-treating over the age of 14 a criminal offense with it being a class 4 misdemeanor. There isn't a definitive conclusion to the question. Some will say it is ridiculous, while others will say who cares to an age limit. This question is one for you and your friends to decide, as there are a lot of opinions on both sides and there really is no correct answer. Think deeply when you ask yourself the question, "How old is too old to trick-or-treat?"

Legend of Walhalla Road

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How many of you know about the different urban legends and ghost stories that have happened right here in Ohio? Do you know about the Mooney Mansion and what happened there? No one knows where the legend of the Walhalla Road exactly came from or what exactly happened. But all the stories circle back to the Mooney family. There have been many different variations over the years, but one thing all the versions have in common is that

there is a strange blue light coming out of the attic window. All of the different tales of the Walhalla Road convey that in the 1950s there lived a couple and their daughter. It has been articulated that one day Dr. Mooney lost himself to insanity and murdered his wife and daughter with an ax and buried the bodies after coming to realization. A few days later Dr. Mooney's crime came out and he got arrested, tried, and convicted. Momentarily after Dr. Mooney's execution, people began seeing a dark figure of a man pacing back and forth in the attic of the deserted

mansion. People have been voicing that along with the dark figure of a man, they have seen a peculiar blue light coming out of the attic window. There is another version of this legend that says that after Dr. Mooney killed his wife and daughter, he hanged himself under the Calumet Street bridge. There have been reports saying if you were to drive under the bridge, you might see the ghostly form of Dr. Mooney hanging up there. There is one more variation of the legend, but while this variation is not common it will keep you up at night. It has been rumored that if you went and knocked on the door of the Mooney Mansion, you would hear the dead wife's head rolling down the attic stairs, and out the front door. So be careful when knocking on someone's door in the middle of the night, you might end up losing your head. Stay tuned as I release numerous articles on the various urban legends in Ohio!



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Ohio's Contested Senate Race

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On November 8, Ohio citizens will choose their next United States Senator. Republican JD Vance, author of the national bestseller, *Hillbilly Elegy*, is running against Democrat Tim Ryan, longtime member of the US House of Representatives. Vance and Ryan are competing for Rob Portman's (R) Senate seat, as he will not be seeking a third term. Vance is running as a Trump-aligned Republican, while Ryan is running as a moderate, pro-working-class Democrat. The race is very close, as a Suffolk University/USA Today poll put Vance at 46% and Ryan at 47% of the vote with a margin of error of 4.4%, meaning that this race could go either way. This seat will be hotly contested and could be the seat that decides which party will have a majority in the Senate.

Many believe that this race will be indicative of former president Donald Trump's influence on the Republican Party, as Vance is a Trump-aligned and endorsed Republican. Vance held multiple rallies with Trump and is making attempts to appeal to his supporters. Others believe that Vance is only appealing to these voters to get into office, citing his past criticism of Trump. In a few now-deleted tweets, Vance previously said that "I'm a never Trump guy", and even went as far as to call him "reprehensible" and "an idiot". More recently, in an interview with Fox News, Vance said that "like a lot of people, I criticized Trump back in 2016," and that "I regret being wrong about the guy. I think he was a



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J.D. Vance (R) speaks at Turning Point USA's Southwest Regional Conference. This was during April of 2021.

good president, I think he made a lot of good decisions for people, and I think he took a lot of flak." Vance is among many Republicans that criticized Trump during the 2016 election, but after seeing his policies in action, became supporters of his. While Vance's comments may be problematic for him, many voters still see him as more aligned with conservative values when compared to Ryan.

This specific senate race has also been seen as a referendum on Biden, as Ohio is a swing state. Voters dissatisfied with Biden's performance because of high inflation, the chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal, his liberal immigration policy, high energy costs, or other issues, will show their opinions through this election. Ryan recognizes this, and this can be observed through his hesitation to campaign with Biden. In an interview with Youngstown's WFMJ, Ryan said that while he agrees with

Biden on infrastructure and the importance of making chips domestically, he said that "he's not being tough enough on China and we're not going enough in natural gas" and also that "we've got to be firmer on the border." Later in that interview, when asked if Biden should run again, Ryan said that "we need new leadership across the board," suggesting that he does not want the president to seek a second term. Although Ryan is working to set himself apart from Biden, this election will still be a reflection of how Ohio voters view President Biden.

As the election nears and advertisement campaigns intensify, voters will make their voices heard in this Trump vs. Biden proxy election, ultimately giving a first glance at where Ohio will lean in the 2024 presidential election.



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Tim Ryan (D) speaks at the Presidential Gun Sense Forum. This was taken during August of 2019.

Iranians Protest for Womens' Rights

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Mahsa Amini was a 22-year-old woman who was killed in Iran in Tehran on the 13 of September because supposedly her hijab wasn't being worn the "appropriate way." Amini was taken to a "re-education center" to reteach her the "proper" ways to wear a hijab by Iran's morality police, Gasht-e-Ershad. They enforce a strict dress code in the country. She died not long after in the Iranian authorities' care by falling into a coma and having a "heart attack." Her father, Amjad Amini stated that he was repeatedly prevented from seeing his daughter's body after her death. He said that "I wanted to see my daughter, but they wouldn't let me in." Mr. Amini only saw his daughter's body after it had been wrapped for her burial. Only her feet and face were visible. Mr. Amini said that there were bruises on both her feet and face. The police have insisted there was no physical contact between Amini and the officers. Clearly, Mahsa Amini didn't die of a heart attack, instead, she had been beaten to death. "Iranian authorities said (Amini) died of a heart attack, and claimed her death was from natural causes. However, some reports suggested that Amini's death was a result of alleged torture and ill-treatment" said the United Nations High Commissioner. This wasn't the only incident in Iran. On September 24, Hadis Najafi was shot 6 times in the chest, face, and neck. Her final moments were caught on



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Students protest the hijab in Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini. This protest was at Iran's Amir Kabir University in Tehran.

camera when she was tying her hair up and stepping into protest for Mahsa Amini. This video spread across the

internet at a rapid pace which many claim symbolizes the repression in Iran and protests that have been sweeping the country since then.

In protest of Mahsa Amini's death, women in Iran are risking everything by burning their hijabs. This can be seen as a symbol of freedom since they are burning the objects of their oppression. In addition to this, women are cutting their hair in support of Mahsa Amini. People in Iran and around the world are finally coming together to stand in support of Iranian women's rights and equality. Iran's inability to drown out the determined voices of the Iranian people has led them to turn to violence, arrests, internet shutdowns, and murder. At least 1,200 have been arrested in connection to the protests. Dozens of protestors have been reportedly killed in the resulting clashes with security forces. It's an extremely sad situation going on in Iran right now. The death toll is increasing every day by Iran's government and the protests.

The Iranian authorities have blocked internet access in the country until the protests end. The shutting down of the internet in Iran has stopped the dissemination of information out of Iran, making it nearly impossible to see how the government is responding to the protests. The sooner the word gets out, the easier it will be for the Iranian people to make a change about how women in Iran are being treated.

Nation Approaches Midterms

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Across the country, as the midterms approach, Congressional races are intensifying. Both parties are fighting for control of Congress, and as of now, either party could take control of the House of Representatives, the Senate, or both. Candidates from both sides of the aisle are running hyperbolizing self-promoting ads and vicious attack ads on opponents. This practice can blur people's perceptions of candidates, and of the election as a whole, which only makes it more important to step back and look at the midterm election on a national scale, while still realizing that many different races in many different states can have a profound impact on the composition of the government.

Issues including inflation, immigration, energy prices, and abortion will be key issues in the midterm elections. The Republican candidates are crusading on inflation, immigration, and high energy prices, while Democrat candidates are crusading on abortion. Current inflation is an issue affecting many as inflation rates are reaching 40-

year highs at 8.3%. Illegal immigration is also at record highs, which is concerning to many Americans. Energy prices have been on the rise because of Biden's decision to issue fewer drilling permits and his sanctions on Russian oil. These issues have all been a boost for Republicans, but many Democrats believe that abortion will ultimately be the deciding issue. Since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, states have been given the option to make their own laws regarding abortion, allowing some states to ban it completely. Democrats believe that using this issue will give them an edge against Republicans, who support the bans. Overall, a myriad of issues will be on the ballot this November, and each one can decide a single race, or even who has the majority in Congress.

