

Virtual reality at NHS

By Olivia Schaffer

Students at Norwalk High School can travel anywhere while still staying in their classroom with virtual reality headsets.

“Immerse yourself” is the phrase science teacher Nathan Whaley used when describing the experience. He explained that using the headsets provides for a more unique experience than just talking about a topic.

Whaley said his environmental science classes used virtual reality headsets to visit different places to learn about biomes, which are communities of plants and animals that are similar because of the environment they live in. Whaley said it fit in to a good



Students in Mr. Whaley’s environmental science class explore different biomes using virtual reality headsets. The school district owns a set of 30 headsets and keeps them at the middle school.

Photo by Olivia Schaffer

part of the year to use the headsets because of what the classes were learning.

“It was like you were there,” junior Arturo Dominguez said.

Dominguez also said the headsets were beneficial in his gov-

ernment class when learning about monuments in Washington, D.C. He said he would use them again outside of school in a safe environment for learning.

Whaley said he can control the headsets in class using

Google Expeditions. The students log in with provided phones that partner with the headsets and the program and then the teacher can control where the students go and point out places they are viewing.

“It’s cool but I felt motion sick,” said junior Macy Chapin about using the headsets.

Chapin said she would not choose to use them outside of school but they provided for a good learning opportunity.

The Norwalk School District owns a set of 30 virtual reality headsets and keeps them at Norwalk Middle School. The set is kept with middle school teacher Scott Spettle, Whaley said.

Honor Society helps the community

By Lacey Tatum

National Honor Society is helping with more than the American Red Cross blood drive this year.

President Annie Hiler and Vice President Sara Nutter wanted to do more, and they were the ones who contacted the Salvation Army and Abigail Pregnancy.

“Abigail Pregnancy is a local organization that gives services to pregnant women who cannot afford traditional medical care,” Nutter said.

A baby bottle will be placed in students’ Trucker Time room so they can donate coins for the young ladies. The money goes to programs that the girls can use for their education but also to a store where they can shop for clothes, toys and other things that the mother may need for the child.

On Dec. 9, Honor Society members volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

“It’s exciting to see Honor Society getting really involved in helping out their community,” Honor Society adviser Nancy Gfell said.



Photo by Gabrielle Horowitz

Junior Alyssa Faley shakes hands with Principal Brad Cooley during the National Honor Society tapping ceremony last month. In the background is adviser Nancy Gfell. Announcing is senior Annie Hiler.

Working hard, up high



Photo by Luke Kelley

Custodian Denise Clark replaces a light bulb in the scoreboard in the main gym. Senior Luke Kelley spent the morning with Clark and wrote about the experience. Read about it on page 3.

TLC collects pop tabs to benefit families

By Logan Hurst

NHS’s Teen Leadership Corps is collecting tabs from aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald house; the organization gets approximately 50 cents for every pound of pop tabs collected.

“It takes a lot [of pop tabs] to help them, but it’s a really easy way to give to a great cause,” senior Rachel Casselberry said. Casselberry is in TLC and is in charge of the pop tab drive.

The mission of the Ronald McDonald house in Cleveland is to “create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families.”

Casselberry said that the money goes towards the Ronald

McDonald house’s costs of providing for the families, trying to keep their services as affordable as possible, considering most people go to them for assistance when they need help making ends meet.

According to the Ronald McDonald house website, “Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling while raising funds to help children and their families. Some of our chapters raise thousands of dollars with their pop tab collections – up to \$30,000.”

TLC needs help with collecting for this cause. Pop tabs can be brought to the small house outside the main office doors until April, so collect them over winter break, Casselberry said.

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-Rachel Casselberry

Sibling stories



Having a sibling has its wonders and its woes. Read about it on page 3.

Celebrating differently



December holiday celebrations are not all the same. See students’ stories on page 4.

Indoor surfing



Senior Orion Green does something unique. Read about it on page 11.

Staff Editorial

'Tis the shopping season

The holidays have different meanings to different people. Spending time with family should be the most important.

However, Black Friday sales have taken over Thanksgiving time. The sales begin earlier each year, with some even taking place all day on Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving used to be a big deal, and people would spend time with their families after dinner. Now, it's happening more and more that families rush through dinner to head to the stores to get the best sales.

Black Friday sales will definitely save you money, but stores should know that they will still make lots of money if they wait to open on midnight after

Thanksgiving, or even later yet. Online shopping and Cyber Monday sales are always an option.

Not only is Black Friday taking over Thanksgiving, the violence that comes out in people trying

to get ***"Nobody's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas! No, no, we're all in this together!"***

the best sale is very materialistic and not at all in the holiday spirit.

There is even a website devoted to the "Black Friday Death Count." Although this site might have been started with humorous intentions, a real Daily News headline from 4:38 a.m. on Black

Friday 2017 reads, "One shot outside Missouri mall, brawls close Alabama shopping center as Black Friday begins."

This time should be used to celebrate the start of the holiday season and not to break others' spirits down.

The best gift this holiday season should be the ability to spend time with family. Never take that for granted.

More people should think like Clark Griswold, when he proclaims in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, "Nobody's walking out on this fun, old-fashioned family Christmas! No, no, we're all in this together!"



The holiday of giving back



By Alayna Warren

This holiday season has rapidly approached. It feels like yesterday people were running around in the sunshine and splashing around in the pool.

Being a kid, especially, parents are constantly nagging us about what we want for Christmas. People are rushing to find

gifts, crowding the stores, standing in long lines, paying for fast shipping just to find that perfect gift.

There are many factors that play a role during the holidays. So much money is spent just to give people what they want.

Don't get me wrong. Waking up before the sun comes up on Christmas morning, forcing your siblings to get up and join you as you make your way to the tree is always something to look forward to, but the holidays mean so much more.

Each year, thousands of families struggle to get by, especially during the holidays. Parents strive for a smile on their children's faces but it's not always easy.

There are people out there who would do anything just for a small piece of food or just somewhere warm to stay. One thing we don't realize is that there are many people that go through this in our own town.

We don't always realize how fortunate we are. A lot of us get things handed to us, because our parents are able to do that for us.

How lucky are we that we get to get together with our loved ones and eat food, and open gifts and enjoy each other's company during this time of the year? How lucky are we that we know we always have a place to go home to and call our own?

So, step out of your own shoes this holiday season and set foot in

someone else's. Realize how fortunate you are. Make someone smile because you never know when was the last time they actually did. Reach out and give a helping hand.

Get involved in your community and make a difference. Make time for people and make them feel important to you.

Everyone has their own story to tell, but it's what they did in their story that makes people want to hear it.

I want to wish everyone happy holidays!

Enjoy the time with your loved ones and the people around you and always keep the true meaning of the holidays close to your heart.

Where are they now?

Brie Schneider

New for the 2017-18 school year, "Where are they now?" is written by former editors of the Trucker Imprint. This one was written by 2014-15 editor-in-chief, Brie Schneider.



By Brie Schneider

It's outrageous that I'm old enough to be contacted to write for a "Where are they now" column—but what an honor to be remembered by one of my favorite classes and my very favorite teacher. I am NOW in my junior year of college at Charleston Southern University studying nursing. I am a resident of South Carolina living with two fellow nursing majors and a cute little

kitten. My schedule is pretty full—with going to school full time, completing six-hour clinicals in the hospital, working as an Assistant Nursery Director at a church in downtown Charleston, cheering my third season of football, women's and men's basketball, all while trying to maintain at least a little bit of a social life.

My goals have not changed much since high school; I want to better the world. Whether that be smiling at every stranger I pass, being there to hold someone's hand in the hospital, or just praying over this, my, OUR generation. It's so easy to wake up and choose to be kind—to consciously choose joy and kindness over bitterness, anger and self-doubt.

