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Emilie Reider, senior, reads one of her favorite books for book club.



Maddie Bach, 16' takes on the challenge of being a two sport athlete

What is more self-satisfying than taking a picture of yourselfie?

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Haley Dullea, junior, Salem Snoop, junior, Katie Toms, sophomore, and Breanna Smith, junior, read the music and play their clarinets during the band concert practice. All other instruments are quiet and students from other sections watch them as they play during the clarinet section solo.

New rules raise questions for prom

Why the grinding ban led to ideas of a warehouse prom for this year.

By: Alex Coleman @lts_GalPalAl

Rumors: it's never for sure exactly why or how they start, and once they're let loose there's no stopping the slow spiral of insanity they cause. Words float out of people's mouths like 'did you hear what Suzy said about Sally,' which turns into 'well I heard that Sally provoked her.' Next thing we know it's rumored that Suzy outed Sally for being a meth addict and everything has been blown way out of proportion. Some of the more delectable rumors floating around Marion as of late are the ones about prom; things like what the theme really will look like, and who's going with who. Over top of the prom rumors we hear every year, there are a few more exciting ones shifting through the grapevine. Talk of a grinding ban, and the prospect of an 'alternative' or 'warehouse prom'.

As of this year's WPA dance, principal Greg Semler has been doing some hard thinking on the topic of grinding. "I've been here for ten years, and in those ten years it has always been that girls dance in front of the guys. Somehow it was oddly acceptable ten years ago, as it was not overtly inappropriate, and I would argue that in the last five years it has gotten progressively less decent," Semler commented.

For a while, Semler had hoped that the kids in the school would begin to realize that things were getting out of hand. "I gave a two year time period to see if kids would start self policing it, that someone would be the person to stand up and say 'hey this is uncomfortable, can't we



Mr. Greg Semler, principal, works in his office during school.

just dance without literally looking foolish'," he explained.

Semler decided to set up a few rules to try and fix this problem. This, he felt, was working against the point, though. "I think regulating this is like regulating how to shoot a shotgun out into an open field and hoping not to hit anything. To say, if she bends over a particular way, or you touch her a particular way, or that you can grind, it still leaves questions. How much can you grind? Can you move back and forth? Can you kind of sandpaper it? I know other school's have made that attempt, but I find it strange to say you can do it, but you have to do it a certain way," Semler stated.

And so, as of late, grinding has been officially banned from all future MHS dances.

These new facts beg the question, will there be an alternative prom? Rumors of a such an event have been floating around for a while now, but who would host it? Cody Alberts, senior, is one of the few people that others have suggested plan the event. "I was told I should do it, and I've thought about it, but it probably isn't going to happen," Alberts explained.

Regardless of the amount of work that an alternative prom would require, Alberts says that he would do it if everyone got enough people interested. There are obviously benefits to the idea, and Alberts is highly aware of these. "People are still going to grind at prom no matter what, so it would suck to spend all of that money just to be kicked out," Alberts commented.

Although there are both perks and flaws to the idea of an off site prom, Semler isn't worried about the idea in the slightest. "If people really want to host another prom, I say bless them, and bless anyone that chooses to attend. Once something like that gets planned, it's no longer in our hands, but the parents." He thinks if a non-school-sanctioned prom were in fact to go down, there wouldn't be that many people attending.

Whether or not prom is a bust, there will still be plenty of people having a blast at the dance. Will prom stand the test of time, or will a few new regulations scare everyone away? Prospective prom-goers will just have to attend to find out.

Mahoney manages store

By: Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer

The school store is a staple among MHS, and a daily necessity for some students. While many indulge in the reasonable prices and warm welcome of our own little shop, many are unaware of how much time and energy goes into running it.

Kirsten Mahoney, senior, is one of the workers who knows exactly what it takes to maintain the store. As one of the main clerks, Mahoney has certain duties that she must perform everyday. "I restock the food every morning, and help the customers when they need it," Mahoney stated. With the responsibility of preening the school for use every morning and aiding the buyers, titles have been handed out among the workers, "Every week we switch positions, sometimes I'm the assistant manager and some days I'm the manager." Mrs. Belinda Viktora, one of the paraprofessionals that works alongside the students, explained. "We train the kids by the time they're freshman and flip the roles every week. Depending on who is the manager, they're the ones who are helping the customers first."

The school store has acquired many clients over the years, and even have several regulars. With so much business going in and out, it's understandable that the shop has some trouble staying supplied. "We have some kids who come in a couple of times a day. I think we have to go to Sams and rebuy every three weeks. There are just some things we can't keep in stock, like Veggie Chips." Viktora stated.

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Mahoney has been working in the store since her first year at Marion, and considers it one of her favorite parts of school. "I love helping out customers, I like seeing them smile," Mahoney commented. Another thing Mahoney enjoys about her job is the bond she has made with the ones working alongside her. "It's a really interesting job. I get to work with pretty cool people," Mahoney added.

While most of Mahoney's working is very pleasant for her to experience, there are somethings she detests about the job. Although the shop is open at all times of the day besides third, the hours of selling must come to an end. "I hate having to put up the closing sign. I feel so sad when it has to go up," Mahoney went on to

While the school store is a minor part of some students' days, it is a routine for Mahoney, and one that follow her past her high school years.



Mahoney and Mrs. Viktora balance the cash register.

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Picture perfect: the art of selfies

The rules and regulations to live by when taking or posting.

By: Lexi Morgan @Lexi_Morgan17

As a 16 year old girl, selfies are pretty cool. When anyone is feeling attractive, they just might to capture the moment and post it on Instagram. For the less important selfie, we resort to twitter and lastly our snapchat stories. They are fun and generally receive the most amount of likes. However, there are many negatives that need addressed.

The occasional selfie is no big deal. Looking hot, birthdays, holidays, events. But seriously, the keyword here is occasional. Nobody wants to see a picture of someone's face EVERY SIN-GLE DAY. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as an Instagram model. That is. for a lack of words, stupid. An Instagram page should not be plastered in picture's of ones face. The rule to go by here is try to have at least four pictures between every selfie.

One thing everyone who posts selfies

should accept is that they are for attention. Admit it, everyone gets these warm feelings inside and feel all special when one get 100 likes or a crush likes the selfie. Its not a bad "cry for attention" thing, but it is what it is. The worst thing anyone could ever do when they feel like posting a picture on Instagram, is to post a crying selfie or a selfie that one is half naked in. Seriously, do NOT ever do this. Words can not explain how stupid one looks when they post this. No one pities the person who cries in pictures or drools over one who shows a lot of skin, we laugh.

The best selfies are the one's with other people in it. And yes, this is a selfie. You can have group selfies, pet selfies, baby selfies, football game selfies, you name it. Ellen DeGeneres' selfie at the Oscars last year? Legen-wait for it-dary. These are the "unposed" pictures that actually

capture memories and will mean something when looked back on.

Selfies may be frowned upon by some, but who are they to criticize anyone's pictures? As selfies may be a cry for attention, isn't everything we post on social media? Isn't that why we post, To draw attention to ourselves or the awesome night we had or our beautiful dog?

The best things one can do when taking a selfie is to make sure there is good lighting, a good reason and one genuinely likes the picture they're posting. In the end, who really cares if one person gets mad when someone posts a selfie. Their 200 likes should help them cope.



"Selfies are a great way to boost your self esteem, because the make you look good and feel good." -Kathryn Quint, senior



"I feel like girls judge other girls by their selfies, and how many they post, but if you wanna post selfies, do you." Autumn Hardman, freshman



"Selfies are necessary for self confidence and to have fun." -Riley Peters, senior

Thou shalt not wander

By: Amery Bruce @AmeryBruce

Lately everyone has noticed an increase in hall passes. Students used to be almost free to leave class as long as they had physical permission from the teacher, but now it seems that even stepping a foot outside of the classroom merits the use of any type of pass. Staff has really cracked down on the use of passes.

While the idea of knowing where every student is all the time may work in theory, it's not so easy in practice. If someone has an open block and wishes to work on a paper or other homework in the library, they no longer can because



"You should be able to be in the hall without a pass as long as you aren't being loud and obnoxious." Cappra Svoboda, freshman



"I think we're mature enough to be in the hall without a pass." - Dante Rouson, sophomore



"I think they are uneeded. We should be able to be trusted with where we're going."

- Macey Lovell, freshman

they don't have a teacher to receive a pass from. Some kids don't have the resources to do their homework at home, and not being able to do so at school can make finishing tasks difficult.

Also, when someone has to wait for five minutes while their teacher fills out a pass just to walk twenty steps to the drinking fountain, it gets annoying. For some teachers it's easy, just grab a little plastic pass and go, but for others taking the time to fill out a detailed pass loses class time. Just to go to the library the pass has at least seven different spaces for information that almost doesn't even pertain to why they're going

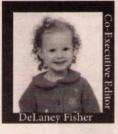
There are many different things teachers have come up with to use as a makeshift pass for their class. Some keep it simple with the good old fashioned pink slips of paper, while others use plastic ones, or even maracas to avoid the hassle and time it takes to fill out a real pass.

The idea with passes seems to be that they would minimize wandering in the halls during class time, but a student could easily ask for a pass to use the restroom, and just go walk around for a little bit and come back. Passes haven't minimized the amount of kids that take them just for an excuse to leave the classroom while they're bored. In reality the passes just take up extra time, and don't actually stop anything.

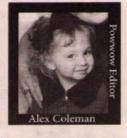
It's not a new thing for a teacher to send their student somewhere using a pass, but it's normally only for when they are leaving for extended periods of time, not just stepping out of the class for a minute, or going

> to the bathroom in class. The amount of passes a teacher has to use in the day is ridiculous. Instead of filling out a pass for every little thing, they should only be filled out when a student is leaving for an extended amount of time.

> The amount of hall passes needs to be decreased, and it needs to be realized that it's impossible to track every student down at any given time. Sometimes change can be good, but in times like this, it's only a hassle.

