



'Who doesn't love a circus?'

By Olivia Schaffer

Around this time of year, the music hallway is filled with singing as students become different people at musical practice.

This year's musical is *Barnum*. It is about the life of P.T. Barnum, who founded the circus.

The storyline of the musical is very similar to the movie *The Greatest Showman*. The popularity of this movie is why musical director Robyn Rogers chose *Barnum* for this year.

"Who doesn't love a circus?" Rogers said.

The musical will take place on March 7-10. There will be a fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday. The theme of the fundraiser is under the big top and it primarily serves to attract families and children. Children will be able to meet the characters and hear them sing. Funds that are raised will go to the musical department and help to fund their annual scholarship.

There are 48 cast and crew members. The leads are senior Micah Duncan as Barnum, Anna Little as Jenny Lind, Jalyn Moore as Charity Barnum, Heaven Thompson as Joice Heth and junior Colin Bement as James Bailey.

Duncan has been in the musical for four years and has been



Musical cast members practice singing "One Brick at a Time" at rehearsal. *Barnum* will be performed on March 7-10 at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center.

Photo by Olivia Schaffer

is strict, but she added that they both express tough love.

"School comes first and don't procrastinate," Moore said about balancing school and musical.

According to Moore, the best part of musical is meeting new people. The worst is singing in front of the whole student body.

"To freshmen thinking about joining musical, do it because it makes an impact on your life," Moore added.

On the tech side, senior Gavin Blanton has been participating in musical for four years.

He takes care of the sound and micro-

phones.

He said tech does not do much until the cast starts rehearsing on stage, but it can get stressful on show nights.

"I would encourage everyone to come out and see the show," Rogers said.

Read more about musical in Norwalk High School alumni Lauren Steffanni's "Where Are They Now?" feature on page 5.

participating since fifth grade. He had the role of Fred in "Oklahoma!", The Cat in the Hat in "Seussical" and Mr. Darling in "Peter Pan."

Duncan said playing Barnum is different from his own personality because his character is very extroverted and will talk to everyone.

When asked about how he balances school, musical and sports, Duncan jokingly said "I don't."

"I have to schedule my time really well and do homework during study hall. I leave my house

in the morning and do not get back until late," Duncan said.

He added that the best part of musical is being able to perform for people and give them joy. The worst is how much time it takes up but it is worth it, he said.

Moore plays the part of Charity Barnum, the main character's wife. She has participated in the musical since her freshman year. She played a farm girl in "Oklahoma!", the pink bird girl in "Seussical" and Tigerlily in "Peter Pan."

Moore said she is different from Charity in the way that she

Students say goodbye to Trucker Time

By Mascie Horner

Trucker Time is being discontinued and will only serve as an occasional homeroom setting.

Principal Brad Cooley explained that this was a very tough decision between himself and the committee, but this was the best decision.

"Things that needed done were being addressed, but time and execution were not good," Cooley said, adding that different teachers have different teaching styles and topics were being delivered differently.

Sophomore Emmie Horner and senior Macy Love both agreed to enjoying Trucker Time, but not necessarily from a learning standpoint.

"I liked it because I had time to finish up my homework," Horner said.

Love added that she also had free time to do what she wanted in the short 25-minute class.

During Trucker Time, clubs would meet to discuss upcoming events, organize and sort out important information. Without this time anymore, what will clubs do?

"We will still have homeroom meetings, but clubs will have to meet on their own time and outside of school," Cooley explained. He also added that club

planning and organization will work out well with having more time, since Trucker Time was only twice a week for 25 minutes.

Sophomore Mya Neuberger is glad that Trucker Time is gone.

"This was one of the most intense discussions I have had in many years."
- Principal Brad Cooley

"I get to eat lunch earlier and I sat there doing nothing," Neuberger said.

The underclassman added that she has more time to work in her other classes without Trucker Time.

Cooley said he has not gotten feedback from a student perspective, but noted some teachers wish Trucker Time would have stayed because of all of the hard work that was put into the class.

"This was one of the most intense discussions I have had in many years," Cooley said.

"It [Trucker Time] did not go as well as we had hoped, but career readiness will continue to take place in a normal class setting," Cooley said.

Order your yearbook today

By Madisyn Alt

The 2018-2019 yearbook is now on sale. There is a special Valentine's day offer for today only! If you enter the code "cupid" at www.yearbookforever.com, you can get \$10 off the original price of \$50.

People can order online or fill out a form in room 6206, the library or the office.

There is only a limited amount of yearbooks, so ordering early is recommended.

Pages that are included are a throwback page, regular sports pages, teacher superlatives, senior section and awkward family photo pictures.

The 2017-2018 yearbook is also still on sale. There are only a few copies left. And the price is \$60.

Academic team excels

The Academic Challenge team ended its regular season in fourth place among the 18 teams in the league.

The team narrowly missed a chance to compete in the playoffs for first place. In a match played Feb. 7, the team faced Margareta and Perkins. A win there would have sent Norwalk to the finals.

Members of the team are seniors Micah Duncan, JJ Hackenburg, Anna Little and Jared Sitterly; juniors Xander Borgeson, Isabella Shipman and Crimson Stuckert; and sophomores Emma Trost, Lochlyn Ramsey, Brendan Hipp and Braden Lloyd.

Love is in the air



Whether you have been shot by cupid's bow or not, get into the Valentine's Day spirit on pages 6-8.

NHS students love music



Read up on your Norwalk High School music news and featured students on page 12.

Putting focus into sports



Norwalk sports have a bright future. Read about the complex and Whitney Field on page 13.



Staff Editorial

Taking relationships slowly

Once upon a time, there was a girl. She met this boy on a dating website. She was really nervous to meet up with him, but was excited. This guy is known for being with many girls, but the girl doesn't care. After hanging out a couple of times, she could see the toxic side coming out. Although she did not like the toxic side, she dealt with it because she wanted a boyfriend. After a month passed, they finally broke up from fighting all the time. The girl ended up finding someone who she truly matched with and felt comfortable around.

Rushing into a relationship has more cons than pros. When people are desperate, they tend to find a significant other as soon as they can. This can lead to issues like not getting to know them, not trusting them, saying things the other person doesn't mean, etc. Can you always trust someone you do not know anything about?

People should give time for a relationship to grow. If you are rushing a relationship, you could have certain expectations that the significant other cannot meet. When letting a relationship grow, there is more time to get to learn about each other.

You get to learn about their favorite things, their past, expectations, their family and what they hope their future has in store. With having that information and spending time with them, you get to learn if you are compatible with that person and if you see yourself with them in the long run.

With most of the editors on the *Trucker Imprint* having dating experience, we can all say that rushing into a relationship is not worth it.

Spending Valentine's day correctly

By Brenna Mock

Being single on Valentine's Day is terrible, whether you want to admit it or not.

Sure, you can get boxes of discounted chocolate the day after, but does that equal what you can do when you're in a relationship on Valentine's Day?

The main purpose of Valentine's Day is to be in a relationship or to simply be loved by another person.

While you're single, you lack that love on the special day, unless it's from family members. Even then, it just isn't the same.

You might go out with friends, but you suddenly realize how lonely you really are and you begin to despise the day.

Being in a relationship on Valentine's Day is great for many reasons.

You get spoiled for the day by your significant other. That may sound greedy and all, but it is nice getting gifts and attention. You get a free excuse to be cheesy.

You get to show off your boyfriend or girlfriend. You get so much pride out of it and you get to embarrass them in some circumstances, such as calling them a childhood nickname to simply make them laugh.

It's a time to make sure your special someone knows you love them and that you appreciate everything they do for you. Whether there are gifts or no gifts, showing them love and appreciation on that day is nice, as it is every day.

Knowing you are appreciated and loved by someone is a great feeling. You can still get that love from friends when you're single, but being in a relationship makes it so much more special.

He said...
She said...



By Micah Duncan

Valentine's Day is when couples like to flaunt their relationships and show how happy they are.

If you're single, don't fret over it. Being single is way better than being tied down and serious with someone.

With all the hype around finding someone to date, many people rush into relationships and end up unhappy.

Most high school relationships do not last past graduation, so it should not be stressed about.

Relationships come with commitment and are serious, but being in high school is about still being a kid and having fun before adulthood hits.

A very important aspect of being an adult is learning how to navigate relationships, and high schoolers are generally not mature enough to handle this well.

Instead, hang out with friends and enjoy your time while you still can without being tied down.

Another reason being single is great is because being in a relationship means spending time and money on another person.

Money spent goes toward dates, presents and gas to see your significant other and go places with them.

After graduating from high school, many people plan to go to college.

Save for that instead of spending money on someone you probably won't be with after high school.

Allow students to park in back parking lot



By Olivia Schaffer

For about six years, students have not been allowed to park in the back parking lot after school before 3:30.

This has caused an inconvenience for athletes after practices and games, and the policy should change.

Pat Kania, the assistant principal, said he instituted the policy when he started working at Norwalk High School. He said the reason for this policy is to prevent vehicle collisions due to rushing and also because there is not enough room for every athlete and teacher to park there.

"This has caused an inconvenience for athletes after practices and games, and the policy should change."

- Senior Olivia Schaffer

Most practices and bus departures occur before 3:30. After a long practice or a late game, students are forced to walk through the school and out to the student parking lot, where their car may be parked in the back. On some nights, athletes may be walking through the school and parking lot after 11 p.m.

When buses drop teams off at the school, they park in the back parking lot. The coaches' cars are in that parking lot and that is also where the teams meet to get on the bus.

Overall, it would make more sense for students to be allowed to park in the available spots in the back parking lot after school. It

would be more convenient and most teachers do not leave right when the bell rings, so collisions should not be a problem.

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"Life is short. There is no time to leave important words unsaid."

- Keiko Tanabe, artist

Seniors question potential lounge

By Laila Bussert

Students have been wondering when the long-awaited senior lounge will be open.

In the first issue of the *Trucker Imprint*, Principal Brad Cooley said the senior “cove” would be located at the garage doors by Stomping Grounds, and that it should be finished by Christmas. However, at press time the lounge did not yet exist.

The lounge will be another option for seniors to make up for the closing of open lunch.

Meanwhile, “we have opened the library to eat in and set up the seating area in front of the concession stand,” Cooley said.

