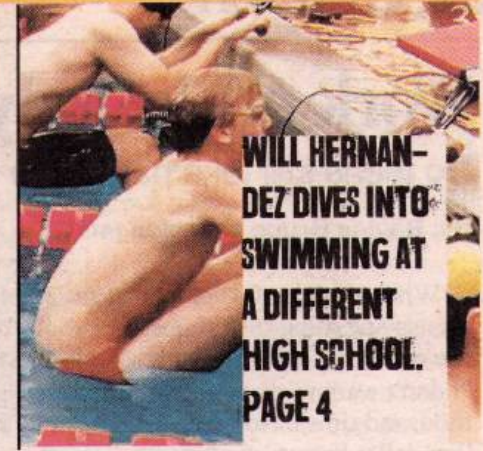


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## A mother's hardest choice

Grace Burroughs shares the hardship of having a child in high school.

By: Kenzie Redmond @kenzie\_redmond2

It's not the typical morning sickness, not the typical fatigue, not the typical cravings, not the typical high school experience. Being a high school student comes with many challenges, but being pregnant isn't something a typical high school student has to face. However, Grace Burroughs, junior, doesn't let it stop her.

Burroughs found out she was pregnant at the beginning of her junior year. "I was really surprised, it was completely unexpected," she said. She found out it was a girl and had it February 24th.

It may have been unexpected but Burroughs was filled with emotion. "I'm really excited for it because

it's my first time. It hasn't been too crazy," she said.

She has faced many challenges due to being pregnant however. "I think the hardest part for me was telling my dad. My family was surprised but super supportive, and my friends are really excited," she said.

Being a mother as a junior would be tough, but even tougher without the father in the picture. "I'm moving through it by myself. The father isn't in the picture so it's even harder, but I knew I didn't want anything to do with him anymore. It was my decision because I don't talk to him at all," she said.

Burroughs wanted to put her baby girl up for adoption, but this process came with some roadblocks. The baby's biological father wouldn't sign the papers for their baby to be adopted so she made the decision to keep her child. "I have show choir in high school, the father isn't in the picture, and my dad's older, so it will be hard on him and hard on me," she said.

Burroughs may be facing some struggles many females don't have to go through as high schoolers, but she does have some advice for those that do. "If you become pregnant don't just hide it because that will make it so much harder. Be open with your family," she said.

While Burroughs may be going through this experience currently, there are others who have gone through it already.

Courtney Bates, senior, has a two and a half year old and has some advice. "Make sure you have a good support system and be prepared for everything to change. Assess all your options before you rush into a decision." Emma Holmes, sophomore, has a three month old. "You can get through it. If somebody's trying to tell you to get an abortion, do what you believe is right. As soon as you have a kid, it's the best thing that has ever happened to you. Even though you're young it'll be okay."

Being a pregnant teen mom may be difficult and not something she expected, but Burroughs will continue to push through school and get her high school diploma. She may not be in the typical high school student situation, but the pregnancy symptoms won't hold her back.



Grace Burroughs, junior, poses with her baby girl at her home.

## Doggin' with Dexter

-Commentary-

We all have our pet peeves in relationships. All types of relationships: parents, friends, boyfriends, and yes, even dogs. One of my biggest pet peeves is when people ask me for my food, especially when I'm not done eating. I have no idea why people think it's okay

to do this. People always ask me if they can have my food before I'm done eating. What makes them think I will even have leftovers? Or that I wouldn't want to keep them? My dog also happens to do this, and it's even more annoying than when humans do it.

My dog constantly begs and begs for food, no matter what it is. He whines and barks and stares into our souls with the hope of just one little crumb falling onto our laps. And it is beyond annoying. He even does it when he has his own food.

There has been more than one instance in which he has stolen my food. But one time in particular, I had made myself a sandwich. A really, really good sandwich. I was sitting down on the couch, watching my shows. While staring at the TV, I move the sandwich closer to my mouth, not breaking focus. I paused for just a second before taking my first bite. Out of nowhere, Dexter leaps. He freezes in the air and takes my sandwich out of my hand on his way back to the ground.

In that moment, I didn't even know what to do. For a solid minute, I sat in silence and just stared at Dexter. I was in disbelief, I couldn't believe what had just happened. My sandwich was just gone. In one second, something I loved was taken right from my hands, and it was all because of Dexter, my own dog. But because I love my dog so much, I just made myself a new sandwich and threatened to throat punch him if he came at me like that again. He knew he shouldn't try me. I was able to enjoy an even better sandwich.

While this was a funny moment in my life, it is actually not a funny situation. He is seriously obsessed with food. More than the average person or dog. All he does is think about food. He begs for the food we're eating. He goes to the bathroom to get a treat. He headbutts his food bowl to tell us he's hungry. He dreams of food. I know it.

Even with how annoying his obsession with food is, I still adore him. Of course, I always sneak him a little bite, even though he is overweight. Don't tell my mom. The moral of the story here is, keep your dog close, and your sandwich closer.



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## Work ethic: a dying tradition

Do teens still take part in the trend of good work ethic?

By: Baylea Bruce @Baylea\_marie

While the list of what teenagers complain about can be incredibly long, there's one thing that almost everybody has on their list, and that's their jobs or the work they have to do for school. The words "I don't want to go to work" or "I don't want to do my homework" have probably been uttered from my mouth a thousand times. However, unless one is among the lucky few who won the million dollar lottery, working or doing things one would rather not do will probably become an everyday occurrence for the majority of their life.

High schoolers can be extremely busy with sports, homework, and trying to maintain a healthy social life. Even though their lives are already jam-packed, it's important to fit a job into the mix. Having a job in high school provides good real world experiences. While learning things inside a classroom is good, some skills can be enhanced immensely by actually using them in a workplace setting. Dealing with angry customers, serving someone who has weird demands for their food, or helping a rush of people is something that just comes with practice.

For those who do have jobs, it's important to actually put in some effort. Whether it's a server, retail, bussing tables, or even just cleaning, it is a job and needs to be treated as one. This may not be a job someone would want to do for the rest of their life, but they never know what kind of opportunities could arise. Having a bad work ethic can affect future jobs. Future bosses will be alerted of always being late, being lazy, and never helping out. This could cause a loss of one's dream job.

Now, there are some employees who find themselves doing everything. They are the ones who always show up, always help out, and just go the extra mile. It

can become discouraging to continue to put in the extra work when others can get by doing the bare minimum. Why show up when everybody else calls in every day because they don't feel like coming in? These kind of people exist at every job level. This extra effort is noticed and will be rewarded eventually. If there is ever a position to move up, a position of leadership, these are the people employers will look at first. Along with showing promising potential, doing the right thing can make someone proud of their work. This part time job can be a stepping stone in a career path.

Make sure to make time to learn these skills and experiences, even if it's just on the weekends or in the summer. Just be sure to make this opportunity a positive one, so it doesn't come back to haunt you in the future.

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## Is the idea of manners dead?

By: Alex Coleman @Its\_YoPaIAI

Please, thank you, may I? These, and countless other niceties are disregarded every day. Why? Because people just aren't as polite as they used to be. Manners seem to die off more and more everyday, getting lost amongst a pile of rubbish right beside the gentlemen and ladies of the world and strong morals. It seems most teenagers would sneer at courtesy gestures like holding a door open for someone or respecting one of their elders. Those whose parents have instilled kindness and proper manners into them are few and far between these days, and it's beginning to look a bit grim for the world of politeness.

A lot of kids who don't practice etiquette would claim they do. They say please before asking for something, they tell their grandma "I love you" before getting off the phone, they don't put their elbows on the table. While these are important things that everyone should know and do, having manners expands much further than a few simple acts or words. To have proper manners means to be thoughtful of others. Sometimes this is simple, sometimes it is not. Letting an older person have a seat on the bus while you stand, not swearing in front of teachers or other adults in power, and tipping properly are a few of the varying degrees of thoughtfulness.

Not only that, but manners is not something one can just turn off and on as they please. Being polite to adults, but not polite to peers; being kind and thoughtful towards friends and family, but not strangers; these are the things that prove someone is going the extra mile to be a good person. Chivalry is not just for men, no. Chivalry is for everyone. Hold doors open for strangers, pick up the check or pay for someone else's meal if able, offer to lend a helping hand where it's needed.

Now, some would say that if another individual is rude to them, they in return will be rude. According to a proper code of ethics, this is not the case. We will always be surrounded by people who are lazy, mean, or just don't do what they're supposed to, but that gives us no right to act the same. Taking the high road and being the bigger person is always the way to go. In the end, no matter how hard it may seem, you are the one that will benefit from the choice.

If an individual is concerned that they may be less than polite, no need to fret. The road to change may take a while, but it's relatively simple. Think before speaking, are the words about to be said useful? Pay attention to surroundings, everyone has bad days and sometimes one person committing a small act of kindness is all they need to turn it around. Always say please and thank you, refer to adults as Sir, Ma'am or Miss if able, and ask how people's days are going. One little change could brighten somebody's day, and in the end, you'll feel better about yourself.



"Manners are important because it shows a person has respect for others."  
-Scott Immerfall, teacher



"Without manners people don't know how to act in public."  
-Jonathan Andreassen, '19



"Without manners you don't respect people and they don't respect you."  
-Madeline Schobert, '16



"Manners are important because it shows respect."  
-Nicholas Ward, '17



"Manners show that you are not rude, and it is a human thing everybody should know."  
-Pauline Weah, '16



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# Drinking: a dangerous game

The consequences of teen drinking far outnumber the benefits.

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The teenage years: they're full of insecurity, finding oneself, experimenting, having fun and taking steps into adulthood. For some, high school is full of positives, such as joining new clubs, creating memories, and discovering ways to further their education. But high school is also a time where teens like to

step outside what is allowed for them, and discover the parts of adulthood that are restricted from young people for a reason. One thing that falls under that category is alcohol.

Teenage drinking is something that adults talk about a lot, but the kids involved still don't seem to care about it.



Teens who start drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after the legal age of 21.

In 2010, there were approximately 189,000 emergency room visits by teens under 21 for injuries and conditions related to alcohol.

Teens who drink heavily are three times more likely to try and hurt themselves than those who don't.

More than one fifth of youths begin drinking before age 13.

About 8.2% of HS students nationwide reported driving a car one or more times when they'd been drinking in the last month.

Amongst 12th graders, 13.5% reported driving after drinking.

Nearly one fifth of HS students reported getting in a car with someone who had been drinking.

Facts provided by  
www.dosomething.org and  
www.stopalcoholabuse.gov



Even though accidents don't always occur, drinking is not worth the risk. There are numerous activities to try that don't include the risk of ER visits or health problems.

Nothing wrong has happened to them so far, and it's fun. It brings more excitement to weekend parties. Why should they care about the drinking age?

The facts should be a good enough reason. According to dosomething.org, teens who start drinking before fifteen are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who start at or after the legal age of 21. This erases the excuse that what happens during high school can't affect one later in life. Alcohol dependence is not a glamorous lifestyle.

Teens and young adults don't realize that the activities they participate in, the impressions they make, and the people they surround them with have an impact on their later life, not only their immediate life. Partying and drinking may be fun now, but it's not setting them up for anything worthwhile in the long run. It's not going to build the kind of relationships that one gets by involving him or herself in school or hanging out with a solid group of people.

There are plenty of things that don't involve drinking that one can still have a great time doing. Going out to eat, watching movies, doing outside activities, and many other things could be really fun with a good group of people. When everything is done the right way, one can be assured that they're making more valuable friends who know how to have a life outside of parties.

Also, there's the question of how it even benefits the person. Alcohol is a drug, and it alters the mind. Why would one drink to be in that state? It doesn't put their best qualities on display. The

best way to forget things is to create new memories, not by temporarily using a substance that can hurt their body and mind.