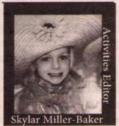


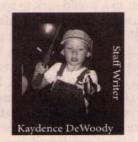




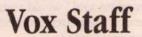












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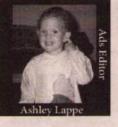
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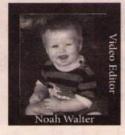
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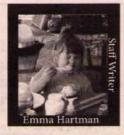
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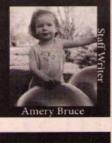




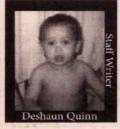












Open campus opens can of worms

Weighing the pros and cons of only students with cars being able to leave for lunch.

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Seniors have many privileges that everyone waits for. Everyone in MHS looks up to the seniors, even if they don't admit it. One of the many freedoms that the seniors get the everyone else wants is leaving for lunch. Most students in MHS would rather leave for lunch than stay at Marion's cafeteria. Anybody that has a license should be able to leave. Or it could even be an upperclassmen thing. Or it could be you have a ride to and from school you can go to lunch. Anybody with a license could be the only people who leave. All juniors and seniors have licenses and most sophomores have theirs, too. The freshman would be upset being the only people not prohibited to leave during lunch. It is just another thing to look forward to during their first year of high school. The problem with that would be the sophomores that don't have a license, and some freshman do. They will think it is unfair to let some sophomores leave and not others. They would also find it unfit that some freshman can leave while they are stuck at school for lunch. There will also be people who have licenses, but they don't have their own car. This would work if every sophomore was the same age. Instead, it could just be an upperclassmen thing.

Instead, of just allowing the seniors to leave, it could be an opportunity for the juniors and seniors of MHS. This would be better because every junior and senior has, or gets, their license. Again, you can't guarantee these students will have cars. The

juniors and seniors without cars can catch rides with their friends or acquaintances. If that doesn't suit your fancy, any student that has a ride from and back to school can leave for lunch.

All students could be allowed to leave school grounds for lunch. If said student can find a ride from and back to school they can get lunch. Students could also leave and get lunch then bring it back if needed. If there is worry that students don't come back, make sure teachers are taking attendance. Also, there could be a sign out and sign in sheet, teachers would still need to take attendance every day. There would have to be rules, such as, if someone leaves and doesn't come back three times this student will receive a Saturday restitution. If this student gets three Saturday restitutions they will have an in-school suspension. After any student receives two in-school suspensions their choice to leave for lunch will be revoked. It is easy enough to track which students return and which students don't.

There are a lot of problems in the lunch room. Some of these problems include not a lot of spacing, and running out of food for the last few students. There is always space for all of the students, but it is a pretty cramped space, not enough room to settle into the friend groups

with space between each cluster. Also, recently, there hasn't been enough food for all of the students, or there is just barely enough. If more students could leave for lunch it would solve problems and make students way happier.

Students with a license and a car could leave. Meaning all seniors and juniors, with select few sophomores and freshman leaving for lunch. Only upperclassmen could leave. It would just make sophomores and freshman more excited to reach junior year. It will help with the spacing in the lunchroom and make sure the lunch ladies do not run out of food for students with C lunch. Any student that can leave if they can find a ride, but teachers must hold up their end of the bargain, they must take attendance every single day. Teachers would need to watch for students who are repeatedly missing from their 3rd and 4th hour classes. There are many ways to allow students to leave for lunch, other than it just being seniors.



Students eat in the cafeteria when they can't leave for lunch.

Tanning privileges revoked from teenagers

By: Kaydence DeWoody @kaydewoods

When one is 16 they can legally drive a car or even get a job. Those are all pretty big decisions and have consequences. So why can't one tan at 16 with a parents consent? At this age they are highly capable of making decisions and knowing the consequences of them.

There are good and bad things about teens tanning, but why can't they make their own decisions? Over one third of teens tan, so why ban it? Half the employees who work at tanning salons are teens, and one third of their customers are also. Tanning salons are going to be losing major customers, employees, and money if this law is passed. Then on the other side, they do have a point. Tanning can cause cancer, diseases if the beds aren't cleaned, addiction, and burns. According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, the first time a teen tans, their chances of melanoma can increase up to 74%. So there are some downfalls to tan-

What about when homecoming, prom, vacations, or when a special

event comes up where one absolutely can not show up white as ghost? What are they supposed to do then? Get a spray tan and look like a straight up oompa loompa? No, what they need to do is have teens be able to make their own decisions and decide if they want to take that risk.

Has anyone seen the way teens drive? They drag race every person that they see, blare music, or they're just off in lolly land while crossing an intersection. Driving is so much more dangerous than tanning and teens are allowed to start driving at 14 with an adult and 16 by themselves. How is that fair? All that one does in a tanning bed is lotion up and then legit sit there with some goggles on. You might be asking but what about the long term effects like cancer? Well there are long term effects if you would get in a car accident but are they banning that? No.

The most logical way to solve this problem is to let teens tan with a parents consent until they are 18. Everyone that tans knows the risks and what the consequences could be. Anything that anyone does has risks, so what makes this one any different?

Friendship for real

-Commentary-

High school. The four years in every person's life that come right after the awkward middle school years, and right before the leap into the real world. Here, people supposed to emerge out of this shell of insecurity they have and become who they really are, not caring what others

think, but we, as high schoolers, know this is just about the opposite of what really goes on. People make having friends you can be yourself around seem so easy, but the majority of high schoolers are pushed into this mold of what the perfect American teenager is supposed to be. Many are stuck with a group of friends that don't really know them.

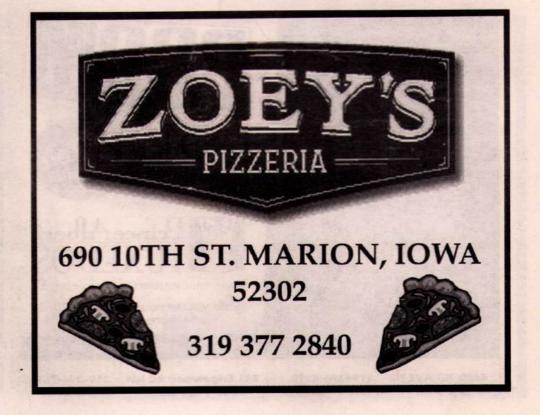


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Well, I'm here to tell you this isn't how it should be. Friends are what make high school the best, and they need to be supportive of who you are.

Okay so I'm going to tell a quick story, but first, a little background. When I was a freshman, I met my best friend. We became friends just like anyone else becomes friends, and it did not take long to realize that we were very similar people. We loved hanging out with each other, and we still do. Anyone who knows us, knows that we are a little hyper energetic and we do a lot of things that most other people wouldn't really find all that fun. We don't like to just sit around. Well, junior year came around and we had this one group of people that we really wanted the chance to hang with. We loved hanging out with the group we already had, but we didn't realize that was enough for us. I don't remember how it happened, but one night me and the best friend were sitting in my kitchen alone when we got a text invite to hang out with this group we had been secretly wanting to hang with for awhile. Me and my BFF jumped for joy... literally. We were running around screaming like cavemen when they discovered fire all because we got invited to hang out with some people whom we thought were cooler than us. We went, obviously, but while there I didn't really feel like I could be myself. I just sat there, and tried to be the "perfect teenager" I thought they wanted from me. I had no fun, and I realized there was no point in hanging out with people that don't compliment who I am. My leaps and cries of joy

Now, approaching graduation, I have a group of friends that I love hanging out with. They allow me to be who I want to be, and that is what matters when you are hanging out with people. High school is hard enough already. Don't make it harder by surrounding yourself with people that make you wear a mask. Four years comes and goes like the snap of a finger, so walk the journey with the people who are going to make it the experience of a life time.



Misadventures of Misky

-Commentary-

One of the most awkward and uncomfortable situations is peeing in public. It's also one of my biggest fears. I hate feeling like I have an audience while I'm trying to



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relieve myself. It's too much pressure when other people are in the bathroom. One of the best examples I have is when I went to see comedian, Daniel Tosh, at the Paramount Theatre a couple of summers ago. I decided I had to go to the restroom right before the show. I walk casually towards the restroom

confident as ever. I take a step in and I am instantly filled with performance anxiety. This small, cramped bathroom was filled with about 30 middle-aged men just standing around, waiting to urinate. My confidence was at an all-time low in a matter of seconds.

After waiting for what seemed like an eternity, I was finally up at bat. I felt all eyes on me as I stepped up to the plate. I started sweating. "You can do this," I quietly muttered to myself. "What?" said the overweight man using the urinal next to me. "I didn't say anything," I quickly answered back while trying to avoid eye contact. I pressed myself even closer to the urinal. I could feel the pressure building like a pipe about to burst, but I couldn't get myself to go. So instead of peeing, I pretended to pee and then proceeded to loiter around the sink area until it started to clear out. I was the most suspicious person in that room for sure and that was kind of hard to accomplish. Sweat beads kept forming upon my forehead as the pressure of urine was building up. Then a light came down from the Heavens as an open stall appeared in front of me. I half-sprinted up to the pearly gates that was the porcelain throne. I closed the door behind me to make sure all peering eyes were off of me. Then I was overjoyed with relief as the flow of sweet urine was released into the toilet bowl. It really felt like a huge accomplishment. "I'm doing it, I'm peeing in public!" I thought to myself.

After I had finished, I made my way back to my seat just in time for the show. "What took you so long?" said my dad's friend who took me to the show. "I don't know. It was kind of busy in there," I said.

Reiders read their way through book club

Sofie and Emilie Reider describe their love for reading and time in book club.

By: Baylea Bruce @Baylea_Marie

For some people books can be a powerful thing. They can bring people together, spark some pretty heavy debates, and take people off into an imaginary land. Here at Marion high school we have our very own book club where book lovers can come together and share their opinions.

Emilie Reider, senior and her sister Sophie, freshman are both running book club. Reider is the co-president of the book club, meaning she helps Mrs. Mainardi in many different areas. "I make sure that everyone reads what they're supposed to be reading because they always try to go over the book. I also make sure everyone has a book. Whatever Mainardi wants me to do" Reider joked. If readers read too much or too little, they are not allowed to come to the next meeting. Plus, everyone is aware of the first rule of book club: don't spoil the book.