When asked on Jan. 28 when the senior lounge will be open, Cooley said, “The lounge will be open within a few weeks. We could open it now but it is the matter of what all we want to have in the lounge such as what type of seating.”

Some seniors are impatient.

“I am mad about it. We need a senior lounge because basically the chairs by Stomping Grounds are too tightly packed in. They promised us a senior lounge and never gave us one,” senior Abby Kessler said.

“It is stupid. I was going to say something worse but it’s the



Photo by Ben Johnson

Seniors eat at the seating area in front of Stomping grounds. Seniors have been waiting for the new eating area to open since Christmas.

best way to put it. One, we don’t get to go out for lunch and what do they do to make up for that? They don’t do anything to make up for that,” senior Chris Mohr said.

Both Kessler and Mohr said they plan on using the lounge when it is completed.



Abby Kessler



Chris Mohr

School Briefs

Seniors sell ice cream for after prom



Photo by Evan Gaston

By Morgan Risner

The senior class is selling Dip and Dots ice cream at high school basketball games, middle school basketball games and tournaments.

At regular games they sell for \$3 and at tournaments they cost \$4.

“It’s doing really well,” said senior class president Morgan Griffith. Griffith added that they have had to refill their freezer three times and were also able to purchase another freezer. Griffith believes that people really enjoy it.

Parents Amy and Scott Krichbaum sell the new senior class Dip and Dots to junior Trey Leroux (left) and senior Caleb Robinson.

“I think that they like that it’s something different, not just popcorn,” she said.

Griffith got the idea of selling Dip and Dots from her father, Chris Griffith. She said they had talked to administrators from other schools and they said that Dip and Dots have made “ridiculous” amounts of money.

With the overall sales they have made, their profit is about \$500. All of the money made from the Dip and Dots goes towards after prom, Griffith said.

friends while they are there. Snacks are provided for the teens while they are there as well.

The dates of the next few times are Feb. 28, March 14, March 28, April 11 and April 25. The time for each is 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Public Library hosts hangout with snacks for students

By Lacey Tatum

The Norwalk Public Library hosts Teen After School Time for students in grades six through 12.

Teens can play on the Wii, the X-Box 360 and hang out with friends. Teens can also make new

Dance Marathon in the works

By Morgan Risner

On March 15-16 starting at 8 p.m. and ending at 6 a.m. the next day, TLC (Teen Leadership Corps.) will be having Dance Marathon here at Norwalk High School.

“Dance Marathon is an overnight lock-in style event in which people pay an entry fee, or even better, take pledges from family and friends to stand all night long for kids that cannot stand for themselves,” said TLC teacher Nick Lee.

Dance Marathon is a fundraiser for the Children’s Miracle Network. Children’s Miracle Network is an organization that raises money for children’s hospitals, medical research and community awareness of children’s health issues.

This year will be the fifth year Norwalk has held Dance Marathon.

“It has always been a big hit and I think it is two-fold. #1. Kids enjoy the activities we offer for them to do and #2 kids realize that their efforts and energy are going towards a great cause,” Lee said.

At Dance Marathon there are many activities that students can participate in including dodge ball, volleyball, basketball and many more.

There will be free food and lots of students dancing to music of the band playing.

To pre-sign up it costs \$15 and students are guaranteed a free T-shirt, but if students do not sign up until the night of the event, they are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Over the past four years, TLC has made around \$6,000-\$15,000 for charities and they plan to continue raising money as the years go on, Lee said.

Pennies for Pasta raises funds to fight cancer

By Jayda Ramos

Pennies for Pasta is a fundraiser sponsored by the Key Club to help out the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

It started Jan. 14 and ended on Jan. 31.

Silver coins were positive, while the pennies were negative. The goal for this year was to raise \$5,000

Last year, students at Norwalk High School raised more

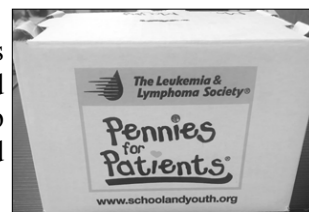


Photo by Jayda Ramos
Pennies for Pasta helps the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

than \$4,000. This year, students did not raise nearly as much.

“Both weeks [of the fundraiser], we were interrupted by snow days. It didn’t allow for the fun competition we had last

year,” Kim Majoy, Key Club adviser, said.

Madisyn and Mascie

Seniors wear college gear

By Madisyn Alt and Mascie Horner

Seniors graduate in four months.

Although we are enjoying the last four months of high school, we are excited to start college. Especially since we get to start the next chapter together.

Now is the time for finding a roommate, paying the application or enrollment fees and figuring out FASFA.

Bowling Green State University is where we will call home for the next four years. Being dedicated to a college makes people proud and excited. Wearing the future school’s colors shows off to everyone where you will be going.

Seniors, show off your school apparel and be proud of who you will become. Be excited for this next step, but also enjoy the last of your high school days. Remember, these will always be the good ol’ days. Most importantly, go Falcons and talons up!!



Choir students see *Cinderella* live



Photo by Brenna Mock

Chandeliers are hanging in the lobby of Connor Palace in Playhouse Square. Choir students attended the performance of *Cinderella* on Jan. 17.



Photo by Micah Duncan

The stage is set for the performance of *Cinderella*. The beginning of the story was set in woods in the kingdom of Prince Topher.

By Savannah Grant-Bell

On Thursday Jan. 17, 111 choir students along with a handful of parents went on a field trip to Playhouse Square in Cleveland to see a performance of *Cinderella*.

The buses carrying the students left at 4:45 p.m. Dinner

boxes, provided by a friend of choir director Carol Mason, consisted of a sandwich, chips, pasta salad, a cookie and a pickle.

The atmosphere in the theater was professional. The choir, before attending that evening, was told to dress in their best attire.

“It was really good. I thought the singing was really good. I

wore a skirt, long sleeve shirt, and cardigan,” junior Taylor Norwood said.

“The performance was very good with the costume changes and how the characters were portrayed, as well as the switches between the scenes. My favorite part was when the Fairy Godmother first revealed herself. I wore a nice shirt with nice pants

and shoes,” junior Nate Bland said.

“I liked it but it was not Cinderella-like. My favorite part was when the Fairy Godmother went from rags to fab[ulou]s. I looked nice. I wore a skirt and tights,” junior Sydnee Patterson said.

“My favorite part was the costume changes. I dressed really nice, I wore a dress,” freshman Aria Beard said.

Robotics Team R heading to state

By Leighton Steele

NERD Nation’s New Year’s Bash was held Jan. 5 at Norwalk Middle School. It had an interesting feeling, just to see how the fields were set up and watching teams work on their robots.

When I first walked into the middle school there were two practice fields. Then in the cafeteria, every team was at a lunch table working on their robots and waiting for their match.

The feeling in the gym was very tense. I could tell and feel that each team and each team member felt a little stressed, with wanting to win their matches and make sure everything was right with their programming.

I watched many teams compete while I was there. I had brought my younger brother with me and I found out he has an interest in engineering and plans on doing robotics when he gets to high school. I’m glad that I went to the match.

Norwalk placed eighth and ninth at the New Year’s Bash and 60 out of 118 at the competition at Kalahari on Jan. 18.

At the match the first weekend in February, team R took won the Design Award which qualifies them to compete in the State Championships on Mar. 2.

On the team are David Kraus, Jillian Nolan, Doug Ortner, Ben Perry and Amellia Copenhaver.



Photo by Leighton Steele

NERD Nation competes at the New Year’s Bash. Pictured (from left) are two team alliance members, freshmen Trenton Drake and Isabelle Borgeson, junior Collin Coder and a referee at the event.

Seniors start applying for scholarships

By JJ Hackenburg

How would you like to go to college for free?

It’s a difficult feat to accomplish, but any student can reduce the cost of college education with scholarships, and the perfect time to begin searching is now.

The common months for scholarships to be available are January through April, according to Guidance Counselor Sandi Stewart.

Stewart added that some of the best resources to find scholarships are right on the school website. Students can click on Nor-

walk High School, guidance, then scholarships to bring up a page with links to several search engines to find scholarship opportunities.

The school website also has local scholarships that will be updated as new scholarships become available.

Not all scholarships are limited to seniors, so underclassmen

can get a head start and start applying as well.

It’s important to apply for both national and local scholarships, Stewart said. National scholarships are often worth more money, but local scholarships usually have a smaller pool of applicants, so the chances to win can be better.

Stewart’s best advice is to be professional on applications and make sure to follow all directions.

“Remember you are asking them to fund your education,” Stewart said.

Stewart mentioned that places of personal involvement, such as an employer, bank or church may also give scholarships.

It is important to apply to as many as possible, Stewart said. The chances may be small, but every application is another chance at a scholarship, and with how expensive college is, every little bit adds up.

“Always be professional on applications and follow directions. Remember you are asking them to fund your education.”

— Sandi Stewart

Snell’s Spanish students star in film projects

By Savannah Grant-Bell

Spanish II teacher David Snell is back at it again with his annual student movie project.

The project this year has a bit of a twist. Students must make a movie within a group and present it at the new awards ceremony in the LGI, red carpet style.

“I am hoping the students will embrace the challenge and work hard, have fun, and create something that they are really proud of,” Snell said.

What prompted Snell to create this project was “the combination for the love of movies and

giving students something where they have to coordinate and cooperate to produce a really good product,” he said.

Students have been working hard on their films.

“We are really excited to see how it turns out because we’ve worked really hard on it” said senior Andrew Riley. “We haven’t actually started, but I know it’ll turn out good. It always does.”

The films made by the students were due by Sunday Feb. 10.



Photo by Savannah Grant-Bell

Sophomores (from left) Karley Miller, Cossondra Shinski and Erin Bleile film their Spanish movie.

“Impossible is a word found only in the dictionary of fools.”
-Napoleon Bonaparte

Where Are They Now?

Steffanni continues love of performing with theater major at Ohio Northern U.

By Lauren Steffanni
NHS Class of 2016

I was in the NHS musicals all four years of my high school career. These included *Singin' In the Rain* (Cast), *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Cast), *Mary Poppins* (Mary Poppins), and *Oklahoma* (Laurey and Cast). The NHS musical experiences are very special to me and will always remain fond memories for many reasons. I was able to perform alongside my friends and family, learn from wonderful directors, and do what I enjoy most. However, one of the biggest reasons would have to be that they helped me discover what I wanted to do with my life. I'm currently a junior Theater major with a minor in Arts Administration at Ohio Northern University. Had I not been involved in the high school musicals, I may have had a much more difficult time in deciding my future after high school.