For those who use alcohol as a kind of escape- it's not a getaway. dosomething.org states that teens who drink heavily are more likely to try and hurt themselves- like self harm and suicide attempts- than those who don't. Also, the same site discussed that there were high numbers of fatalities, which were not all suicides but were alcohol-linked. Students keep getting in cars with those under the influence, and people who have been drinking still get in cars and take the lives of innocents.

It isn't that people who drink are bad people, or that they have nothing good going for them. There are lots of kids who do, and they're athletes, musicians, artists, and great friends. But they could help set themselves up for greater things. With drinking, there's the risk of car crashes, alcohol poisoning, and illness. Accidents happen, even to the best people. In 2010, there were around 189,000 emergency room visits by teens under 21 for injuries and conditions related to alcohol, as calculated by dosomething.org.

Although it seems like it's a cool thing to go out and party, there are plenty of other things to do. At parties, people there aren't connecting with each other. There's better person-to-person connection when one joins an organization, volunteers, or finds an interest they can pursue. What's a cooler label to have- being a partier or being able to live life and have fun without needing to drink?

## It's time to end the judgment

By: Amery Bruce @AmeryBruce

Nerd, geek, popular, partier, socially awkward, outgoing: these are all terms people use to describe their peers around them. It's easy to label people, to put them under whatever social class they're seen as through someone else's eyes. This behavior is natural, but it doesn't make it acceptable to judge someone else's life.

Just because a person participates in things that another doesn't, or things that go against their personal morals, doesn't mean it's okay to put them down for activities they enjoy. It's their life, what they do doesn't affect anybody else's. Who cares what stage in their relationship a person is at with their significant other? Who cares what happened at a party two weeks ago?

Today, there are so many easy ways to pass judgment on people. Twitter is full of judgmental subtweets, from people attempting to call others out for something without using their name, to talking trash about what a peer did over the weekend. The person subtweeting wasn't there, so why do they care what people did at an event that didn't affect them at all? How they live their life doesn't change the path of anyone else's.

Not only are people being judged by the things they do in their free time, but they're judged for their physical appearances as well. Sometimes people look down on the ways other people do their hair, or the piercings and tattoos they have. Even clothing can be a target for harassment. If someone wants to dye their hair bright pink, good for them. It's no different than someone

choosing to dye their hair a simple auburn, or go blonde. Either way, it's a personal preference, and has nothing to do with what other people think.

Maybe someone got a tattoo to honor their high school years, or one that they thought just looks cool. It's all right either way, and they don't deserve snide, or hidden comments about something they chose to do.

The same thing applies to the clothes someone decides to wear, and how someone does their hair. Some people like to wear name brand, others like to shop for less known articles of clothing. Maybe a girl likes v-necks, and another likes oversized sweaters. Both are perfectly okay. Some people rock neon pink hair, others normal blonde. All of these are just examples of a person expressing who they are.


Unless what someone is doing personally affects another's life, there's no right to give two cents about it. It's their life, let them live it how they see fit. Maybe one person enjoys art, and one enjoys sports.

This doesn't make either of them different, or weird. They're just doing what makes them happy, which is not something they should be punished for by other people.

It's easy to judge other people for what they do, but it needs to stop. There is nothing okay about someone whispering to their friends about what a person did last night, or what they participate in, when they have no personal

connection to them or their activities. Stop with the unnecessary rude

comments. Freedom of speech is not a license to be disrespectful.




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## Diving into a successful season

Will Hernandez talks about his season with the Cedar Rapids Wash team.

By: Caitlyn Smith @csmit05

He steps up on the blocks with his heart pounding. He gets in his ready position, waiting for the whistle to go off. When the whistle sounds, he dives off the blocks and into the chill water. His race has begun.

This boy taking the dive into the water is Will Hernandez, freshman. Hernandez is on the Cedar Rapids Washington swim team this season. He has been swimming for three years and is also involved in cross country and soccer.

Hernandez joined Wash's swim team because it was the only swim team he could join. Linn Mar is no longer accepting outside schools to swim for their team. He knew one of his teammates before joining the team because they swam for the same club. The team has ten meets. While at those meets, Hernandez competes in the 100 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and the 400 freestyle relay. His favorite race is the backstroke. "My long arms make it easier for me to go faster," he said. The team practices for four hours everyday. Two hours in the morning and two hours after school. This means that Hernandez goes to Washington High School every day for his practices.

Going to be a part of a new team can be a little intimidating at first. Hernandez didn't have a problem with this. "They brought me right into the family and it allowed me to make new friends," he said.

There's a tradition that the Wash swim team does every season. The seniors get to give the rest of the teammates a haircut, and they get to do whatever they want to it. The teammates must leave their hairstyle for a week, and then they can shave their head. This tradition takes place two weeks before the big meets.

Hernandez's dad helped influence him to join swimming, since his dad has been swimming since high school. "I joined swimming because I know that my body is a swimmer's body and my dad put me on a swim team three years ago," he said.

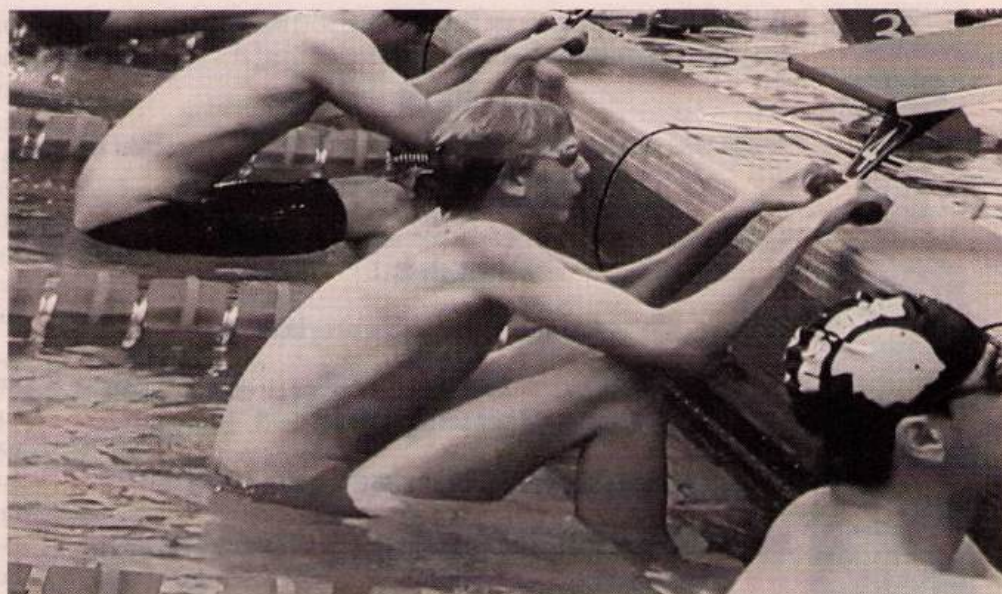
Hernandez and his dad aren't the only ones who swim in their family. McKenna Hernandez, junior, used to swim as well. She was on a swim team in eighth grade. McKenna attends most of her brothers swim meets. "I enjoy supporting him, but the meets are also very hot

and there are a lot of people," she said.

Hernandez believes that the season has been going well so far. "The season has been good because I feel that I have improved a lot," he said. Making improvement and seeing the hard work pay off can always make any activity more enjoyable. The participant can see all the work they put in and the progress they have made.

Hernandez doesn't like that the practices take up four hours of his day, but he does enjoy getting to hang out with all of the guys.

Students who find a passion can make new friends by joining a team just like Hernandez did.



Will Hernandez, '19, waits for the whistle to sound for the start of his 100 backstroke race at a dual meet against Iowa City West at Washington High School.

## Student-athlete struggles

-Commentary-



By: Mia Laube  
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When one is an athlete, sports dictate most of their life. It controls their friend group, how they eat, how they dress, what they do, and everything in-between. Especially when the sport is in-season, and when there is pressure to be the best.

Sometimes, it seems overwhelming. From the outside, it appears as if the one or more sports someone is involved in is the only thing about them. They're seen as "just another

jock" or are only identified with their sport. There is so much more to athletes than this.

High school is full of stereotypes. It's nice that people break the ice with asking someone how their game went, or about their team, but when they don't get to know the person beyond that, and just make the assumption that there's nothing deeper about them, that is the frustrating part.

Everyone is unique. One may be involved in show choir and volunteering, or tennis and speech, or football and a job. When people gain a label, that can be all people think of them. It applies to all areas of life.

The worst part is feeling like one's worth is tied to how well they played in the last game. Someone trying to talk to me might say, "Hey, I heard your friend played good last game," but not care to talk to me beyond that. What if I did well on a test or I'm having a good day? They'll never know because they're being shallow assuming there's never anything else to me beyond the game last Tuesday.

That's the worst pressure in sports. If an athlete isn't very good, they aren't recognized for what they contribute and work for, but if they're good and had a bad game, something is automatically wrong with them. Nobody should feel like they're worth less because of a performance.

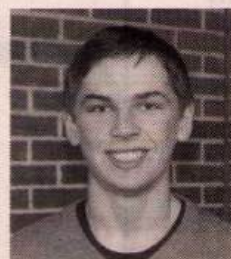
When we all grow up, our athleticism is going to go away. Our youth is going to be behind us. Then, our other talents will be put on display, and maybe people will stop looking just at the surface. Our personality, interests, and qualities might finally be recognized.

The moral is, sports are important, but we are more than sports. They're fun, but ball isn't life, and people are deeper than what one sees. Making judgments is not okay. So today, try and recognize those around for all they are, not just for a label.

## A freshman takes charge of his future

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee

Ever since he was little, he had always looked up the Take Charge leaders of MHS. He wanted to be just like them, from their "high school" looking clothes



Mitchell  
McAllister, '19

to the way they talked about what they believed in. He wanted to teach everyone how drugs and alcohol can affect someone. He wanted younger students to look up to him just like he looked up to the older students. He wanted to talk about something he believes in, some-

thing he knows is right.

Mitchell McAllister, freshman, is now one of the Take Charge leaders. McAllister and the other 50 members of Take Charge, led by Michelle Wilson, travel around the school district teaching the younger kids about the dangers and consequences of drugs and alcohol.

Most of the members in Take Charge enjoy teaching younger students about these sometimes touchy subjects. "I enjoy teaching kids about the effects of drugs and alcohol because I want to help prevent the repercussions of people making life changing decisions," said Morgan Swanger, junior, about why she likes teaching the younger students.

McAllister believes educating the younger kids about drugs and alcohol before they get up to high school is very important. Although, McAllister believes teaching about alcohol has more importance than drugs at that age. "Alcohol is easier to access than drugs, so kids can start easier," said McAllister.

This is understandable. At a young age most kids are only introduced to alcohol, usually not drugs. Also, many adults have alcohol in their homes just because

it is a part of our country's culture. So of course alcohol would be easier for any child to access.

Swanger has been personally affected by drugs and alcohol in her life, and she wants to prevent others from having to go through what she did. "Being affected by people who have taken part in those activities, I want to help prevent others from being affected by other people's choices. The choice to use drugs and alcohol not only affects you, but the people around you as well, your family, friends, and teammates."

McAllister is involved in basketball, football, baseball and Take Charge, so he has a fairly busy schedule. He still makes time to educate younger kids about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

McAllister and the other 50 Take Charge members had their first presentation at Vernon Middle School on November 22nd, and their second presentation on January 29th at FMI. McAllister and his group spoke to fifth graders at Vernon and third graders at FMI. "Most of the time the fifth graders understood what we were talking about, but the third graders didn't really get it, they thought that if they drank alcohol or did drugs they would die or something," McAllister said.

McAllister plans to stay in the Take Charge program for his entire high school career because it helps him remember why he doesn't want to drink or do drugs. McAllister does not want younger kids and even high school students to go down the wrong path and potentially mess up their lives. He wants to stay focused on school, sports, helping other students, and his future.