The question "Do you miss high school?" is a tough one. I am so grateful for Norwalk City Schools and how they have shaped me and my goals. I, and we all, are products of this school district—and, although you might hate that teacher who just gave you a zero for an assignment (that let's be honest that you probably deserved), that is something we are BLESSED with. The teachers and staff of this district care for each and every one of you and your future!

So, "Do I miss high school?"

Yes, I miss coming home to a warm house that I didn't have to pay for. Walking in the door to a meal that was warm and cooked with my mother's love. I miss my Dad walking in from work and having him so readily available to help me with my impossible math homework (cough cough Higgins cough). Having a sister's hug, joke, giggle, or super cute new sweater no more than 30 seconds away. I miss that I had VERY few worries, stresses and responsibilities. And most of all I REALLY miss that I didn't have to study in high school.

But in the same breath... "Do I miss high school?"

No. Everyone finds themselves at different times and I found myself down here. I've gained the truest friends who love me for who I am as a person—not my family, or because of the activities

I'm involved in, or because it's convenient. Found and developed my passion—which is very convenient that it's the first major I decided (it's OK if you don't know yet, take your time, don't let that stress you out).

And I was able to find my identity by myself and become truly happy with who I am.

I miss home and the season that high school was.

Not a longing to go back and relive these moments, but a regret that I didn't soak in the leisure that was high school.

If I could leave you with two things from "where I am now," here they are. First, find yourself in your time and in your way, whether that be moving 12 hours away from your hometown or moving 12 minutes down the road.

Find YOUR happy and pursue it fully and unapologetically. Secondly, it might take you a few tries and the road will have lots of curves, but that's OK. I didn't get into the College of Nursing down here my first try—and at the time that felt like the end of the world.

But with a fervent, determined pursuit and a whole lot of grace and love from the Lord, that "delay" led me to each blessing that is my life now.

So soak up the leisure that is high school, thank your teachers, love on your hometown friends, and if you're like me and have an itch, get out—be patient, be kind, and head out to find yourself without turning back.

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Sister sets example

By Mascie Horner

Growing up with a sister has its ups and downs.

One day she'll be my best friend as she keeps my untold secrets from mom (sorry mom, I backed into your flower pot) or she'll be my biggest enemy as she raids my closet and leaves behind a mess.

With me being the older sister, it gives me something to strive for and it means a lot to me.

My sister Emmie, who is a freshman this year, impacts my everyday life and I don't think she realizes it.

Emmie and I attended Maplehurst Elementary together for only three years before I left for Main Street and our district began to cluster.

At the time, I thought it would be much more enjoyable to get away from my little sister when I was at school.

I thought to myself, "Finally! I am by myself again!"

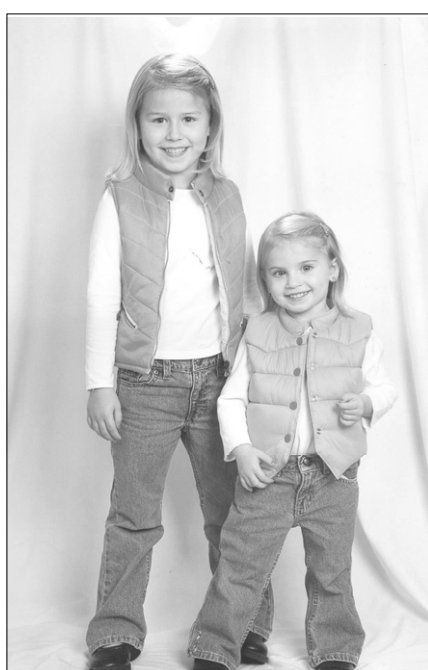
As the years went on, Emmie and I became much closer and it came to me that I missed seeing her at school every day.

Now that Emmie and I are older and have more freedom rather than when we were little, we spend much more time together with just the two of us.

Being the older sister comes with great responsibility.



Submitted photos
Junior Mascie Horner and her freshman sister Emmie Horner now (left) vs. when they were younger (right).



I set the examples, teach her what is wrong and right, and she follows my footsteps.

Even when my parents tried to potty train her, she followed me instead.

This past summer, as Emmie prepared for high school, she was a nervous wreck.

Now that I am a junior and I know all the tips to survive Norwalk High, I informed her that

everything was going to work out just fine if she continued to be herself and if she stayed true to the ones who mean the most to her and that includes her big sister.

For me, being a big sister teaches me to do the right thing for myself and set a good example for Emmie to follow.

When teachers ask her, "Are you Mascie's younger sister?" I want her to answer confidently.

Living up to sib's standards

By Kiersten Phillips

"Taylor... I mean Kiersten Phillips," says almost every teacher I have had since the first grade. Being six years apart in age, you would think by the time I got to most teachers they would forget about my sister. I was wrong.

My sister is a nice person, don't get me wrong, but trying to fill her shoes is a lot to handle.

Let me start by saying that when growing up, Taylor was the golden child, always named student of the month, winning every award possible, being part of every club and sucking up to every teacher.

When I got into high school, I swore I never would play tennis, yet here I am playing. Every match I am in, if Taylor shows up, I hear about every little thing I did wrong. Coach Ray Scheid never had Taylor, so luckily that is one time I do not have to hear about her.

Then time comes to regular class, I honestly don't think there was a teacher here Taylor did not have.



Submitted photos
Sophomore Kiersten Phillips and her older sister who graduated in 2014 now (left) vs. when they were younger (right).



Day 1 of class it's always, "Are you related to Taylor Phillips?" I just roll my eyes and say yes

because here come the expectations. I want to tell people I am my own person.

I study to get good grades, I spend time working on projects,

and I RARELY ask Taylor for help. She does not contribute to anything I do; therefore no one should compare me to her.

I did join newspaper because Taylor made a big deal about how awesome it is, and how it was the

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best part of high school. Then I made the choice to join.

First day of class when everyone was meeting each other, Mrs. Leffler told the class, "Kiersten's sister Taylor was a former editor in chief of this paper her senior year." I looked back at the issues from when she was in school, and she took almost every single sports photo, along with writing most of the articles. There is no way I could do all that.

The moral of the story is, every child is unique. They might be from the same set of parents, but people are different.

I wish teachers would not compare people to former students.

I understand that could be hard, but Taylor did not have to grow up in school hearing that her sister is a better artist than she is, or a better tennis player. I already receive enough push from Taylor to become a better person, but I am my own person.

I am Kiersten Rose Phillips, the girl who is quiet, shy, likes to keep to herself and yes, sometimes not be so nice.

A day in the life

A journey with the janitor

By Luke Kelley

When you think of janitors, you picture them cleaning the floors, picking up trash and taking care of the restrooms.

After spending the morning with Denise Clark, one of the custodians here at the high school, I realized that they do much more.

The first thing I noticed while working with her was the pace that she worked at. When something needed done, she practically ran to wherever it was we needed to go.



Photo by Gabrielle Horowitz
Senior Luke Kelley (left) spent a morning watching custodian Denise Clark at work.

We started the day changing the trash bags in the cafeteria after students ate breakfast. After

that, her task was to make sure the bulbs on the scoreboards in the main gym were working for the game on Saturday.

Fixing the scoreboards was more challenging than you would think.

Clark had to use a lift to get to the scoreboard to change the bulbs. I know, sounds more like an electrician's job.

Around eight bulbs were not lit up when we started, but after tapping on most of them and changing one, she fixed them all.

For winter hours, Clark has to come to the school at 5:30 a.m. to shovel snow and lay salt.

Even when there is no snow, the custodians still come in at 5:30 a.m.

After we finished fixing the bulbs, we dust mopped the main gym floor.

Clark explained, after cleaning the floors, that the floor in the main gym is redone once a year.

We ended the day with getting the bleachers out to get ready for Saturday's game.