Every year when the musical season arrived, I was reminded of how strong my passion for the arts was. The idea of a project that included so many talented people coming together to tell a story was inspiring to me. Along with telling stories, you're also bringing great emotion and inspiration to the audience no matter what your role is. The arts have a way of bringing people together like nothing else I've ever



Submitted photo
NHS graduate Lauren Steffanni rehearses for Ohio Northern University's production of *Havadang*.

known, and it is one of the greatest rewards. It was all these reasons that made me realize pursuing a career in the arts was exactly right for me.

However, my transition from high school to college was much more difficult than I had anticipated. I was immediately sur-

rounded by students with much more theatrical experience than I had. However, I quickly came to realize that my little experience in theater would help me in a weird way. I'm constantly learning so much from my friends and classmates around me. I'm a junior and still learning and am given

new opportunities every day. Not only have I performed in shows, but I have also stage managed, assistant stage managed, worked in costuming, makeup, lighting, sound, and more. I also get to learn from guest artists who visit. I'm currently cast in ONU's Production of *Hayavadana*. We have two guest directors for this show, Gaurav Saini and Irfana Majumdar, who are both from India. In this experience alone, I get to perform and improve my craft, while also learning a great deal about Indian culture and performance. In my time at ONU (Ohio Northern University), my love and appreciation for theatre has only grown. I am not certain about what I will be doing after school yet, but I am excited to see what opportunities and experiences my future holds.

I believe that everyone takes away some lesson or form of self-discovery by being involved in theater in any way. For me, it helped me not only discover what I wanted to do with my life, but who I want to be. I've enjoyed coming back to see my friends and sisters perform in the musicals. It always makes me happy to see the NHS musicals continue to inspire and bring people together the way they always will. I'm proud to have been a part of such a great program and wish them luck this year with *Barnum!*

A Day In The Life

Student spends time with Linder

By Evan Gaston

Norwalk High School secretary Sharon Linder may only have two kids of her own to keep track of, but she is also in charge of making sure that more than 600 kids arrive for school each and every day.

While sitting in the office, it was rather interesting hearing some of the problems people came to her with, from someone commenting about kids driving too fast out of the parking lot, to students coming in wanting medicine for a headache and wanting her to do something about it.

Each day brings something new and she likes this part of her job.

"It makes the day go by faster," she said adding that she loves what she does and likes the atmosphere she works in.

Linder is in charge of the daily attendance reports and checking in with absent students' parents. She said mornings are usually hectic because of students bringing notes saying they have to leave early for an appointment or that they will be going on vacation. A continuous stream of people going in and out of the office in the morning is a usual sight. Once the bell rings to signal the beginning of the school day, she gets to work checking



Photo by Madisyn Alt
Secretary Sharon Linder (left) is shadowed by sophomore Evan Gaston (right).

for teachers' attendance reports to see who is absent.

The attendance reports have to be sent to multiple people including parole officers, the health department and Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer for sport eligibility. Students leaving early have to be excused from class, usually with a note delivered by an office aide. Linder said she has "a great

group of office aides and they save the office a lot of time by helping out." Linder said she also enjoys working for Assistant Principal Pat Kania as his secretary.

We should all be very thankful for great employees at our high school such as Mrs. Linder, because they make our education possible.

Linder jumps to the facts

By Evan Gaston

Secretary Sharon Linder went to Western Reserve High School and once graduated, attended Associated Schools Inc. Miami, Florida to become a travel agent. She worked 10 years for AAA and then was recruited to do customer service at Venture Packaging where she was promoted to sales and marketing. She quit once her kids wanted her to be home more often.

Linder is married to Steve Linder who works for Kokosing as a superintendent for bridge construction.

He graduated from NHS and participated in wrestling in high school. They have two kids: Michael, 33, and Melissa, 31, both Norwalk graduates.

Michael went to state for golf when in high school. He is now an underwriting field manager for Westfield Insurance. Melissa is a respiratory therapy supervisor for Akron City Hospital and played volleyball in high school.

Daily office aides are working hard on the job

By Morgan Risner

Some people may wonder what office aides do. Well, a few of the office aides are here to inform.

"We assist the secretaries and the assistant principal when they need a student," junior Wyatt Brown said.

Not only do they help the secretaries and assistant principal, they said they often get free food and at the end of the semester they get lunch parties.

Along with the advantages of being an office aide instead of being in study hall, there are some disadvantages.

"Sometimes I can't get my homework done," senior Maria Rodriguez said.

Not only does Brown get to be an office aide, he gets to talk to his grandma who is Becky Chapin, one of the secretaries. Brown said that is the best thing about being an office aide.



Photo by Morgan Risner
Office aides (from left) Elyse Coe and Carly Bilton, both juniors, sit and do their homework as they wait to deliver something from the office.

Teachers wed teachers

By Savannah Grant-Bell

How did teachers end up marrying other teachers?

Around 10 years ago, math teacher Allison Sellers' husband proposed to her over the summer in his classroom.

The proposal came as they were getting his room ready for the new school year. It was written on his white board. Her husband, Wes, is a seventh-grade science teacher at Huron and a Norwalk High School graduate.

He decided to propose in school because teaching was at the center of their lives and was a connection they both shared. Mrs. Sellers met him through his younger sister, while coaching track her first year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sellers planned on teaching as their career path.

If this married couple is not in school, they are inseparable. Every night at dinner they talk about their day.

"There are no disadvantages of being married to a teacher. We both love our careers and enjoy sharing and listening to each other," Mrs. Sellers said.

Math teacher Corrie Kaple and her husband have been mar-



Submitted photo
Allison and Wes Sellers

ried for nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Kaple were both Bowling Green State University students, and he decided to take her to the restaurant on campus called Campus Polleyes and propose to her at the

seal after a volleyball game.

Mrs. Kaple met her husband Zac in

math class. They both majored in the same subject at the same school, and planned on becoming math teachers together.

She said they talk each morning and hang out when they both get home around 5 each night.

"There are no disadvantages of being married to a teacher. We both love our careers and enjoy sharing and listening to each other,"

- Math teacher Allison Sellers



Submitted photo
Corrie and Zac Kaple

They talk a little bit about school work; they talk around a couple hours a week about their jobs. Mr. Kaple works as a math teacher at Buckeye Central High School.

She said there is one disadvantage...trying to come up with a baby name, since they are both reminded of their students' names. They are expecting their third child. However, they said there are more positives than negatives, like being able to share lesson plans.

Social studies teacher Derek Pigman said her proposed to his wife Lindsay by jumping out of the dark and scaring her. They have been married for almost five years.

They met when they were in an English class in sixth grade.



Submitted photo
Derek and Lindsay Pigman

Both are Norwalk High School graduates. She planned on becoming a teacher, while teaching was the last thing he wanted to do.

They just started having each others' students, since his wife is a fourth-grade science teacher at League Elementary.

She was a substitute teacher for a year, and then he became a teacher a year later. He said his wife constantly talks about her job (teaching,) while he, on the other hand, never talks about his job.

A limited income forever is definitely a disadvantage, but spending a lot of time with the family and kids is positive, he said.

Relationships on repeat

By Keanne Steele

In high school, many teens break up and get back together. Many students may know what goes on during that time or have heard the tea.

Students have opinions on people breaking up and getting back together.

"I don't see the point of it. If you're together and keep breaking up then it's pointless," sophomore Emma Laughlin said.

Some students here have been through this experience. Sopho-

more Hunter Robinson said he has been in a relationship like this with sophomore Kylee Welter.

When asked if he thought this was a toxic relationship, Robinson said, "Kylee as a person is not a bad person but I believe we both brought out the worst in each other."

When asked why someone would stay in a relationship like this, Robinson said, "Love is weird. You know you shouldn't and you try your hardest not to. You try to ignore them, then you start talking to her about a prob-

lem because you have no one else to turn to and you fall for her all over again and you also forget the past relationships all together and focus on the now," he said.

Welter added her perspective. "Hunter is actually a really nice person and he really cares about people and I agree that we did bring out the worst in each other," she said.



How do you feel about PDA in the hallway?



Science teacher Tiffany Chandler: "Ew, yuck!"



History teacher Nichole Clark: "First word that comes to mind is gross. Not appropriate."



English teacher Alyanna Tuttle: "I don't like to see teenagers slopping all over each other #ratchet."



Math teacher Chris Higgins: "PDA doesn't belong in school."



Junior Megan Berry: "Kinda gross. A little bit is fine, but too much is gross."



Junior Kyler Lacy: "Ew, keep that to yourself."



Senior Paige Maurer: "I think it's stupid."



Sophomore Alexa Moore: "I kind of like it, but then I don't."

Countries celebrate Valentine's

By Lacey Tatum

Most countries have Valentine's Day but some celebrate it differently than others.

In Denmark, they do not celebrate by giving away roses. They exchange pressed white flowers called snowdrops. The men give the women gaekkebrev, a funny poem or rhyme written on intricately cut paper and signed only with anonymous dots. If the

woman guesses the name of the sender, then she earns herself an Easter egg later on in the year.

In South Korea, on Valentine's Day the women give the men chocolate, candy and flowers. On March 14, also known as White Day, the tables turn and the men shower their sweethearts with chocolate and flowers but they also step it up with gifts.

There is also a third holiday known as Black Day on April 14.

It's a day for singles to mourn their solitary status by eating a dark bowl of jajangmyeon, black bean-paste noodles.

In Wales, they do not celebrate Valentine's Day. They celebrate St. Dwynwen's Day which is Jan. 25. St. Dwynwen is the Welsh patron saint of lovers. On this day, the men give hand-carved wooden spoons.

In Finland and Estonia, they celebrate Friend's Day on Feb.

14. It's a day to honor both friends and significant others. Cards and gifts are given out to everyone from best friends to neighbors. It's also a popular day to get engaged.

In Estonia, it is also popular for singles to ride on the Love Bus for hope to find someone special.

The above information is from the websites huffpost.com and worldstrides.com.