While all elections across the country are important, there are a few that may decide which party controls each house of Congress. The Senate elections in Pennsylvania and Georgia are particularly important, as they are in swing states and have very close polling, meaning that these elections will decide which party controls the Senate.

In Pennsylvania, a swing state, Dr. Mehmet Oz (R) is running against John Fetterman (D). FiveThirtyEight, an online compendium of polling data, has Fetterman ahead by 6.0%, but the gap is closing, which means that there is still a chance that Oz could win.

In Georgia, another swing state, Herschel Walker (R) is running against the incumbent, Raphael Warnock (D) for the Senate seat. The race is very close, as FiveThirtyEight put Walker at 43.9% and Warnock at 47.7%, putting Warnock ahead by only 3.7%, meaning that the race could go either way. Both candidates have a lot of baggage with them, as recently, reports have surfaced of both of them having done some questionable things. In March 2020, during a domestic dispute, Warnock ran over his ex-wife's foot with his car. Walker isn't without baggage, as in 2011, he allegedly paid for an abortion for a former girlfriend of his and encouraged her to receive an additional one.

Overall, the upcoming midterms will have a significant impact on the direction of the country.



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ECC All-Sports Trophy: Hidden Competition

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Loveland has many talented athletic teams and lots of students enjoy attending games. No matter the outcome, the competition is the most exciting part. However, there is one athletic competition that most students don't know about: the ECC All-Sports Trophy. This trophy is not very well known, but it can be just as exciting as attending sports games.

The ECC All-Sports Trophy was first awarded in the 2012-2013 school year, the inaugural year of the Eastern Cincinnati Conference. In 2010, Loveland and 6 other schools announced that they would be breaking off from their previous conference, the Fort Ancient Valley Conference, to create a new conference. Loveland was in the FAVC for 14 years.

This trophy is an award that adds up points based on what place each team came in within their respective sport. "Every ECC varsity sport gets points based on their final placement that season," **Brian Conatser**, Loveland's former Athletic Director explained. The point system works like this: 1st place receives 11pts, 2nd place receives 9pts, 3rd place receives 8pts, 4th place receives 8pts, 5th place receives 6pts, 6th place receives 5pts, 7th place receives 4pts, 8th place receives 3pts, 9th place receives



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2pts and 10th receives 1pt. If you do not have a team in that sport, you receive a zero. The points are added up for each sport in each season to calculate your school's total points for the year.

Some new schools have been added to the conference since the Eastern Cincinnati Conference was created. Little Miami, Lebanon, and Winton Woods were added for the 2019-2020 seasons, along with Withrow's withdrawal from the ECC in 2020. These new schools have created greater competition within the Eastern Cincinnati Conference. Lebanon has been making its way up into a podium finish for the All-Sports Award in the past few years, however, Loveland has always finished in the top 3.

The ECC All-Sports Trophy isn't just about getting as many points as possible; it's a great way to build school unity. Conatser said this trophy "builds a competitive environment within your sports programs at your school to promote school pride and support." Students supporting students can create a more competitive and exciting environment for everyone, even those not playing a sport. It is very common for athletes in different sports to attend other sporting events to support their school to get more points in the race for the trophy. Students find themselves getting involved more through supporting other athletic teams.

Loveland has held this award five years out of the ten it has existed (which is more than any other school in the conference). However, Loveland is in a conference with many other athletically talented schools. Milford, Kings and Turpin are always top contenders for this trophy.

Last year, Loveland came in 3rd with 186 points, behind Kings with 186.5 points and Milford with 193 points. This year the Tigers are looking for their 6th win of the ECC All-Sports Trophy, so get out there and support the athletic teams!

SCHOOL	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	TOTAL
Milford	71	59	53	193
Kings	62.5	70.5	53.5	186.5
Loveland	69	62.5	54.5	186
Turpin	65.5	59	39	173.5
Lebanon	61	59	42.5	162.5
Anderson	57	43	42	142
Walnut Hills	37	52	40	139
Little Miami	34.5	46	36	116.5
West Clermont	26.5	44.5	19.5	90.5
Winton Woods	13	23.5	7	43.5

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Two Kickers: One Opportunity

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Two years ago, **Brady Stidham (9)** and **Ben Hicks (11)** would've never imagined they'd be playing football. But now they are out on the field every Friday night in the fall, kicking for the Tigers last year, the Tigers weren't the best



team in terms of kicking, only having the confidence to attempt 2 field goals all year, and converting extra points at just a 78 percent rate. So the Tigers knew they would have to grab some real kicking help after their only kicker graduated last year.

"The first coach to actually reach out to me was Coach Allen," Stidham says. "I kinda just came to practice one day and before I knew it, I was out there every day." Hicks was in a similar situation. "I've known Coach Cruse

forever. After a friend posted a video of me kicking, Coach asked if I would be interested in kicking for the team. From then on, I got in touch with Coach Damewood to learn the process and technique." Both Ben and Brady played soccer before this, explaining their love for kicking. "I knew I had a strong foot for sure," Stidham added. "But playing football didn't really seem like my thing." Ben also knew the talent was there and had tried kicking before he was even on the team. "I've tried it out in the past and it was fun to just see the ball go through the uprights. When the



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opportunity arose, I ran with it." Hicks covers shorter field goals and extra points while Stidham covers the kickoffs and long field goals. This system hit the ground running in the Tigers' first game, as Stidham had every kickoff for the Tigers at home vs Middletown, while Hicks went 3/3 with PATs.

The Tigers have adapted to this dynamic duo on special



Photo courtesy of Joe Hallquist

Ben Hicks (11) and **Brady Stidham (9)** pose for a picture on the sidelines at the Walnut Hills game. Tigers won that game 48-15.

teams and the energy and compatibility that these two have with the team is as high as ever. "It was really easy getting accustomed to the culture of the team. I love being around the guys as we push our way towards our goal of November football," Hicks added. Stidham agrees that the culture of the team was incredibly accepting towards him and Hicks. "Even on the sideline, we are helping keep composure and keeping that good energy that transfers to the field." This energy has kept the team together and let these two form a bond as they help the Tigers kick their way to victory. "We obviously knew each other before this through basketball and what not, and there's obviously competitiveness between us as athletes," Hicks adds. "But I can confidently say that we enjoy being around each other, we know our roles, and we are a special part of this team." This dual kicker project has been tested early this season, but for now, it seems that both Hicks and Stidham are a quality part of this team, and this duo can prove to be one of the best tandems in the ECC.



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Super Bowl 57 Predictions

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With the NFL commencing nearly 2 weeks ago, we have seen a lot of action in the 2022-2023 season. We have seen great matchups with great teams losing and winning each week. The Rams, who won the Super Bowl last year, already lost week one to the Buffalo Bills in an almost blowout final score of 31-10. The Rams came back this week with a close win over the Atlanta Falcons.

In order to make a good prediction, one would have to take a look at the top teams standings so far. The Cincinnati Bengals, who were AFC Champions last year, have lost both games this season so far, going into week 3, 0-2. Although they had an amazing season last year by utilizing Heisman winning quarterback Joe Burrow, this year they have not gotten back to their game just yet.

Another potential contender for this year's Super Bowl are the Green Bay Packers. Although they lost last year to the 49ers in the divisional round of the playoffs,

they still have quarterback Aaron Rodgers, the 2020 and 2021 MVP and they have Aaron Jones, one of the highest ranked running backs in the NFL. They seem to have a strong will and a huge presence in the NFL this year despite losing their season opener to Minnesota.

The Buffalo Bills are likely Super Bowl contenders led by Josh Allen, a quarterback out of Wyoming. He was a first round pick in the 2018 NFL draft. He and the Bills bulldozed the Titans on Monday night at home with a 41-7 victory. I think the Bills are ready to come back this year with a strong chance of going to the Super Bowl.

Flipping back to the NFC side of the league, another team with a good shot at a Super Bowl trip is the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Equipped with 7 time super Bowl winning quarterback, Tom Brady has traveled to 10 Super Bowls over his 23 season career.

All of these observations and statistics should be counted for and thought about when making a good prediction but it is difficult as NFL teams change and

grow a lot throughout the season. Another aspect of the NFL you can look at is each teams' potential.

For example, the Bengals have lost both of their first 2 games. Both games have been close (Steelers by 3, Cowboys by 3). The Bengals record is not very good but if you look past their record, you can see that Joe Burrow and the Bengals still have some good potential despite losing a couple games.