So what exactly goes down at a book club meeting? It's a lot more than just coming in and eating snacks after school. "We talk about the book then we ask questions and talk about what we think is going to happen" commented Reider. "We have a lot of different people and we have different opinions of things like love stories and cliff hangers" Sophie explained. With a gathering of a book loving people one could understand how the discussions get pretty heated.

Book club likes to tackle all sorts of types of books, so most of it's members will end up reading their favorite kind. "The first book was romance and the second was an apocalyptic thriller. The one we're reading now is a mystery. We try to hit all the genres" explained Reider. This way everyone can read their favorite kinds of books and branch out and try something new.

No matter what skill level or how avid of a reader one is, book club is made for everyone. "Anyone can join us along as you can read the allotted amount which is only around 50 pages." said Sophie. It doesn't take any kind of super special book reading skill, members just need to read and come to the next meeting with fresh opinions and ideas.

Just like any other team or group, book clubs common interests bring them together and make the meeting more of a really fun hangout place where. "We're all good friends and I'm glad we found books to connect over. It's the highlight of my school week" exclaimed Reider. "Book club helps you make new friend. It also helps you learn how to discuss topics and do it respectfully" commented Reider. Just goes to show how well books can bring people together. Strangers can become friends just by the power of a book.

Running into a new season with new coaches

By: Kaela Halvorson @Kaelswhales

As the winter season turns into spring there are many changes that come along with it. The weather gets a little warmer, and new sports are appearing on the school schedule. One of these new sports is track, and there is a new look for both the boys and the girls team, they both have a new head coach for this season.

Girls line up in the gym for their first track practice, and Sherryl Paige, English teacher, walks into the gym to see thirty girls waiting to hear what they are doing for that day. "Right now they are very frustrated because of the weather. The girls are working very hard but I'm excited to get to the track, that's where it's at." Paige states. This isn't the first time Paige has been a coach, she was the basket-ball coach at Marion before but, this is her first year as head track coach. Paige has Mark Ferguson who has been here for years with the track program to help her out though. Paige is hoping to improve from last year, just like every coach hopes, "I would like to finish in the top half of the conference and take as many events to state, but also have the girls have a sense of pride about their sport," said Paige. Paige loves to coach and wants her girls to succeed, "I think getting the girls to believe in their talents, and when they do that, they will do well," stated Paige. With high hopes of the season Paige hopes they can hit the track soon.

As for the boys, they walk in to see Chad Zrudsky, school principal, with a whistle ready in hand. Zrudsky used to be the boys track coach and the assistant coach for cross country. "I'm just excited to be part of the track team again," Zrudsky said. The excitement levels are high for the season as well, "I would like us to win a conference title, I think we have some things lined up to be able to have that," Zrudsky stated. Even though the boys are stuck inside Zrudsky makes sure they are working hard to get better everyday. He would love to be outside, but both he and the boys are dealing with what they are dealt. As for last season Zrudsky doesn't like looking back, "I don't spend a lot of time looking back, I like focusing on what we have now and where kids fit in to succeed," Zrudsky said. There are some big expectations from the new coach, and the boys are already proving to him that they can do it.

Both track teams are working hard and getting to know these new coaches as best as they can. They are pushing themselves so they can make their new coaches proud, and show some Marion pride.





Mrs. Sherryl Paige and Mr. Chad Zrudsky smile as they compare times from time trials. Both are thrilled for the upcoming season.

Messerli says goodbye to Marion

After 43 years teaching, Mr. Messerli takes on retirement.

By: Baylea Bruce @Baylea_Marie



Mr. Dave Messerli, teacher For most people, they can't wait to get out of high school. Seniors count down the days before they get to walk across the stage, get their diplomas, and then take off. Whether it's going to college, the workforce, or whatever their hearts desire, they know they do not want to come back. Except for Dave Messerli. He would continue to come back to high school for close to 43 more years.

Although the high school is where Messerli has spent most of his time, it's not the only place he got to share his wisdom. "My first three years was a combo of eighth grade social studies and seventh grade language arts. After that the high school had an opening and I've been

teaching here for forty years," stated Messerli. Holding a job for this long can be difficult without ever getting bored with it. However, this wasn't an issue for Messerli because of his love for teaching.

Messerli has a very strong passion for teaching. There may be some parts of the job he doesn't like, but there is no mistaking his love for being in the classroom. "I really love teaching. I admit I don't like correcting papers but I like being in the classroom. It keeps me young. I enjoyed working with the students, staff, and administration," explained Messerli, "It's been my life for a long time." This much love for teaching is what fueled his fire and kept him doing it for so long. This was his dream job.

Messerli was involved just as much outside the classroom as he was inside the classroom. Messerli has coached many different varieties of sports at all different levels. "I started out at junior high track and wrestling, my 2nd year I was assistant varsity wrestling coach and also became ninth grade assistant football coach. My 3rd year I became boys golf coach," clarified Messerli, "In 1981 I became head football coach till 1999. In 1992 I became an assistant varsity coach for basketball, and have coached both boys and girls." Since his starting days, Messerli has been apart of students lives both in the classroom and out of it. He has been highly involved and still plans to attend many of Marion's events and will continue to coach boys golf. There's no way his love for Marion could run out.

Many are probably wondering how someone with so much love and commitment to not only his job but his school could decide to leave. This was no easy decision. "I felt this was a good age to step down. I have a lot of other things I would like to do outside of school. It's the hardest decision I've ever had to make," replied Messerli, "Can't teach for 43 years and not have it hurt when you step down. I hope Marion will miss me one hundredth as much as I will miss it." This just goes to show how dedicated Messerli was and still will be to Marion. There is no arguing when he says he bleeds red and gold.

There are many ways that Messerli has shown support for the many things Marion has to offer. Whether it be teaching in the classroom or coaching on a field or court Messerli has put his all into Marion. He has invested much of his life into this school and no way that all of that could go away. The best way to thank him for his time is to continue to be devoted to Marion and be as proud to be an Indian as he is.

Boys soccer gets kicked into gear

By: Kasi Rupert @kasibellerupert



Trent Kuethe, Sophomore He dashes across the field, dribbling the ball to-wards the goal. Sweaty bodies surround him, analyzing his every move. He stares straight at the goalie, intimidating

him with his

strong gaze. Approaching the goal faster and faster, he prepares to aim. He strikes the ball with a loud thwack and hopes for the best. The ball hits the back of the net, and the crowd cheers.

Trent Kuethe, sophomore, is excited to start his second year on the varsity boy's soccer team. "We start our season on the first day of Spring Break," Kuethe mentioned. There are many things that he loves about being on the soccer team. "I like our teammates and the coaches." Kuethe expressed. He has played soccer for ten years and plans to continue. "I practice for about two

hours a day, which is ten hours a week," Kuethe commented.

Kuethe has had several great experiences with soccer. Kuethe voiced, "The best feeling was when I scored my first goal on the varsity team." Though outsiders may not expect it, soccer comes with some inspirational life lessons. "Soccer teaches me how to play my part in a team," Kuethe described. On the field, Kuethe loves the adrenaline rush he gets. "I really like the competitiveness and the intensity," Kuethe replied.

During off-season, Kuethe awaits his favorite parts of soccer. "I miss the team dinners and when we all hang out," Kuethe voiced. He also has some high hopes for this coming season, since last year was so successful. "Last year's season was really good. It got pretty intense when we played against Davenport at Districts." said Kuethe. He also could think of a few goals that the team would like to accomplish. "Our ultimate goal is to get to state, since we were so close last year," Kuethe explained. The soccer team is ready to start out with an amazing season this year.

Bach takes two: dual athlete

By: Skylar Miller-Baker @Skylarmbaker15



Maddie Bach, junior

She watches the ball close-ly as her team kicks it down the field towards the goal. As the ball gets closer to her, she gets geared up so that

she can make a swift kick into the goal and score a goal for her team. Not only does she play on the soccer field, but the night before she ran her heart out on the track to win her races and hopefully qualifying for state in her events.

Maddie Bach, junior, is one of the select few athletes at Marion high school that has decided to become a dual sport athlete. Bach has made the decision to play soccer and run track. Even though track starts February sixteenth and girls soccer season starts March twenty third these two sports conflict in more than half of their seasons. "If it came down to it, I would have to choose soccer over track because I have been doing soccer since my freshman year and I don't want to let my team down." Bach commented.

Since these sports have a lot of conflicts, Bach will have to find a way to do both without getting to run down and not able perform to her full potential in her both these sports. "I get really tired after soccer games, and I don't want it to affect my running, and I don't want my running to affect me in my games," Bach said. Because she is doing both sports, other things might be hard to manage like school,

or work not just her performance on the track and field. "Work will be hard to manage and so will my free time, but it's totally worth it," Bach stated.

Being a dual sport athlete must require lots of support for other people like teammates and coaches, if they don't support you it might be pointless to even do both sports. Sheryl Paige, English teacher and new girls head track coach, had a few words of support for Bach. "I think it takes a special kind of person to be able to manage the load of the workout with academics. If you have an athlete willing to help both teams to be successful, I support it one hundred and ten percent," says Paige. Bach loves the fact that both the coaches from both the sports support her and want to help her succeed. "My coaches like that I am doing both sports, they are both really supportive and want me to succeed in both sports, and I really don't think my teammates are going to mind the much either," Bach claimed.

Even if she gets a little winded during both seasons Bach is glad that she made the decision. "I really love both sports plus I love both my track and soccer girls as well. Nothing makes me happier than winning a game or crossing the finish line and finding out that you made it to state." Bach said.

Being a dual sport athlete is a new experience that Bach has made the decision to try out, but certainly it will be a fun and rewarding. Even though she might get a little worn out she will keep fighting to perform to the best of her potential, and make the best of both seasons.