Grade gap does work in relationship

By Brenna Mock



"You're both in high school, it won't last and you won't even remember this person years from now," is a

phrase every high school parent says to their kids to protect their feelings when one of them is going off to college.

Not for me: I'm a senior in a relationship with a college freshman.

I know the grade gap might seem a bit off to some, but he and I have been together for more

than a year and my hopes are high, despite the difference in grades.

My year-long relationship with my boyfriend, Ryan Chaffins, has been easy so far and we haven't been faced with many blocks. His journey as a new college student may provide some, though.

He is going to Lorain County Community College (LCCC) to knock off his basic classes. I'm proud, regardless of where he furthers his education. It's a big step for him, however, and for me also.

Not only will he be in college, but in August, I will be in college also at Ashland University.

The distance isn't much, but I was used to spending every day with him last year and it's strange for me not to. Once somebody becomes accustomed to something he or she does every day, the habit can be difficult to change.

I'm still determined, as he is also, that no amount of work or distance will tear our relationship to shreds.

It might be hard and stressful at times, but I'm willing to work through everything because he's

my best friend and somebody I will support unconditionally.

Being able to relate even more about college next year will be relieving. Being able to help each other will be convenient. We have been together since he was a senior and now we will both get to experience this new chapter together.

College will be new for me, but having somebody with experience to guide me will be nice.

I'm excited to learn and grow in this beautiful relationship, but it makes me more excited to see him grow and learn with me.

Would you date someone in college?

By Jayda Ramos



Freshman Jakob Willer said "No, cause I am a freshman and that's too old."



Sophomore Josh Nelson said "No, I feel like they have too much on their plate right now, and they do not need the extra distractions."



Junior Jocelyn Saucedo said "Yes, because girls don't want guys that are not mature, and in our grade they aren't mature."



Senior Jennifer Vazquez said "Yes, because I am 18 and I can."

Students talk about talking

By Keanne Steele

Have you ever started talking to someone but never actually got into the relationship? So have other students. The talking stage is when you are talking to a person you like and they actually like you back. Some students don't like this stage.

"It's stupid, awkward, and I hate people. My advice is don't send things you shouldn't," junior Alyssa Phiefer said.

Junior Janel Norman agrees.

"It takes too long and it's annoying because you realize you don't actually like the per-

son. My advice is don't do it," Norman said.

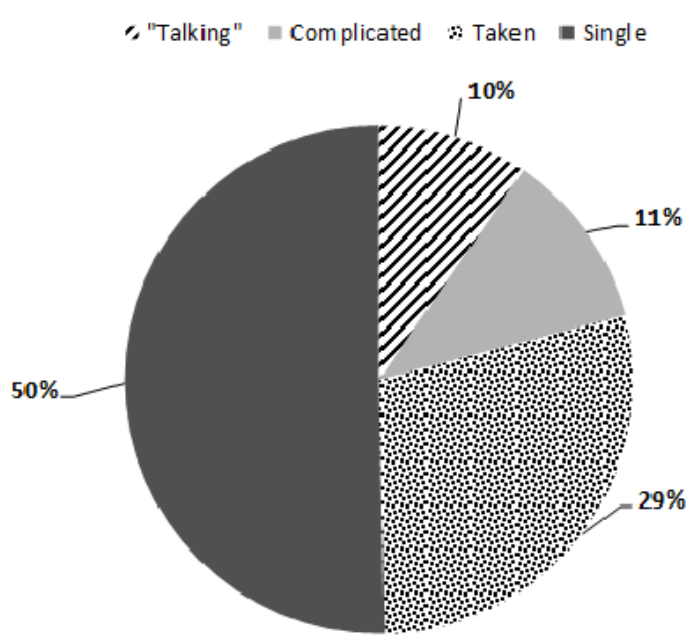
However, some people think talking to someone can be a good thing.

"I think it's a good thing because that's the point where you get to know someone before you jump into the relationship. My advice is to talk to them for a long time. Don't just jump into a relationship without knowing the person," sophomore Tashanti Taylor said.

Sophomore Kennedy Friend agrees.

"If you like someone you should just go for it and it might work out for you," Friend said.

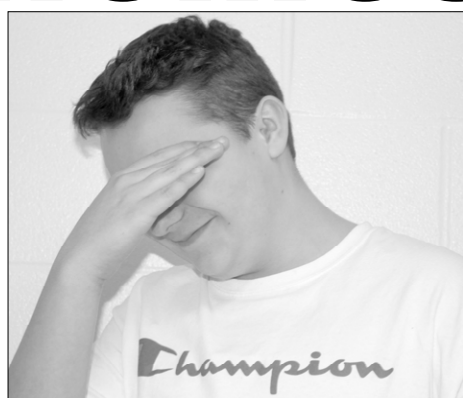
Relationship Status



Tabulated by Kristina Toczek and Madisyn Alt
Graph by JJ Hackenburg

The *Trucker Imprint* asked 459 students from all grades at Norwalk High School how they would describe their relationship status. Here is the result.

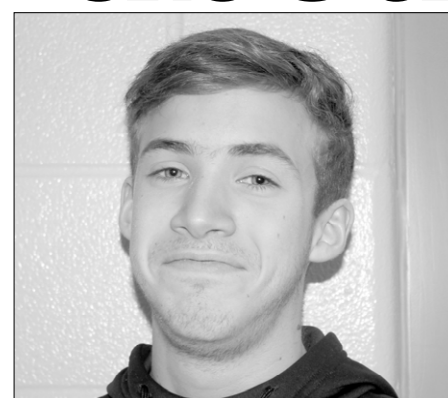
Memes to 'talk' about



Sophomore Ryan Scheel
When you're 5 months in and you're still in the talking stage



Sophomore Mylea Barber
"You're the only girl I talk to"



Sophomore Justin Seitz
When that "heyyyyy(;" turns to "hi" and you're about to be cut off

By Kristina Toczek

Do's & Don'ts of being single on V-day

By Lacey Tatum

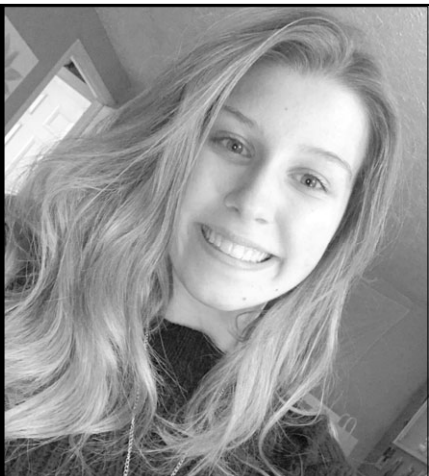
Do's

- ♥ Hang out with your friends
- ♥ Have a fun movie party
- ♥ Do a fun workout
- ♥ Sleep
- ♥ Treat yourself with food and gifts

Don'ts

- ✗ Cry
 - ✗ Spill the tea
 - ✗ Give away gifts to others
 - ✗ Watch sad movies
- Be melodramatic and post a lot on social media

Dating profiles of *Trucker Imprint* editors



Name: Mascie Horner
Nickname: Mas
What dating website would you be found on? www.silversingles.com
What would your username be? @butterycrispyflake
How would you describe your personality? I'm outgoing, honest, goofy and caring.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Someone who is kind, honest, athletic, has a good sense of humor, respects my family and someone who is hardworking.
What is your ideal date? Spending the morning and afternoon together, going out to a casual dinner, eating desert afterwards (preferably ice cream) and relaxing when we get home.
What do you do in your free time? I enjoy taking naps, both watching and playing sports, jammin' out to loud music in my bedroom and spending time with my closest family and friends.
What is your favorite pick-up line? On a scale of 1-10: You're a 9 and I'm the 1 you need.
What is something people should know about you? I like my hair played with, back massages, flowers and surprises when I'm least expecting them. After work, chocolate and a sweet note in my car would be nice...

Question: What is your favorite romantic movie?

Mascie— *The Last Song*

Olivia— *The Notebook*

Kristina— *Me Before You*

Brenna— *The Notebook*

Lacey— *Crazy Rich Asians*

Madisyn— *10 Things I Hate*

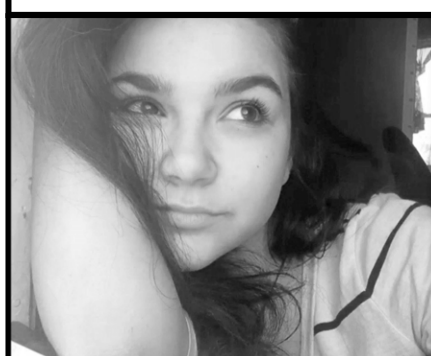
About You

Leighton— *10 Things I Hate*

About You



Name: Olivia Schaffer
Nickname: Liv
What dating website would you be found on? www.farmersonly.com
What would your username be? @veggietales
How would you describe your personality? I am outgoing, always doing homework, I spend way too much money on clothes and I will probably correct your grammar.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? A cowboy.
What is your ideal date? Anywhere that involves warm weather, shopping, and food... preferably Chipotle.
What do you do in your free time? I read books, work at Plato's Closet and watch The Office on Netflix.
What is your favorite pick-up line? Hey boy, what's your sine? It must be pi/2 because you are the 1.
What is something people should know about you? I am always cold so if we hang out you won't have any hoodies left.



Name: Leighton Steele
Nickname: Bee, Leigh, Leigh-Leigh
What dating website would you be found on? takenandhappy.com
What would your username be? @TryMe B
How would you describe your personality? Clumsy, clingy, too nice.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Someone taller than me with blue eyes, blond hair and likes Vans, so my boyfriend.
What is your ideal date? Going to Chipotle, then get frozen yogurt.
What do you do in your free time? I watch Bobs Burgers and Bones, take pictures when it's nice out and hang out with my boyfriend and cats.
What is your favorite pick-up line? Know what's on the menu? Me-n-U
What is something people should know about you? I like to take pictures.



Name: Brenna Mock
Nickname: Bren
What dating website would you be found on? www.ifyoudontlikechipotlelevemealone.com
What would your username be? @imtakenbye
How would you describe your personality? Cool, I guess.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Tall, sends me memes and Vines, has the same sense of humor, cooks for me (sometimes), and likes me even though I am a pain to deal with: Ryan Chaffins!
What is your ideal date? Fortnite and Chipotle, lots of Chipotle.
What do you do in your free time? Eat Chipotle.
What is your favorite pick-up line? Is your name integrity? Because you make me want to eat Chipotle.
What is something people should know about you? I suck at Fortnite but I play it anyways.