The Bengals lost to the Jets last year who finished the season 4-13 despite the Bengals going to the Super Bowl and narrowly losing by 3 to the Rams in LA. Taking in account all the great teams in the NFL right now, I think the 2 teams who will face each other are the Bengals and the Packers. The Chiefs will knock out the Bills again and lose to the Bengals in the AFC Championship., Rodgers and the Packers will knock out Brady and the Buccaneers in the NFC Championship. Who do you think will make it to the Super Bowl?



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Aaron Rodgers waves to the crowd after a big win against the Dallas Cowboys in the 2014 NFC Divisional Round at Lambeau Field. The Packers would be eliminated by Seattle the next week.



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Joe Burrow playing against the Washington Commanders during his rookie season. He would later tear his ACL in the contest.

Loveland Girls Basketball Hires Co-Coaches

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Loveland, OH - Loveland High School Athletics Director **Rich Bryant** announced Monday the hiring of co-head coaches for the 2022-23 girls basketball season. **Keith Braswell** and **Brad Early** will bilaterally lead Tigers' girls basketball this upcoming season. Both were longtime assistants of the late **Darnell Parker**, whose wife, Samantha, welcomed their baby boy Jalen on August 29th.

Parker tragically passed away last month following a nearly two-year battle with colon cancer. The two-time ECC Coach of the Year led a once dormant program to back-to-back ECC championships and a 93-31 record in five years at the helm.

Braswell and Parker have worked on the same bench for upwards of a decade, dating back to their time

leading Clark Montessori High School's boys program. Early, whose daughter **Josie Early** (12) won Second Team All-Conference honors last year as a junior while averaging 10.2 points per game, joined Parker's staff at Loveland in 2017.

Bryant noted the need for continuity in the face of tragedy, saying, "The girls in our basketball program have had an incredibly difficult two years on so many levels. It was important that we provided student-athletes and families consistency as we continue to grieve the loss of Coach Parker."

Varsity returner **Grace Dressell** (11) agrees with Bryant, saying, "With the recent passing of Coach Parker, our program needed some familiar faces. Coach Early and Coach Braswell will continue to lead us in honor of Coach Parker and continue the legacy that has

been created."

Braswell looks forward to building upon the foundation he and Parker set forth, saying, "I am excited and honored to continue to build the Loveland Girls' Basketball tradition. Coach Early and I will continue to make the community, the program, and Coach Parker proud!"

In an interview with Mike Dyer of WCPO, Early noted familiarity as why the tandem of he and Braswell is right for the job, saying, "It takes two of us to even attempt to fill Coach Parker's shoes. Keith and I believe continuity for the kids is most important right now. We understand that every basketball moment comes with memories and feelings. The girls need familiar faces out there. Darnell's #OurWay motto will be carried on."

in which she received All-Conference First Team honors, agreed with Dressell, saying, "Coach Braswell and Coach Early have been coaching me since my freshman year and I am so grateful to have them as coaches for my last year at the high school. I couldn't ask for a better support system for me and the team as a whole." The four-year varsity standout also added that the program should continue its success, stating, "I can't wait to continue to learn and grow from both of them. I'm so excited for this season and to see the success that we will have."

Bryant also added that he believes both coaches provide valuable attributes on and off the court, saying, "Collectively, we are in a very good place from a basketball perspective, as well as the support perspective for all of those within our girls basketball program."

Braswell concluded by saying that the program would continue with Parker's fun, fast, and exciting style of play. Check the Tigers out when they open the 2022-23 season in late November.



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G o l f C l u b R o b o t i c s T e a m s

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The LHS Golf Club is approaching its second year as a club and already a much bigger and better overall experience is expected for its members with the new school year. **Austin Smith (12)** is the president of the club and recognizes the many benefits of his club for busy individuals like himself.

"For me and all the other [leaders], it's a step away from the uber-competitive sports we play," Smith said. "It's a relaxing hobby and a nice way to unwind after a busy day of school."

LHS has had a golf team for many years, but there is one factor that separates the golf club from the golf team completely.

"We're not focused on the competition aspect," Smith said. "It's more of learning how to play and enjoy the very casual [nature of the] sport."

The club hasn't had any outings yet this year, but Smith plans on starting them up within the next couple of weeks. Last year, some outings for the club reached up to around 25 people, according to Smith. Considering the intricacies that have gone into these outings, Smith is confident that this year will bring more eager golfers to his club.

"[The club] is going to be very similar [to last year], but there will probably be more people showing up to each outing," Smith said.

In light of the expected growth of his club Smith plans on expanding the venues as well. The golf club will expect to take trips to the same ones as last year, Hickory Woods and Little Miami Golf Course, as well as some new ones, such as Sharon Woods and Blue Ash Golf Course.

Smith also understands the expenses of these outings

on the budget of high schoolers, but he has solutions to help with that.

"We often have discounts associated with the club, which makes the outings cheaper," Smith said. Specifics about these discounts will depend on the course.

If you are interested in joining the club, Smith says that there will be QR codes on the golf club posters, which will be put up around LHS soon, or you can contact him at smिताu@students.lovelandschools.org.

Whether you consistently drive 300 yards or have never even picked up a putter in your life, the LHS golf club welcomes anyone and everyone to join them at the many golf courses around Cincinnati for an afternoon of casual golf and good times.

"Join Golf Club," Smith says.



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Loveland's robotics programs provide students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in both the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and marketing fields while helping the community and having a great time. Loveland High School offers two robotics programs, VEX and FIRST Tech Challenge, and while both programs are different, they each give participants the opportunity to learn about and apply STEM through learning how to build and program robots.

Loveland's VEX Robotics teams focus on building and programming a robot to use at competitions. These teams consist of up to 5 members, and each team will build a robot to compete in the year's game. This year's game is Spin Up, which requires teams to build a robot that can shoot discs into frisbee golf-style goals to score points while working with and competing against other teams to achieve the highest score. Loveland currently has 3 of these teams, and each takes a different approach to solving the problems that the game presents, leading each team to ultimately end up with a unique robot.

Loveland also has 2 FIRST Tech Challenge robotics teams, which build robots like VEX teams do, but also learn about marketing and volunteer with the community to spread STEM. FTC teams are commonly divided into 3 sub-teams, build, programming, and business, with each focusing on a different aspect of the team. While the build team designs and builds the robot, the programming team codes it and makes it work, and the business team plans community outreach events and plans meetings

with professionals in relevant fields while developing a team brand. FTC teams meet with professionals to learn not only how to improve their robot, but also about the fields of robotics and business as a whole; the teams have met with companies including Denso Robotics, GE Aviation, and Procter & Gamble. They also organize and work at community events to spread STEM, often running workshops, booths at events, and robot demonstrations, all to encourage younger generations to get involved in robotics and to teach older generations about it. For this year's game, "Power Play," teams will build robots to place cones on top of towers to earn points while competing with and against other teams to score the highest. Both of Loveland's FTC teams are world-ranked, as last year, team "Nuts and Bolts" placed second in the state of Ohio, and "The Bionic Tigers" qualified for the world championships. **Luke Blaker (12)**, team lead for "The Bionic Tigers" said that "FTC is special because it provides a unique experience in which you learn teamwork, are prepared for real-world jobs, and everyone has a chance to succeed in one way or another," and that "you'll struggle to find this environment in any other extracurricular."

Both programs give participants ever more important skills in STEM, teaching them skills in programming, 3D design, marketing, and much more. These students will be well-equipped to pursue future careers in STEM and marketing, while having a blast with their friends.

If you'd like to get involved, you can apply to join either program in the spring. You can look at lovelandrobotics.wixsite.com/home/apply for more information on applications.

Magnified Giving Tiger Talk

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The Magnified Giving Club is all about giving back to the community. Students in the club give their time and donate to nonprofit organizations. Some examples of what they did last year are volunteering at soup kitchens, holding fundraisers, and gathering hygiene products to give to homeless shelters. Magnified Giving not only helps others tremendously but also makes members feel good knowing they are doing good for their community.

Magnified Giving was brought to Loveland High School a couple of years ago. It is a large organization that has posts in Greater Cincinnati, Central Ohio, Northeastern Ohio, and Northern Kentucky. The organization helps youth groups between the 6th and 12th grades explore philanthropy, service, social causes, and community nonprofits. Every group that signs up for Magnified Giving receives a thousand

dollars to donate to a nonprofit. They also offer a service learning camp for 5th through 9th graders and training on how to become involved in community service.