McAllister's advice to incoming freshmen, and even students in the high school is, "Have a plan of what you want to do going into high school, otherwise things can go wrong really fast."



# Achieving a victory for wellness

The Win With Wellness club scores for positive living and health.

Solomon Groothuis @SolomonJohnG

Every year Marion High School hosts its annual blood drive. The purpose of the blood drive is to get blood to donate for blood transfusions. Most students just assume the faculty puts the blood drive together but it is in fact organized by Win With Wellness. Win With Wellness is run by Lori Dostal, gym and health teacher, with some of our most involved students participating.

Cecilia Pitstick, Junior, is one of the students involved with WWW. She's been involved since sophomore year and is very glad to have had the experience. "[The Win With Wellness Club] is a group of students who were invited to participate because they are living a healthy life and making good choices. All of us are involved in at least on school activity," said Pitstick. The WWW is very selective and only a few students are allowed to participate.

Dostal shared that the process for choosing students is fairly simple. "[The students] aren't selected, they're nominated by teacher and the top 6-8 are chosen from each class." She said that the biggest thing they look for is leadership since they will be organizing the blood drive and the Health Fair. "We look for leadership," shares Dostal "We

look for leadership. That's why I ask teaches. I ask them to pick out leaders in their classes or on their team, students that aren't afraid to do the extras or see their name in lights." Students involved with WWW have to be unafraid of heard work. They set up and organize the Health Fair and Blood Drive which requires no small amount of patience

Those involved in Win With Wellness are very involved, most of them in athletic activities. Dostal encourages the participants to take their health seriously by being active and healthy in order to lead other students by example.

Win With Wellness used to be part of many schools but due to funding issues, is now limited only to Marion.

As far as the blood-drive goes, Pitstick shares that has been a valuable experience. "I've seen how hard it is to coordinate the blood drive and how many people it takes to make it successful. I've also seen how important the blood drivers are to others. Many people feel good knowing that they could be saving someone's life." The blood drive does raise a lot of blood for people in need of transfusions. Pitstick also shares that it could look good on a resume. "It never hurts to

be involved in high school. [WWW] is another good way to get involved."

What Pitstick would like to see is more knowledge and recognition about WWW. She shares how "I feel like a lot of the student body doesn't realize that Win With Wellness is a thing. They may donate blood, but they aren't sure how it all gets set up; People should know what we do because of course I think we should get some recognition, but also because people could take it as a chance to help in other ways." The Win With Wellness assists our school with the blood-drive but also encourages students to live a healthy, well, lifestyle.



Alison Block, '17, gets blood drawn at this fall's blood drive.

## Archers ready, aim, fire into a new season

Alex Coleman @Its\_YoPalAI

The bow feels strong in her grip, the string pulled tight in her right hand. She takes a few deep breaths as she stares down the shaft of the arrow. The target may be only ten meters away, but the minuscule size of the bullseye causes her shoulders to wind tight with nerves. She lets it fly, missing the desired mark by a few inches. A handful of helpful words from her coach, and she looses another arrow. This is the repetitive nature of Archery practice, and for Cappra Svbody, sophomore, the need for concentration is half the fun.

It all started a few years back at Vernon. "I started doing archery in gym class. We did a unit on it every year in middle school, and I loved it. I was pretty good at it too," said Svbody. After a few years of dabbling behind a bow, Svbody entered high school and was given the opportunity to join the Archery

team. "I knew when I got to high school I wanted to join archery, and I've been on the bow league for two years now," said Svbody.

With four coaches and a plethora of other kids to pay attention to, it's easy to get lost amongst the chaos, though it seems Svbody doesn't mind. "The whole thing relaxes me, I can forget about things for a while and just focus on shooting," Svbody said.

Svbody isn't the only one who finds the sport calming. Taylor Johnson, freshman, is a newcomer to the sport and is already enjoying herself. "I just joined because it looked like a blast," Johnson said, "I get to hang out with my peeps and shoot water bottles during practice, it's pretty chill."

Archery isn't just a handful of practices for fun, the team competes in tournaments throughout their season with varying levels of success. "In competitions you shoot from ten to fifteen meters. We get a practice round for ten and

then we shoot three rounds. After that we go to the fifteenth and do the same," said Svbody. Even though these tournaments can be stressful, the nature of the sport keeps many of its members calm. "It is pretty tranquil, you just focus on shooting and get to relax. I did pretty good in competition for my first year, but not the best," said Johnson.

As both girls finish out their season, they leave with the mindset of continuing into the next year. "I'd like to continue all through high school if I'm able," said Johnson. Whether it be gearing up for a competition, or simply piercing the target over and over at practice, both girls plan to continue bettering themselves at this competitive form of stress relief.

## A new season on track

Mia Laube @Mia\_Laube21

Many know the feeling of spiking a volleyball, hearing the swish of the net in a basketball game, or the vibrating crack of a baseball bat at the plate. Only a select few feel the adrenaline rush of racing down the final stretch of a track, wind in their ears and opponents on their heels. This sensation will be felt for the first time for some, and for others the last as the new track season comes rushing in.

Ellie Konzett, senior, is one of the lucky runners who have had the chance to be a part of Marion Track and Field for all four years. "I'm a little nervous because it's my last time, but I'm ready," said Konzett. There have been ups and downs through her years, such as achieving personal goals or having to be one of the only distance runners, but she is ready to take on any challenge this last year.

The seniors this year will have a good group of newcomers to keep on pace. One of these up-and-coming runners is Hallie Kephart, freshman. Kephart knows what she does best already, saying, "I'm definitely more long-distance. I think the farther it is, the easier. I'm better at endurance; I'm not as fast in a sprint."

The running is not the only new thing that Kephart will need to adjust to, she will also be immersed in another set of teammates and coaches. "I'm excited to be on another team and meet new people because I haven't met some of the track runners in high school," said Kephart. With some girls on the team making it to State last year and some already knowing each other from previous sports, it should be an interesting mix of girls.

The coaches are also willing to put in the work to make the girls mesh and run their best times individually. "Generally they try to keep it fun, even when the workout [is hard], and they joke with us, but they're always cheering us on and helping us. They encourage us to cheer on each other," Konzett said. Many of the coaches in our district work hard to build that kind of camaraderie, and that is a key part to this season's success.

Workouts for track are already in motion. One thing that really sets track apart from other sports is how individualized it is. "In middle school it was always the short distance and long distance doing different workouts," said Kephart. Konzett seconded that for high school, since there are many different types of races, such as sprints, long distance, or field events like throwing or high jump.

It seems, though, practices and eventually meets are to be nothing short of intense so that goals are reached. "Ferg and Gaff like to yell. Not in a bad way, but they're very passionate and it helps everyone else to be passionate that wants to be there," said Konzett.

Although they possess that kind of intensity, there is still room for error and growth, and the freshmen have a chance to prove they're at the required level. "Since I'm a freshman, I don't think very many people expect anything," Kephart said. That just makes the possibility of success that much sweeter.

Age might be a factor at school, but not in any of the eight lanes of the track. The upperclassmen will soon be passing the baton on to the underclassmen, but for now, they'll do their best this year to run as one composite relay team.



Hallie Kephart, '19

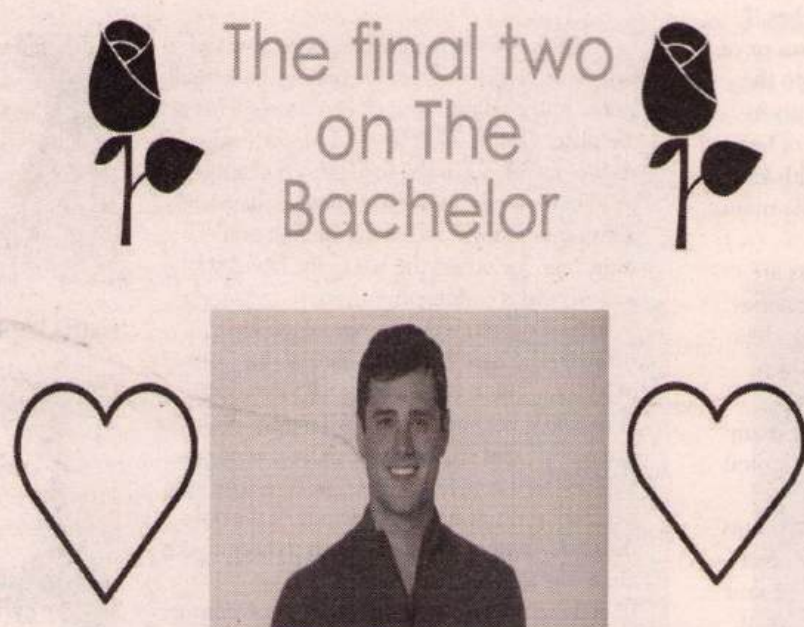


Ellie Konzett, '16



## Expectations for "The Bachelor" finale

By: Chloe Mallon @Chhhloe17



Ben Higgins is the Bachelor this season on The Bachelor. He is known to be a sweet and loving guy, who loves sports. All of the girls have swooned over him and are very anxious to see who he picks.



Lauren B. is a flight attendant from Marina Del Rey, California. She is one of the quieter girls, but Ben Higgins is very into her. Ben says that he has never felt anything like the love he feels for Lauren B. She is high in the polls for the predicted winner.



Joelle "Jo Jo" is a real estate developer from Dallas, Texas. Ben has said that he feels very confident around Jo Jo, and he loves spending time with her. She is very well-liked, but not as high in the polls for predicted winner.



**70%**  
Students who watch The Bachelor voted in a poll and Lauren B. won on who they think will win.



**30%**

## The top nine shows on Netflix

These shows are a must-watch when looking for a new series.

By: Lexi Morgan @Lexi\_Morgan17

### Grey's Anatomy - 5/5 stars

One of the best shows on Netflix, as cheesy as it sounds, is definitely Grey's Anatomy. While it is centered around the main character, Meredith Grey's life, it takes place in a hospital 90% of the time. This show has tons of drama. It makes people laugh, it makes people cry, and a lot of people die, but still it's really good. It's just one of those shows that makes people feel things. And who doesn't love a good cry?

### Scandal - 5/5 stars

Another great show on Netflix is Scandal. Olivia Pope is goals. It is essentially her and a team of people discreetly fixing political figure's or important peoples' lives. It shows corruption in the White House, and again, a lot of people die. There will be tears shed.

### How to get Away with Murder 5/5 stars

An important show to mention is only one season in and new to Netflix. How to Get Away with Murder is so amazing. It's centered around law students, and every episode takes a different turn. It's one of the best shows that Netflix has to offer. And I'm sure it will only get better as the seasons go on.

### The Office - 5/5 stars

If looking for an incredibly funny show, with a tearjerker ending, The Office is irresistible. Michael Scott is the best character to ever happen to a TV show. It takes place in an office the entire show. Shocker, right? Plus, Dwight Schrute will make anyone feel better about themselves.

### Breaking Bad 4/5 stars

Breaking Bad is a very intense show with an awesome final episode. It's about Walter White, a man with cancer, who has no money to pay for treatment and becomes a drug dealer along with one of his former students. Every episode is crazy. It's a guarantee, viewers won't be able to stop watching once they start.

### Lost - 4/5 stars

Another super good show is Lost, and a lot of people haven't seen it. It is about a bunch of people who get in a plane crash and end up stranded on an island. It takes a really weird turn after season four, but it's still worth the watch. The ending is a confusing, but when it's understood, it makes life so much more real.

### Friends - 3.5/5 stars

Friends is a must-see series on Netflix. It's a classic sitcom that started in the 90's and lasted ten seasons. It's so funny, without a lot of drama. So it's easy to watch it with little expectation of crying or sadness. It's one of the best shows on Netflix. And remember as watching, there is no such thing as a break, season three Ross.