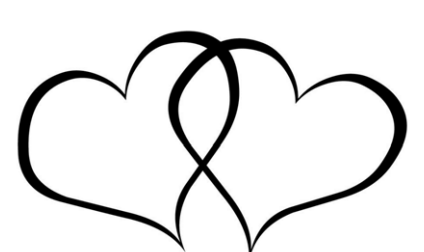
Name: Kristina Toczek
Nickname: Rose
What dating website would you be found on? thoughtyouwerebae.com
What would your username be? @turnsoutyourejustfam
How would you describe your personality? Your basic cool teen with a slight coffee addiction that can cry on demand but has lots of love.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Like me for more than two months
What is your ideal date? A day on the lake with my family, jet skis and all.
What do you do in your free time? I'm either dancing, napping or with my gal pals so no free time.
What is your favorite pick-up line? Are you a beaver? Cause dammmmm.
What is something people should know about you? I swell up when I get stung by a bee.



Name: Madisyn Alt
Nickname: Mad
What dating website would you be found on? Grey'sAnatomyfansonly.com
What would your username be? @alreadytakensorry
How would you describe your personality? Easy-going.
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Short, big ears, plays video games, wears hats or hoods, golfs and bowls them strikes... Cameron Nickoli!!!!
What is your ideal date? Staying home and binge-watching Netflix.
What do you do in your free time? I sleep, work, eat and spend time with Mascie, Olivia and Cam.
What is your favorite pick-up line? I would cut an L-VAD wire for you...
What is something people should know about you? Ask Cam... I like to take naps, steal hoodies, and eat your food.



Name: Lacey Tatum
What dating website would you be found on? www.notasianbutlookingforone.com
What would your username be? @whymyprofile
How would you describe your personality? Kind, quiet, and adventurous
What qualities are you looking for in a significant other? Tall, daring and Asian
What is your ideal date? A picnic at a park
What do you do in your free time? Read and cook/bake
What is your favorite pick-up line? Are you a tower because Eiffel for you?
What is something people should know about you? I can be really fun if you do not annoy or irritate me.

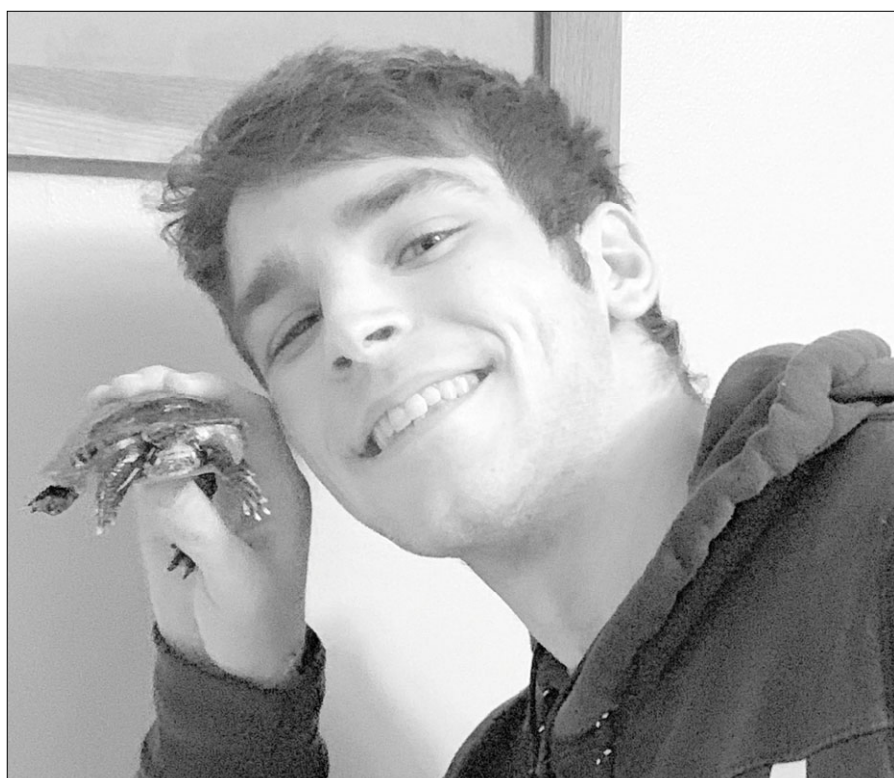


STUDENTS AT SCHOOL



Name: Mkovik Petersen
Grade: 10th
Age: 16
Favorite type of music: Any.
Color I would use to describe myself and why: Green because I go non-stop.
Most embarrassing moment: I fell up the stairs on the first day of school.
What is the best thing about NHS and the worst thing and why? Best thing is coffee; worst things are the tests.
Biggest pet peeve: When people lie.
If you were dying, what would your last words be? Bye.
If you won the lottery, what would you buy first? A car.
Three things you'd like to have on a deserted island? Water, food and a bed.
Where do you see yourself in 20 years? With money.
Weirdest fear? Drowning.
Something people would be surprised to know about me: I have a hole in my chest.

Unusual Pet Of The Issue



Name: Deyer Graffice
Grade: 12th
Type of pet: Turtle
Pet's name: Dude
How long have you had this pet? 14 years, since I was 3.
Where did you get this pet? My dad brought him home from work one day because he found him on the job.
Why did you get this pet? He seemed pretty cool so we kept him.
What does it eat? Beef, worms, any other bugs.
Care required? The tank needs cleaned and the water filter needs maintenance. Sometimes Dude gets a bath too.

TEACHERS AT WORK



Name: Drew Karnehm
Subject(s) taught: Business (accounting, digital marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, intro to business, interactive business media, and marketing)
Colleges attended: Bowling Green State University, Ashland University and University of Cincinnati
Favorite high school memory: Sending Valentine suckers to my government teacher and English teacher from each other trying to fix them up.
If you weren't a teacher, what would you be? Traveling around the world as a freelance photographer for National Geographic.
Where did you go to high school and how was it different from NHS? Monroeville High School (home of the Eagles). It is a lot smaller (graduated in a class of 68). Everyone knew everyone and their business.
If you could start high school over again, what would you do differently? Be true to yourself. Don't worry about fitting in. Be more social and go out more often.

I became a teacher because: I'm crazy. I like making a difference in someone's life even if it is a small one.

Advice for seniors? It's okay if you don't know what you want to do with your life. Adults don't know what they're doing anyway.

When not sitting behind a desk in school, what do you do? I coach cross country and track. I enjoy being outside and being active whether it's geocaching, hiking, kayaking, playing volleyball, etc.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I hate running.

Closest co-worker and why: I feel that I am close with all of my co-workers each in their own special way. I don't like to play favorites.

Favorite part about your job? Besides having the summers off (haha), encouraging students to be the best possible individuals they can be.

Biggest pet peeve that students do: Asking me to fill out surveys or questionnaires about myself or students making excuses when there aren't any.

What's in your locker?

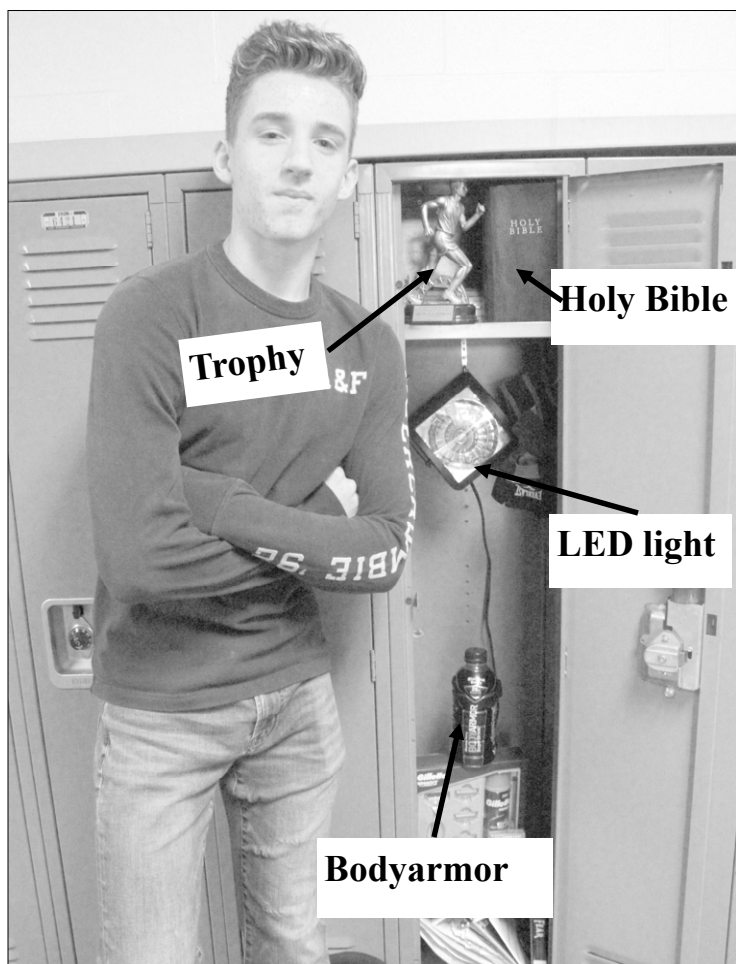


Photo and interview by Ben Johnson

Sophomore Wyatt Hale agreed to show the contents of his locker.

His locker has the first place running trophy he earned while running a 5K.

"I keep it in my locker because it motivates me to always work my hardest," Hale said.

His locker also contains a Holy Bible "I have a Bible for serenity," Hale said.

He has his favorite sport drink, Bodyarmor, in his locker.

"I like to stay hydrated and get my vitamins throughout the day before I run indoor track," he said.

Hale also keeps an LED light in his locker.

"I brought it one day for a group project but never ended up taking it back home," he said.