Maya Stokes (12) assumed a leadership role this year. She chose to do this because it's a good opportunity to give back, it makes her feel fulfilled, and she was a member of the club last year. Stokes is excited to build on the direction the former leaders were pushing towards and help other people do good for the community.

The club hasn't held any official meetings yet, but they plan on holding one sometime this month on a Monday. During the meetings they'll discuss what organizations they'll be working with, the work they have done, how they can improve, and any other ideas members have. If you are interested in joining Magnified Giving please contact Stokes at (513) 344-4283.

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Tiger Talk is a club at Loveland High School for high schoolers to pen pal with third and fourth graders. **Maddison Aliaga (11)** founded the club, and **Ella Sauer (11)** is the co-founder. Aliaga started the club to keep the community connected. The hope of Tiger Talk is to give the younger kids not only someone they can look up to but also someone who has been through grade school and can be there for them. The kids talk to the high schoolers about anything from social issues to what they're doing in art class.

There are other schools all around the country doing this, and it has many positive benefits. These benefits include building kids' reading abilities and allowing them to practice their writing. Rather than simply texting a peer, the kids are working on capitalization, indentation, perspective writing, and so many other rules of writing. Having a pen pal promotes patience

which is all the more important nowadays since most kids get what they want when they want it; they don't have to wait for anything. When they finally get that letter after weeks of waiting, it brings them a type of joy that younger generations don't otherwise know. They are also learning social skills that they wouldn't otherwise be able to develop until later in life. They learn to have a healthy mix of talking about what they are interested in but also focusing on the other person. Overall, Tiger Talk is a great way to mentor younger students while still having fun.

If you are interested in joining Tiger Talk, please contact aliamia24 by email.



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Photography Club Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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From taking photos in classes such as Photography and Varsity Photo to making videos in Digital Media Production and LHSNN, Loveland High School offers their students a lot of options to express their creativity through a camera. However, not everyone gets the opportunity to take these classes. That's why the Photography Club, led by **Santiago Medellin (12)** and **James Barrett**, came to be. "There are a lot of kids who are interested in photography, but they don't all get to take the [classes at LHS], so this is a way for them to come in [after school] to use the facility," Barrett said. Not only that, but freshmen, in general, can't take any photography classes at LHS, so Photo club is their only opportunity to use the equipment. "Everybody has a digital camera in their pocket so why not learn some of the extra things it can do and how to have more fun with it," Barrett said.

LHS Photo Club started over 2 decades ago, but has been off and on ever since, according to Barrett, the teacher advisor for the club. According to Medellin, the club currently has five members, but is always looking for more members. The club has already had one meeting, where the members got to learn how to do light painting, which uses a longer exposure time and a moving light source to create a painting effect, according to adobe.com. To start off, Medellin is more focused on getting his members acquainted with the equipment through experimental projects. "As the year goes on, we will go over the fundamentals [of

photography]," Medellin said. Additionally, the club will soon start exploring videography, rather than just photography.

Barrett, in general, leaves the leadership of the club to Medellin, but tries to make sure that the projects they are working on in Photo Club align with his photography classes. "We do the kinds of things we do in [Photography] class, but on a lighter level," Barrett said. The club is much more relaxed than the classes during the school day and it gives its members more creative freedom than the guidelines and rubrics that class assignments give. Barrett even plans on rewarding the club's creatively ambitious members with pumpkin carving and cookie parties.

Pertaining to the future of the club, members will eventually start making their own individual projects based on the prompts or lessons for particular meetings and will showcase some of these projects at the LHS art show on November 5th.

Loveland is one of the few schools that gives their students the opportunity to express themselves through the endless possibilities of thousand-dollar cameras, microphones, lights, and production studios. Through photo club, students get to experience this without costing themselves any money and without the stress of strict deadlines and grades. The club meets every other Thursday and you can email barretja@lovelandschools.org or 23medesa@students.lovelandschools.org if you have any more questions.

According to Barrett, "It's the coolest club around."

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The LHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has started a new year with brand new student presidents: **Matt McCarthy (12)** and **Evan Miller (12)**. FCA is a way for students interested in learning more about Christianity and the gospel to connect with like-minded peers. Despite the name, any student is welcome to attend, not just athletes. "It's great being able to talk to people and share the gospel with them," McCarthy said.

Most of the time, McCarthy and Miller lead large group discussions about the gospel, giving all members the opportunity to chime in and/or ask questions. Other times, FCA brings in guest speakers for its members. "Last year we had three guest speakers come in," McCarthy said. "We had one priest and two other volunteer speakers." It is still early in the year, so McCarthy and Miller have not had any speakers yet, but they hope to host a few this year.

FCA, on its own, has been around for over 50 years and has become an international organization, but Loveland FCA has its own unique aspects to it. After spending time meeting with the FCA at Kings High School, these qualities were highlighted. "We have one of the bigger FCAs compared to other schools," said McCarthy. "A lot of schools have reached a peak for their FCA, they only have a certain number of kids who come, but every week we see new people and more people." So far, McCarthy estimates that roughly 20-30 people have attended meetings this year, but

that number has been and is expected to keep growing.

Along with the leadership of Miller and McCarthy, Loveland FCA has three teacher advisors: **Mr. Geiger**, **Mr. Vanatsky**, and **Mrs. Henderson**. These advisors have played substantial roles in the growth of Loveland FCA. One of McCarthy's best memories from last year's FCA meetings was when Mr. Vanatsky himself spoke to the group about how the gospel has applied to his life specifically.

McCarthy and Miller have a lot of plans for Loveland FCA moving forward. "We have plans on creating t-shirts and bracelets," McCarthy said. "We [also] want to have special holiday [meetings] for Christmas and Easter, where we speak the gospel about that."

All in all, Miller and McCarthy like that, after a busy week of school, they are able to provide everyone with a relaxing morning filled with enriching conversation and donuts!

If you have any questions about Loveland FCA, reach out to mccama@students.lovelandschools.org or millev@students.lovelandschools.org. Otherwise, meetings are every Friday morning before school.



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Don't be afraid to join a club or organization!
Get out there and Get Involved!



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What's New at Loveland High School

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This year Loveland High School has modified our way of education, for better and for worse. Starting off with the faculty members, **Mr. Brian Conaster** is the new assistant principal for juniors and seniors. Mr. Conaster has been helping Loveland students and athletes develop for the past sixteen years as a teacher and athletic director. He has the leadership and communication skills to continue to help Loveland strive for greatness in a different role. The community is excited to continue to witness Conaster work with Loveland students day in and day out.

Next up, introducing: **Officer Steinkoenig** (Steiny)! Officer Steiny has been working as a school resource officer for four years now. This is his first year at Loveland High School, but before this, he was at St. Columban. He decided it was time to make a switch because he wanted to work at a bigger school and he was already employed as a coach here. He enjoys being an SRO because

“Any day you can make someone laugh or put a smile on their face it just makes everything better.” You can catch him constantly cracking jokes and putting smiles on people’s faces all around the high school. It’s never too late to meet Officer Steiny as he never fails to make students’ days a little brighter.

Now onto some of the more pressing matters, sadly not everything can be all sunshine and rainbows. The biggest pet-peeve for most students now-a-days is the E-hallpass. It takes more time for students to sign out, teachers feel tied to their desks, and teachers often forget to sign kids back in. Although this new program is unpopular, it has had positive effects, as fewer people are skipping class and bad behavior is down. Although most students don’t care for our new system, they can’t argue with it because it’s doing what it’s intended to do.

This next subject bothers me every day. Students are no longer allowed to bring backpacks into the lunch room.

Many students have no room in their backpacks to carry a lunch box in it and don’t want to carry one around all day. Now many students don’t eat lunch because

of it. Using your locker is an option for those who are dealing with this problem, you can contact your guidance counselor if you are interested.

Lastly, many claim that student athletes are being pushed past their limits this year. Many students have complained that this year they have spent more time in the gym or at the turf than any other year. Athletes are at the school until nine pm multiple days a week. There is no time for the student part in student athletics to come in, especially for those taking Honors and AP classes or participating in clubs. Coaches should talk to their athletes about it and get their opinions and work something out. Players have also been getting injured from this because of overuse of their bodies.

Loveland High School is looking and performing very well this year. However, there are still some flaws to work out.



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New “Vibe” on Loveland Madeira Road

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Previously located on Wards Corner, Vibe Fitness has found its new home on Loveland Madeira Road. This change enhances the exercise experiences for its members in many ways.