To get the bleachers out, she sat on the end and pressed a button, riding on them until it stopped.

Celebrating Differently

Christmas spirit includes Jesus, family, friends

By Anna Little

For me, Christmas is about Jesus, family and friends (God first, family and friends very VERY close behind). My Christmas might be a bit different from others because my mom is a pastor and my family is pretty religious, but for those who go to church then we probably have a very similar day.

Our Christmas spirit is a bit more traditional than some. I mean, my mom doesn't let us put up the tree until two weeks before Christmas, or later, because she thinks we should be more focused on Advent while it's that time of the year.

My church community is just as important to me as my family, and every Christmas Eve we go over to our church friends' house to celebrate and exchange gifts. We also eat lots of food, which is an added perk. Then, after we are full of food, we go to church for Christmas Eve worship which ends just before midnight. My church has a beautiful candlelight service, and sometimes, if we are lucky, it snows as we leave worship. Exhaustedly, we drive home and go to sleep and wait for Santa Claus. Well, not anymore, but people will understand what I mean.

The next morning, my grandma bakes homemade cinnamon rolls for breakfast and we usually

eat them with a breakfast casserole of some sort. My brother and I are always anxious to get to the presents part so we play the role of Santa by putting on our hats and sorting the presents into piles. Then we take turns opening gifts and sit around for a couple hours figuring out the new stuff we got. It's at this point that I start helping my grandma figure out some sort of technology.

Then, we go to family Christmas. We usually celebrate Christmas as a family a few days earlier because it's pretty hectic on Christmas Day, especially if Christmas falls on a Sunday, but we still meet for a while on Christmas Day at my great aunt and uncle's house.



My aunt and uncle have a pool table and a slot machine, and we play board games together, too. Mostly, we eat a lot of food and enjoy each other's company.

Apart but together

By Paige Maurer

Some people might not realize just how lucky they are to have their parents together for the holidays. They get to spend the holidays with everyone completely together and don't have to worry about going back and forth during the break or on Christmas day.

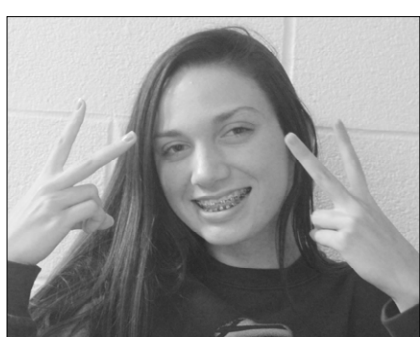
Going back and forth is usually how I spend my day and break.

On Christmas Eve, depending on which parent's holiday it is determines whose house I am going to. This changes, though, because my parents consider what my siblings and I would like to do.

According to the divorce papers, we are supposed to go to one parent's house from Christmas Eve to noon on Christmas Day and then spend the rest of Christmas break with the other parent. But, that is not the case with my parents.

Usually, we try to spend the holiday with my step-siblings so this requires some planning.

We try to go to our dad's whenever my stepmom has her kids. This year we will spend Christmas Eve with my dad and my family there. On Christmas Day, we will split the day up and go to my stepmom's parents and spend the morning there and



then during the day, we will switch and go spend it with my mom's family. During the holidays, if someone just finds out my

parents are divorced, they always say, "Oh, so you get double the presents?" This is one of the most annoying questions people can ask and it is not true at all.

Be grateful for everything you have. The holidays can be great whether you have divorced parents, your parents are together, or you spend it with someone other than your parents. Surround yourself with those you love and who love you.

Although this time can be rough, I always remember the fact that I can see almost everyone in my family and spend the day with them.

I will always be grateful that my parents get along to make the holidays not stressful and easy to see both of them.

Both parents home

By Sophie Ward

Growing up with your parents together may not be considered as lucky as it is. Knowing how so many of my friends come from one-parent homes or are sorting out complicated times to visit each of their parents makes me very grateful that I have mine together.



has never been something I have had to endure.

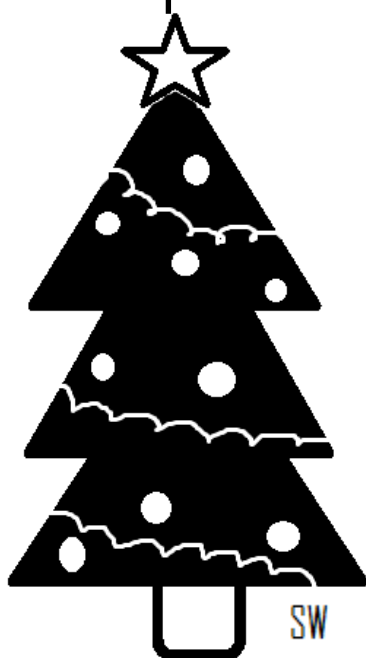
The most we have left the house for is maybe to visit extended family and wish them a happy day on whatever holiday it may be.

Waking up to both my parents sitting on the couch in their pajamas, opening gifts with my sister and I, enjoying the morning mood, is my favorite part of Christmas Day.

My mom, Sonja Ward, usually makes a huge breakfast once all the gifts are opened and we all sit down to enjoy it. Sitting at the table with my family around me makes me feel like one of the luckiest people I can think of, especially since both my parents are sitting and talking and laughing with me.

Christmas Day seems to bring us all a little closer each year, whether it's us talking when we clean up, giving each other gifts that truly mean a lot, or just lounging around on the couch watching *Christmas Story* or *Elf* for the hundredth time.

I feel grateful, grateful that I don't have to budget my time with each parent, or that I don't only end up seeing one -- not that life like that is awful. Some people may feel just as lucky as I do if they get to see their parents in a split way, but just knowing I don't have to split my time makes me happy.



Chaos in Christmas



By Kennadi Martin

Christmas in my family usually results in chaos. I spend my Christmas rushing to get to the next parent's house.

Having divorced parents can make every holiday difficult.

My family is not religious whatsoever. On Christmas Eve we spend the day with my cousins and have a dinner. When Christmas Day comes, we open presents in the morning and sit around all day. We also have a big dinner.

Honestly, Christmas is just another holiday to me.

My family does not do anything special for Christ-

mas. We don't go to Mass and celebrate Jesus's birth. It is basically just an excuse to receive gifts in my house.

Christmas is a day to spend with friends and family. It is also a day to simply enjoy each other's presence.

In addition, it is always uncomfortable when people talk about how they celebrate Christmas religiously.

It sometimes makes me feel like my family celebrates Christmas incorrectly.

Most people who are religious tend to put more pressure on those who are not when it comes to doing religious things. They act surprised when I tell them that my family is not religious at all.

However, some religious people act as if it is normal not to celebrate Christmas religiously.

Holiday with the Horowitzs



By Gabrielle Horowitz

For those who do not know, I am Jewish. I celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah. My

dad's family is Jewish, while my mom's family is Christian. Growing up Jewish in a small republican town has been interesting. I have gotten many reactions. Not all of them are bad, and not all of them are good.

I have never been ashamed of my religion or the way my family celebrates holidays, but it has been hard in our community to feel "normal." Many people in Norwalk are religious and are vocal about it. I have had people try to convert me into a Christian, and I have heard many hurtful things. One pastor told me to get out of his church and to never come back. As I was leaving he added, "You're going to hell." That was the moment I realized that not everyone will keep thoughts to themselves. Hanukkah at my house includes the traditional menorah and dreidel. A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top, played with

during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. The dreidel is a Jewish variant on the teetotum, a gambling toy found in many European cultures.

A menorah is a sacred candelabrum. The reason we light eight candles is because of the "Miracle of Light." The oil was only supposed to last one night, but ended up lasting eight.