10 Things You Didn't Know About Me



Senior Alex Kirby

1. They don't call me big Al because of my height or weight.
2. Once I graduate I plan on working for the border patrol.
3. I've supported Pewdiepie ever since his YouTube video, The Bridge.
4. My meals consist entirely of G-Fuel, Doritos, Mountain Dew and chicken tenders.
5. I love watching anime. My waifu is called Boku.
6. I have three solo dubs in Fortnite.
7. I go above and beyond in all my work.
8. I've killed the ender dragon in Minecraft 77 times without creative mode or cheats (before you could reset the end).
9. I've studied The Blade for years. I own my own katanas.
10. Todd Howard is my idol. I aspire to be him.

Senioritis check-up



Photo by Kristina Toczek

Seniors are found sleeping in the English hallway.

How is senior year going so far?

"I'm dead inside."
 -Abigail Kessler

"I still don't know what I am doing with my life."
 -Rachel Lamb

"What's the point?"
 - Abigail Marchione

"I don't know. It's only my fourth year out here."
 - Alexis Gendron

"It's a blessing to get out of this prison."
 - Robert Vasquez



Compiled by Brenna Mock and Lacey Tatum



A New Year in the Big Apple

By Kristina Toczek

I kicked off the new year in the best spot possible: New York City.

My dad brought our family and even let me bring along my friend, senior Macey Phillips. The drive was about eight hours and we stayed in Jersey City, which is only 15 minutes away from NYC.

We got there late on Dec. 29 and decided to get up early on the 30th to go explore.

Instead of buying an expensive ticket to see the Statue of Liberty, we drove up to a park where we could see her back. It was still really cool. We then took the ferry to get into the city and walked through the World Trade Center. Afterwards, we got to see the 9/11 memorial which was very touching. I learned that the city places white roses on the names of the victims on their birthdays.

We ate some pizza and watched some street performers. I begged my dad to take us to see Times Square so after taking extra long to get through the subway system and Grand Central

Station, we arrived. Macey and I bought mugs in the Disney store and even picked up some basic souvenirs to bring back home.

The next day was New Year's Eve and every

corner was packed with either lines of people or police. We filled our time by walking around Central Park, visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art and looking through stores that we could not even afford to buy a scarf at.



Submitted photo
Seniors Kristina Toczek (left) and Macey Phillips stand in front of the Statue of Liberty on their trip to New York City. The view was from Liberty Park located close to their hotel in Jersey City.

My stepmom and dad got us tickets from a company that deals with things to do in New York for New Year's without waiting hours in lines. It included two hours at a restaurant with unlimited food, drink and music, then two hours at a bowl-

ing alley and arcade and finally finishing off the night at the famous Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, which is right behind Times Square (and the ball).

All the police and security were on edge and being rude

when we needed to get through with our huge family. We aggravated large groups of people (because we had tickets to get through gates and they did not) and it got a little scary walking around once it started to get late.

At 11:50, it was very hard to try to get outside and try to see the ball because we were on the top floor of the wax museum and all the elevators were occupied. One of the workers saw us and let us out the secret exit stairs so we could make it to see the ball drop in person.

It was very crowded and rainy, but it was an experience that I will never forget. Going from watching the magic of New Year's eve in New York on TV, to being there myself, was overwhelming. If I went again, I would have to wait a few years because I am still recovering from the smells.



Quote of the issue

From junior Amanda Piscitelli:

"What is better? To be born good or to overcome your evil nature through great effort?"

- Paarthurmax



Book review

Political drama with a sci-fi twist

By JJ Hackenburg

Often hailed as a groundbreaking novel for modern science fiction, *Dune* is an exciting tale of political rivalry and intergalactic warfare.

Dune takes place as the Noble Atreides family takes over the dangerous desert planet of Arrakis, which was previously owned by their sworn enemies, the Harkonnens. The planet is the source of an extremely valuable spice and stands to make the Duke Leto Atreides rich.

Though Leto knows controlling Arrakis may lead to war with the Harkonnens, he cannot refuse the demand of the of the mighty Padishah Emperor to take over the planet.

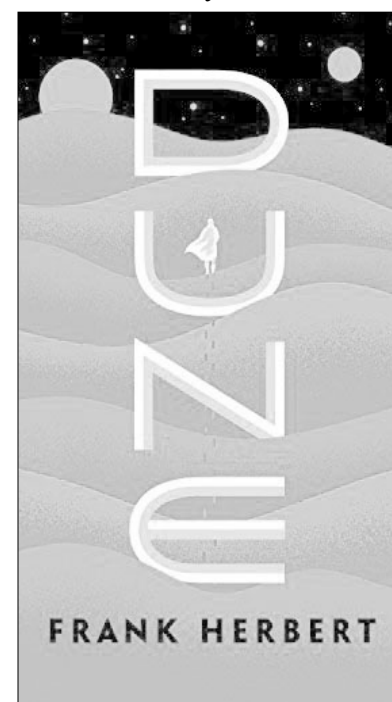
The story follows the Duke's son, Paul, as he rises to the occasion to overcome the dangers of Arrakis and navigates complicated political situations as the other Noble Houses, the Emperor, and a powerful organization named The Guild all struggle for power and wealth.

Dune is an amazing story that can be enjoyed by many readers, especially science fiction fans. The book is said to have inspired

many other works, such as Star Wars.

I enjoyed the intricacy and attention to detail in the world Frank Herbert creates. The story is an interesting take on a future where advanced technology is mingled with old style feudal systems and ways of combat.

Dune is available on Amazon for \$8.99 on Amazon, \$9.99 on Kindle, and can be borrowed at the Norwalk Public Library or the school library.



App of the issue

Sims welcomed to app store

By Brenna Mock

The Sims Mobile is a life simulation game created by EA Mobile and Maxis for iOS and Android. The game was released on March 6, 2018.

In the game, you can create your own Sim, or character, and you can interact with other players' Sims. You start off the game with two Sim slots, where you can create and control two Sims.

With these Sims, you can do many things. You can start relationships with other Sims, from worst enemies to soulmates. You can also rate other Sims through a sticker system that you can earn rewards from if you get enough.

You can earn SimCash, simoleons and other forms of game currency through doing daily tasks and a job. Doing these tasks take energy, which you can earn by feeding, clean-

ing and sending your Sim to sleep. You can buy buildings to unlock careers that you can earn more money from.

The Sims Mobile is different from any of the other Sims games, such as The Sims Freeplay, which is the mobile version of the original games. In The Sims Mobile, you earn less simoleons through jobs and you can complete them more quickly. You can customize your Sim more in The Sims Mobile which is a reason I prefer The Sims Mobile.

The Sims Mobile is rated 4.7 out of 5 stars on the Apple store app.



Video game review

Rainbow Six 'sieges' its way into players' hearts

By Ben Johnson

Tom Clancy's Rainbow 6 Siege is a high quality tactical first person shooter video game developed by Ubisoft and is available for PC, Xbox and the PlayStation 4. It was released on Dec. 1, 2015. Rainbow 6 offers a single player campaign mode as well as a multiplayer.

Although Rainbow 6's single player mode is deemed great by the gaming community, the multiplayer game mode seems to be the most dominant and most sought out game mode within the game.

The multiplayer game mode offers a thrilling PvP arena where two separate teams of five eliminate one another to gain victory. Before the game starts, an individual must select a game mode before entering the PvP arena.

When selecting, there are three main game modes to choose

from that include protect the hostage, disarm bomb and secure area.

These modes are based on personal preference and by no means diminish the much needed skill to win. Once the individual selects one of the three modes, he or she then starts a "que," also known as matchmaking.

When the que finishes finding a match, the individual is then placed on either defense or offense at the start of the match.

Once the individual determines what side to be on, he or she must then pick one operator out of the 21 offered on defense

or offense. The match then starts and thus begins round one. During

the round, teammates have to be coordinated as well as communicate with each other at all times to have the best odds of winning. The team that communicates the best normally wins the round.



Once the individual wins or loses the round, that individual is placed on the opposite side.

When the individual switches sides, that individual must once again select one out of 21 different operators. The individual goes on and repeats the same process again but while on a different side.

There are a total of 42 operators between offense and defense that are split into 21 separate operators and this is why the individual picks from one out of 21 operators in the beginning of each round either on offense or defense.

Rainbow Six Siege takes a while to get used to for sure. This game is all about attention to detail, concentration, memorization and patience.

Rainbow 6 Siege will be loved by anyone who enjoys first person shooters, strategy games and amazing graphics.

Subscribe before it's too late

By Micah Duncan

There is a battle happening on YouTube between a corporate and individual channel.

Swedish YouTuber Felix Arvid Ulf Kjellberg, known as PewDiePie on YouTube, has had the most subscribers on YouTube since Dec 23, 2013. Originally achieving it on Aug 5, 2013, he was briefly surpassed by YouTube Spotlight.

PewDiePie was the first YouTube channel to reach 80 million subscribers at the beginning of January.

PewDiePie has been known to be the center of many controversies, but that hasn't stopped his success because he has publicly denied being Alt-Right, a Nazi, racist and many other labels.

Although he has been very successful, an Indian music company known as T-Series has a YouTube channel that has been competing for the top spot on YouTube.

This battle has been going on for several months, and it was originally predicted that PewDiePie would be passed back in August.

But due to a massive campaign to subscribe to PewDiePie, he has remained in the top spot far longer than anyone predicted.

Many people are trying to help support PewDiePie and keep him in the number one spot.

"T-Series is an empire that needs to be stopped," said senior Collin Wagner.

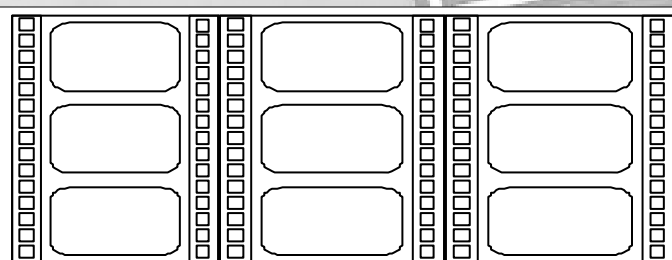
Wagner said he has been supporting PewDiePie since freshman year.

"I think nine-year-olds should band together to take down T-Series," said senior Alex Kirby who has supported PewDiePie since he was on *The Bridge*.

"He has changed and developed as a person since then," Kirby said.

This is a battle many want to see PewDiePie win to prove that individuals can work together to be greater than a corporation, a fight for the little guys.

To help PewDiePie keep his spot, go to www.youtube.com/PewDiePie and hit the subscribe button.