Even before relocating, Vibe Fitness had been more than just weights, metal bars, and exercise machines; it’s a community of like-minded individuals improving their health.

One of those individuals is LHS baseball player **Tyler Evans (12)**, who has been working out at Vibe for five months and has noticed a unique atmosphere.

“You can pretty much do whatever workout you want because there’s not a ton of people crowding around,” Evans said.

Even though Vibe may not have the national recognition as the chain fitness centers, such as Planet Fitness and LA Fitness, many people, like Evans, prefer the smaller and more personal experience at Vibe. John Kennedy, the owner of Vibe Fitness since its opening in 2013, has built Vibe with the mindset of separating itself from other gyms.

“The difference is the people for sure,” Mr. Kennedy said. “We care about people’s experience and their results, so we make it our job to get to know them on a personal level.”



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To Mr. Kennedy, it’s important that people have a good exercise experience. Exercise improves mental health, physical health, and overall well-being.

“Being strong and having a good physique builds a lot of self esteem and confidence, which is a hitch in our entire society,” Mr. Kennedy said. “Your day to day activities are easier, you feel better, people treat you with more respect, and it becomes contagious to the people you’re around.”

Despite the consistent culture at Vibe, its new location on Loveland Madeira Road provides its members with many luxuries that would not have been possible at its previous location.

“The last location was two-dimensional, meaning general members and personal training [only],” said Kennedy. “The new location has more space and we can offer more options for families. Now, we will have group training for adults and youth groups, memberships, personal training, [and] golf simulators are on their way.”

The additional space comes with a large turf field, which can be used for speed training and long-distance dynamic exercises. Senior varsity basketball player

Antonio Scoldo (12), along with Evans, has found great use of the turf, in particular.

Vibe’s new location has only been open for three weeks, and it won’t completely open its doors until early September. “They haven’t moved everything [to the new location] yet, so we’ll see [how it is] when it’s all said and done,” Scoldo said.

After Vibe’s new location is fully operational, Mr. Kennedy plans to expand into the Loveland community



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even further.

“The location I’m at now is just a small stepping stone to what I plan to accomplish within 3 years,” Mr. Kennedy said. “From there, I’ll start to reinvest into the local parks and upgrade the courts and fields.”

Many LHS student-athletes find themselves using the multitude of exercise equipment Vibe has to offer. This is largely due to the work of Tigers’ Inc., the student-led non-profit organization at LHS that gives students the opportunity to gain real-world business experience. Due to the marketing team at Tigers’ Inc. last year, Vibe has made a name for itself within Tiger athletics.

“Soon enough, I’m going to change Loveland athletics and we will be on top again,” Mr. Kennedy concluded.



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Joe Burrow and His Fashion

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A football player isn't typically a person you would consider to be a fashion icon. You might think of a model walking down the runway dressed in an abstract outfit or a musical artist performing on a stage in a flashy outfit. However, Joe Burrow, a Cincinnati Bengals football player, has been expressing himself with stylish outfits since being drafted into the NFL.

Joe Burrow is one of the most well-known athletes in the country right now. Burrow won the Heisman trophy in 2019 for his successful season as quarterback for Louisiana State University and led the Bengals to the Super Bowl in 2021. Burrow is starting his second season as quarterback with the Cincinnati Bengals. This football star isn't just focused on his own achievements; Burrow gives back to his hometown food pantry in Athens, Ohio. Almost all of Cincinnati would agree that Burrow is a well-respected athlete on and off the field.

Not only is Burrow a pro-athlete and an active member of his community, he also is a fashion icon. He has worn some pretty memorable outfits. Last year, Burrow appeared at the Super Bowl in a black and white striped suit with Nike shoes. NFL fans were all buzzing about this distinctive choice of clothes. He was sending a message that he meant business for the Super Bowl.

Professional clothes aren't the only part of Burrow's unique style. Pink glasses were also a hot accessory for Burrow. After he led the Bengals to win their first playoff game in 31 years, Burrow appeared at a press conference with pink sunglasses. Pictures of Burrow with the glasses went viral on Twitter and everyone loved it. When asked about the significance of glasses during the press conference, Burrow replied, "I just think they're pretty cool."

Burrow has also used his clothing to express his love for one of his favorite characters, Spongebob Squarepants. Before a big matchup against the Tennessee Titans in the AFC divisional round, Burrow was wearing a custom

sport coat with a pocket square featuring Spongebob Squarepants.

Fans are always anxious to see what outfits Burrow is wearing, but many fans are curious as to how he comes up with these ideas. Ja'Marr Chase, a star wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals, is always collaborating with Joe Burrow on his outfits. "Joe literally won't buy his own clothes," Chase said. "He always asks me to shop for him and drop it off at the house. He's not really into fashion like that, he cool with his lil' khakis and skinny jeans."

Chase and Burrow played together at LSU for two seasons, then Burrow was drafted to the Bengals in 2019. In 2020, Chase was drafted to the Bengals and the two were reunited. This is not surprising because Chase has always been a fashionable guy. Burrow still picks out some of his outfits, but Chase helps him out when it comes to trendy or more fashionable outfits.

Regardless of who puts together the outfits for the Bengals quarterback, Burrow inspires others to express themselves with their clothing. Fans are excited about the Bengals football season but arguably more excited for what Joe Burrow's unique outfits will be.

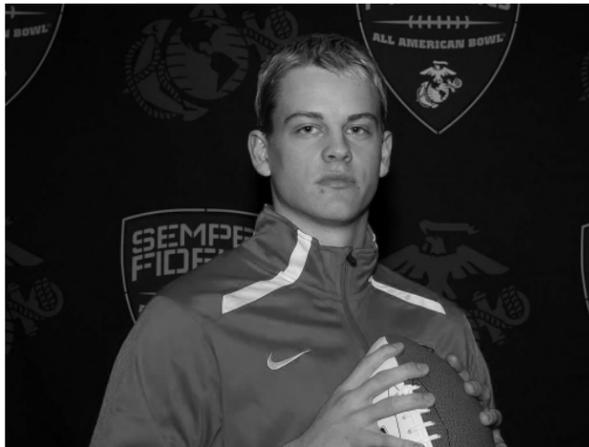


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Outbreak of "Zombie Deer" Disease

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The Ohio Division of Wildlife confirmed on Wednesday, August 31st, that there was an outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD), which is also referred to as "Zombie Deer Disease." This disease causes deer to seemingly lose their fear of humans. 13 different Southwestern Ohio counties have confirmed cases of deer infected with EHD. This includes Athens, Butler, Champaign, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Madison, Perry, Preble, Ross, Union, and Warren counties. EHD is a virus that infects deer through the bites of small insects called midges, also called gnats, which live and breed in small pools of standing water. This disease is not spread from animal to animal and is not infectious to people or pets. Infected deer show symptoms within 5-10 days of being infected and many die within 36 hours of showing symptoms (The Journal).

Signs of this disease include swelling in the neck, head, or tongue, difficulty breathing, and walking in circles having their heads hung down. The most notable sign of

this disease, however, is that deer seemingly lose all fear of humans, sometimes just standing and staring off into the distance, unfazed by the people around them. Infected deer also experience fevers and dehydration, so they're likely to be found in or near bodies of water.

EHD is one of the most common ailments affecting deer right now, with cases happening most often in late summer and fall, as well as during periods of drought. Since the disease spreads through midges, which live in water, deaths from EHD in the deer population are expected to stop once the first frost sets in and midge activity begins to slow down.

There is also another disease that is commonly referred to as "Zombie Deer Disease" which causes deer to lose their fear of humans, called Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Chronic Wasting Disease is not caused by a virus but is instead caused by a misfolded protein, called a prion. While this means it is far rarer than EHD, CWD has been found here in Ohio starting last year. Though uncommon in Ohio, so far eight deer have tested positive in Wyandot

and Marion counties.

Symptoms of CWD, similarly to EHD, include staggering, excessive drooling, and showing little to no fear of humans. Different from EHD, however, is the fact that deer infected with CWD can take months to show symptoms, instead of just a couple of weeks.

Ohio regulations state that all deer harvested in Wyandot, Marion, and neighboring Hardin counties must be tested for chronic wasting disease. More information about how to do that is available on ohiodnr.gov. Plus, although the Ohio Department of Natural Resources says there is "no strong evidence" CWD can infect humans, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the meat of contaminated animals should not be consumed (The Enquirer).

Any sightings of sick or dead deer should be reported to wildohio.gov. This will not only help the Ohio Department of Natural Resources track the disease as it spreads, but will allow them to run tests to better understand this unusual disease.