Even though there are eight days of Hanukkah, there are nine candles on a menorah. The tallest or the shortest candle is the Shamash. The Shamash is used to light the other eight candles from left to right. Each day we light another candle, so the first day we light the Shamash and the first candle. While we light the menorah, we say a prayer in Hebrew. During Hanukkah there is a tradition to

open a gift every day. My family doesn't do that. We open our present during Christmas, which my family also celebrates. We go to my grandma's on Christmas Eve, and we spend Christmas at my grandpa's. For me, Christmas is like a family gathering. I don't see it as the celebration of Christ. If it wasn't for my mom's side of the family, I would not be celebrating.

Although I have had hateful comments said to me, I am proud to be Jewish.



Christmas just isn't the same

Interviews and photos by Kristina Toczek

"How is Christmas different now compared to when you were little?"



"It's not as joyful because I know what I'm getting. I stopped believing in Santa when I was 6."
 — Freshman Cynthia Hernandez



"I rely more on myself to get presents and provide for myself instead of Santa. I stopped believing in Santa when I was 8."
 — Sophomore Hannah Crawford



"I get less presents and it's less magical. I stopped believing in Santa when I was 7."
 — Junior Rachel Lamb



"It hasn't really changed that much. I get the same amount of presents. I stopped believing in Santa when I was 5."
 — Senior Andrew Ehrenberg



"We got maybe two gifts, so for my own kids I have to get at least three or more and a stocking stuffer or I feel terrible. There's more pressure now to get more and it takes away from the focus of the actual celebration. I stopped believing in Santa when I was 7."
 — Family and Consumer Science teacher Kim Majoy



"It's a lot more fun buying for my grandkids, but it's getting harder now that I don't know what they want. It's more fun to give than to receive. I never stopped believing in Santa."
 — Secretary Becky Chapin

Truckers share Christmas traditions

By Kylee Edney

Holidays are special times for family members to reunite, and families have their own special holiday traditions.



Senior Savannah Sampson said her family has many traditions.

There is always a present with no name on it under the tree and whoever finds it gets to keep it, she said.

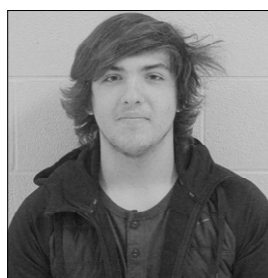
How did this tradition start?

"I'm guessing someone forgot to put a name on the present," Sampson said.

She said she likes this tradition because it's a free gift.

Junior David Bosely said his family holiday tradition is "the pickle in the tree."

The pickle gets hidden in the tree and whoever finds it gets a gift.



"We've done it since I remember," Bosely said.

Another tradition his family has is they eat a ham for Christmas dinner.



Junior Macy Chapin said her family goes to the Toledo Zoo

to look at the Christmas lights every year.

This tradition started four years ago when she got a zoo pass for Christmas, she said.

She now gets a zoo pass every year for Christmas.

Chapin said she likes this tradition.

"I get to spend time with my family," she said.

Sophomore Haleigh Skinner's family tradition consists of eating a family breakfast on Christmas morning.

Her breakfast includes monkey bread, crepes, french toast and pancakes.

Skinner said she enjoys this tradition.

"I get to laugh and have fun with my family and we have a pajama competition," Skinner said.

This has been a tradition for about six years and it started because she has so many other family Christmases to attend, she said.

Freshman Oliver Maloney said his family tradition is to watch *A Christmas Vacation* on Christmas Eve.

He said it became a tradition one year when they watched it and then they started watching it every year.

Maloney enjoys this tradition because the movie is funny, he said.



Cooking with Paige

By Paige Maurer

Sugar Cookie Truffles

This recipe is super easy to follow and they do not take long to make. The truffles tasted good so try it out!



- Ingredients:**
 12 sugar cookies
 3 tablespoons cream cheese
 2 cups melting chocolate (white/chocolate)
 *Sprinkles for decoration

- Instructions:**
 1. Place sugar cookies in a food processor and process until cookies turn into fine crumbs. Add cream cheese and process again until well-combined and mixture can be pressed into a ball, 1 to 2 minutes.
 2. Shape cookies into balls about 1-inch to 1 1/2 -inches in diameter.

- Place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper and place in the freezer for 15 minutes or the refrigerator for 1 hour.
 3. In a medium bowl, melt chocolate according to instructions.
 4. Remove the cookie balls from the refrigerator. Using a spoon or two forks, dip and roll chilled cookie balls, one at a time, in coating. Return to lined cookie sheet and immediately top with sprinkles. Repeat process for remaining cookie balls. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to a week.

Art Club paints the city's snow plow



Photo by Gabrielle Horowitz

Senior Mara Jaworski helps paint the snow plow for Art Club. The snow plow will be used to clear up the roads in Norwalk, but now with a fresher style. Club members started painting in November. This restored snow plow might prevent delays and snow days for students.

Key Club:

Coats, cookies, conversation

By Madisyn Alt

Key Club has been busy this month.

The club is doing a coat drive. Members are bringing in coats. Depending on how many coats they get determines where the coats go.

“Our goal is to try and get 60 coats,” Kim Majoy, Key Club adviser, said.

They are also planning to participate in the Clothe-A-Child program in January, where people are paired up with a child and they go shop for the child. There is a budget that the child gets and any person can go and help them pick out clothes that they need.

Key Club has also been working with Gaymont Nursing Center.

In November, the club went there to decorate paper cut outs explaining what the residents are thankful for.

“We were able to have conversations with the residents and talk about what they are thankful for. It was a heartwarming experience seeing the residents so happy,” junior Sydney Hughes said.

On Dec. 12, they brought Christmas cookies to the nursing home for the residents to decorate.

Key Club members spent time decorating cookies with them for the holidays.



Photo by Madisyn Alt

Nursing Home resident Granny Martha and juniors Macey Phillips (left) and Kristina Toczek (middle) and senior Tori Smith (right) frost cookies together at Gaymont Nursing Home.

Hacky Sack: ‘the technique is tricky’



Photo by Beth Stockmaster

Spanish teacher David Snell practices with his Hacky Sack Club. The hacky sack is flying from Snell heading towards sophomore Kyle Smith. Others pictured are juniors Kaden Livingston and Ian Scheid.

By Beth Stockmaster

The Hacky Sack Club meets on Fridays after school in the All-Reagan Sports Complex from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m. The club has around 15 people but that can vary if someone in the club cannot make it to all the times they play.

That does not mean they can't be in the club. Anyone who wants to join the club can just show up at the times they meet.

The technique is tricky; players have to try to hit the hacky sack with the side of their foot but also the largest part of their foot. The point is

to not let the hacky sack hit the ground as players use their feet only to pass it around to anyone in the circle.

Senior Quinn Hipp had the idea to start the club toward the end of last year. Hipp said he wants to make a difference for people who are not in after-school sports or activities to try to stay out of trouble.

Spanish teacher David Snell is the adviser of this club. Snell said he chose to advise this club because they needed an adviser. Junior Kaden Livingston said he joined the club because Quinn talked him into it.

Debate Club still accepting members

By Madisyn Alt

Junior Ethan Lindenberger is working hard keeping the Debate Club busy.

Debate Club is a place where students learn to talk about tough topics. They also get to hear other opinions about subjects.

“Right now we are learning about the different formats of debate,” Lindenberger said.

The club is planning to start talking about different topics after break. Some topics they talked about last year are politics, abortion and religion, Lindenberger said.

The club meetings are every Wednesday in Spanish teacher David Snell's room.

Meetings are usually from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. but sometimes,

if they are in the middle of a discussion, it goes past 3:30, Lindenberger said.

There are currently 14 members who go every week.

“The 14 members that go every week have a lot of good insight and discussion topics and then there are others who some-

“I joined because it is something interesting and fun. I like it because it is fun to see what others defend and their side of an argument.”