Cale's Cinema Corner

Young directors flub films



By Cale Ours

The hiring practices of film studios like

Disney, Sony and Fox are greatly flawed. Each of these studios make large films with budgets of hundreds of millions of dollars and they take young or new indie directors that do well on smaller productions then throw them into these large projects.

Now some can handle this -- your Taika Waititi's and others like him -- but throwing directors who are used to having almost complete and total control over

their films and the vision they use to sculpt the pictures into a place where a lot of decision making is based on statistics and what can appeal to a mass consumer audience can be jarring and lead to adverse effects.

The worst that has ever really come out of hiring practices like this is the kerfuffle that was the troubled production of 2016's *Fantastic Four* film nicknamed as *Fan4stic*.

The problems that arose come from Josh Trank, an indie director who had only one film under his belt before being selected to make this multi-million dollar tentpole film in a cinematic universe that had yet to take off.

There was a lot riding on the film to perform well.

The direction Trank wanted to take the film was a more dark rendition of Marvel's "first family." There was an emphasis on surreal Cronenberg-esque body horror, that would for sure not play well to a general audience.

Big cuts were not made by the studio until after principal photography and right before the actual production of film where they cut three big action set pieces and added a lot of lighter humor that made the film tone deaf.

Which lead to Trank getting angry and taking that frustration out on the production of the film. Which in turn lead to integral

scenes not being shot and at least \$20 million being spent on reshoots. That and Trank generally acting very unprofessional and childish, lashing out at many people on set, and rarely showing up for a shoot sober enough to properly do his job.

A lot of the blame was placed on Trank for the failure of the film, and some of it was deserved, but not all. Studios commonly get cold feet last minute and then push reshoots and re-edits and try to salvage a film that may not be inherently broken and they wind up adding more stress on people already stretched so thin and it just piles into a huge mess and millions lost.

Movie Review

Glass does not shatter expectations

By Cale Ours

M. Night Shyamalan is a director who found great success in the late 90's and early 2000's with his "thought provoking" films that always end in some sort of twist.

The main consensus is that *Sixth Sense* and *Unbreakable* are the only films he ever made that did not fall into the usual trappings of your modern M. Night films, that being an overly verbose script with a lack of convincing dialogue and a pretentious air that permeates the picture up until some plot twist at the very end that tends to make the film somehow even worse.

And I completely agree, his films were highly flawed.

Recently, though, he's had a little resurgence in fame and popularity with the release of his film *Split*, and many, including myself, hoped that *Glass* would be a creative and interesting take on a superhero films with a unique color pallet and at least semi-compelling characters.

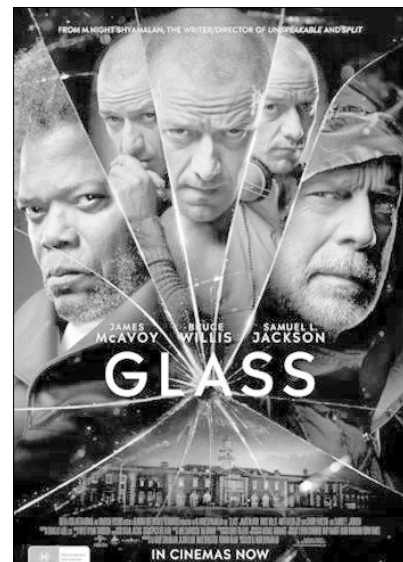
God, were we wrong. Watching *Glass* was like watching someone relapse. *Split* was indicative of M. Night's flaws as a writer and director, but it was a step in the right direction as far as him getting better. I am highly critical of his films, but *Split* is as close as M. Night has ever gotten to his earlier caliber of work.

Glass was six steps and a couple stumbling trips in the wrong direction. The film is devoid of

any passion or general care from anyone working on the project to produce an above average product.

The acting from Bruce Willis is a prime example of this. He looks as if he'd rather be asleep in his trailer in just about every scene he's in, and I have no idea whether to attribute this to Willis being lazy and not wanting to put the effort in or perhaps it was Shyamalan's notoriously poor direction that ruined his performance.

The reasons I greatly disliked *Split* are just as prevalent in *Glass*, but to a more extreme degree. M. Night is so inept as a script writer and a director that whatever tension he puts in his scripts is destroyed by his inability to correctly direct an actor



within a given scene. The saving grace of *Split* was James McAvoy's amazing performance, but he simply cannot carry an ensemble piece like *Glass* all on his own.

Famous films to look forward to in 2019

By Cale Ours

The year seems to be shaping up to a year filled to the brim with a surplus of sequels and films based on established properties, the first of which being M.Night Shyamalan's continuation of his *Unbreakable/Split* shared universe with *Glass*.

Feb. 8th saw the return of Phil Lord and Christopher Miller's *Lego Movie* franchise with *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part*, which advertised itself quite uniquely by using ads on YouTube to play/stream the entirety of the first film for free.

Today marks the release of James Cameron and Robert Rodriguez's *Alita: Battle Angel*. This film has a production history dating back to the very early

2000's when filmmaker Guillermo del Toro first told Cameron of the original manga by Yukito Kishiro.

This month will be seen out with Dreamworks Animations' supposedly final entry of their *How to Train your Dragon* series with *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*.

March

Tim Burton's *Dumbo* remake will be hitting theaters on the 29th. But the real film of note in March is Marvel's *Captain Marvel* being released on the 8th.

April

D.C.'s *Shazam!* will open April 5, which is expected to be one of the strongest D.C. cinematic universe films.

The remake of 1989's *Pet Sematary* by Stephen King is slated

to be released the same day as *Shazam!*. *Hellboy* and *Avengers Endgame* are the two other big releases of note for April.

The 24th ushers two very interesting films into theaters.

The first is Walt Disney's live action *Aladdin*.

Brightburn is the latter, which is a deconstruction of the Superman origin story with what the horrific ramifications may be if something like that actually happened in real life.

May

May opens with Warner Bros *Detective Pikachu* on the 10th, with the third *John Wick* following shortly after on the 17th.

June

June's big films of note are Amblin Entertainment's *Men in Black: International* and Disney's

Pixars, *Toy Story 4*, the unneeded sequel to a perfectly bookended film series.

Summer

Disney's big summer releases in July are the 5th's *Spiderman: Far From Home*, and Jon Favreau's *The Lion King*.

Quentin Tarantino's ninth film *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, a 1969 period piece revolving around a Hollywood actor and his stunt double and their misadventures in the land of the stars, releases on the 26th of July.

Fall/Winter

It: Chapter Two in September, October's *Zombieland 2*, November's *Frozen 2*, and December's *Star Wars: Episode IX* are noteworthy films.

Deiderick shows love for music

By Jayda Ramos

Sophomore Curtis Deiderick has been playing guitar for two years now and describes himself as pretty good.

Deiderick started playing guitar because he likes music and said he wanted to play what he heard. He went to an instructor at first when he started learning how to play, but he got busy so he started to use YouTube instead.

He has not always wanted to play guitar, but he had a passion for it a few years ago and his father bought him a guitar for Christmas. He has been practicing ever since.

He has never learned how to play an entire song, but the first song that he ever learned to play was "Breaking Benjamin" by Diary of Jane.

Deiderick also plays the saxophone. He has played it for six years, but said he does not like it very much.

He chose to play guitar because he said "people are able to do tons of things by themselves with the guitar or even with people."

He does not belong to a band, but said he does want to do something in the future that involves music.



Submitted photo
Sophomore Curtis Deiderick sits on his couch while practicing playing his guitar.



Zeiber wins national music award

By Evan Gaston

He may be a quiet guy, but once asked about music, he loves to talk. Junior Regan Zieber not only plays the piano, but he composes his own music as well.

He has become so involved in the world of music that he has composed more than 40 pieces. One of them won a national award.

Regan submitted one of his own pieces that he composed to "The Mid-Atlantic Song Contest," hosted by The Songwriters Association of Washington, based in Washington D.C. The piece he played was "Our New Home." Zieber won the silver award for

the "Instrumental Category." There are several different music categories (including instrumental, jazz, pop, etc.). People from all over the U.S. can submit pieces to this competition and there are no limits for anything such as age or location of residence.

Regan has been playing piano for 11 years and first learned how to play from his mom. The first eight years his mom taught him and the past three years Chase



Junior Regan Zeiber

Castle has been his instructor. Zieber said his mom learned when she was young and wanted her son to learn also. For inspiration, Regan listens to contemporary (modern background music) and also cinematic music.

Zieber's favorite composer is James Horner, who writes music for films. Some of his most famous collaborations were for films such as Titanic, Star Trek

II : The Wrath of Khan, The Field of Dreams and Avatar.

Some people get their motivation and ideas over a period of time but Regan gets his all in one day. A typical day of composing for him is 14 hours or so worth of work and at the end he has a finished product.

Zieber also plays defense for the school soccer team in the fall.

Zieber would like to someday make composing his career by writing soundtracks for movies. Some of Zieber's music can be found at www.regankzieber.wixsite.com/music

Norwalk helps out St. Paul musical

By Micah Duncan

St. Paul High School does not have an orchestra to play for their musical, so some students from Norwalk have been asked to help.

Participating in the orchestra for St. Paul's production of *Once*

Upon a Mattress will be senior Olivia Schaffer playing the violin, junior Carissa Link playing the viola and senior Callie Link playing the cello.

"It's a good opportunity for playing," Carissa said.

"It was fun last year. So when Ms. Barger asked me to do it, I said yes," Schaffer said.

Orchestra teacher Emily Barger chose the three students who are participating.

"I chose students that I could trust to be prepared and practice

their music on their own," Barger said.

"We have three rehearsal days and I practice on my own as needed," Callie said.

The performances will be Feb. 28 and Mar. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and March 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Students compete again in Solo and Ensemble

By Micah Duncan

For many years Norwalk has been sending students to a competition called Solo and Ensemble.

"We have been sending students for longer than I've been here," orchestra teacher Emily Barger said.

For this competition, a single person can play a solo or a group can play in an ensemble.

The performers play in front of a judge who gives a rating from V to I, with a I being the best.

"I enjoy getting critiqued by a judge on my solos," said senior Olivia Schaffer, who has been playing the violin for 12 years.

"I thought it was fun, something to do outside of regular orchestra class."