### Orange is the New Black - 3.5/5 stars

One of the best shows is another Netflix original, Orange is the New Black. It takes place in a women's prison. Weird and interesting things happen in this show. No joke, it'll only take people one day to watch. It's that addicting.

### House of Cards - 3.5/5 stars

House of Cards is another show focused on political corruptions. There is death that nobody will be crying about. It's so intense, it's basically a requirement to watch at least five episodes in one sitting.

### MHS votes: what's the best show?

1. Grey's Anatomy - 25
2. Scandal - 8
3. How to Get Away with Murder - 7
4. The Office - 20
5. Breaking Bad - 15
6. Lost - 4
7. Friends - 12
8. Orange is the New Black - 6
9. House of Cards - 3

## TV musical madness

By: Solomon Groothuis  
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In 2016, musical theatre is dying out. With the internet, movies and TV, and cinema there isn't much reason to go a playhouse and watch a show. It's a dying art. However, NBC has started reviving musical theatre, enlightening many who would otherwise not access theatre. So far there have been four live Musicals: Sound of Music Live!, Peter Pan Live!, The Wiz Live!, and Grease Live! They have been met with increasing levels of success and popularity, and show no signs of slowing down.

The first modern live musical, The Sound of Music Live!, aired on NBC on December 5, 2013. It was quite the hit with 18.62 million views and an average 4.6 star rating. Unfortunately, the musical was still a little over-hyped, but was forgiven since the TV musical was such a novelty. As the first popular live television musical, it set the standard for the musicals yet to come. There was a common motif throughout the following musicals. The biggest recurring theme would be an all star cast. The Sound of Music Live! starred famous country star Carrie Underwood as Maria alongside such names as Audra McDonald and Stephen Moyer.

After Sound of Music, the next televised live musical was Peter Pan Live! Now that the initial hype of live TV musicals had passed, audiences were much more skeptical. The show aired almost exactly a year later on December 4. The big celebrity in this show was Christopher Walken. The movie reviews were mixed. At most, Peter Pan Live! was viewed as mediocre, while some critics called it "nonsensical" and "messy." Overall, things weren't looking great for live musicals.

Another year came, and on December 3, 2015 The Wiz Live! aired. This show truly featured an all-star cast, showcasing such talent as Queen Latifah, Elijah Kelly, Mary J. Blige, Amber Riley, Uzo Aduba, and Ne-Yo. The Wiz blew up, receiving a 91% on Rotten Tomatoes with an overall rating of 8.8/10. What really put The Wiz over the top was the high scale production pieces. The scenery, props, and costumes were phenomenal and accentuated the theatricality that was meant to be on the screen. The Wiz was the pop that Live Musicals needed to really gain attention but the best was yet to come.

Few could have foreseen how big Grease Live! would become. Riding on the success of The Wiz, Grease Live! was released shortly after on January 21, 2016. The cast was arguably the best yet, showing such stars as Vanessa Hudgens, Aaron Tveit, Carly Rae Jepsen, and featuring up-and-coming celebrities Jordan Fisher and Keke Palmer. Didi Conn, who played Frenchy in the original Grease, also made a cameo. Fox hadn't gotten such good ratings since the premiere of the TV show Empire. However the greatest reactions came from the public with over 1.2 Million tweets. Vanessa Hudgens, who played Rizzo, had her father die the day before Grease Live! was to air. It was extremely tragic, but Hudgens still performed "in honor of her father." Her moving performance of "There Are Worse Things I Could Do" was the most watched clip of the whole show.

The live musical is snowballing into greatness and bringing in masses who would not otherwise expose themselves to theatre. With another show, Hairspray, set and increasing buzz, it doesn't look like Live Musicals will be slowing down.



# Inspiring story based on a gold medalist

A movie about Jesse Owens; focused on track and race issues.

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The movie *Race* directed by Stephen Hopkins was based on the inspiring story of four time Olympic gold-medalist, Jesse Owens. *Race* was a great movie, but this was due largely to the plot and acting. The movie wasn't very thrilling, at all, for what it could have been. The movie was almost entirely sports, and no history. While, yes, the underlying racism and World War II are there, it just wasn't really the point.

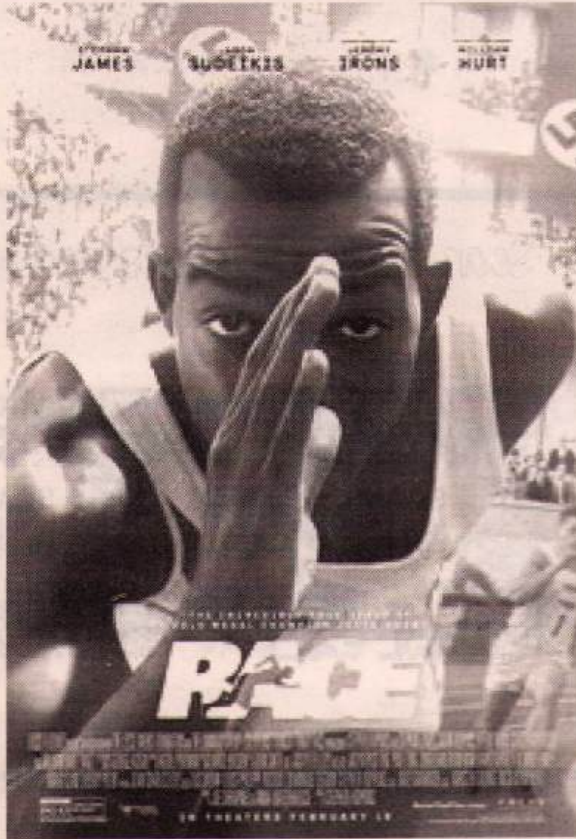
The movie however, was still incredibly inspiring. It reminds us again how awful the

holocaust was, and how awful racism in our own country was, as well. One of the largest aspects taken from the movie is the holocaust was an awful event in history, obviously, but at the same time our country was going through it's own discrimination.

*Race* also made it seem like at this point in history (1935/36) a lot of people were progressive and accepted African Americans, which seems a little hard to believe. I'd say at this time, the majority of the country was still extremely racist and intolerant. It just seems hard to believe that there were so many people accepting of Owens and others in 1935. I mean, yes I'm sure some people were, but it seemed like it was accepted by most of the country and there were a few people that were still behind the times. But really in the 1930's, the majority of the country wasn't so progressive. While this wasn't exactly portrayed through the entire movie, it was shown at the very end, when Owens was walking into his own awards dinner and had to use the service entrance.

The acting in this movie was amazing. Stephan James, a relatively new actor in Hollywood, played Jesse Owens like no other. And shockingly, Jason Sudeikis plays a serious role very well. While at times, it was rather hard to take him seriously, while remembering his roles in movies like *Horrible Bosses* and *We're the Millers*. But it's quite easy to forget, and he might make viewers tear up during multiple scenes in the movie.

This movie was inspiring, in more ways than one. It reminds viewers of our the history of our country and world. Jesse Owens set the stage for African American athletes everywhere. The movie also reminds us that while we weren't all born with the same talents as Owens, we are all put on this Earth for a purpose.



The official poster for the movie *RACE*, featuring the actor portraying Jesse Owens.

# Mixing the music genres

-Commentary-

While some people will argue that one musical genre is better than another, it's hard to say for sure which reigns superior. To many, Pop is the most played, and therefore most favored. Rap and Hip Hop are also listened to a lot, along with Country, Rock, and Alternative. The radio today plays a mix of these, and while some people may cringe at a twangy folk tune or an over-dramatic punk song, a good musical mix is important for any avid listener.

Typically I'd like to focus on one specific band or performer. For purposes of broadening horizons (and stuffing as many awesome musicians into one place as possible) I'm going to discuss a few of my favorite artists and bands of varying genres.

Amongst the many musical acts today, one that seems to stand out is The Weeknd. Before 2015 there were two albums of his: "The Trilogy" and "Kiss Land". Both of these had a handful of good songs, mostly slow and sensuous with rocky undertones. It wasn't until his latest album, "Beauty Behind The Madness," that everyone began to see how truly talented he was. With songs like "Can't Feel My Face" and "In The Night" earning well deserved radio play, many people began listening to his songs. For the first few months after the album's release, The Weeknd became the number one most listened to artist on Spotify (a spot currently held by Justin Bieber).

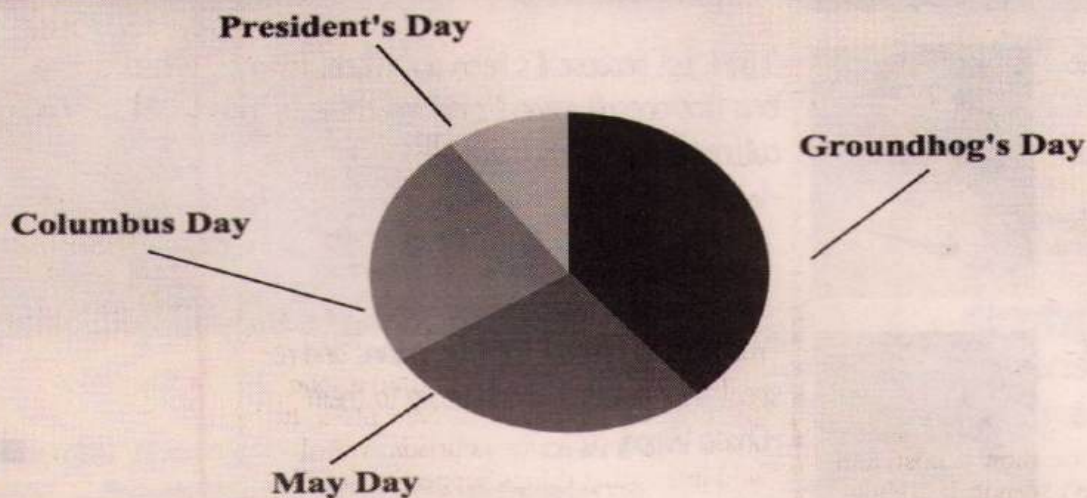
A less popular contemporary singer, Troye Sivan is a fresh, young voice on the Electropop scene. Starting off as a YouTuber in Australia, Sivan quickly gained a following for his wit. A few years after his videos' successes, he decided to test his hand writing songs. The release of his first EP came in 2012, titled "The June Haverly EP." It wasn't until two years later that his first hit, "Happy Little Pill," gave him the kickstart he needed, leading him to release a fantastic album titled "Blue Neighborhood" in 2015.

In other news, Adele and Rihanna both have both put out new albums. If you have not listened to either of those, find a way to get your hands on the music. Beyonce just released a new single entitled "Formation," sparking debate on social media with its Black History Month tribute video set in New Orleans. Kanye West just released a new album, leaving many pleased, and others wondering what the heck happened to the Kanye they used to know and love. We're weeks away from Zayn's new music, Drake is to be coming out with new stuff in April, and Cyndi Lauper is releasing a Country album in May (trust me, I didn't see that one coming either).

Regardless of the type of music one listens to, it is important that we keep an open mind about other genres. Just because someone doesn't like Taylor Swift doesn't mean the entire female Pop industry should be dead to them, and just because another person loves her doesn't mean that's all they should listen to. In the end, it's important to try new things. Especially music, because there's something for everyone; something that can make their day just a little better.



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There are many, many holidays celebrated in the United States of America to the point where it gets slightly ridiculous. Some holidays are widely celebrated like Halloween or Christmas whereas some

are obscure and almost anonymous like Presidential Joke Day or National Trailmix Day. Regardless, people love to celebrate and it seems that they'll take any holiday they can.