- Sophomore Jacob Roblero

times come,” Lindenberger explained. “I joined because it is something interesting and

fun. I like it because it is fun to see what others defend and their side of an argument,” sophomore Jacob Roblero said.

The club does activities involving discussions and brainstorming about a topic that members choose.

The school does not provide a Trucker Time period.



Photo by Madisyn Alt

Ethan Lindenberger (far right) talks to Spanish teacher David Snell and two other students before the Debate Club meeting starts on Dec. 6. The club meets every Wednesday after school in Snell's room.

The club does not have a school adviser, but Snell helps the club out with providing a room to meet in.

Lindenberger said he started the club last year. To join the

club, students can just show up to a meeting.

“People do not have to come to every meeting in order to be in the club,” Lindenberger said.

School Briefs

NHS donates to Salvation Army

By Kiersten Phillips

Norwalk High School students are helping people for the holidays with a food drive. All the donations will go to the Salvation Army for people who need food for the holiday season.

“The Trucker Time classes will be competing and the winning room from each grade will get a pizza party,” math teacher Becky Molnar said. “Student Council has always run the food drive and it is to help the people in need.”

The food drive will continue until Dec. 20.

Stomping Grounds gives to charity

By Kristina Toczek

Every month Stomping Grounds donates some of its profits to a charity. This month, they have chosen to donate to the Salvation Army. They are also teaming up with the Fire Department to choose a Norwalk family in need to donate to.

“Whatever amount we donate, the Fire Department will match that amount,” inclusion teacher Cari Beers of Stomping Grounds said.

The family will receive food, warm winter clothing and gifts in the spirit of the upcoming holidays. Stomping Grounds is planning to pick a family who has a

child in one of Norwalk's elementary schools.

Candy cane sales in Café for Chess Club

By Luke Kelley

Candy Cane sales at Norwalk High began on Dec. 5. The candy canes are 50 cents each and will be delivered during sixth period today.

This is Chess Club's very first fundraiser and they hope to earn \$400. All of the money earned will be put toward new tournament-style chess boards and timers.

All candy canes were donated by the Chess Club members.

White Gift Assembly adds new features

By Alayna Warren

While keeping the same tradition this year, the White Gift Assembly will be adding a few twists.

There will be a surprise video, and instead of wrapping the teachers up, they will have a different task, Teen Leadership Corps member Mara Jaworski said.

The idea of a “White Gift” is still the same, in terms of the food drive and putting others before ourselves.

The assembly begins at 1:30 p.m. today in the Ernsthansen Performance Arts Center.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL



Name: Taleigh Cook
Grade: 11
Age: 16
Favorite band/artist: Beyonce
Three words that describe me: ambitious, kind, patient
If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would go to Paris because I want to see the Eiffel Tower.
Most embarrassing moment: Tripping in front of people.
If you could change one thing at NHS, what would it be, and why? The time we come to school because sleep would help students learn better.
If you could teach any class, what would it be and why? Anatomy. I love learning about the body.
Biggest pet peeve: Disrespectful people.
If you were dying, what would your last words be? I love my mom.
If you won the lottery, what would you buy first? A car
Five things you'd like to have on a deserted island? Wifi, phone, boat, mom, grandma
Where do you see yourself in 20 years? Family and working
Weirdest fear? Spiders
Something people would be surprised to know about me: I have so many siblings.

10 things you didn't know about me



Freshman Garrison Smith

1. I enjoy fishing.
2. I love hunting.
3. I play football and soccer.
4. I like math.
5. I'm single.
6. I hate sweet potatoes.
7. I don't like watching sports.
8. I want to become an anesthesiologist.
9. I have a boat.
10. I have a bulldog named Cheves.

Senioritis Check Up



How are you doing at this point in your senior year?

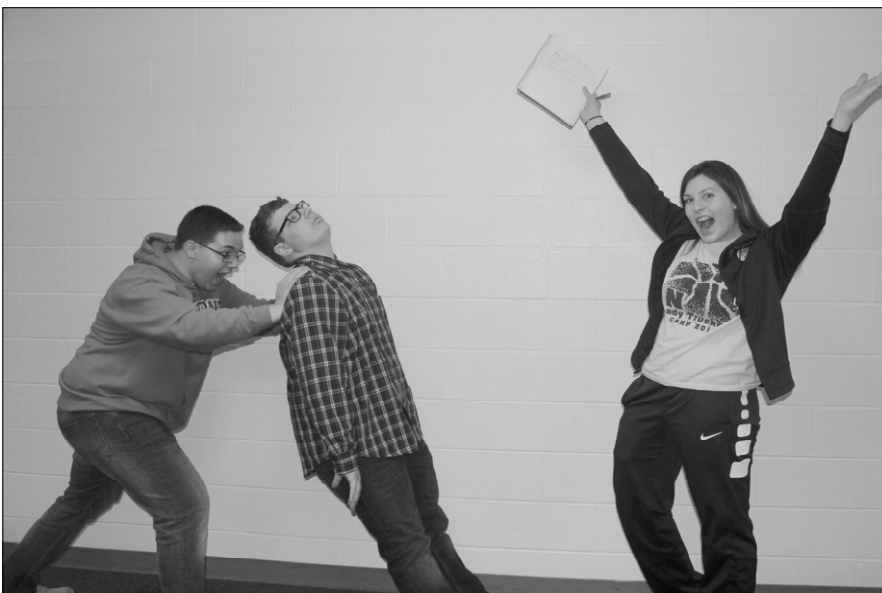


Photo by Paige Maurer
Senior Ryan Schaffer passes out in editor Logan Hurst's arms due to senioritis while editor Alayna Warren looks shocked.

"Uhm... just trying to learn and leave and move on."
-Lexi Brooks

"I try to do as little as possible. As long as I get a D on my test, that's good."
-Ryan Schaffer

"No comment."
-Emily Breitbach

"Senioritis is in full force right now."
-Alli Cummings

"At this point, I honestly forget I have stuff to do."
-Nelly Negrete

"I just want to graduate; I'm ready to be done."
-Joci Leto

-Interviews by Logan Hurst and Alayna Warren

TEACHERS AT WORK



Name: Nancy Gfell
Subject(s) taught: World History and American History
College attended: The College of Wooster
First job: I worked the early morning shift at Wendy's when they served breakfast, back in 1985.
Favorite high school memory: Graduating from NHS in 1987, yet always being a part of Canfield High School, where I attended for two years. I have two families and have always been embraced by both. I have wonderful memories from both schools.
If you weren't a teacher, what would you be? A wine sommelier... or a florist.
If you were a student here at NHS, what clique would you sit with at lunch and why? I tried to be well-rounded in high school. I moved to Norwalk after my sophomore year and graduated from NHS so I had to make new friends as a junior. I got along with just about every clique but I was pretty focused on good grades and going to college after I graduated. So I would surround myself with the same type of friends; that would be true today.
Most embarrassing high school moment: In the 80's, girls wore high heels to school all the time. One day I walked down the stairs in my heels and tripped and fell in front of everyone in the cafeteria!
Craziest thing that ever happened during class: After 21 years, some silly things have happened. There have been surprise visits from former students during class, huge spiders crawling across the floor, and while I was pregnant, students freaking out as the baby kicked and moved while they watched and thought I had an alien inside of me. My students have always made class interesting!
I became a teacher because: My mother was an English teacher and she is my hero. I wanted to be just like her as she had the ability to really relate to high school students. I hope I am half the teacher she was.
Advice for seniors? Embrace your senior year, look forward to what comes next, but do not "wish away" life. Life goes very quickly; you don't want the days to go by too fast.
When not sitting behind a desk in school, what do you do? I spend a LOT of time going to activities my children are involved in. We like to travel, go to concerts and go to sporting events. My family means everything to me.
What would people be surprised to know about you? I've met a few famous athletes over the years and much to the chagrin of my family, did not get a photo with them or an autograph: Jim Thome, Sandy Alomar, Jack Lambert and Barry Sanders, to name a few.
Biggest weakness and strength: My biggest weakness is second guessing my abilities. My strength is my integrity.
Favorite part about your job? I love to see my students do well on a daily basis, but it is so rewarding when former students get in touch with me to let me know how they are doing and that I had an impact on their lives. The past two years I had two full knee replacements and horrible kidney stones. The faculty and my students have shown me such care and support. It makes me feel fortunate to be a part of NHS.
Biggest pet peeve: People who are dishonest.