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The return of the Fresh Prince

Will Smith may be "getting jiggy with it" just one more time.

By: Wyatt Ehr @wyattehr

These days Will smith is mainly known for his extremely successful acting career starring in blockbuster movies such as Men in Black, Independence Day, I Am Legend and many more, but this isn't what made Will Smith famous.

Will Smith became a household name by being part of the musical duo "DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince". Together they had a string of musical releases that were both critically and commercially successful. So successful that they went on to win the very first Grammy for "Best Rap Album" ever. Eventually the "Fresh Prince"



Will Smith, famous actor and rapper, may be returning to music.

decided to go solo and released his highest selling album Big Willie Style. This album spawned many hit singles such as Miami, Gettin' Jiggy Wit It, and Men in Black. Smith pumped out a few more albums after Big Willie Style, but never managed to reach that same level of success.

While Smith's music career has seemingly been over for about a decade, its beginning to seem as if Smith might be "gettin' jiggy wit it" once again. He has been recently spotted with rapper Kanye West in the studio presumably recording new music. According to BET Will Smith has claimed "I don't have anything I like yet. I've probably recorded seven or eight songs. It's not for certain, it's just explorative." With this information it is still up in the air whether he will return to rap or not.

So if you're someone who is highly anticipating the return of the "fresh prince", you might not want to rejoice quite yet. While new music is confirmed to be in the works, it may never see the light of day. Although Smith's return is not set in stone, according to his appearance on the David Letterman Show, Smith is just as thrilled as his fans for the new music saying, "Whenever I grab the mic I get excited." The best that fans can do for now is enjoy the plethora of music he already has out, and hope that he gives us something to "get jiggy to" one last time.

From the high to low: top sick kicks

By: Noah Walter @Tyrannoahsaurus

High tops, low tops, mid tops, sandals, slip ons, moccasins, sandals etc. All are suitable to wear on your feet, but only a few are considered kicks. When one says the word kicks they are most likely talking about low, mid, or high top sneakers.

Some people go crazy over shoes. Some people, both male and female, may have a whole closet filled with just shoes, but the shoe brand that

goes by the name of Jordan seems to drive some consumers nuts. For those of you who do not know about Jordan shoes, they are a brand that is paired with Nike and are named after the basketball legend, Michael Jordan.

Jordan shoe lover's seem to go after the retro Air Jordan's more than anything else. These retro shoes are released periodically and are recreations all of the original shoes Michael Jordan wore during the time that he played in the NBA. People go so crazy over these shoes that there are lines out the door hours before they are released to the public. Violence erupted across the nation and the crowd even trampled over some people. Even with this crowd rushing to the store, around 1500 to 2000 people go home

without a pair of these shoes.

Retro Jordans aren't the only thing people go crazy over. Lebron James,
Kobe Bryant, Kevin Durant, Kyrie

Irving, and many more athletes have fallen in Jordan's footsteps and paired up with companies to make their own shoe lines. These athletes have made multiple different types of shoes, because the shoes are backed up by a superb athlete companies keep releasing more and more shoes. Not only do they unveil new shoes, but they keep coming out with more styles and colors that make consumers mouth's water.

Most of these athletes release eccentric shoes around the holiday season. They dropped shoes around Christmas, for black history month, and easter. When July comes around they will release

even more shoes for the special day of freedom. Each release has the color scheme of that holiday.

Athletes wear shoes to help them play the game. Every athlete loves to lace up their kicks and head into competition in the game they love. When one takes off their shoes it's either in anger over a loss or sheer joy from a well deserved victory. Shoes symbolize the new season and after it's done they remember every little mark, every little tear, every little dirt spot on the shoes they wore. Some are more obsessed with the shoes they choose than others, and some make it a lifestyle. For every athlete, the shoes are the beginning and end to their Cinderella seasons.

Shoes coming soon

April 8- Nike Lebron 12 Low April 11-Nike Air Foams

April 11- Jordan Retro 11

Insurgent: the movie review

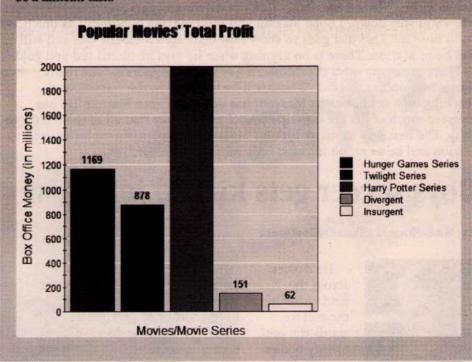
By: Kasi Rupert @kasibellerupert

There have been many enticing young adult book series that were popular enough to become movies over the years. Examples of these would include the Twilight, Hunger Games, and Harry Potter series. The Divergent series was the next big one that got people excited for the motion picture counterpart. The movie "Divergent" was released in theaters on March 21st, 2014. It was a much anticipated hit that had teens everywhere ready for the sequel soon after they saw the first movie. As a common fiction reader that fell in love with the Divergent series, I'm happy to reveal that the Insurgent movie was not a disappointment.

In this action-packed, post-apocalyptic, science fiction movie, a world is so torn by war and poverty that they have to divide their society into "factions" that are chosen based on an individual's personality traits. Tris Prior, (played in the movie by Shailene Woodley) the brave teenage heroine, left her family's faction to join Dauntless, the pack of fearless soldiers. After the leaders of Dauntless join forces with the Erudite faction, the intelligent brainiacs, to attack other factions, Tris is forced to flee Dauntless with her boyfriend Four, otherwise known as Tobias Eaton, (played by Theo James), her brother Caleb Prior (played by Ansel Elgort), and the bully of her initiate class, Peter (played by Miles Teller). The "divergent" people, or ones that fit into more than one faction, are seen as a threat in society. Jeanine Matthews (played by Kate Winslet), the ruthless leader of Erudite, will stop at nothing until all the Divergent are dead. This is the main problem for Tris and Four, because they are both Divergent.

Tris and her group endure and avoid many perilous obstacles set by Jeanine. They travel throughout many factions in attempt to avoid danger. Jeanine starts experimenting on the Divergent people like it's a game. Drama, romance, betrayal, and thrilling action scenes combine to make this movie its best. Their whole world is about to be changed by one secret found hidden in the city. This movie portrayed the plot very thoroughly in my opinion. It didn't skip over any important details, and was overall very entertaining. On top of that, the actors and actresses portrayed the characters very accurately. The movie kept me drawn in, at the edge of my seat, for over half the time it was playing.

I would rate this movie as four out of five stars because it did the story the justice it needed, even though some minor details were changed to bring the story together cinematically. If you read the book, or are into riveting post-apocalyptic themed movies, I assure you that you'll enjoy Insurgent. The picture in your head that you may have been imagining while reading is here. It would be important to watch the first movie before you watch this one, though, because it would be easy to get lost. However, waiting for the final movie in the trilogy will be a difficult task.

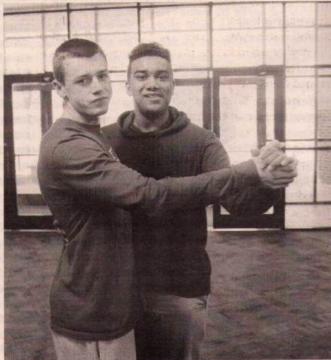




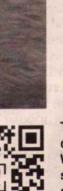
Goodbye grinding, hello groovy "new" moves

Here are a few cool, new dance moves to out this year at prom instead of grinding.

By: Kylie McAllister @Smileeyyykylie

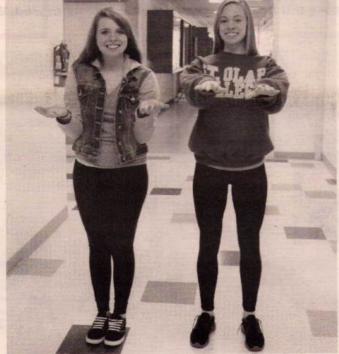


The Waltz: This type of dancing is done with a partner. It is a simple, elegant ballroom dance that is done at formal parties or just for fun. Feet should stop on the corners of a box and go diagonally across the center of the box.



The Coffee Grinder: This break dance move is relatively easy. While keeping one leg straight, spin it around in a circle on the ground. Once it gets to the other leg, jump over the straight leg in a quick motion to continue the move.





in front of you, flip palms, cross your arms placing them on your shoulders, move hands behind your head, put hands on your hips, and finally shake and switch directions.

By: Ashley Lappe @Frappelappe

Prom, the one time of the year that

allows girls to wear poofy dresses, fake

nails, and lots of makeup. Although this

may sound like a lot of fun to most peo-

ple, finding a prom dress and a suitable

hairstyle can be a hard task. It takes

months of planning and hundreds of

here are a few tips.

dollars. To make this task a little easier

First, bigger doesn't always mean

better. A dress should not take up half

small space that has to fit a lot of people

that also have large dresses). This rule

doesn't only apply to dresses, 80's curls,

and Snooki poofs are in the past, so lets

leave them there. Even Snooki herself

has moved on, now it's time for every-

of the dance floor (remember it's a



The Shopping Cart: One of the most basic moves. Can be done alone or with a whole group of friends. Simply, act as if you are walking down the grocery store aisle grabbing items off of the



Seventeen and stupid

-Commentary-



By: Savannah Guyer @SavannahMGuyer

With Summer coming up in 67 days, not that I'm counting or anything, (I'm actually not, that number is a really rough guesstimate so please don't reference me as a reliable source.) I'd like to take this time to reminisce back to the past Summer of 2k14. As any girl with a first basemen and a catcher for brothers, I spent

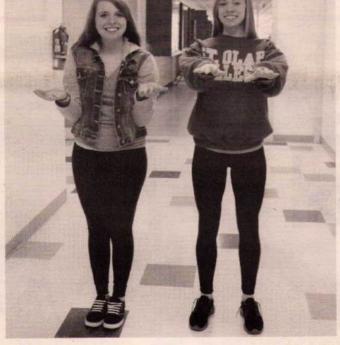
countless hours baking in the unmerciful heat of that jerk Mother Nature watching baseball games. I had exhausted many a Saturday lazing around the Starry diamonds, but it was one particular weekend where the temperature was set to boiling and the sun must have been practically kissing the Earth because by the time I got home, I was resembling that of Larry, the

lobster from SpongeBob.