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Anticipation Rises for Breath of the Wild Sequel

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The award-winning game released in 2017, known as one of Nintendo's best games of the decade, *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild* is finally getting a highly anticipated sequel. This game set a new standard for the *Zelda* franchise, which fans felt needed more innovative gameplay. *BOTW* introduced an open-world aspect that had never been explored before in *Zelda* games, which were usually focusing more on story-based gameplay. However, ever since its release, fans have been speculating about the next generation of *Zelda* and are excited to see what Nintendo does next.

Fast forward to September 13 to the 2022 Nintendo Direct, the annual event where Nintendo announces future projects and upcoming products. Nintendo Direct finally gave a glimpse of the highly anticipated action adventure game by Nintendo, which will release next year. Its official release date is on 5/13/2023 and will be released on Nintendo's newest console, the Nintendo Switch. While the game isn't called *Breath of the Wild 2*, which is what fans have been referring to it as, it will be the sequel to the acclaimed *BOTW*. The name of the game will be *The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom*.

Zelda fans worldwide have been speculating how the game will be played as well as different potential names for

it, however Nintendo refused to give any clues. Nintendo Headquarters did not even release the name of the game until September 13 because they "insisted that the 'real'

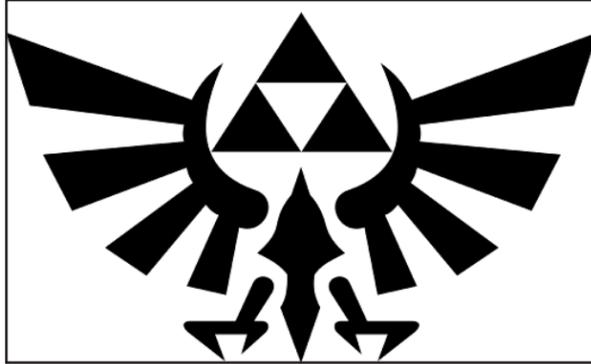


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name of the new *BOTW* game would spoil something about the premise." The trailer is pretty brief and doesn't give away much; the biggest takeaways were the name and the release date.

However, from the short gameplay footage shown, it appears that the main protagonist Link will be taking to the skies and climbing sequences much more in this game than its predecessor. It has also been revealed that in-game hieroglyphics will play a substantial part in this plot,

which might be pointing toward a myth or the larger story. Some have even compared *BOTW 2* to *Skyward Sword*, an earlier *Zelda* release, because it had more of a horror feel to it. The trailer supports this with what looks like the corpse of Ganondorf, the last antagonist, being resurrected by a disembodied hand, giving this game the reputation of potentially being the darkest game of the franchise.

Even with the lack of footage and hints given for this game, there is no limit to the fan theories that have been produced from it. One of the favorite fan theories at the moment is about the Hyrulian (Hyrule being the setting of the games) Princess Zelda. She's shown in the trailer with attire in a manner pretty similar to Link's own adventurer's gear, leading some to think she may be a playable character. Another popular theory is that of the Twilight Realm. The glowing blue hand in the trailer could be a major clue that we'll be seeing more of the shadow people (Twili), who have not been seen since the 2006 release, *Twilight Princess*. No matter what theory you believe in, there is no denying that *The Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom* will be a game to watch this upcoming spring and is expected to surpass the high expectations set by its predecessor.

Morgan Wallen's Career Bounces Back

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You might hear a song on the radio by Morgan Wallen, one of the most popular country music artists, however, the country music star jeopardized his career in 2021 when he was caught on video yelling racial slurs. Many of his fans were disappointed and embarrassed by his actions, but continued to love his music.

Wallen made his first appearance on the Country Music Billboards in 2016 and has been loved ever since. He released a hit album, *Dangerous*, in January 2021.

However, on February 2nd, 2021, he was recorded yelling the n-word and other inappropriate comments at his friend. Wallen was returning back to his home in Nashville, Tennessee after a night of partying. Fans were horrified by the artist's actions.

After the incident, Wallen's music was pulled from numerous radio stations and he was suspended from his record label. His music was even taken off streaming services' curated playlists like Spotify's Hot Country playlist and was banned from the Academy of Country Music Awards in 2021.

On February 10th, 2021, about a week after the video was released, Wallen posted a video via Instagram extending an apology to all whom he offended. He explained that he is trying to better his mindset by staying sober and learning more about the gravity of the harsh words he

said. He said that "I accepted some invitations from some amazing black organizations to engage in some very real and honest conversations," and that, "I came away with a clearer understanding of the weight of my words." Fans were appreciative of his apology and his steps towards being better in the future.

Many fans were still uncomfortable with his impulsive and offensive behavior, however, they continued to enjoy his music. Wallen's streams were barely affected by this incident. According to Luminate Data, Wallen's music reached a new record of 28.66 million streams on February 4th, 2 days after the video was posted, proving that fans still loved his music.

In July 2021, Wallen had an interview with *Good Morning America* to address the incident one last time. Wallen said he didn't use the n-word "frequently" in the past, but that when he did, it was only around a "certain" group of his friends.

In the summer, Wallen's music had returned to the radio and set new records. In October 2021, Wallen set records for ticket sales at Rupp Arena. He also announced his tour in 2022 in October. In the spring of 2022, Wallen won Album of the Year at the ACM Awards, despite being banned from the ACMs in the previous year. It appears that his career has not been affected by the racial slur video just 7 months before.

Fans were glad that Wallen took steps to do better, but some have voiced concerns on social media that these steps won't change his impulsive and explicit actions. Some people believe this country music star was only trying to save his career and that his true beliefs won't be changed. As his streams and sales are reaching new heights, many are torn between Wallen's great music and his poor actions, but fans are hopeful Wallen makes better choices in the future.



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Mario Movie First Trailer Released

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On October 6th, 2022, the first trailer for *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* was released. The trailer gives us our first look at how some of the main characters look and sound. This trailer also calmed some people's worries about the level of quality being put into the movie. But what did it go over specifically, and how does it live up to the full year we've been waiting to hear more news?

In September of 2021, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* was first announced. At the time, there were no clues as to what the movie would look like, and we didn't even know what it would officially be called at the time. What we did know, however, was the cast. Most of the mixed reactions seemed to come from the fact that Chris Pratt was voicing the popular plumber. The casting that people were happiest with seemed to be Jack Black as Bowser, with many people saying that he fit the role well. Alongside this initial announcement, Nintendo attached a holiday 2022 release date to the movie that, unfortunately, didn't pan out. We would not get any more major news until more than a year later.

On October 4th of 2022, a new movie poster was revealed along with the announcement of the movie's first teaser trailer, which would be shown through a Nintendo Direct presentation on October 6th. Many were excited to see what the trailer could offer, fervently hoping that the

movie would be good.

The trailer, though short, showed off a lot of new information, much of which has received a lot of praise throughout the internet. First, it showed off the voices for some well-known characters including Bowser,

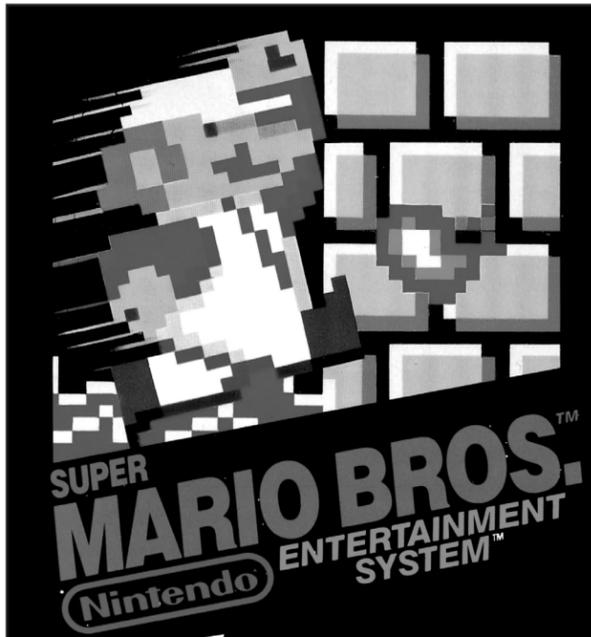


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Kamek, Toad, and Mario himself. People loved most of these voices, particularly Jack Black's Bowser, as his performance seems to breathe new life into the character. However, some people aren't so appreciative of the way that Chris Pratt voices Mario. Many people say that he isn't putting in effort to sound like the titular plumber at all, but that it's too similar to how he sounds just talking normally. Others disagree, stating that an overdone Mario impression might get hard to listen to during the course of a full movie, commenting that the slight Brooklyn accent makes more sense for the character. The internet is divided on this issue, and it seems no definitive conclusion will be made until we hear more of Mario's dialogue in the movie.