ChemisTREE is early



Photo by Kristina Toczek
Junior Alexis Gendron poses with her ChemisTREE ornament as Chemistry teacher Angela Farmer gives her sign of approval. Farmer's classes were given the opportunity to receive extra credit if they created an ornament for her "tree."

Blue Squad hopes to reduce food waste with bin project

By Leighton Steele

Throughout the week of Dec 4 to 8, adviser Chris Jackson and the Blue Squad were seeing how much waste the school produces. "We want to draw awareness to how much waste the school has because there are people in our school who go hungry," Jackson said. Blue Squad is doing this to raise awareness and they expect to hopefully minimize how much waste is produced. Blue Squad organized this project by setting up trash bins for paper, plastic and food. Members of the club watched over the bins throughout the lunch periods. Jackson said they were planning to get the results the following week.

Photo by Leighton Steele

Freshman Elena Barber sorts out and throws away her waste. Sophomores Hannah Crawford and Joseph Borgia (at right) wait to throw their trash away as well.



VanB's ARTicle featured in national magazine

By Kamryn Guerrier

Art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk wrote an article named "Dedicated to Denim Composing with Fabric" that was featured in the national art magazine *Arts & Activities*.

"I have subscribed to this magazine since college," VanBuskirk said.

This magazine has been around since 1932 and it helps art teachers from around America get project ideas. With the help of the Internet there is now a world-wide audience. This magazine is a good place for inspiration for anyone who is interested in the arts, according to the magazine's website.

Van Buskirk's article is about the style of artist Ian Berry and the projects her own students made using denim to create unique artworks. She wrote this because the editor of the magazine saw her idea on a closed Facebook group of artists from around the world and privately messaged her asking her to write the article. This Facebook group is formed by artists or art teachers around the world. They share projects they do in their classes to give other teachers more ideas.

She explained she saw Ian Berry's artwork and was interested in it so she made the project. The editor chose to use Berry as the featured artist of that issue.

The students included in this article are NHS graduates Kelsey McQuillen, Luke Johnson, Raeanna Ramos and Kayla Johnson and seniors Alexis Santiago, Danielle Ashakih and Alli Brennen.

Ashakih has her artwork on the cover of this issue of the *Arts & Activities* magazine which is something she can put on college applications, VanBuskirk said.

At first, VanBuskirk said, she was just asked to write a column in the magazine about the project other art teachers can use for grades 6-12. When the editor read this column they then asked her to write the whole article.



Photo by Kamryn Guerrier

Art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk holds up the article she wrote that can be found in the national art magazine *Arts & Activities*. You can find the story by using the website in the story below.

It took a few days over all to write and English teacher Leah Schuster helped edit the article for her.

"I couldn't do it without her", VanBuskirk said.

Here is the link to the digital copy of December issue of the magazine. The story can be found on pages 22-25.

<http://pubdev.ipaperus.com/ArtsandActivities/aadecember2017/>

Artist of the Issue



Photo by Sydney Smith

Senior Elliot Adkins, a fourth-year art student, holds his sculpture. He has continued with art because art gives him the ability to do what he wants with his work. His favorite part of art is that someone can turn a piece of paper or wood into something amazing. "It is gratifying and relaxing to make art," he said.

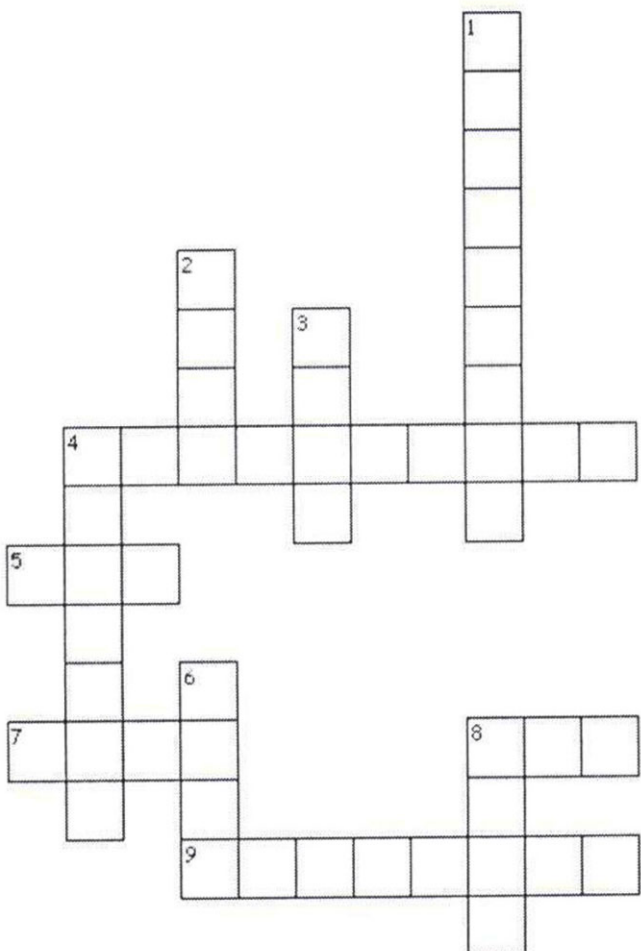
Crossword winner



Photo by Cesar Gonzalez

Freshman Zachary Thrash (left) is presented his Stomping Grounds gift card by editor Luke Kelley. Thrash completed the crossword puzzle in the *Trucker Imprint's* last issue to add his name to the drawing for the Stomping Grounds prize.

Christmas Crossword



Across

4. I saw mommy kissing _____
5. The little drummer _____
7. Here comes Santa Claus right down Santa Claus _____
8. Up on the house _____
9. Rudolph the red-nosed _____

Down

1. Have yourself a merry little _____
2. Santa Claus is coming to _____
3. Do you hear what I _____
4. Frosty the _____
6. It's the most wonderful time of the _____
8. Rocking around the Christmas _____

Fact of the Issue:

For several years in the 1930s, the date of Thanksgiving was moved to increase the Christmas shopping period. At the request of retailers, Franklin D. Roosevelt agreed to move his holiday proclamation up one week to the fourth Thursday in November. Of the then-48 states, 32 joined Roosevelt in the "Democratic Thanksgiving" while 16 stuck with the "Republican Thanksgiving" of the traditional date. After critics complained about "Franksgiving," Roosevelt signed legislation making Thanksgiving a legal holiday on the fourth Thursday in November.

Quote of the Issue:

"If it is important, you'll find a way. If it's not, you'll find an excuse."

-Author and entrepreneur Ryan Blair

Word of the Issue:

Heortophobia
(he-or-toe-PHO-bee-a)
Noun
The fear of holidays
A person with heortophobia should not work at a holiday supply store.



Photo by Sophie Ward
People of all ages, including the writer's niece, enjoy the family-friendly vibe at Olive Garden.

Restaurant Review

Good food, good time

By Sophie Ward

Olive Garden on U.S. 250 in Sandusky is a more formal eatery with Italian-based cuisine.

Walking in, we immediately got the family-friendly vibe with workers greeting us as soon as we set foot in the restaurant, and even a waiting area with comfortable seating and tasteful decorations.

Sitting down, we started off with an appetizer, Lasagna Fritta.