As any kid who had not taken the prior precautions of slathering sunscreen on, because honestly who has time for SPF whatever, I immediately took it upon myself to find some sort of soothing medication to heal my first degree burns. Ruffling among the abundance of cosmetic supplies hidden away in my medicine cabinet, I found a little jar of this blue liquid gel. It had no labels, which should have been my first red flag, but my skin was dying for some relief, and it seemed to be I had no other choice. I mean, it felt like aloe, and although it didn't smell like aloe, I thought my chances of it actually being the precious ointment was pretty good. So without much more than a second thought, I covered the entirety of my burnt skin in this unidentified, weird gel. Twenty minutes later it was as if I had gone from enjoying a cool, summer breeze to being locked in an icebox, and that was when I began to question my previous actions and regret them severely. It wasn't until my brother came home complaining of a thrown out shoulder, sending my mother scrambling to my bathroom to find something to help his sore muscles that I was made aware of what I had done. She had found the little jar with the blue gel in it, my Aloe to the Xtreme, as I liked to call it, and was bringing it back out to him to spread over his throwing arm. It was at this point that I realized whatever was in that container was not for helping sunburns, and I forced myself to ask what exactly the blue stuff

Icy Hot. It was Icy Hot.

In a moment of pure ignorance, I had gifted myself with relief, and also set myself up for immense pain. If I hadn't found out just what was in that jar. I would have had to suffer through the "hot" part of Icy Hot. I guess everyone has their moments of complete stupidity or extreme carelessness, but that is not the lesson of this story. Ignorance is in fact not bliss, and everything is not what it seems.



The Macarena: Place hands out



one else to do the same.

Second, a little sparkle goes a long way. No one's dress needs to sparkle so much that one could see it from space. Simplicity is elegant. No one needs a neon dress with 27 cutouts and 50 pounds of jewels to stand out or make a lasting impression. The only impression a dress like that is going to leave in people's minds is gaudy.

Fashion do's and don'ts for the upcoming prom season

Third, beware of over accessorizing. There are rules that many people don't a knowledge, but they should. The most important rule to remember is to just keep it simple. Just like with the dress, a little bit goes a long way. Coco Chanel, one of the world's greatest fashion designers, often recommended that one should start with too many accessories

and take one or more items off before leaving the house.

Fourth, here are a few tips for all of the guys that plan on attending prom this year: forget about the vests! One does not need to wear one in order to match their date, a matching or complementing tie is enough. Also, find a well tailored suit, this doesn't mean one needs to go buy a suit and get it hand tailored, unless they have the time and money. It just means they should find the correct size for them. Many people have misconceptions over the correct fit of a suit, this is how it's supposed to fit: the jacket should lie at the hips, not going past the middle of the person's bottom. It should be able to button comfortably without gapping or giving more

than an inch or two when pulled at the front. The shoulders of the jacket should extend from the shoulder, but no farther than half an inch from the shoulder of the person. It should feel slightly tight in the shoulders, which is how it should be. It will be difficult for one to lift their arms. This doesn't mean it is the incorrect size, that's just how suits and tuxedos are. Finally, one's pants should fit comfortably, but not baggy, around the waist and hips and the bottom of the pants should be relaxed on the top of the foot approximately one to two inches off the ground. They should not bunch at the ankle.

So for everyone looking into attending prom this year remember these tips: girls, keep it simple and don't over accessorize, boys, find a well tailored suit! But the most important tip for everyone is just have fun this prom season.

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Colorful or patterned nails are more fun to look at, but are also more difficult to match with a dress.



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Stephanie senior, wears of dress for her final prom.





Marissa White ney, senior shows off the daring color of her prom

dress.

Up-dos are the most popular hair style for rom the

past few

years



Heels, while less sensible and more uncomfortable, are the more popular shoe for school dances.

French tips are the easily matchable option for nails at prom.



A natural makeup look for the 2k15 prom season



Bayley Fuller, junior, sports her 2015 prom look.





"I like the dressing up and acting fancy all night." -Lawryn Fraiey,



"I'm pumped because its my senior year and I expect big things from the **junior class.**" -Riley Peters, senior



"I'm hekka excited to bust a move on the dance floor with my bffs."

-Melaina O'Brien, senior



"I'm excited to eat, dance, hang with my friends and see everyone's dresses." -Jodie Carroll, junior



"I'm super excited to hang with my friends and rock our dresses."

-Taylor Harris, junior



"I'm super excited about prom because I like dances and its gonna be fun and I'm actually in charge of it."

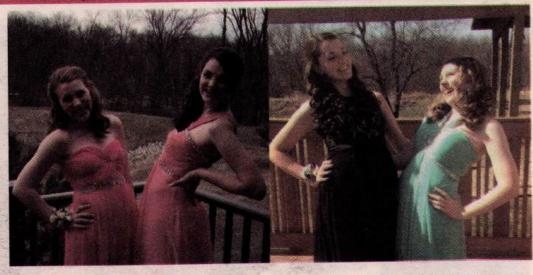
-Elizabeth Fontenot, junior

ping for the upcoming prom

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a sea of fantastically bright objects, to the simplicity of a d evening, MHS prom has had its highs and lows the past ears. Although we've experienced issues with DJs, questionmoves, and the ever present issue of drug and alcohol conhere has also been a constant flow of sparkling dresses and s that no poor choice of music or sour punch have the ability m is something that is looked forward to by the majority of ers, the seed of excitement being planted somewhere during ears of middle school after watching one too many movies that evening as something out of a fairy tale. Though prom may not prous as it is made out to be by Hollywood, there is a certain special to the formal evening. For those lucky enough to atguably one of the best memories of high school they have. mason and Isabelle Webber, both members of the junior class, ded prom twice already. They both went with dates freshman nore year, and are now taking part in the planning of their by being on the prom committee. "I think it will be hard to corations from my freshman year [The Sea of Neon Lights], f this year will be better," commented Webber. The prom comnot decided officially on the name for this years prom theme, ve a general idea of what it's all going to look like. "It's been llywood themed party at Gatsby's house, but it's basically a carpet and the Great Gatsby. There will be an actual red carnd march, and lots of things with pearls, feathers, possibly a d other things like that," explained Thomason.

there have been many rumors floating around about prom this irls press on with their plans to attend the school sanctioned irdless of any issues. "A lot of people are saying that grinding I think they're going to be more strict about it, but I'm not sure ally banning it. There's also a rumor that some seniors are tryan alternative prom. I have no idea if any of that is true, but I beeple who do choose to go prom have fun either way," stated whether or not grinding is banned had not been released yet, idents will be the first to know. "I like dancing either way, but have a for sure answer on any new rules yet. Once we know, we sure everyone else knows prior to the dance," Webber suggester or not there are in fact any new rules, and the prospect of a



Isabelle Webber and Erin Thomason, juniors, pose together for their freshmen (left) and sophomore (right) year proms.

There are lots of things students look forward to about prom each year. Whether it's the getting dressed up, or the getting to go dance with their friends, everyone has some reason they want to go to prom. This year, the prom committee has been wracking their brains to fix the main complaint that everyone talks about from year to year: music. "We're hoping to skip the DJ and just have a list of popular songs requested by students. We would then rent the speakers, then we wouldn't have the problem of it constantly cutting out like last year," stated Webber. With this aspect of a smoothly run dance track hand-picked by students, would this make prom much better than years past? "My freshman year the dance floor was really small so it was super crowded, and last year

voiced Thomason.

Whether or not this year's prom is a hit or miss, there will still be a hoard of students eating up the dance floor with feet clad in everything from gaudy heels to mucky converse. If grinding is in fact banned, maybe some of the ticket sales will vanish, or maybe Marion's students will file in for a fun filled evening full of awkward fist pumping and flailing arms they won't soon forget.

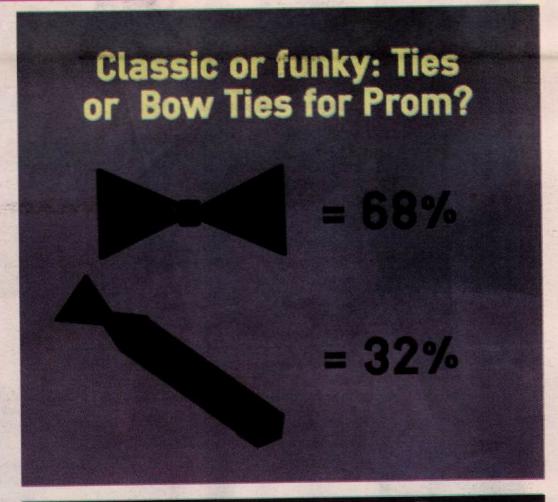
the music kind of sucked, but I think this year could be super good,"

To wear straps or not to wear straps: that is the question

71% said straps on dresses are best

9% said strapless is uperior







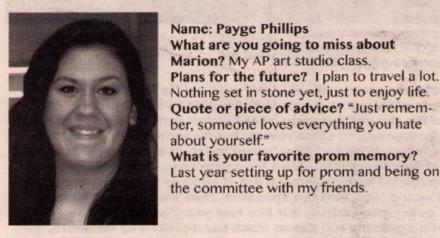


Name: Abigail Phillips What are you going to miss about Marion? Our amazing football team, JK. Plans for the future? Play volleyball at

Quote or piece of advice? Do it for state What is your favorite prom memory? The DJ sophomore year. All my friends.



Name: Devin Quinn What are you going to miss about Marion? Well I'm going to miss my homies and haters. Also I'm going to miss getting mine on them foo foo boys from other schools Plans for the future? Attend Iowa Western and study criminal justice and play football then transfer to a D1 school to play Quote or piece of advice? Go through high school like you own it and always remember to get your's cause I already got mine What is your favorite prom memory? When I was at Linn Mar's prom and we kept grinding even though they tried to stop us.