- Freshman Jackson Cruey

"I thought it was fun, something to do outside of regular orchestra class," said freshman Jackson Cruey,

who started playing the violin in sixth grade.

Students have practice sessions with Barger weekly, and

then practice on their own at home.

"I practice at least twice a week for my solo," said senior Scarlett Krichbaum, who has been playing the bass for five years.

This year it is being held at Genoa Area High School this Saturday.

Musicians honored

By Micah Duncan

Students from orchestra participated in the district orchestra performance on Saturday, Jan. 26.

This performance was at Port Clinton High School, and many area schools sent students.

"I do it because I like how fast-paced it is," senior Sydney Smith said. "It's more challenging, and it's a very different orchestra than the one at Norwalk."

Smith has been playing the viola since sixth grade.

"I did it because Ms. Barger made me," said freshman Gavin Burns, who has played the viola for four years.

Students practiced on Jan. 22 for two hours and then for 10 hours before the performance on Jan. 26.

"Everyone seemed to enjoy the rehearsal on Tuesday, so the performance should go well," orchestra teacher Emily Barger said before the performance.

Students have to practice the music on their own quite a bit due to the challenging nature of the pieces.

"I practice a little bit every day," Burns said.

Smith said she practices at least double the amount that she does for her normal high school pieces.

Artist of the Issue



Photo and interview by Laila Bussert

Sophomore Beth Claus

When did you discover your artistic ability? I would say the fifth grade.
What is your biggest accomplishment as an artist? Probably this one project that I did in the seventh grade. It was a praying mantis piece made with oil pastels. Another piece that I'm proud of is these little clay dragons that I made. It went to the county fair and it got second place.
What is your favorite piece of artwork that you created? The s'more that I made last year that was on the calendar for this year. It challenged me in the right ways, and it made me look at things with a new perspective.
Do you think that you'll always have a passion for art? Ever since i was little kid, I've always been interested in art-type things. I wanted to be like my dad because he is really artistic.

Sports Opinion

‘Complex’ situation resolved

By Evan Gaston

The William and Julia Reagan all-sports complex has become a very busy place after school with athletes from multiple sports all getting ready for their seasons. With baseball and track right around the corner, the teams are working hard in the complex after school to prepare themselves for this year. On top of those two teams working out after school, football and volleyball are already preparing for their 2019-2020 seasons.

The sports complex was completed in August of 2014. It took more than three years to plan the layout of the complex and to get funding for it. Before we had such a nice place to work out, the weight room was once in what is now Adam Leutenegger’s classroom. There were issues that arose from not having a large enough spot for all teams to practice at once. Baseball used to have to wait until wrestling was over and have practice upstairs in the mezzanine because no gyms were available to practice in.

So needless to say, this sports complex has made a huge impact on NHS and its sports teams.

That being said, we are lucky to have it and we need to take care of it.

Head football coach Todd Fox has developed a workout program for all of the athletes. There are six double bench press racks in the complex, with more than enough weights to go around for



Photo by Kristina Toczek

Underclassmen condition during their sport’s off season. They have been doing agility and strength workouts this winter. Eighth graders (upcoming freshmen) also join the mix.

everyone to use. There is also a large array of dumbbells.

On the first day of a combined practice, it was chaotic to say the least. There were many kids who didn’t understand any of the lifts

and some who hadn’t lifted at all before, so they were very confused. The football players did their best helping out the people who needed help on certain lifts and what to do.

On the second day, the coaches had obviously all met with

each other and discussed a plan for how to run the practice that day. Groups were counted up quickly in the beginning and split up evenly. There was a coach at each station such as “dots” or

“speed skaters” to make sure we were doing them correctly. Students then did the warm up stations and were sent to their lifting stations.

Two of the six bench racks are for volleyball, the middle two are for baseball, and the last two are

for people who lift more than others or football players.

Coach Fox is mostly in charge but gets help from head baseball coach Wes Douglas, head volleyball coach Sarah Kipp, and running and throwing track coaches Drew Karhnm, Stephanie Pope and Joe Kaiser. If you see any of the coaches responsible for helping to make this run smoothly, make sure to thank them. Anyone who is interested in playing a sport or even just going to work out after school is more than welcome to show up.

Seeing so many people using the complex is a great sight and shows how hard everyone is working for their upcoming seasons.

“Anyone who is interested in playing a sport or even just going to work out after school is more than welcome to show up.”

“It’s a good feeling getting your hand raised after a lot of hard work.”

- Sophomore Ethan Phillips

Wrestling runs in the family

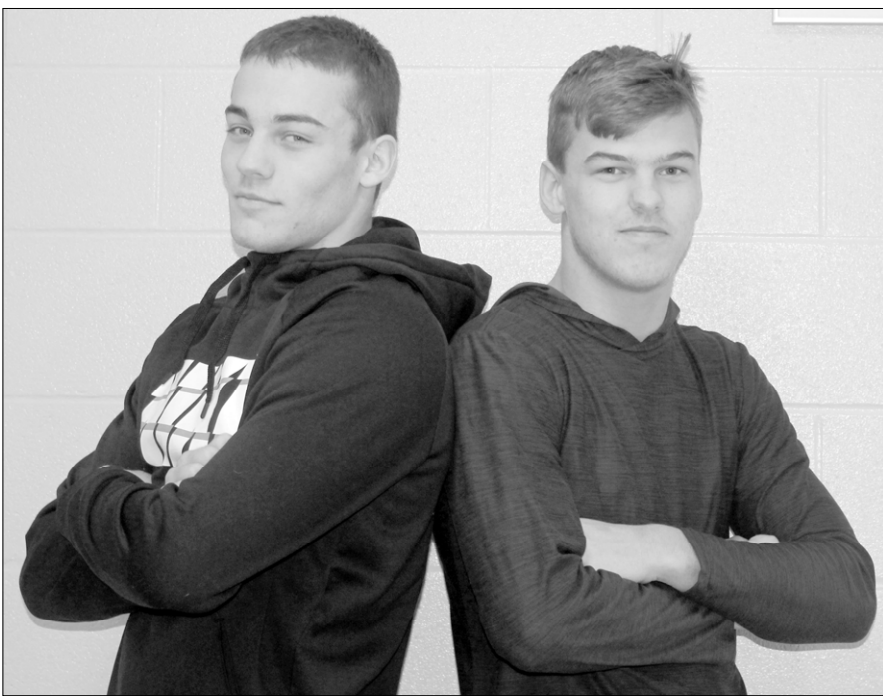


Photo by Leighton Steele

Gabe Phillips (left) poses with his younger brother Ethan.

By Leighton Steele and Keeanne Steele

While some siblings fight and try their best to stay out of each other’s way, sophomore Ethan and junior Gabe Phillips share wrestling together, which helps them motivate each other to try their best at competing.

Gabe has been in the same weight class as his dad when he wrestled in high school, while Ethan has not.

They’re both motivated by their coach and their dad to do their best.

What is Ethan’s favorite thing about wrestling?

“Winning. It’s a good feeling getting your hand raised after a lot of hard work,” he said.

Neither of them is doing that well with losing weight for the sport. They said it’s troubling with wanting to eat food and having to work out so much to stay in the weight range.

What pushes Gabe to do his best?

“The fact that wrestling will need to help pay for my college and if I don’t do well very well I won’t get scholarships,” he said.

Tre & Tche sign away



Photo by Evan Gaston
Seniors Trevon Raymore (left) and Tche Leroux smile as they sign their letters of intent to play football and attend Bowling Green State University.



Makeover planned for Whitney Field

By Madisyn Alt

Athletic Director Josh Schlotterer has big plans for Whitney Field.

The plans include replacing grass with turf, getting new bleachers on the visitors side, getting new fencing, paving a new parking lot, a new press box and concession stand, new re-

strooms and eventually redoing the track.

“We want to start with the turf and the visiting bleachers,” Schlotterer said.

The visitor side bleachers currently are made of wood. Those bleachers have been around since the 70s.

When Schlotterer met with the school board to present his plans, there was no disagreement.

“They had a lot of questions, which was normal. They want a long term plan. There is no issue with that,” Schlotterer said.

Turf has more positives than negatives, he explained. Turf can be safer than having grass because turf is the same consistency across the field, rather than the hard and soft spots in the grass.

“Natural grass gets chewed up because of all the different teams

that play on the field. All away games have been on turf,” he said.

The next steps are getting proposals from architects and talking to the Whitney Field Improvement Committee. There are three bids from turf companies, and marketing plan donors want to help. It should be about an eight-week process, Schlotterer said.

Winter sport athletes at work



Photos by Kristina Toczek, Olivia Schaffer, Evan Gaston and Cale Ours

Swimmers come to close on successful note

By JJ Hackenburg

This year's record-setting girls' swim team has broken another record.

Seniors Anna Little and Sela Berry, along with juniors Mara Berry and Elyse Coe, set the new record in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of four minutes and 0.96 seconds.

The record was set at the St. Joseph Central Catholic High School Invite on Dec 15.

"The key to our success is teamwork and practice," Coe said. "It's important to know how your teammates swim to cut off time."



Photo by Micah Duncan

Beating the school's 400 freestyle relay with a time of 4 minutes and 0.96 seconds are (from left) junior Mara Berry, senior co-team captains Sela Berry and Anna Little, and junior Elyse Coe.

Coe added that they practice endurance and relay starts to cut off every second possible.

Team captain Anna Little said she is sad to see the swim season coming to a close, but is proud of their successful season and hopeful for the team's future.

"Even though I'm going to miss them a lot, I know the boys and girls are going to be very successful," she said.



Celebrating state



Photo by Evan Gaston

Junior Brady Christopher tosses the cloth down after being lifted up by junior Trey Leroux to reach the cloth that got stuck. The state banner now hangs in the gym in honor of the 2018 football team making it to the final four.

Record breakers



Submitted photo

The boys' bowling team poses after they broke the overall record for the highest pin count for a whole match. The old record was 3,017 pins and they set the new record with 3,033 pins on Jan. 23 at Cedar Lanes in Sandusky. Pictured are (from left) Coach John Wade, senior Noah Scheel, sophomore Zachary Thrash, senior Joseph Dendinger, sophomore Andrew Bundschuh, freshman Landon Klett, senior Jeffrey Mussell and sophomore Hunter Klein.