This only cost \$8.99 and had six pieces for the family to share.

The main dishes we ordered were spaghetti with meat sauce, alfredo pasta, meat raviolis, and chicken alfredo flat bread.

All the food was delicious, and came in a timely manner, about a 15-minute wait. The service was just as fast and just as good. Nobody waited for a drink to be filled, or was left unattended.

The food was all fairly cheap and cost less than \$60 all together for both of my sisters, my niece, and myself.

Once we were done, our waiter boxed and bagged our leftover food for us and we left, spending maybe an hour and a half at the restaurant.

I recommend this for anyone who wants to get the feel for a fancier, more formal restaurant.

Movie Review

Third Thor movie both intense and comedic

By Gabrielle Horowitz

Thor Ragnarok was released in theaters on Nov. 3. This is the third Thor movie. If you have not seen this movie, you should.

Thor is my favorite Marvel character. Out of all of the Thor movies, this one is my favorite. While there are intense life or death moments, there are also light-hearted comedic times. There is a good mixture of comedy and tragedy.

I was extremely surprised when I found out that Thor and Loki have a sister named Hela. There were many more surprises, like how King Odin was evil before Thor and Loki were born.

The movie follows Hela's goal of trying to take back Asgard and make it evil again. While Hela is taking control, Thor and Loki are stuck on another planet named Sakaar.

As a surprise to Thor, he finds his old friend Bruce Banner who has been stuck as the Hulk for two years. Thor puts together a team to leave Sakaar and defeat Hela.

The whole plot for this movie was crazy.

Many people thought there was too much going on, but I loved how the movie went fast and caught my attention.

Thor is an amazing character who helps save Asgardians. If I



had to rate this movie, I would give it five out of five stars!

Rock and Roll Hall amazes



By Hailey Sholes

A couple of pretty cool items at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame are Michael Jackson's glove and Elvis Presley's guitar.

On Nov. 25, my grandparents and I went to the Cleveland Rock And Roll Hall of Fame. It took just over an hour and 20 minutes to get there. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is huge and it took a few hours to get through all of it. My grandparents had been members just over 20 years ago, in 1995.

The Rock Hall has a wide variety of artists including some who are not known for rock and roll. There are country singers and rappers also. One of the 2017 inductees into the Rock Hall is Tupac Shakur. The other 2017 inductees are Journey, Yes, ELO, Pearl Jam, and Joan Baez for the performers, while Nile Rogers got the Music Excellence Award. Some other past inductees are Metallica in 2009, ACDC in 2003, and Simon and Garfunkel in 1990.

The Hall has six levels, seven counting level zero. The first level, level zero, contains the inductees for that year when you first walk in and as you go farther back, you see different memorabilia from different artists and bands. They have many outfits worn on stage or in the music videos and some journals or sheets of music artists wrote.

All of the levels had some stations to listen to different information about some artists. Level one was ticket sales, and after you buy your ticket they take your picture with guitars and drum sticks you can buy at the end. Level two didn't have much on it. It was used for the gift shop and café. Level three had all the inductees to ever be inducted and what year they were inducted. Level 4 showed the old studio of the Rolling Stones magazine. Level five had some more information on the Rolling Stones magazine and level six had all of their cover photos on the walls.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame price for students to get in is \$19. Veterans price is also \$19, and everyone else is about \$21. It was an amazing trip and I had so much fun. My grandparents bought us a membership that's good for an entire year so we'll be going back.

What's in your car?

By Kristina Toczek

Senior Kaelyn Harkness had:

1. Soccer shin guards
2. An empty mac and cheese bowl
3. Penguin blanket
4. Chipotle napkins
5. Bath and Body Works lotion
6. Fireman hat
7. One empty water bottle



"If you stand for nothing you'll fall for anything."

- Bob Dylan

Sports Opinion

Support female athletes



By Logan Hurst

What is your favorite sport? Football? Basketball?

Male-dominated sports are commonly everyone's favorite. But what about giving female athletes a chance?

In 1972, Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act prohibited discrimination in educational settings on the basis of sex, meaning that schools are required to fund female sports equally to male sports. Unfortunately, there's still a gap between the two sexes in sports.

The only female sport at the high school that has a decent student section is volleyball.

When it comes to basketball, the student section for the boys' games is massive, where-

as the girls usually only have a student section if they make a run into the post-season. Both sexes put the same amount of work into their respective sports, so why not recognize the girls? I would even argue that some female sports are more exciting to watch; girls are tough.

In terms of salary inequality, the numbers prove it. Professional baseball is a great opportunity for young men coming out of college baseball to continue their careers. There are hundreds of minor league baseball teams and 30 major league teams, with the absolute lowest Major League Baseball salary being greater than \$500,000 (according to ESPN.com). These young men

also have the opportunity to play for Team USA.

In the softball world, the options coming out of college are the National Pro Fastpitch league (NPF, made up of only six teams), and Team USA. The salary cap for an entire professional softball team in 2016 was \$150,000 – spread out over at least 18 women – with the average

player making around \$5,000 to \$6,000 in a season, according to the Huffington Post. To put this in perspective, this is equivalent to a year of 13-hour work weeks at minimum wage.

These incredibly talented female athletes are being forced to hang up their cleats before

they even peak as athletes. But that's just me coming at you from a softball standpoint. This struggle is prevalent in all female sports.

Take a look at basketball; the National Basketball Association (NBA) is incredibly popular! According to Forbes Magazine, the average NBA salary is \$6.2 million, and their games are plastered all over television from October to June. Also from Forbes, the average Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) salary is around \$75,000, and it is rare to see a WNBA game with a big hype-up on television. Also, the NBA is made up of 30 teams, while the WNBA features 12.

The list goes on and on, but we really should give female athletes – from high school to the professionals – the recognition and salary they so clearly deserve.

These incredibly talented athletes are being forced to hang up their cleats before they even peak as athletes.

Hernandez tries for state again

By Cesar Gonzalez

Twelve years ago, Ethan Hernandez's dad put him in a wrestling camp, and he has been wrestling ever since. Thanks to training, open mats and tournaments during off the season, Hernandez was one point from placing at state last year as a freshman.

"The best part about wrestling is that it's a one-on-one sport. There is no one to blame but yourself if you lose, and if you win, then that means you are stronger and better than your opponent. The bad side of the sport is that if you lose there is someone that's better than you and having to go back to the drawing board and work harder," Hernandez said.

"The best part of wrestling is that it is a one-on-one sport there is no one to blame but yourself if you lose."
-Ethan Hernandez

This year he wrestles in the 160 weight class. Hernandez has big expectations. He wants to be better conditioned and be more self-fluent (meaning he can stop himself after an attack and make more moves towards his opponent). He added that he wants to do better than last year and place in the top four at state.

Head coach Frank Staley has big expectations for him as well. He said that the sky is the limit and expects Hernandez to make it to Columbus again and work hard.

Staley wants him to be on the podium at state and in complete shape for the championship.



Photo by Cesar Gonzalez

Sophomore Ethan Hernandez wrestles sophomore Alec Maloney. Hernandez has Maloney pinned.

Ethan said his dream school is Penn State to study engineering.

He added that his most embarrassing moment was when

he was little, he had a big match coming up and his mom said she would get him a puppy if he won, but he ended up losing and he cried.

Freshmen play on varsity teams

By Beth Stockmaster

Garrett Chapin and Elena Barber are the only two freshmen on varsity for basketball.

Chapin said he has been playing since he started in a rec league when he was 5 years old. He wants to continue his basketball career after high school.

"What makes basketball hard is the form, technique and conditioning," he said. "Being a

freshman on varsity is a great experience and fun."

Varsity Head Coach Steve Gray explains why he chose Chapin.

"Garrett is good enough, a very good worker, coachable, and talented," Gray said.