The most popular worthless holiday is Groundhog Day. On February second a groundhog is said to leave it's hole and

look at the ground. Supposedly, if it sees it's shadow then it'll be frightened and scurry back to it's den. The groundhog is telling the world that their are six more weeks of winter. If, however, it doesn't see its shadow good weather is supposedly coming soon. Most people disregard Groundhog Day but there are some who follow it religiously. In cult-like fashion, many celebrations are held to watch the groundhog predict the weather. In Pennsylvania, huge celebrations are held which feature feasting and acting. German. Not

all feel so festive about Groundhog day. Most shrug off Groundhog Day as unnecessary or boring, according to a Twitter poll.

Few holidays are less celebrated than May Day. Some may be able to vaguely recall dropping off a basket on someone's doorstep on May 1st, but all-in-all the holiday is just another normal day. The holiday is supposed to celebrate spring but is overpowered by its big sister, Easter. The holiday originated in Rome and wove its way throughout Western culture. Some traditions include giving baskets, dancing, and picnics.

Needless to say, the amount of holidays in our country is superfluous. But at the end of the day, if a worthless holiday is hated or just not cared about, what harm is it really doing?



## Indian mascot controversy: respectful or racist?

By: Chloe Mallon, @Chhhhe17

The Indian has been the mascot of the high school for many years. Most people in the high school probably don't think much of it though, and just go along cheering for the school. To many Native Americans, though, it is very offensive.

A majority of Native Americans don't understand why they are considered a mascot when other races aren't. There are some Native Americans though, who think being considered a mascot is very honorable.

Matthew Pflughaupt, senior, is one of the Native Americans who think when they are considered a school mascot that it is very honorable.

"I think that when choosing a mascot they would want something that symbolizes strength, resilience, or other similar characteristics, so it is an honor that a school would choose to base it around an Indian mascot," Pflughaupt said. Pflughaupt is half Native American, with his mother being a full Native American.

"I think that the Indian mascot should stay the same as any school," he said. "The school has never portrayed the Indians in a negative way and I feel like other students take pride in being called the Marion Indians."

Pflughaupt is very proud of his heritage and being part of this culture, and he thinks very highly of holding the honor of being called a mascot.

"Nobody in my family has ever had any problems with the Indian mascot and I don't personally see any reason to change it," Pflughaupt said.

Others at the school, however, have other opinions.

Mrs. Sarah Doyle, English teacher, thinks the Indian mascot causes many problems and is not a good thing for us to be referred to.

"I understand that many people would like to keep the mascot because of it's history," Doyle said. "However, I think it's in the best interest of the school to change the mascot to be politically correct."

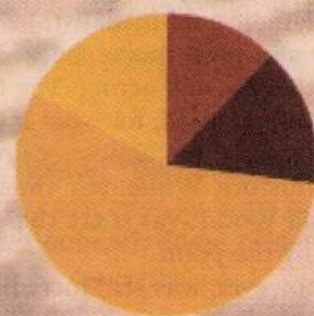
Doyle thinks that if there is even a question, that it should be changed.

Pflughaupt and Doyle obviously have very different opinions on the matter, and that is the main issue going on at the high school. There are so many conflicting opinions and arguments about it, and that will make it a difficult decision for anybody in charge thinking about a change.

Although some may think that the Indian mascot is concerning, many people of Native American heritage see no problem with it. Whether the school will actually change the mascot ever is unknown at this stage, however, it may be someday soon, and it will certainly be a decision that will take a lot of time and thought.

In the end the school will make a decision hopefully everybody will be okay with and respect.

What should our new mascot be?



Vipers (12%) Sharks (15%) Wildcats (56%) Foxes (17%)

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"I think it's perfectly okay to have an Indian as our mascot because we're not being disrespectful. It's just a symbol."  
-Jenna Danning, '17



"I'm fine with the Indian being our mascot because it's been a tradition for a while."  
-Christian Morehouse, '17



"I think it's good with the Indian being our mascot as long as we don't disgrace them."  
-McKenna Merck, '17



"I don't think it should be our mascot because it could be highly offensive to people of that descent."  
-Bobby Lockhart, '18



"I think just because it's been our mascot for a long time doesn't mean it's not insensitive to their culture and up for discussion."  
-Wyatt Ehr, '17



"You have to respect the true Indians and respect their beliefs. It should be up to them."  
-Chase Wood, '17

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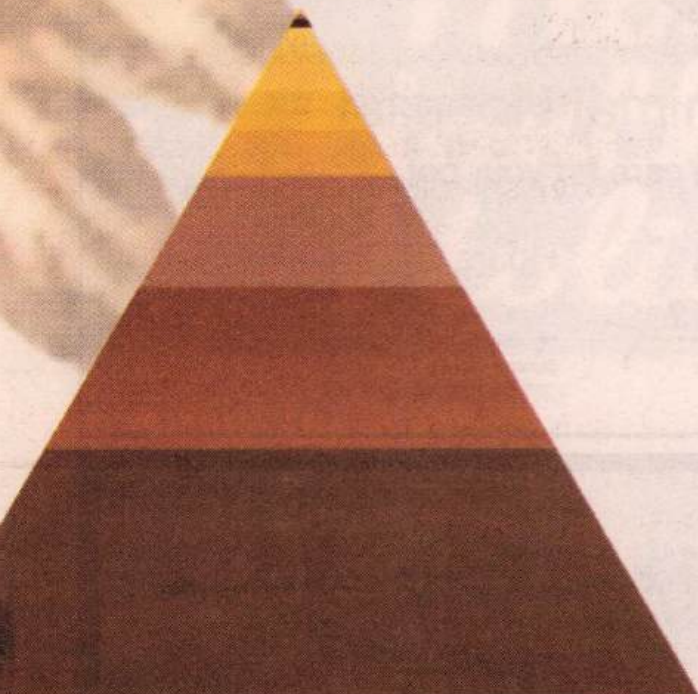
## Mascots that have changed in the past 35 years

- Stanford University - Indians to Cardinal (1972)
- Dartmouth - Indians to Big Green (1974)
- Siena - Indians to Saints (1988)
- Eastern Michigan - Hurons to Eagles (1991)
- St. Johns (N.Y.) - Redman to Red Storm (1994)
- Marquette - Warriors to Golden Eagles (1994)
- Miami (Ohio) - Red Skins to RedHawks (1997)
- Seattle University - Chieftains to Redhawks (2000)
- Louisiana-Monroe - Indians to Warhawks (2006)

videos about the Native American mascot



## Names Referencing Native Americans



Indians (23%) Raiders (16%) Braves (7%) Chiefs (6%)  
 Red Names (6%) Redskins (4%) Redmen (1%) Savages (1%)  
 Tribe (0%) Orangemen (0%) Squaws (0%) Shaman (0%)

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Do you think our mascot should be changed from Indians? Reply with your answers and why!

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@dailypowwow definitely racist. Indians should not be made a mascot, they are people too. It would be the same as saying the "Marion Asians"

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@dailypowwow We're stealing dignity and culture from a race that has already had so much taken.

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@dailypowwow no. We are the Indians. It's not racist, people shouldn't be looking at it that way. I'm proud to be a Marion Indian.

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@dailypowwow no, it's always been the Marion Indians and there's no need for a change. It's not like we've mocked natives, we're respectful

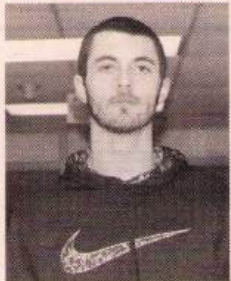
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@dailypowwow It shouldn't be changed. We use Indians to represent pride, strength, and bravery, just like other schools use animals. Keep it



# 10 Senior Interviews



## Gage Kray

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My homies.  
**Future Plans?:** Join Union to become an electrician.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "One time I wrestled a giraffe to the ground with my bare hands."  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Liger



## Jacob Kriegel

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Not the food, but friends.  
**Future Plans?:** Dental Sales.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Don't follow your dreams, follow me on Twitter @KriEgz  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Chris Raymond



## Clayton Kwater

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The music program and the people I've met in it.  
**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood for two years, then UNI for music education.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Get involved, and don't worry about what people think.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Fish



## Ashley Lappe

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My best friend and the amazing teachers.  
**Future Plans?:** Attend Iowa State for Architecture and Interior Design and travel the world whenever I can.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Say no to drugs and yes to pizza.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Ron Swanson



## Maria Lawyer

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The library.  
**Future Plans?:** Vet school.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Life is a garden, dig it!"  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Hedgehog



## Jason Layton

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friendships and teachers.  
**Future Plans?:** Become a programmer.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** It's never just easy.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Cat



## Phillip Lockhart

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The teachers.  
**Future Plans?:** Go to Kirkwood.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Just don't worry about it.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Wolf



## Andrew Lodwig

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Building the Building Trades house with friends.  
**Future Plans?:** A carpenter apprenticeship  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Don't slack off freshman year. Make all years greatest, they're gone too fast.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** N/A



## Lucas Long

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Rosedale and the Nature Center.  
**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood to fix Hondas.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "George Bush doesn't care about black people." -Kanye West  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Bear



## Sarah Long

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Teachers.  
**Future Plans?:** UNI for Graphic Design or Photography.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** The only thing to fear is fear itself. And spiders.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** None



## Jacob Manderscheid

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Sporting events and my friends.  
**Future Plans?:** Go to UNI  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "You can catch more honeys and fly, but you can catch more fly being honey."  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Sugar Glider



## Anna Martinson

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friends, golf, Mr. Trilk, and Mrs. Doyle.  
**Future Plans?:** Culinary Arts Program at Kirkwood.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** "Every song ends, but is that any reason not to enjoy the music?" -One Tree Hill  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Cat



## Elijah Matthes

**What will you miss about Marion?:** 1941 Otis Rd. SE  
**Future Plans?:** The trades.  
**Quote or piece of advice:** Once you go Mac, you never go back.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Snoop Lion



## Desiree McNamara

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Music program and color guard  
**Future Plans?:** Music Ed. or Medicine  
**Quote or piece of advice:** You got no jams, Bryan.  
**What's your spirit animal?:** Tiger



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### Remmington McNeeley

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Being close with friends.

**Future Plans?:** Two years of criminal justice at Kirkwood then two at UNI.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Here at Marion Golf we tuck in our shirts. This isn't golf for the unemployed.



### Katherine Miell

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friends and teachers.

**Future Plans?:** National Guard and Kirkwood to start then university.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Sometimes the best thing that you can do is not think, not wonder, not imagine, not obsess. Just breathe and have faith that everything will turn out for the best.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Jaguar



### Brittany Miller

**What will you miss about Marion?:** My friends & marching band.

**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood for Bakery and Pastry Program.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Enjoy what you make of today.



### Skylar Miller-Baker

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Friends, the journo squad, track team.

**Future Plans?:** Majoring in Biology, then PT school, and run track.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Don't get off track by those who aren't in track.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Cheetah



### Paige Morahan

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Teachers and small classes.

**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Don't let your happiness depend on other people.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Cat



### Peyton Morahan

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Small classes.

**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood.

**Quote or piece of advice:** The less you care about what people think, the happier you'll be.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Monkey



### Lexi Morgan

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Kirst, Kat, my babies, journo (kinda).

**Future Plans?:** Go to U of I to major in pre law and political science.

**Quote or piece of advice:** School is easy. It's like riding a bike. Except, the ground is on fire. And the bike is on fire. And everything is on fire, because you're in hell.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Dexter. My dog or the serial killer.



### Kelsey Morris

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Teachers and my frands.