This trailer also gave us our first actual look at the aesthetics of the movie. Upon hearing that Illumination would be the ones to animate this movie, many were hesitant about whether it would look good, given the hatred that the studio has amassed over the years. However, many of these worries were relieved upon seeing how incredible the poster looked, and upon seeing the fantastic animation that was shown off in the teaser trailer. The movie blends together a style of cartoonish realism, where it's just real enough to look visually appealing, yet not enough to where the characters look like something out of uncanny valley.

The movie has been slated to open April 7th of 2023, so it remains to be seen whether or not this film will live up to the hype it's created.



Issues with eHallpass

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Four weeks ago, Loveland High School rolled out a new hall pass system using an app called eHallpass. This app incorporates a more managerial approach to leaving the classroom. According to The Washington Post, eHallpass has been implemented in nearly 600 school districts across the country. In its first few weeks, the new system has been met with backlash from many students, and even some faculty members.

To begin, the app requires you to request permission to leave the classroom from your device. This has brought

disruptions to classrooms because teachers have to stop class to allow a student to use the bathroom. So if high school student Christian Chase wants to go to the bathroom, he has to be approved and monitored, telling The Washington Post "I just think it's a violation of our privacy, and I don't think it's something that needs to be in place. I would understand if it was something for specific people or even underclassmen." While there is an "auto-pass" feature, many teachers don't know how or choose not to use it. Even when auto-pass has been utilized, the responsibility to mark when you leave and return is left in the students' hands, defeating the entire point.

Another concern brought to light is the issue of privacy. Many students are concerned that their location and personal information are vulnerable because of eHallpass. Although eHallpass doesn't use GPS tracking, the privacy concern stems from the school's knowledge of where you are at all times, even going as far as to require students to input which bathroom they are going to. Although schools will typically wipe all the data annually, they still hold on to a lot of personal data and information throughout the year.

An additional criticism comes from the high cost of the service. eHallpass costs \$3 per student, plus a one time implementation fee of \$1000. Loveland has 1,381 students at the high school - meaning eHallpass is costing the school around \$5,200 for the high school alone and is also going to be implemented at the middle school adding an extra \$2,200, bringing the district total to \$7,400, a lot of money for a district that can't afford high school bussing. To its critics, eHallpass is seen as a waste of money.

This new system was implemented because of excessive damage to the bathrooms. While it is understandable that the administration is angry that the bathrooms are often messy, but they must remember that these problems are only coming from a few students. It's not fair to punish everyone for the actions of the few. Collective punishment is unfortunate for those who didn't do anything wrong. Whether Loveland decides to continue with this system or not, the app will continue to face controversy throughout the school district.

There are more efficient ways to run a school bathroom system, ones that don't invade privacy or waste taxpayer money. There will be dissatisfaction from people who oppose eHallpass, but many are even questioning if this is a responsible use of taxpayer money from a school that can't afford bussing.



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Sam Crane (11) walks to the bathroom. He used an eHallpass to leave his class.

Ranking Taylor Swift Albums

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With Taylor Swift's new album *Midnight* coming in October, I thought it would be a good idea to look at her past albums. Taylor currently has a total of 9 whole albums, here's how I rank them:

At number 9 we have her self-titled album, *Taylor Swift*. Personally I have not listened to a lot of songs on this album just because it was made so long ago. It also has a more country vibe, and I hate country music. It does have some iconic hits like "Picture to Burn" and "Teardrops On my Guitar," however those are the only two I really listen to. It was a great debut album but looking back it doesn't compare to her more recent albums.

At number 8 we have *Red*. I love *Red* so much, but it is the album I listen to the least. The only song I listen to consistently from that album is "All Too Well," and when I do listen to it, it is the 10 min version. It does have some other iconic songs like "22," and "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together," but, like I said earlier, I don't listen to them a lot.

At number 7 we have *1989*. This Album is definitely very underrated. I will say sometimes I forget it exists and then I'll listen to it and love it. "Style," and "Welcome To New York," are such good songs. "This Love," and "Blank Space" are the perfect songs to scream to in the car. The only reason this album isn't higher is because of how much I love the other albums.

At number 6 we have *Fearless*. I'm going to be completely honest, I would have put this album behind 1989 if it was not for one song and one song only, and that's, "The Way I Loved You." That song is just one of the most iconic Taylor Swift songs and one I scream to everytime I am in the car. I know you shouldn't base a whole album on one song but in this case, I think it's an exception. Now I am not saying the rest of the album is bad, we do have some other great songs like "Love Story," "Hey Stephen," and "You Belong With Me." However, "That's The Way I Love You" will forever be one of my favorites.

At number 5 we have *Speak Now*. *Speak Now* has such a cute love story vibe to it and I love it. It is very much a breakup album and I'm living for it. The highlights of this album are definitely "Dear John," "Better Than Revenge," and the iconic "Enchanted." "Enchanted" is one of my favorite Taylor songs ever. Whenever I am in the car with my sister it is the first song I play. I definitely put it in the same category with "That's The Way I Loved You," even though they are from different albums.

At number 4 we have *Lover*. I honestly really love this album, and I think it is very different from the rest. A lot of her albums have a very serious tone to it but this one is the exact opposite. It has a more fun lighthearted tone that sets it apart from the rest of her discography. Let's not forget the iconic songs this album gives us: "Lover," "Paper Rings," "The Man," only to name a few.

At number 3 we have *Reputation*. I'm going to be honest I didn't like this album at first but the more I listen to it the more I love it. The angry tone this album has is perfect. I scream this album in the car everytime I'm in a bad mood.. It is very much the "angry stage after a breakup" type vibe and I absolutely love it. Some of my favorites from the album are "Getaway Car," "This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things," "New Years Day," and "Dress." I can not explain my love for the song "Getaway Car." I have it on multiple playlists and listen to it almost everyday

At number two we have *Evermore*. *Evermore* is Taylor's most recent album and my love for it is insane. *Evermore* is honestly the best fall album. It has the biggest autumn vibe and I love it. *Evermore* definitely has a more calm and sad tone which is what I love most about it, because it's the type of music I listen to most often. Also the way the songs are written in this album are insane. The lyrics are all so creative and perfectly crafted. Some of my favorites from this album include, "Chapagne Problems," "Tis the Damn Season," "Tolerate it," and "Right Where You Left Me."

Finally at number one we have *Folklore*. Released in 2020 *Folklore* has to be my favorite album of all time, not just Taylor Swift's. I honestly think it's just because I

relate to this album the most, but I'm not mad about it. I can confidently say that there are no skips on this album. It's so hard to even say my favorites but they'll have to be "The 1," "Cardigan," "The Last Great American Dynasty," "Mirrorball," "August," "This is Me Trying," and "Illicit Affairs." I know that was a lot, but like I said there are no skips on this album. My current favorite as of now is definitely "Mirrorball" because I just like the message behind it and the symbolism behind the lyrics is insane. "August" has also been one of my recent favorites, but I did listen to it everyday, on repeat in the month of August. Now that it's September it feels a little illegal to listen to but I still do it anyway just not as much.



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Why College Football Playoff Should Be Expanded

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As many people know, college football has recently revealed plans to increase the number of playoff teams from 4 to 12. This change will take effect in the year 2026 and the decision has been subject to a lot of different opinions. Some people believe that keeping the number of teams at 4 prevents teams undeserving of a playoff spot competing just to get blown out. Others believe that the change will allow for teams who previously missed the cut because of one bad game to be given the chance to redeem themselves.

I personally believe the change will bring a new dimension to college football it had been lacking previously. Adding an extra 8 teams could make for absolutely insane matchups and games that had never been seen before. My favorite example would be the 2017 UCF Golden Knights.

They ended as the 6th seed and played 10th seeded Auburn, a college football blue-blood. Many people were expecting the group of 5 juggernaut to finally meet their demise to a well rounded SEC powerhouse in Auburn.

Then the impossible happened. UCF went out there and put on a show in an incredible game and paved the way for group of 5 teams to make some noise after defeating Auburn.