Name: Payge Phillips What are you going to miss about Marion? My AP art studio class. Plans for the future? I plan to travel a lot. Nothing set in stone yet, just to enjoy life. Quote or piece of advice? "Just remember, someone loves everything you hate about yourself." What is your favorite prom memory?

the committee with my friends.

What are you going to miss about Marion? Tennis meets and marching band competitions. Plans for the future? Attend Mount Mercy University to major in nursing Quote or piece of advice? Always give someone a chance, no matter what you've heard; they might surprise you What is your favorite prom memory?

Getting to dress up and spend the night

Name: Kate Quint

with friends.



Name: Sydney Pitstick What are you going to miss about Marion? Art classes and always having something to do in there and probably my friends too!

Plans for the future? Study education, art and Spanish at Coe. Hope to travel the

Ouote or piece of advice? Adventure is

What is your favorite prom memory? Dressing like a princess and leaving glitter all over David's car.



Name: Emilie Reider What are you going to miss about Marion? I have to leave behind. Plans for the future? Attend SMSU and major in culinary

Quote or piece of advice? "When I'm 80 years old and sitting in my rocking chair, I'll be reading Harry Potter. And my family will say to me, "After all this time" and I will say "Always" -Alan Rickman

What is your favorite prom memory? Getting dressed up.



Name: William Pollock What are you going to miss about Marion? Band.

Plans for the future? Attend Coe or Mercy and become a music composition major. Quote or piece of advice? "Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands." -Anne Frank

What is your favorite prom memory? Having a nice dinner with my date.



Name: Hunter Reifschneider What are you going to miss about Marion? My boy C. Raymond. Plans for the future? Go to the University of Dubuque and get a degree in environmental science.

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Quote or piece of advice? Fish or die. What is your favorite prom memory? Never been to prom and will not attend this year, either.



Name: Joel Powers What are you going to miss about Marion? Mrs. Chihak, Heidi, Jenn, and

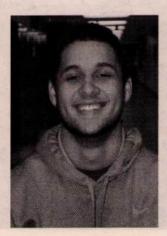
Plans for the future? Going to Grandma's this weekend.

Quote or piece of advice? N/A What is your favorite prom memory? N/A



Name: Justine Remling What are you going to miss about Marion? Seeing my friends everyday. Plans for the future? Attend DMACC. Quote or piece of advice? In four years it won't matter anyway. What is your favorite prom memory?

Picking out my dress.



Name: Deshaun Quinn What are you going to miss about Marion? Our wonderful math department, lol Jk

Plans for the future? Attend Iowa Western for two years to play football and study criminal justice.

Quote or piece of advice? "I didn't choose the thug life, the thug life choose me" -Tupac

What is your favorite prom memory? Watching Ellissa Johnson grind so hard her tooth fell out!



Name: Monica Richman What are you going to miss about Marion? My friends. Plans for the future? Iowa state for animal science.

Quote or piece of advice? "If someone ever asks you to do something, do it really bad so you never have to do it again." -Paris

What is your favorite prom memory? I've never gone to prom.



Name: Melody Rosche
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Definitely my favorite teachers
Mrs. Thilges, Madame Knepper and Ms.
Raemakers to name a few.
Plans for the future? Make a difference.

Plans for the future? Make a difference.

Quote or piece of advice? Spend time on yourself.

What is your favorite prom memory? I've only been to one prom so far, so I don't know.



Name: Jack Serbousek
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Gage Kray.
Plans for the future? Attend Kirkwood for
two years then transfer to lowa.
Quote or piece of advice? You can catch
flies with honey, but you catch more honeys
being fly.
What is your favorite prom memory?
Fishing the Wapsi before dinner.



Name: Zachary Ross
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Friends and some teachers.
Plans for the future? Construction.
Quote or piece of advice? Time goes by
fast so do what you want.
What is your favorite prom memory? N/A



Name: Derek Smith
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Friends.
Plans for the future? Army ROTC at ISU.
Quote or piece of advice? It pays to be a winner.
What is your favorite prom memory?
Setting up for prom.



Name: Amanda Sahm
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Madam's 3rd block squad, my
bball and vball girls, and several of my fav.
teachers.
Plans for the future? Play volleyball at
Gardner-Webb in NC.
Quote or piece of advice? Don't stress

Gardner-Webb in NC.

Quote or piece of advice? Don't stress the small stuff... it's all small stuff.

What is your favorite prom memory?

After party with Emily, Hayley, Jake and Austin.



Name: Johanna Steggall
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Mrs. Logan, volleyball and track.
Plans for the future? Attending the University of Dubuque and studying criminal justice and paying volleyball.
Quote or piece of advice? Don't eat
Panch everyday, it will catch up to you.
What is your favorite prom memory?
Didn't go! I had better things to do.



Name: Alyssa Scott
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Seeing all my friends (Kylee Wilson).
Plans for the future? Most likely I will be an English teacher.
Quote or piece of advice? Mental/Physical

health then school.

What is your favorite prom memory?

Watching the teachers avoid looking at the

dance floor.

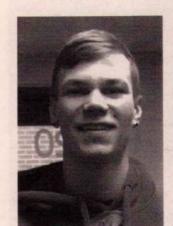
Name: Mekaylah Stevens
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Friends and teachers.
Plans for the future? Studying at the University of Iowa.
Quote or piece of advice? Never take any opportunities for granted.
What is your favorite prom memory?
I haven't attended prom yet.



Name: Andie Scott
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Mrs. Thilges I want to become a
comic book artist! How?
Plans for the future? Well, I'm still working
on that.

Quote or piece of advice? Finish your senior interviews on time so you will be able to think of a funny quote.

What is your favorite prom memory? I never went to prom, just not my thing.



Name: Carter Stigge
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Soccer, friends and the staff, Roll

Plans for the future? Attend Iowa for PT. Quote or piece of advice? There are three guarantees in life; faith, hope and love, the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13.

What is your favorite prom memory? Pre and post prom at my house.



Name: Caleb Scott
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Tennis, band, school events and
friends.
Plane for the future? Play tennis and got

Plans for the future? Play tennis and go to college to get a degree.

Quote or piece of advice? "Fine feathers make fine birds," -Coach Foth What is your favorite prom memory? Not going.



Name: Alyssa Swanson
What are you going to miss about
Marion? Show choir, choir, Dyrland and all
my underclassmen friends.
Plans for the future? UNI for elementary

education.

Ouote or piece of advice? If you change

Ouote or piece of advice? If you change nothing, nothing will change.

What is your favorite prom memory?

Pictures with all of my friends at the Cherry Building and prom dress shopping.

Search for a superintendent

Stepping into the upcoming school year with a new lead.

By: Kaela Halvorson @kaelswhales



Isaak Hahn, sophomore

Greg Semler, principal

As the school year comes to an end and jobs take a break for the summer, one occupation will be opening up. That job is the superintendent, which is a big job. Teachers and some students were called into a meeting in February about what they were looking for in a new superintendent. Many teachers and students went and voiced their opinions on what need to change and how this one person can fix these problems stated. As the policies were listed, everyone took notes on what to look for, many people are on the look out for people who could fit in and help the district.

This isn't some job anyone could step into, the person who is chosen must be ready for a lot of work, and have a background with this kind of work. Principal Greg Semler stated, "We are looking for someone who is technologically infused, who will share things with us, and be there for us through the next five to ten years. They need to have high energy and a positive attitude. We also want someone who doesn't think its a job, and they come in everyday wanted to be a superintendent." There are lots of people who could fit into this spot, what makes one person deserve it more? Isaak Hahn, sophomore, stated some things that he wanted in a superintendent at the meeting. "They need to have a student first mentality, bring fresh new

ideas, be open to new ideas, and should be at events," said Hahn. These are some of the basic things that they have to prove to the school board, students, and parents in the district.

As the job search keeps on, picture what others would want to have represent Marion well. New people come in the school every year, why not have a new person in charge? Maybe a change will help with new things come into our school, and maybe help with other situations around the school. With a new person in the office many changes could be following this one change in the district.

New pizzeria located in C.R.

By: Deshaun Quinn @QuinnTower_2

New York is known for the big building's, famous performances and even the new year kisses. They also are known for the finest, most delicious pizza in the world.

But what if that pizza magically made an appearance at a corner in Cedar Rapids. Would you take the risk to the corner for a special sur-

Once again Lindale Mall has gone above and beyond by introducing a new pizzeria. This brand new pizzeria will bring Cedar Rapids a taste of New York's finest pizza.

New York Corner Pizza is the name and it's located in the food court of Lindale Mall. This fast food pizzeria will have a very delicious menu including plain jane chill, New York pizza ranging in sizes and finally they have garlic bread and bread sticks that are baked to perfection.

What makes this pizza different from all the others? It's the New york part of the stores name that is the biggest focus for the store. The store will focus on bringing the New York style to Iowa starting with the pizza.

Even though this store has just opened and still has to grow in reputation, this pizzeria will be another delicious place to take a friend, a loved one or even the family. It's also place that won't put a bang in your wallet and will benefit you more, rather than making people spend an arm and a leg.

You can bet this much though, this will be a corner that many people will be glad they stopped by.



The picture above shows a picture of a well put together New York style deep dish pizza. The pizza is well known for its thick crust and it's size. This is the pizza that will be featured in the new, New York Corner pizza located in Lindale Mall.

Marion seeks to rebrand town

By: Ceci Pitstick @Ceci_Pitstick

Marion, Iowa has recently decided to brand itself, as it is trying separate itself from Cedar Rapids. Marion has been noticed as one of the top ten family friendly cities in Iowa.

For the people that don't know what branding is, branding is trying to get more people to come live here. It helps small cities that are close to large ones that take all the fame get noticed.

Living here is nice because people are near a big city, but can drive 15 minutes to their nice, small, family friendly city. Marion has very low crime rates because it is full of schools and residential areas. This town's only business area is downtown.