**Future Plans?:** Going into childcare.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Love what you do.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Dogs



### Josh Neumann

**What will you miss about Marion?:** The humor around the school.

**Future Plans?:** Kirkwood to get my Culinary degree.

**Quote or piece of advice:** If you ain't first you're last

**What's your spirit animal?:** Platypus



### Noah Nissen

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Leading Red Nation

**Future Plans?:** Go to Iowa Wesleyan for Business then try to get into film producing

**Quote or piece of advice:** "If there's one person I love more than myself, it's Noah Nissen." -Kanye West

**What's your spirit animal?:** A\$AP Rocky



### Jennifer Null

**What will you miss about Marion?:** Anime Club.

**Future Plans?:** Going to Kirkwood for Pet Grooming.

**Quote or piece of advice:** Shoot for the stars and follow your dreams.

**What's your spirit animal?:** Wolf

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## Cedar Rapids' newest sports team

By: Sophie Willete, @selfiesophie

Imagine getting to sit front row at every professional soccer game, getting to help decide who plays during the halftime show and who sings the National Anthem. Imagine getting to go bowling with players from Spain and Brazil until midnight, volunteering with them in the community, and getting to ride on the bus to away games and stay in the hotels. It would almost be considered being part of the team.

Alexis Smith, sophomore, is the daughter of Barry Smith, one of the owners of the Cedar Rapids Rampage indoor soccer team. Smith gets to experience everything with the Rampage team, and she enjoys every second of it. She sees the players at their best and at their worst, from when they get injured to scoring a game winning goal.

Smith is involved in volleyball and she is on the bowling team that placed third at state this season. She helps her parents constantly with the Rampage. Smith isn't bothered by helping at all, and she likes it because she gets to spend more time with her dad. Smith's father is never overwhelmed with work from the Rampage because the team manager handles the stressful and time consuming jobs for the team.

Smith enjoys going to the games. "Of course there are those fans that are a little too intense at the games, but most of the other fans just go for a fun time and a night out of the house," Smith said. Madison Baker, sophomore, has been to a Rampage game and described it saying, "The games are intense with everyone yelling and cheering. Even when the Rampage don't score it's still really crazy and loud. It's a fun environment." With this being Cedar Rapids only minor league soccer team, attendance is usually pretty good. This adds some hype and makes the games really fun.

Smith helps coordinate who performs at halftime and who sings the national anthem at the beginning of games. She also helps decide what games to play with the crowd and what tee shirts to throw to the fans. Smith is a big part of why the Rampage games are so fun, she makes sure the performers and the games are fun and entertaining from everyone.

The Rampage are currently 3-13, but they are a new team and are starting to mesh together. The team has the potential to be very good. There are players that come from all over the world to play with the Rampage. Players come from Spain, England, Brazil, and other smaller countries. The players have to work hard for their spot everyday because of the constant change in recruits, players leaving, and players moving up to the next level. The number of players on the team varies from week to week because of that. Most players have another job on the side from playing

because the Rampage is a Major Arena Soccer Team, which is a few steps down from professional soccer. The Rampage play at the US Cellular Center in downtown Cedar Rapids, and usually have a game once a week.

The Rampage are an up and coming team who is really fun to watch. Even though their season is over Smith and the Rampage will still work together to get better in the off-season and come back next season better than ever. Watch out for the Rampage this fall and be sure to buy a ticket that will guarantee a fun time in a loud and enthusiastic environment that will be perfect for the whole family.



The Cedar Rapids Rampage soccer team poses for a team picture before a game at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids.

## A hotel all about hospitality

By: Chloe Rice, @Cmrice44



The Hotel at Kirkwood Center, located in Cedar Rapids, hosts community events.

The Hotel at Kirkwood Center and Restaurant, open twenty four hours a day, every day, is a very busy place. Whether there are business meetings, social gatherings, weddings, or just people dining in, there is always something happening there. "Seven days a week there is something going on," said Chef David Horsfield, the Department Chair.

Chef Horsfield became part of the instructional team at Kirkwood Community College after he moved to the U.S. in 2006. Later in 2011, he became the Department Chair of Hospitality Arts Programs.

The restaurant at The Hotel Kirkwood is open to and relies on the public in order for the culinary students to practice. The restaurant is staffed with professionals, and the Kirkwood students train and work alongside them. There are four main programs that students participate in. They are restaurant management, culinary arts, hotel management, and baking and pastry. The hotel and restaurant operates with or without students. If the students are on break, then everything is run by the professionals only.

As far as events taking place at the hotel go, there are business meetings that happen year round. Social gatherings take place mostly from the spring through fall, and on all of the major holidays. For holidays, they often have buffets. There are up to fifty weddings per year that take place in the conference center. They also put on theme dinners, which the professionals and students will host for the public.

During the student programs for The Hotel Kirkwood, the students will spend time training or making food in a controlled environment, whether that is a lab or a classroom, and then they also work in the restaurant with the professionals. Between all of the programs, there are about 300-325 total students. On average, Hotel Management students will spend about 516 hours working with guests, culinary students will spend about 312 hours cooking, and pastry students will spend about 144 hours baking during the year.

Mrs. Pins, FCS teacher here at MHS, has been to The Hotel Kirkwood for FCS conferences. "It was wonderful, it was very classy," she said. At the conference, she got to tour the classroom settings and she was very impressed by the food and it's high level class. Pins prefers the Hotel at Kirkwood over others. It seems like it's in a bigger city to her. It feels cozy, even with the large amounts of people there.

One of the biggest positives for students working at The Hotel Kirkwood is the amount of active participation that they receive. "Students get hands on experience. They're not just reading from a book," said Horsfield. The Hotel Kirkwood earned a prestigious Four Diamond Award from the AAA (American Automobile Association). This award means that the hotel is "upscale" in all areas. "We work very hard to keep the level of service for our guests at one hundred percent," said Horsfield. At The Hotel Kirkwood, they strive to be the best.

## Curling club slides on the scene

By: Chloe Mallon, @chhhloe17

Everyone knows about the more traditional sports clubs that play in Cedar Rapids, such as football, basketball, soccer, etc. Some may not know, though, that Cedar Rapids also has their own curling team. Playing from the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, the team was established to introduce others to the idea of playing curling, even without experience.

Mark Olson, curler and vice president of the Cedar Rapids Curling Club commits many hours of his time to organize different nights in order to give people chances to learn how to curl. Olson started curling in late elementary school. "I curled through middle and high school, and then took twenty years off, and found myself here starting up again," Olson said.

Many people may not actually know what curling is. It started off in Scotland. The game consists of four players and the objective is to slide a 42 pound piece of granite down the ice in order to get closer to the middle to receive the point.

Sophie Reider, sophomore, once

attended a curling event. "Curling was awesome with them. They let us try curling and everything!" Reider said.

"A funny moment curling was once when my pants slipped while curling on the ice," Olson said. "It wasn't funny at the time, but looking back it makes me laugh."

"I think that my favorite part of curling would have to be the fact that nothing is ever the same from game to game; every game is new," Olson said. "The ice conditions change from game to game, the situations you face in each game are different and nobody shoots every rock they throw exactly the same way."

Olson thinks that the people make every game the best though. He has such a fun time working with them. "No questions, curling people in general are friendly, open, and outgoing. Here in Cedar Rapids, that's only the beginning," Olson said. "We have a group of people that love the game and are willing to do what needs to get done to bring curling to the Corridor, and all step up and work together, having a good time, to do it."

The curling team's main goal is to try and get all age groups involved no matter what experience and physical shape someone may be in. They wanted to create a very unique organization to make others interested and they plan to keep succeeding in gathering interest. They hold nights every week to get people to come out and try curling for themselves.

Curling is an awesome new experience in Cedar Rapids, and anyone who wants to try it should go.



Members of the Cedar Rapids Curling Club show others how to curl.



## Homeschool to public school

By: Kenzie Redmond @kenzie\_redmond2

She typically rolls out of bed and walks to the kitchen table to begin school, but this year is a little different. The sound of the bell, students talking, and teachers lecturing fills her mind as she walks down the halls filled with her new fellow classmates. This is all true for Morgan Ashley, freshman.

This is Ashley's first year going to public school. Ashley has been homeschooled since the middle of her kindergarten year but the transition to public school was a good change for her. She is dual-enrolled so she takes her science, math, English, and French at school and her social studies and physical education at home.

The first day of school was a bit tougher for her since she was stepping into a whole new environment. "I felt really overwhelmed and like an outsider because I didn't know how the school system worked. I was really nervous," she said.

The adjustment took her awhile to get used to, but she put things in perspective. "I noticed on the first day of school that everybody already knew each other. Everybody was in their groups or cliques. You go from being at home every day, all day, and then all of a sudden you're walking around a school you've never been to and you're in a classroom setting," she said.

Ashley's favorite part about the switch from homeschool to public school is the curriculum. "I always had to have somebody else teach me, so that's where coming here works a lot better. It's a lot easier to get help from the teachers. I've never really had to write any papers or do any presentations, which is my weak point, so it's really nice to have to do that and have to get better at it," she said.

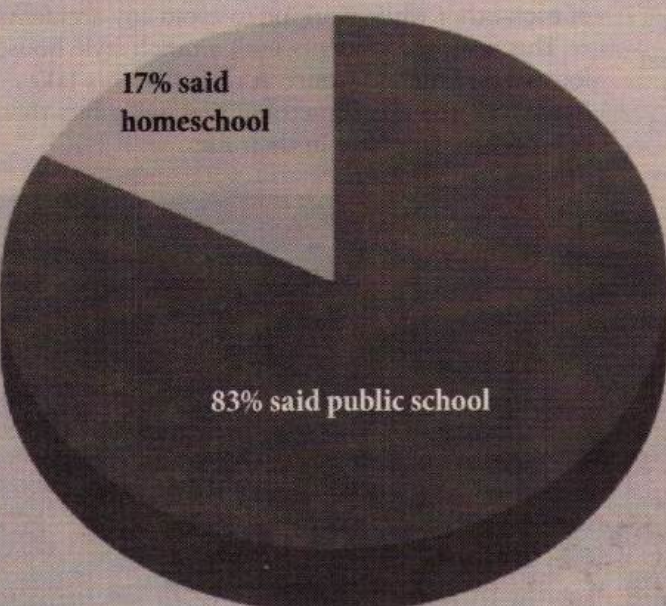
There are some major differences however. "[With homeschool], I can just take my core classes and be done. There's definitely a difference in how long you spend doing school. I could start school at 11 and be done at 2 versus here where I get up at 7, you're at school at 8, and you're doing homework until 9 or 10 at night," Ashley said.

Karis Holley, sophomore, was homeschooled up until 7th grade and then her 8th grade year she became full public school. She agrees that there are some major differences. "[The differences are], how the day is scheduled. You wake up when you want when you're homeschooled and you get to decide which subject you do first and you go at your own pace," she said.

The stereotypes were one of the reasons Ashley wanted to get away from the homeschool environment. "I didn't really like being homeschooled because there's the stereotype of being antisocial and having no friends," she said.

Ashley has adjusted to the new setting well. She may have been homeschooled her whole life, but this new transition was beneficial for her and she will continue public school in her future years.

## Public school or homeschool?



84 students were polled on which method of schooling they would prefer to learn by: homeschool or public school. Seventeen percent of the students said they would like to be homeschooled, eighty four percent said they would rather be at public school.

## Traveling to Spain for Spring Break

Students interested in Spanish get geared up to take a school trip to Spain.

By: Skylar Miller-Baker @skylarbaker15



DeLaney Fisher, senior



Shelby Brewer, senior

While sitting in class one day, she can hear the teacher drone on and on about something that she may need to know for an upcoming test, but she can't pay attention. She is counting down the days in her head till she will be boarding the plane to Spain. It's so hard for her to contain her excitement. She fears that at any moment she will burst out screaming in the middle of class. She can imagine seeing beautiful sites, trying exotic foods, and having a blast with all the other students who have decided to take the trip.

DeLaney Fisher, senior, is one of the lucky students who will endure the airport and plane ride to get to Spain. "The trip is basically

straight 24 hours. We fly to Chicago, then we have a five hour layover until we board the plane to Madrid, which is then 14 hours," Fisher said. The trip to Spain might be long, and endless hours will be spent in a plane, but it will be worth.