Allowing the expansion to 12 teams, allows teams like that UCF team to shock the world and bring new fans to college football. The 4 team playoff in my opinion has been something that really only allows for uninteresting outcomes, the same teams make it every year and the games become stale quickly. Since the induction of the 4 team playoff only 13 different teams have made an appearance. Only 13 teams, out of a possible 32, that doesn't create enough variety.

The novelty of College Basketball is the famous March Madness and the upsets that come with it. The 64 team bracket has made for some insane games and no two games feel the same. Anything can happen because of the amount of variety the bracket brings. The college football playoff implementing a much smaller version of this could give the playoff the chance to make for some wild upsets.

College football has needed a new dimension and making playoff football more worth watching is exactly what they need. Teams like Alabama and Georgia will still make the playoffs with ease but adding 8 new teams will force the blue-bloods to have to go through a tougher gauntlet to call themselves champs once more.

The extended playoff allows for teams that never once had a shot to prove their worth on a national stage. Teams like Auburn, Florida and others find themselves just outside the top 4 every year. With the extension it allows those teams to tear down juggernauts and prove their abilities.

Think of the Matt Corral lead Ole Miss team last year, they were 10-2 heading into the final bowl game and were one of the most electric offenses in the sport. Think of Pittsburgh who was led by Kenny Pickett and Jordan Addison. Just last year there was a number of teams that could have given Georgia or Alabama a legitimate run for their money.



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Number of Playoff Appearances

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CLEMSON

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OHIO STATE

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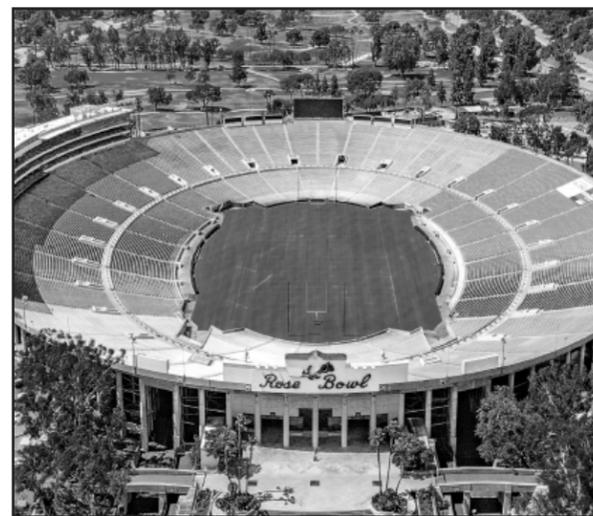


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Why College Football Playoff Should Not Be Expanded

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The College Football Playoff's board of managers held a vote back in September in order to try and expand the Playoff from four teams to twelve. The vote passed unanimously, erasing the 4 team playoff format in 2024 and raising the debate of the pros and cons this system could provide for the sport. While most people believe that the Playoff needed to be expanded, I believe the expansion never should've happened in the first place.

We can start with the impatience of college football fans. Their neglect of systems in the past makes me feel like this isn't a permanent solution, which is exactly what the committee set out to do in the first place. The BCS system had only been running the sport for 14 years until it was cut off, and the 4 team playoff will come to an end in 2024, making it only 10 years old. If the fans keep this trend up, where will it end? Maybe in 2050, we will have 64 teams. The temporary solutions won't work. They never have and they never will.

People want to expand because a lot of quality teams missed the playoff in past years that some believe should've gotten in. TCU in the inaugural playoff, Penn

State in 2017. The controversial final spot is an issue in the 4 team playoff. However, that doesn't mean the final spot in a 12 team playoff won't be controversial. No matter how many teams the playoff expands to, that will not eliminate controversy from the 12th spot. There will still be teams left out, therefore controversy will remain. Even in March Madness (a 64 team tournament), the final spot is always controversial for the teams on the bubble, and you could make an argument for any team that got left out. This system will fail to eliminate controversy no matter how many teams get in.

College football has the most entertaining regular season in sports without question. Every game is huge in a team's road to the playoff and if you lose just one or two games, you are most likely out of contention. No two loss team has ever made the playoff and that just gives coaches even more of an incentive to go undefeated. But now, with the new system, you can lose 2 or 3 three games before you have to worry about missing the playoffs. It devalues the regular season. Games that decide playoff teams are merely just "another game" instead. Last season, Number 5 Georgia faced Number 3 Clemson in one of the biggest

games of the season. Georgia walked away victorious, winning 10-3, and pretty much eliminating Clemson from playoff contention. However, in the new system, that enormous Top 5 matchup is just "another game." Every game means something and with this new era, these games won't matter nearly as much.

People say 4 teams is too little but that is the point. If you want to crown a true champion, you don't pick the 12 best teams. You pick the teams that can contend with anybody and have the talent to win the national championship. 4 teams is the perfect benchmark for that and this new plan is taking the number of teams way too far.



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The Oregon Ducks take on the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 2010 Rose Bowl. Ohio State was arguably the best team in the nation that year, but did not get a chance to play for a national championship.

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Number 4. **OHIO STATE**

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Number 5. **TCU**

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Number 6. **BAYLOR**

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Bronny James and NCAA

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Bronny James, basketball prodigy of his father LeBron James, has been recently brought up in the press across the country. Scouts have been watching James since his middle school AAU days and with the recent success of his high school career he has contributed to his school being ranked 9th in the nation for men's basketball. With his graduation around the corner, Division 1 college basketball programs are fighting over the alleged "New LeBron."

Recently, James posted pictures in an Ohio State uniform, exciting Buckeyes everywhere. While no commitment has been made, hopes are high for head coach Chris Holtmann because of James' family roots deep within Ohio. When James was nine years old, then-Ohio State coach Thad Matta joked that he needed to offer him a scholarship. On a more serious note, LeBron James has previously stated that if he did attend college he would have selected Ohio State, so fans are hopeful that Bronny will fulfill his father's NCAA ambitions. Both Bronny and LeBron James were born in Ohio and with his father's success with the Cleveland Cavaliers, it wouldn't be surprising for Bronny to let this influence his college decision.

The James family is widely-known and loved by NBA fans worldwide. With this in mind, it would definitely boost Ohio State's watchcount for college games, help fill the stands, and sell more merchandise with Bronny James as the face of the franchise. Furthermore, James has over 7 offers from different elite colleges, meaning his commitment will be livestreamed on television, amassing millions of viewers across the globe. The sheer amount of press this single decision will come with will make Ohio State alumni and faculty intoxicated with monetary opportunity.

The question most people ask, though, is if Bronny James is worth all of the hype. Sure, he's the son of global NBA legend LeBron James, but is he more than just his

father's legacy and the luxuries that come with it? His stats prove he is. James averaged 13 points per game as a junior and led his team in assists (5.4), steals (2.1), and rebounds (6). James also has an impressive 42 inch vertical and is projected to grow to almost 6 foot 8, four inches taller than he is now. This fact has fans anticipating extraordinary dunks from James, maybe even some reaching the caliber of his father's memorable stunts. James is a combo guard, meaning he can play both the shooting and point guard positions, making him a dependable player in any scenario on the court. He is a four-star prospect and the number 45 ranked player in the recruiting class of 2023. He's known for being a leader on the court and has the ability to make quick judgment calls when needed. James has been said to have "Le Genetics" which is a term fans created to describe the qualities that make LeBron incredible: his height, determination, and skill. At only 17 years old, Bronny James has the entire nation watching him and awaiting his college decision, generating revenue and morale for both Ohio State as well as the NCAA as a whole with the future addition of the hopeful successor of LeBron James.



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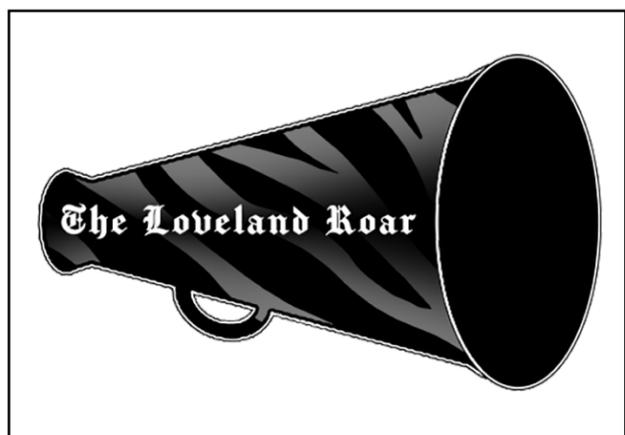
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