Downtown Marion has been growing a lot lately. Many people are drawn to this city because it has two separate schools, a lot of shopping, a professional hockey team, and fun activities. Some fun things to do in Marion are go see the Marion Quilt Walk, the Uptown Marion Sidewalk Sales, the Marion Swamp Fox Parade, and many more.

People are drawn to Marion because there are two different school districts, Linn Mar and Marion. It just recently became a Blue Zone Community. This town has and is near many colleges, such as Kirkwood College, Coe College, and Mount Mercy College. Here people can take college classes from a high school class room. Both schools in Marion promote taking college classes during their junior and senior year.

Other cities are newly branded, such as North Liberty. North Liberty had been trying to separate from Iowa City, and it worked. It had been working on attracting many businesses and creating a family friendly environment, which is great when attempting to families moving to the area. Marion must have been taking notes from North Liberty because this city is looking at attracting more business. Other successful cities have been working on branding by using marketing tools and creating an attractive image for businesses and families.

Marion is working with Roger Brooks to make branding become a reality. Mr. Brooks wants a vision that will bring new businesses and investment to Marion, grow tourism and visitor spending, and make Marion better in general. There is a team of thirteen people to help it get branded. This group has people from all different aspects of the community. There are teachers, Marion employers, economic development organizations, and many others.

In October, Mr. Brooks had an assessment of Marion from the eyes of a newcomer. About 1,200 people took surveys about what needs changed in here. Early this January, Mr. Brooks and his crew came back to plan a direction for this branding job. For more information go to http:// www.cityofmarion.org/departments/city-manager/community-branding. Branding Marion will begin this spring.



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Hines walks over her obstacles

Experience a day in the life of sophomore, Kaitlyn Hines.

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17

Everyone always complains about their silly issues they have to face day by day, like breaking a fingernail, or losing their favorite shoe, but nobody really realizes that their life is much better than it is. Nobody understands what others are going through, until they go through it themselves.

Kaitlyn Hines, sophomore, has been going through something nobody else understands since she was about 2 years old. Hines was born with a spina bifida, which is a spinal column deformity that exposed her spinal cord and caused nerve damage. In the result of this, she has to walk in a walker.

"People treated me really differently at first, and some people still do now, but not as much." Hines commented. She has had to walk in a walker every day since she was about two years old, and she doesn't know if she will ever be able to walk again without it. "It took a lot of hard work and therapy to teach me how to use the walker." She said.

"I wish I didn't have the walker because it would be easier to get around and it wouldn't take me as long to get in and out of cars," Hines said. "Also I could get into tight places better and would have my hands free." This affects Hines everyday life, although she doesn't know any different, her life is so much different than a lot of people's because of this.

Getting to and from classes is a huge difficulty. "I can't get through the halls with the time allowed because there are so many other people trying to get to their classes as soon as possible and I'm slower than them." Hines commented.

Although Hines has this problem, she gets through it everyday and fights it. She still manages to participate in taekwondo, horseback riding, and



Kaitlyn Hines, sophomore, stands in her walker before going to her next class, choir, which she loves to participate in.

choir. This doesn't stop her from doing the things she loves and being the person she wants to be. She keeps busy and with hard work she is able to do things that a lot of people can't do even without a walker. "A lot of people don't know that I'm in taekwondo." Hines said. Her love for taekwondo and her determination in everything she does makes her strong.

Salad bar blocks cafeteria flow

By: Deshaun Quinn@QuinnTower_2

Marion High School has joined many others schools in finally adding a salad bar on the lunch menu. With the new salad bar there are many ups but it also has its downs. So the question is: should the salad bar be mixed with the hot lunch line or should it be it's own line?

With the addition of the salad bar, students now have a new option to lunch but the salad bar comes with a huge issue. The salad bar gets the privileges of take the location of the old hot lunch line on the left side of the lunch room. The line also only serves salad materials, so for those students who want to eat hot lunch, they have to wait on the right side.

Ian Kelly, Senior explained the issue, "The salad bar line barely gets any people compared to the normal lunch line. Now we have to wait twice as long for the normal lunch." Since the salad bar has been added the line for hot lunch has increased in size and has students waiting even longer for their lunch. "I the salad bar line served hot lunch too I feel lunch would go much faster and smoother," stated Kelly. Kelly also said that some students would rather sit and wait for the line to get smaller than to stand up in the line for what seems like an eternity.

Now, the salad bar isn't all bad. The salad bar has brought MHS a healthier alternative to lunch. The bar includes sliced green peppers,

tomatoes, diced eggs and plenty more options. It also comes with a bun to top it all off. Marty Shaffer, food service employee, is familiar to the advantages of naving the salad as an option. "It's a good, healthy alternative to the hot school lunch. It also goes better with the students who consider themselves vegetarians," says Shaffer.

So whether you eat off of the salad bar or not, students shouldn't expect a change anytime



The lunch line in this picture shows the issues the Marion student have to face during lunch time.

soon. Yes, the wait might be a little crazy, but thats life. When life throws a brick wall at you how do you handle it? Do you panic or to you rise above and take charge of the problem. So if waiting isn't for you, maybe then the salad bar would be a great alternate into making your day a little bit greener.

Prom committee is in full swing

By: Skylar Miller-Baker @Skylarmbaker15

Prom is a night that is filled with laughs and great adventures. Many people go to prom and make memories that will last a lifetime. Although most people attend prom and have the time of their lives, many don't realize the time and effort that some of the students put into prom to make such a magical night.

Katie Serbousek, junior, is a student who has made the decision to be on prom committee. There are a lot of people on the committee and each one of them joined prom committee for their own reason. "I joined prom committee to be more involved in school activities," Serbousek



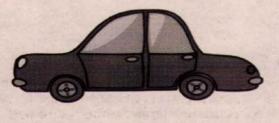
Katie Serbousek, junior

Each and everyone of the students on prom committee has been putting a lot of time and effort to make this years prom the best one yet. Every Thursday morning the committee meets to decide on how they are going to do this years prom and how they are going to make this years prom better than years in the past. We have been raising money all year and a lot of our time has been put into this years prom," Serbousek said.

With all the time and money invested into this one night, the prom committee hopes that it will be the best one yet. "This year we aren't going to be having a DJ and we have raised the most money that anyone has ever raised for prom," Serbousek stated. The prom committee has high hopes for this years prom, but when they hear that people are planning on not going because there's rumored to be no grinding, it kind of makes them upset. "I think people should be able to dance the way that they want, plus it makes me a little mad when people are saying that they are not going because we have put so much time into this," said Serbousek.

As prom rolls around closer, the prom committee starts to get the final preparations done and starts to wrap up the final touches. This will surely be one prom that many will not forget.

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Prom hair and makeup is big this year

Coder and Cechota share their favorite hairstyles for prom with makeup

By: Chloe Mallon @chhhloe17

Prom. That special time of year when girls get sparkly long dresses, go to get their hair done in complicated updos, and put on heavy makeup so they look beautiful for one night where they go out to dinner and go to the dance afterwards. Lots of girls spend crazy amounts of money on getting their hair and makeup done, and usually it falls out by the end of the night anyway. Lots of girls do their own hair though, or have their friends do it, for them to save money and have it still look just as good.

Seniors, Oliva Cechota and Gloria Coder, do other people's hair and makeup every year and do their own. "There's no need to spend unnecessary money on getting hair and makeup done." Coder commented. Both girls have done cosmetology things for around 6 years, so they are experienced in simple updos, or pretty styles with curls down.

"I like making people feel beautiful." Cechota said with a smile. Both girls enjoy helping girls feel amazing in their own skin, and that's why they started to do makeup and hair. "I don't think it's important to have these things, but it's nice to help boost others self confidence." Coder said.

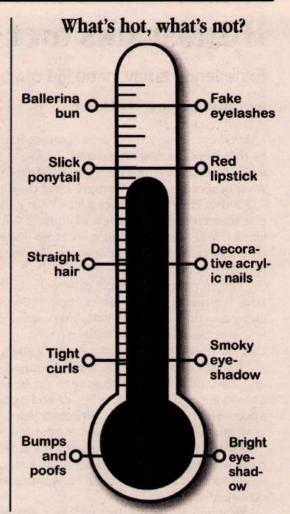
Both girls are doing their own hair and makeup also,

with the help from siblings and each other. "Olivia will probably have to help me with my hair a little bit." Coder said with a laugh. Cechota learned how to do hair from her sister, who inspired her to get more into cosmetology. Cechota and Coder both enjoy doing makeup more than hair, but love doing hair also. They have done makeup longer than hair, and just enjoy it more.

Although neither Cechota or Coder are sure if they want to pursue a career in hair and makeup, they can't wait to do it for others at prom this year. "I will probably have ten to fifteen people ask me to do their hair and makeup for prom this year," Coder commented. "They just tell me what they would like me to do, and I do it!"

"I really like doing fishtails" Cechota said. "I prefer simpler styles" Coder said. Whatever hairstyle they plan to do though, they will have fun helping girls out and making money while doing it. Although the girls don't get payed much for doing hair and makeup at prom, they do like making profit from it because they're doing something they love and making money at the same time.

Whether a girl at prom this year has a large poofy dress with vans, or a sleek and revealing dress with 6 inch heels, their hair will be sure to look amazing with Cechota and Coder doing hair.



Cat coerces Edwards to career

By: Savannah Guyer @Savannah MGuyer

Whether a dog or a cat person, nearly everyone has felt some sort of friendly connection towards a furry critter at one time or another. Allison Edwards, a senior at MHS and a dedicated feline enthusiast, is one of the many students who has chosen to further her adoration of creatures by building a career off of her love for them.

With plans to go to Iowa State University to get a degree in animal science she has not only thought excessively about her future but has also sought employment at Blairsferry Pet Hospital as a kennel assistant in order for her to decide the details of her anticipated profession. "I fed the animals, walked them, gave them their medication and prepped their cages. Working there really opened my eyes to focusing on what I really wanted to do and even helped me make my college decision, as well as to find out whether I wanted to be

a vet or a technician," Edwards stated.