Fisher is really excited for the trip and not in the slightest bit nervous, even though most people would be nervous going to a new country and having to get used to all the new customs and rules of the country. "I'm just excited. Stuff can always go wrong, but we're prepared. Mrs. Henkel has done a really good job of preparing us. She's a pro," Fisher said. When asked what she is most excited about, Fisher said, "Trying the new food, seeing and learning about the culture, and seeing all the different sites."

The trip was available to take for anyone who has taken a Spanish class at the high school. The

trip will be chaperoned by Mrs. Wennekamp and Mrs. Henkel, two of the Spanish teachers at the high school. Many of the students who signed up to go, all had their own reasons; just like Fisher has hers. "I really like Spanish and I plan on minoring in it in college. I wanted to also experience the culture and the opportunity was just there," Fisher said. Fisher also said that she was excited about maybe even seeing some art at the museums there that she learned about in AP Art History. Shelby Brewer, senior, is also taking the trip to Spain, and she has her own reasons to take the trip as well. "My old foreign exchange student lives over there, I just really like the language, and I have even thought about living over there before," Brewer said.

There is always that opinion among students that a school trip is never as fun as a trip with your friends or family, but Fisher disagrees greatly. "We will learn a lot going, and it will still be fun because my friends are going. Plus it's something new," Fisher said. Since it's a school trip, some parents might find it hard to let their children go, since they won't be there with them. "I think my mom is a little more nervous than she lets on. My aunt travels a lot, so she has been telling all the do's and don'ts of traveling," Fisher said.

The trip in total costs about four thousand dollars, but that doesn't include spending money, or the special outlets that are needed to charge a cell phone over there. Also, the Internet is bigger over in Spain rather than texting or calling. Fisher said that she might be sending a lot of emails, instead of texting or calling. Even though this is all true, Fisher is still really excited for the trip. The only part she isn't looking forward to is the many hours that will be spent in the airport and on the plane traveling.

Even though the plane ride, and endless hours spent in the airport, are a drag; it will sure be worth it when Fisher steps out of that plane in Spain, and has the time of her life. While hanging out with friends, exploring new sites, and learning about the new and exotic culture.

## Zobel continues her college preparation

By: Chloe Rice, @Cmrice44

The future and college may seem like a foreign concept to some students. However, this is not the case for sophomore Lillie Zobel, who started thinking about and planning for college in seventh grade. Zobel is ranked first in her class, which is not an easy accomplishment, and it is obvious that she works hard for it. Zobel is involved in activities such as band, choir, tennis, speech, DARE/SODA, student senate, and the spring musical. Even though she is thoroughly involved in all of these things, she always makes time for school work and learning.

Zobel has already taken two Advanced Placement classes and three, going on four, online classes. Outside of school, she studies for a minimum of one hour and sometimes past midnight, depending on the week. To Zobel, all of the time and hard work that she is putting in now will be worth it in the end. Working hard through your whole high school career will pay off later in life.

Zobel already has a plan set for her college career. She wants to attend the University of Florida to become a surgeon. Next year she plans on taking an open block to apply for scholarships. There is no set time when a student has to start planning their future, it's up to each individual person to decide. "I don't think you can ever be too early," said Zobel. She went on to explain that there may be a too late point, though. The more preparation there is, the better.

Through all of this planning, Zobel does not feel pressure. "If you know what you want to do, then you can just do it," she said. The hardest part is just figuring out what you want to do. When you know that, then the rest should come naturally.

There isn't a specific guideline for students to follow when they are preparing for college, but there are some things that help. First and foremost, students have to know what they want to do. Then they should take

challenging classes. Not all of the classes have to be about the same subject and same field of study, it's just important to learn how to learn. "You can never gain too much knowledge," said Zobel. There is always more out there to improve on.

Vivian Le, sophomore, thinks that there is just enough pressure on student to perform well in school and plan for their future. Sometimes, a little bit of pressure can be a good thing, it can be motivating. It's not always easy to fit everything in during high school, choices have to be made. "To balance school work and a social life you need to understand your priorities and avoid making excuses," Le said.

Overall, it's important for each individual to choose something that they know they are interested in and like. Careers in general may be a lot of work, but they should also be enjoyable. "I'll be happy because I'll be doing something that I want to do," said Zobel. We all know that a person's future is important, but that doesn't mean that it has to take up all of our time in high school. We also have to have time to be kids and enjoy other things.

There is no time set in stone when a student absolutely has to start planning for college or their future. It depends on what the person wants to pursue. Depending on the student, there could be a lot of pressure to perform well in school or there could be none. "It's important to have both a social life and school," said Zobel. Yes, school is important for life, but that doesn't mean that it has to be our whole life. Zobel states, "It's more important to be happy than to stress out about your future." That is great advice for any student, no matter what they plan on doing.



Lillie Zobel, '18.



## Is dress code taken too far?

Jessie Ellerby expresses her opinion on school dress code.

By: Sophie Willette @selfiesophiee

School should be a place where students are confident in who they are and what they believe in. Many students express themselves in the way that they dress, but sometimes there



Jessie Ellerby, '18

is something in their way. The dress code.

Jessie Ellerby, sophomore, is a fashion forward girl at Marion High School and has no problem flaunting it. She has worn short-shorts and crop tops to school before, but sometimes dress code comes into play and the wardrobe choices can be changed dramatically.

Girls aren't supposed to wear tank tops with thin straps, but boys are allowed to wear "bro tanks" and cut-offs. "It's not fair, the attention is put mostly on girls when it should be on boys too," Ellerby said. When it comes to clothing style and choices, most of the attention is on girls. Just because girls have more to "show off" doesn't mean they can be picked on for their clothing choices. There is a trend going around social media regarding the fact that boys get "distracted" when girls have their shoulders showing during school. "Shoulders are just fine to show off. I don't think it matters." Said Maverick Miller, junior, about the shoulder debate.

Another problem that's crossing the dress code boundaries is cleavage. "If a guy can show a nipple, we can show cleavage," Ellerby said. If a guy can work out without a shirt, then why can't girls work out in their

sports bras? Track is a prime example. The boys' track team can run without their shirts on when it's really hot out, but the girls team has to wear t-shirts because the boys will get "distracted."

The school systems all around America support being yourself and being confident in yourself, but if the schools don't allow students to wear what they want to wear, they aren't following the message they are trying to teach students. "If someone's butt cheeks are hanging out of their pants then that's obviously not okay," said Ellerby. She believes not everything is inappropriate, and not everything deserves punishment. Ashley Hilzender, freshman, agrees with Ellerby saying, "I think it should be different than what it is now. People should be able to show their shoulders."

So how should the students be punished if they do violate dress code? Ellerby thinks some punishments are too harsh, saying, "The teachers should suggest for the person to not wear that certain thing again, or tell them to put a sweater over their tank top or something. They shouldn't send the student home." Most students don't even notice when one of their classmates is not following dress code, some teachers don't notice either. So why the big debate?

When it comes down to it, most students don't care what their other classmates are wearing. Most people just stay in their lane and mind their own business. Dress code is usually just tossed to the side and ignored, if you're looking at a boy. But if a girl was to break dress code all eyes would be on her. Ellerby and most of the student body believe something needs to change.

## Showing the arts a little love

By: Amery Bruce  
@amerybruce

He performs with passion, singing and dancing amongst his friends. Adrenaline runs through him, the thrill of doing what he loves leaving him breathless. They finish their performance and the audience erupts in applause. There's one thing missing, from the celebration, however, and that's the easily recognizable lack of the student body.

Even after numerous awards in all aspects, the arts side of the school lacks the support of the majority of the student body. Few students attend choir and band concerts, musical, or any other activity from the arts aspect of the school. David Gorman, junior, is one of the many students in the arts that feels like they aren't getting equal attention from their peers. "Mr. Semler and Mr. Zrudsky come to almost all of the choir and band concerts, and even make it to some show choir competitions," he said, "but we're not all supporting each other."

Gorman is involved in choir, jazz choir, jazz band, drumline, and pretty much anything else that has to do with the arts area of the school. He believes that most all of the musical activities gets the same amount of attention, but show choir is probably the best on the choir side. Even then, though the show choir is extremely good at performing, there isn't as much encouragement as they would like. "I think the better we do the more attention we will get," he said.

Though this is probably true, he doesn't think it should take them winning first place awards to be acknowledged. "Whether or not we're doing well, or doing bad, the student body should be there supporting each other," he said, "even if we're having a bad season, it's nice to have support."

"The music boosters provide most all of the equipment and music we have," Liz Fontenot, senior, said.

No matter the budget, or the season, Gorman believes that the school should support each other. "Our music program has grown so quickly in such a short time, and people are surprised," he said, "but come watch and be a part of what we're doing."

Not only is the arts side of the school feeling neglected. There are many other activities too, such as bowling, archery, tennis, and many more that don't get the same amount of attention. There are some valid reasons for lack of the student body, such as having a competition or game far away. Some students can't get rides to far away events, but when there's a home event, it's nice to have support from peers.

Gorman hopes that everyone will come see what the arts are about. He thinks if people would come see how good the jazz band, choir, show choir, musical, and everything else is, the interest in his side of the school would increase. He believes it will be beneficial if the student body supports each other with everything.

## Trevor Gamerdinger builds his future

By: Chloe Rice @cmrice44

This year is a milestone for the Building Trades class at our school. It is the 25th student built house. This class started right at the beginning of the school year, and takes up the whole year for the seniors that are involved. Trevor Gamerdinger is one of the fourteen seniors that are working on the project this year. This class is only offered to seniors.

Building Trades is not an average high school class. "It's a lot different. Students are not just sitting in a class the whole time. You can see the progress. Sometimes we have to stay after if there is something to finish up," said Gamerdinger. However, the students do not finish the job alone.

One of Gamerdinger's favorite parts about the job is meeting all of the people from different trades that come in the help work on the house. People such as electricians, plumbers, painters, drywallers, and heat/AC installers come in to help out every once in a while.

However, that is not Gamerdinger's only favorite part. "I like the hands on work," he said. One of the most important things to learn before starting to work is how to properly use the tools and be safe with them. The tools that are used most often are things like tape measures, saws, hammers, etc. So far the biggest injury that anyone has gotten this year is a splinter, so they hope to keep it that way.

In this class, they spread out the process and take the whole year to build the house. Right now, they have the walls up and are working on projects on the inside of the house. The professionals would

have been done by now, but the students like to make sure that they are learning and getting the job done right.

Gamerdinger took this class because he is interested in finding a job in the trades in the future. "I want to go into electrical trade," said Gamerdinger. He would like to do an apprenticeship for the job. This Building Trades class is helpful to anyone that plans on going into any job of the trades. It could also help someone learn if this is what they would like to do or not, either way it is helpful.

This class is by no means easy. It is very challenging. "The most challenging part is getting small details to line up and be exact," said Gamerdinger. Small details are very important when it comes to building a house. Students have to be able to do physical work no matter what the conditions are like. It is important to get the job done well the first time.

Generally, the student built houses range in price from \$275,000 to \$282,000. Twenty five years ago, when the program originally started, they took out a construction loan to begin the build. Now they take out a small loan to finish the house each year be-

cause they have made enough profit from past sales.

Participating in this class means that each student has to be able to keep themselves and others safe. "As for injuries, they are a part of construction but we certainly hope that never happens. We have been fortunate that we have had no major injuries over the 25 years, just a few scratches, bruises and a couple stitches," Weisinger said. They emphasize safety. It is important that each student is watchful of each other while working to avoid any accidents.

This year, the students built a ranch style house located on Emerald Court. A class like this takes hard work and it is something that will affect them in a positive way later in their life.



The 2015-2016 Building Trades class members pose for a picture after working hard on building the house.



## Changes for the class

By: Lexi Morgan, @lexi\_morgan17



Noah Walter, '16

In high school, there are tons of options for students to get involved. Club, sports, anything. For the leaders of our generation there is student senate. Noah Walter, senior, decided to get involved with this and become our senior class president.

Some time in his junior year, Walter decided it was time for change. There needed to be a new man in charge. At first, he really didn't think he would win. Many had tried before and failed. But Walter achieved what others couldn't. "In that moment, I was really hungry. But I also felt very honored," he said. The reason he decided to run was because he wanted to change the way things were. "What I like most about it is just having the title," Walter said. He is also involved in other things. He is captain of the basketball team and on the soccer team.

His life began to change after he became class president. "I just felt more respected. Some even call me Mr. President, I got more attention from the ladies and Marilyn Monroe even called me on my birthday," Walter said. He has to go to meetings before school once a month. "That's the only thing I don't like about it. I hate waking up early, but they meetings are fine," he said.

Walter has also done a lot in assisting planning post grad. "I've sold a lot of t-shirts. A lot," he said. He has also volunteered at Pizza Ranch and a youth basketball tournament.

As for post grad, Walter has a lot of great ideas. This year, post grad will be moved from the high school to the Rockwell Recreation Center. It is usually the class's choice on whether or not they want to spend the money on having it at a different location. Post grad is always a lot of fun, and Walter plans on keeping it that way. "We don't have much set in stone, but there will be a hypnotist, a basketball and volleyball tournament, and a photo booth," he said. Of course, there are many other ideas as well.

While being class president may seem like a small job, it has many responsibilities. While seniors had the same class president for three years, they must have been ready for change. Noah Walter was voted in for the first time his senior year, but it seems like he's got the job down.

## Reider's passion for reading

Sophie Reider, sophomore, talks how reading puts her in a bubble.

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She sits in her room, music playing in the background, while she's in her own fantasy. Her eyes are focused on the book that is transforming the world around her. Nothing else matters while she reads deeper and deeper into the story, wanting to know what the next page will unfold.

This girl is in her own world is Sophie Reider, sophomore. Reider loves to read and reads whenever she has freetime. People rarely see her without a book in her hand. If Reider isn't reading, she is most likely swimming, writing, or practicing for Speech.

Reider believes that she has read more than 1,000 books in her life so far. That is including re-reading books. The fastest she has read a book over 300 pages is in four hours. Her sister, Emilie Reider, and her were having a Harry Potter book marathon together one weekend and that is when she completed one of the books in four hours.

Reider's love for reading started when her mom began reading Harry Potter to her in kindergarten as a bedtime story. "I thought it was real, and she told me to try reading it myself. There are so many different characters that you can dive into," said Reider. Her passion started in kindergarten, and she has kept reading ever since.

There are many different styles and genres of books, but Reider doesn't have a favorite. Reider said, "It doesn't matter what the book is about as long as it leaves an impression on you." Even though she doesn't have a favorite genre, she does have a favorite book. Her favorite book is *Me, Earl, and the Dying Girl*. "The writing style is different. You go from crying to laughing on the floor," said Reider.

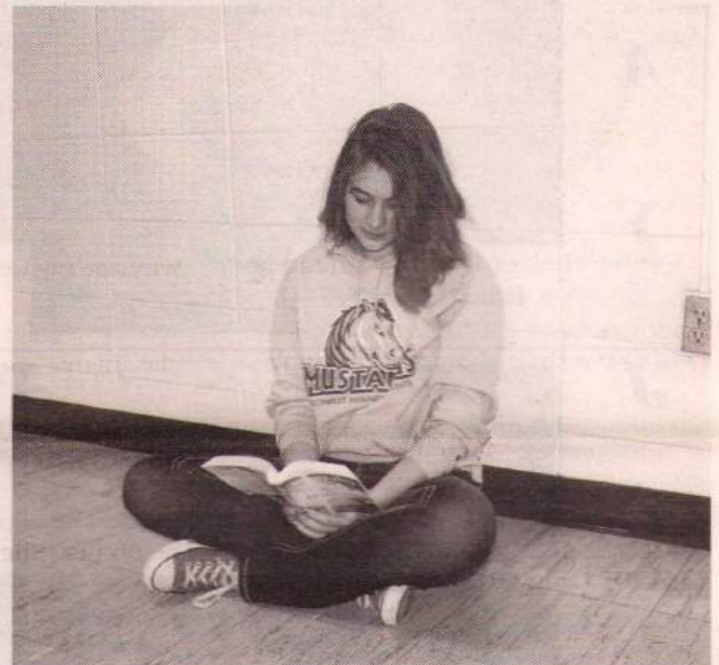
Another student who loves reading is Katie Hemann, sophomore.

Hemann believes she reads a hour a day, or even more. She enjoys reading in her room where it is quiet. She found her love for reading in fifth grade in Mr. Hahn's class when the class read *Percy Jackson*. "Reading is an escape from the rest of the world. I can live in my own fantasy of the book," Hemann said.

While Hemann enjoys reading where it is quiet, Reider likes to read in a different area. "I like reading when there is noise. Reading in cafes is fun, but reading in public can also be annoying because then people ask what you're reading. It is also dangerous because when a character dies you can't cry," said Reider.

When reading, Reider feels like she is in her own little world. "It makes me feel like I'm in a bubble. The bubble is my bubble of safety. It also makes me feel like I'm in a movie and I'm living it," Reider said. Her favorite part about reading is getting to see worlds unfold just through her imagination. The last thing Reider wanted to add was, "Read the *Percy Jackson* series. It's really good."

Whether it's reading in her room, or reading in a cafe, Reider still blocks out all other noises and has her nose in her book. She watches the story unfold in her imagination. The bubble of safety will never pop while she is doing something she loves.



Sophie Reider, '18, relaxes while sitting in the hallway having her eyes on her book

## High School Musical cast all in, all together

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She stands on the stage, lights shining in her face, and all eyes of the audience are staring at her. She isn't up on stage to be herself, instead she is portraying a character role that she has been assigned. Her character's name is Gabriella Montez.



Erin Thomason, '16

This year, the spring musical is called "High School Musical," and will be based off of the movie. The girl that has been chosen to play Gabriella is Erin Thomason, senior. Thomason has been involved in all of the other plays and musicals that our school has shown. These include "Guys and Dolls," "Prodigal," and "A Grand Night for Singing."

The idea for the musical came from the choir director, Mr. Jonathan Dyrland. Dyrland will also be directing the play. The cast practices Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from seven to ten p.m. They will also have a few extra rehearsals on weekends or days off.

Thomason is excited for this musical. "I'm looking forward to spending time with the cast at all of the rehearsals," she said. Enjoying the people that are a part of the cast can always make any play or musical more enjoyable.

Since Thomason has one of the main roles, she has to be even more prepared than some of the other cast

members. Although this may be the case, Thomason knows just how she will prepare for her role. "I will practice a lot outside of the main rehearsals, and make sure I know all of my notes and lines," she said.

Thomason isn't the only cast member that has a main role. Isabelle Webber and William Randall, seniors, both have big parts as well. Webber will be playing Sharpay Evans, and Randall will be playing Ryan Evans. Webber said, "I auditioned because I've always done musicals. Also, High School Musical is everyone's dream while watching it as they grow up." Although Webber always participates in musicals, this is Randall's first musical in a while. Randall said, "I auditioned because I love High School Musical and I couldn't miss out." Both Webber and Randall are hoping to give the audiences performances that the performers can be proud of.

Being a part of the musical can be very fun, but there are times where it can also be stressful. "Towards opening night can be stressful. We have to make sure everyone has their lines down and is confident in their part," Thomason said. Not only are times stressful, there may also be a few hard parts. "The hardest part is working with such a diverse and large group of people," said Thomason.

With this being Thomason's last performance in high school, she has set some goals for herself. "I want to be the best Gabriella I can be and be confident," she said.

Thomason believes that there will be a

lot more students who come to the show considering that the show is so well known.

The musical will be shown on April 15th and 16th in the auditorium, and if everyone comes to the musical then we can all be in this together.

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# Movies, movies, and more movies for the rest of 2016

According to Everything is a Remix, a video made to explain that almost all creative products are remakes or sequels of something prior (found at [everythingisaremix.info](http://everythingisaremix.info)), the percentage of Top Ten grossing movies from the past ten years, 74% were remakes or sequels. This year is no different. Here are just a few of this year's upcoming remakes and sequels people will be dying to see.

Disclosure: a few of these movies are not yet rated. It is to the best of The Vox Staff's knowledge that these will be G, PG, or PG-13. If one of these movies does end up being rated R, the Vox Staff does not condone illegally attending a movie.

**MARCH**

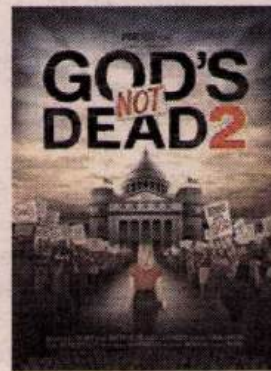


Batman vs Superman is a battle every superhero fan needs. This one comes out 3/25



My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 is a remake of the original comedy. This is meant to be bigger, and better 3/25.

**APRIL**



God's NOT Dead 2 is a sequel to the original documentary. This new interpretation will come out 4/1.

The Jungle Book is the first remake of this Disney classic that isn't a cartoon. Out 4/15.



After a flop of a first movie, the Huntsman is back for yet another Snow White remake on 4/22.

**MAY**



Third CA Out 5/6



X-Men #7 5/27



Alice is back 5/27

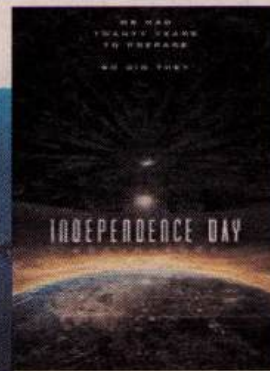
**JUNE**



The Turtles 6/3

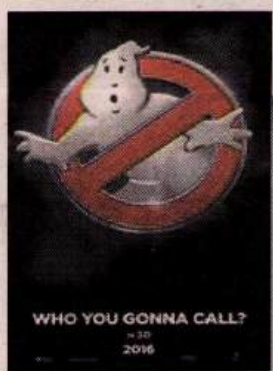


10 years later 6/17



Remake 6/24

**JULY**



All girl Ghost Busters in theaters 7/15



Star Trek #13 in theaters 7/22



Jason Bourne #5 coming back 7/29

**AUGUST**



Suicide Squad is another film from DC Comics 8/5  
Pete's Dragon is a real time rendition of the old cartoon 8/12



**SEPTEMBER**

The movies coming out in September are not remakes or renditions of anything. Instead, they are fresh ideas. There are six movies scheduled for the September month release: Patient Zero, a horror film due for release 9/2; Lights Out, another horror film hitting theaters 9/9; When The Bough Breaks, a thriller dated 9/16; A Cure For Wellness, another thriller aiming for release 9/23; Storks, a cartoon film released also on 9/23; and Deepwater Horizon, an action thriller coming out the last day of the month 9/30.

**OCTOBER**

The remakes and sequels coming out in October do not have posters, but lets talk about them anyway.

First we have Monster High, a spin off from a TV show, which was originally spun off of a book series. This movie will be released 10/7.

Second, on 10/21, we have Jack Reacher: Never Go Back. This is a sequel of the first film from a few years ago.

Also on 10/21 and last on October's list, Ouija 2 makes its debut. The first horror film came out a mere year ago, and already its sequel is here.

**NOVEMBER**



Doctor Strange is yet another movie from the Marvel Studios. Although this is one of the few that were released this year, it is set



to debut on 11/4. Later in the month on 11/18, another film in the genre of Harry Potter finally resurfaces. Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them is still set in the wizarding world.

**DECEMBER**



Finishing out the year, another Star Wars film titled Rogue One: A Star Wars Story debuts 12/16 and will be the first of many origin stories.



Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children is the first of its kind, based on a strange book series many people found disturbing. This is set to debut in theaters 12/23.