While Edwards has concluded that she doesn't want to be a veterinarian or technician, she isn't quite sure wants she wants to do either. "I don't know what I want to do after college. I just want to study animals, I want to have a job working with them. I'll go wherever life takes me, that's

my motto. Who knows, I could be a vet in four years," Edwards clarified.

Though she has always held animals close to her heart it wasn't until her own pet, a cat named Café that she's had since first grade, became ill that Edwards really knew what she wanted to spend her life doing. "When my cat got really sick as a kitten and almost died, that was what made me realized that I wanted to help animals," Edwards went on to say.

While Café has remained a healthy and happy cat throughout the rest of his life span, Edwards is a little scared on her own behalf for next year. "I'm so worried for college, I really don't want to leave him behind. Maybe I'll have to find a way to sneak him into the dorms or something," Edwards said jokingly.

With Edwards prepping and readying for her partially undecided future, she has to let her heart take her the entire way.



Allison Edwards, senior, cuddles with her then kitten, Cafe. Now Cafe has grown into a healthy pet and has even helped Edwards decision in chasing after her career with animals.

Freshman looks forward to prom

By: Emma Hartman @Steal_Your_Hart

While it may be early for Juniors and Seniors to be getting ready for prom, it is way earlier than usual for Paige Martinson, freshman, who is attending prom this spring with her boyfriend, Clayton Kwater, Junior.

Though traditionally billed as a Junior/Senior prom, students of all ages are welcome, as long as one of the students in the couple is an upperclassman. "I think it is pretty cool [going to prom as a Freshman], I never thought I would. My mom is really happy about it, but my dad doesn't want to spend that much money," laughed Martinson.

"People usually deny it when they find out I am going to prom. They're like, "You are not! You are a Freshman', but my friends are supportive," commented Martinson.

With some social stigma about students dating someone who is "too young" or "too old" for them, Martinson simply states, "Three years is the limit. Four years is pushing it."

Principal Greg Semler, who has a a lot of experience dealing with the question of whether or not freshman should be allowed to go to prom, commented, "I'm okay with it. They are in high school. It is only 3 hours in a school setting. Just use good judgement and enjoy it."

Martinson has attended two high school dances, Homecoming and WPA, and said that preparation for prom has been no different. "My hair is longer now than it was for those dances, so I will have to do more with my hair. I am also going shopping for prom dresses soon."

Prom welcomes spring and the end of the school year, not all freshman and sophomores will be attending the dance, but those who do, like Martinson, are hoping to enjoy the evening.



Paige Martinson, freshman, displays her prom dress.



Smith shares locks she loves

Alexis Smith talks donating her hair and the aftereffect

By: Emma Hartman @Steal_Your_Hart

There are many ways people can "give back" to the community. One way someone can give back is by donating. Donations can be made of money, time, and even hair! Alexis Smith, freshman, donated her hair to Locks of Love in 2009. She now shares her experience and the positive impact it has had.

Smith donated her hair in 2nd grade, per suggestion of her hair stylist at Salon Studios. "She said because I am cutting off so much hair that I should donate it", said Smith. Smith has only donated her hair once, but the 10 inches she donated helped make a wig for a child who lost their hair while suffering from a medical condition.

"I prefer having long hair and regretted it a little, but it grew back", laughed Smith, "And it went to a good cause."

Like Smith, many students have chosen to donate their hair after a haircut. Sydney Pitstick, senior, said, "I donated my hair twice, once when I was 9 years old and again when I was 17. I got 10 inches cut off. I have a lot of hair, so I thought I should share with someone who doesn't have any." Cameryn Phillips, freshman, commented, "I donated my hair when I was 12 years old. I donated 8 inches because my hair was getting so long and it went to a good cause." Sheala Rael, junior, also chose to



Alexis Smith in 2nd grade showing off her new haircut after donating.

donate her hair, "I got 8 inches cut off when I was 10 years old. I donated to help someone. I wanted them to make a wig for someone who doesn't have hair." While they all donated at different times and for different reasons, all of the donations had the same honorable

According to their website, Locks of Love requires donating at least 10 inches. The hair donations that go to Locks of Love makes wigs are sold to children under 21 with hair loss resulting from any array of factors. There are many places to donate hair to, and most have a website easily accessible online for more information.

Many hair salons have the option of donating hair, and some will even do it for free.

Smith suggests that if someone is looking to make a drastic change to their hairstyle (like cutting off at least 10 inches), they should donate their hair.

CNA gives glimpse into future

By: DeLaney Fisher @DeLaney_Fisher

Students are presented with many opportunities throughout high school which leads to them graduating with more than a diploma. Some opportunities include: job shadows, internships, and college and AP classes.

Madison Richards, senior, is one student who is taking advantage of what the school offers. She is currently in the Patient Care Academy through Kirkwood. She not only gets high school and college credit for this class, but she also has the chance to earn her CNA to become a certified nursing assistant.

The academy consists of 4 classes that span the entire year. "The four classes are medical terminology, explorations in health careers, a 75 hour nurse aide class, and a professionals in health class," Richards commented. Overall the class has been a good experience for Richards, and she said, "I really like getting hands on experience by working with the mannequins, and getting to meet other students. I am the only kid from Marion in my class."

Meeting new students is only one of many perks for Richards. "I don't have to pay for the test or the college class that I am getting credit for," she explained. Patient Care is also a great way for her to get a start in the medical field. She gets a peek into the field from her teacher too. "My teacher, Katie Greve, is a nurse so we get really good advice and stories from her that you probably wouldn't get from a professor who isn't in the field," Richards announced.

"I want to be either a surgeon or a psychiatrist," Richards commented. In order to achieve this she said, "I am going to major in psychology and pre-med at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska." These are her long term goals, but she can also benefit from the class in the near future as well.

"I have worked at Keystone Place Independent Living for eight months and I really like it," Richards stated. Getting her CNA will hopefully get her promoted within the same company. "I hope to get a good job, making lots of money this summer. Hopefully that's within the Keystone company," Richards declared. This is well within reach for her.

According to Ihaveaplaniowa.org, the average hourly wage of a nurse aide is \$11.07, and there are an average of 671 openings annually in the field. For a student going into college this is a huge pay increase from \$7.25 which is minimum wage. There is also very good odds of getting a job.

West," Draeger commented. She

loves working there and said, "I love

Jamie Draeger, senior

Madison Rich-

ards, senior

Jamie Draeger, senior, is currently employed as a nurse aide. "I work at St. Luke's Living Center

helping the residents especially when they smile and are happy."

Drager is glad she took the Patient Care Academy class, and stated, "It is a great accomplishment because it was really stressful." Taking the class has put Draeger one step closer to her future. "I want to be a nurse and to do that you have to have a certain amount of hours being employed as a nurse aide," she explained.

Things Richards could potentially be doing as a nurse aide are cleaning patients and their rooms, assisting and caring for patients, and helping residents move from place to place. "I basically help the residents with anything thing they need from dressing them to walking them to the cafeteria," Draeger added. These tasks may not be what she wants to do for the rest of her life, but it is a great start in the medical field, and will certainly be a good experience for her future.

Many students today are graduating with more than just their diploma. There are several opportunities to take advantage of from the school. Through these opportunities they can enter college having already taken some college classes, or even with a great job and a CNA.

How do you roll: toilet paper favs

By: Ashley Lappe @frappelappe

How do you prefer your toilet paper to unroll?

Over: 69% Under: 16% Indifferent: 15%

How do you prefer to use your toilet paper?

> Folded: 57% Rolled: 30% Wadded: 13%

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Seek & Find



Courtney Stull, junior



Seth Paulson, freshman

Fun Facts

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Forensic scientists can determine a person's sex, age, and race just by examining a single strand of hair.

There is more real lemon juice in Lemon Pledge furniture polish than in Country Time Lemonade.

To burn off one plain M&M candy, you need to walk the full length of a football field.

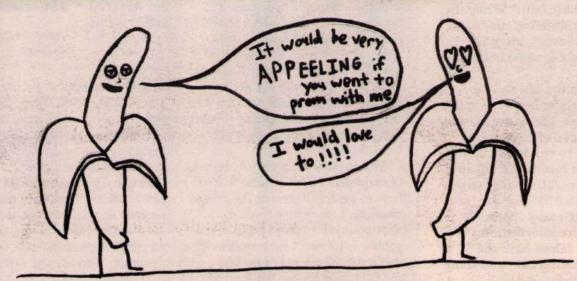
Significantly more serial killers are born in November than any other month.

The number of skin cancer cases due to tanning is higher than the number of lung cancer cases due to smoking.

Play-Doh was first manufactured as a wallpaper cleaner.

There are more atoms in a teaspoon of water than there are teaspoons of water in the entire Atlantic Ocean.

Fun facts obtained from sotruefacts.com



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The seniors of MHS

Get to know some interesting facts and interests of a few of the students that walk the halls of Marion High School.



senior

What school activities are you in? Football, track, wrestling, and FCA.

What are your interests? Snowboarding, running, and golfing.

What is something no one knows about you? I'm adopted.

Dalton Gardner,

Who was your first crush? Selena Gomez

Who would you most want to have dinner with,

Steve Irwin because I want to know why he did crazy stuff.



Jenna Floyd, senior

What school activities are you in?

Show choir, poms, choir, and champs.

What are your interests?

Writing, reading, shopping, and dancing.

What is something no one knows about you?

I had eye surgery when I was 2 because I'm crosseyed.

Who was your first crush?

Preston Murphy when I moved to Emerson.

Who would you most want to have dinner with, dead or alive?

Gandhi because I look up to him.



Steph Hedtke, senior

What school activities are you in?

Volleyball, band, choir, basketball, and tennis.

What are your interests?

Watching Netflix, my bed, and eating food.

What is something no one knows about you? I can't eat pears unless they're sliced.

Who was your first crush?

Riley Peters.

Who would you most want to have dinner with, dead or alive?

Nate Archibald because he's hot.

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