Elena Barber said she has been playing basketball since the fourth grade and also wants to play after high school.

"Basketball is hard because of the different plays and how

fast paced it is," she said. "Being on varsity as a freshman is scary and nerve-racking because you make sure you are always doing the right thing."

Varsity Head Coach Brock Manlet explained why he chose Barber for varsity,

"Skill-wise she has the skills to play; she can adjust to the speed. Also, the position she plays was needed at the varsity level."

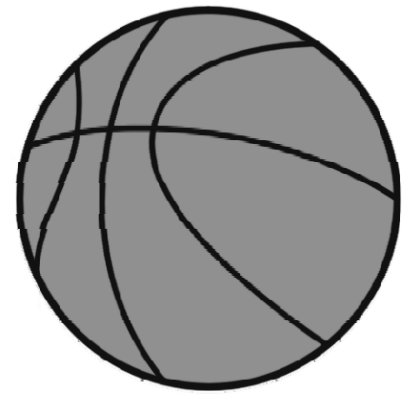


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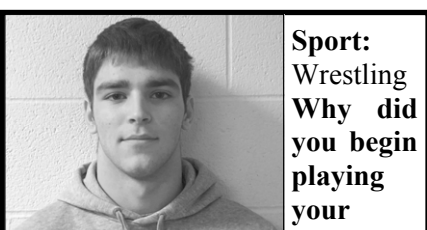
Freshman Garrett Chapin guards junior Brandon Haraway during their varsity practice for boys' basketball. Watching the drill is senior Chase Juhak.



Photo by Kristina Toczek

Freshman Elena Barber (#24) is on defense along with teammates, seniors (from left) Bethany Cring and Kaelyn Harkness, as Jada Thomas waits to be substituted in. The final score was 31-60 with the first loss for Norwalk.

Athletes of the Issue



Sport: Wrestling
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Deyer Graffice My dad got me into it when I was in third grade and I come from a family tree of wrestlers so I wanted to continue the legacy.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been wrestling since third grade and I am still undecided on whether I want to continue after high school.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? All of the training and working out that I do for it.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Winning dual matches when we only had 8 wrestlers my freshman year was great. I was really close to the seniors and having such a small team made us feel like a family when we went to places and won.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I wear the same pair of underwear and socks for every meet. (They get cleaned of course).

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? If so, why is that person or team your favorite? Kyle Snyder wrestles for Ohio State (or used to anyway), but he is the youngest Olympic wrestling gold medalist ever. He always trained super hard and then he won the Olympics, the U.S. Open, and Worlds all in the course of one year. His hard work paid off which keeps my hopes up that it'll pay off for me too.

Coach's Quote: "He is an upper-classman and a leader who keeps himself in good shape. He helps his two younger brothers at practices and works well with younger kids," Coach Frank Staley said.



Sport: Swimming
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Owen Rhodes My older brother swam and I wanted to be in a sport with him.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been swimming since freshman year and I do not plan on continuing after high school.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Getting in the cold pool and waiting for my events.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Going to districts with my relay teams during my junior year.

Coach's Quote: "Owen has really stepped up to the plate in terms of leading by example and he is determined to get the job done," Assistant Coach Amy Little said.



Sport: Cheerleading
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Madison Shutt When I was younger I always looked up to the cheerleaders at games. It was my dream to be a cheerleader. I looked up to Brie Schneider as a kid.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school?

Explain. I did mini cheer from the beginning and started biddy cheer in 5th and 6th. I started basketball cheer in 7th. I hope to continue cheering in college.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Memorizing all the cheers and dances and the conditioning.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? In 8th grade I wore glasses to a game and when I tumbled down the court they fell off I smashed them. (It was pretty funny.)

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I have game day socks I wear every game.

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? If so, why is that person or team your favorite? I enjoy all-star competitive cheer squads. No big specifics.

Coach's Quote: "As a freshman, Madison brings us her great tumbling skills because she is a dancer," Coach Kristie Wert said.



Sport: Bowling
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Madison Hainline My friend told me to.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been playing for three years, and I plan to still play for fun.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Following through and making sure your arm is straight when throwing the ball.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? At a home match, the National Anthem would not play so everyone sang it.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? When coach high-fives us after the National Anthem

Coach's comment: "Madison is one of the leaders on our team and as a varsity bowler for her second year, her experience is so important to our young team. I can count on Madison to not only help our new varsity players transition from JV to varsity, but she is always willing to step in and help the JV girls. As a coach I am extremely happy to have a student athlete like Madison representing the Norwalk Truckers Ladies Bowling," Coach Ray Scheid said.



Sport: Bowling
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Chris Tuttle I didn't do a winter sport and bowling sounded fun.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been bowling for three years and I do plan on continuing after high school.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? Having the mental strength to move on after a bad shot.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? One time, Jacob Seitz accidentally let the ball go behind him, like in Wii bowling and it was amazing.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I put my glasses on before every match, you know, so I can see.

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? Jason Belmonte, because he bowls the same way I do.

Coach's comment: "Chris set a school record in a 2 game series scoring a 237 in the first game and a 248 in the second, with a combined score of 485. His current average is 219," Coach John Wade said.



Sport: Basketball
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Jacob Roth When I was 5.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? Twelve years, and I don't plan on continuing basketball after high school. I'm going to college for baseball.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? The pre-season conditioning and trying to keep your legs fresh through a long season.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Game winning buzzer-beater against Keystone last year, and the comeback win against Shelby in tournaments last year.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? If I have a good game, I try to wear the same socks, compression shorts, and undershirts (I clean them lol), and eat the same foods throughout the day.

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? The Cavs; LeBron because he brought a championship to Cleveland.

Coach's Quote: "Jacob has a great work ethic, and attitude, and leadership," Coach Steve Gray said.



Sport: Basketball
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Jasmine Thomas Everyone in my family plays basketball and loves the sport.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I have been playing basketball for 10 years. I might play in college.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? When Coach Harkness makes us run with green bands.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? When we beat Bellevue last year to go to Regionals.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? We pray before every game.

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? North Carolina because they have a good tradition.

Coach's comment: "Jasmine is a four-year letter winner and also a captain. She is one of the leaders on our team," Coach Brock Manlett said.



Sport: Swimming
Why did you begin playing your sport?

Anna Little My mom wanted me to know how to swim so I wouldn't drown.

How long have you been playing this sport and do you plan on continuing it after high school? I started when I was 6. I might swim in college but will most likely just do it to stay in shape.

Worst/most difficult thing about this sport? My skin is always dry and my hair freezes as soon as I step outside.

Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? I was on deck at districts for the 500 and I was tightening my goggles because I was nervous. My goggles snapped and I had to run back to where my bag was and then swim a 500.

Do you have any superstitions/rituals? I do yoga before every meet and I power pose before every event.

Do you have a favorite professional sports team or player who participates in the same sport you do? If so, why is that person or team your favorite? I'm a big fan of Katie Ledecky because she's the fastest swimmer ever and she's kind of amazing. I'm also a big fan of Geena Fretriks.

Coach's Quote: "Anna has been working very hard in and out of the pool. She has already gotten a personal record this season after only three meets. She's really motivated this year to do the best she can and it's showing in her times," said Coach Erin Smetzer.

Green surfs his way to the top



Submitted photo

Senior Orion Green is bodyboarding on a wave at Kalahari Resorts, an indoor water park in Sandusky, Ohio.

By Kylee Edney

There are many students with unique talents and capabilities that aren't known or recognized enough by others.

Senior Orion Green is one of those students.

Green competes in two sports that are not extremely common.

The first sport he's involved in is flow boarding, which he explains is a combination of surfing and snowboarding.

It's similar to surfing in that fact that it's on water, and it's similar to snowboarding when it comes to the tricks he does.

The other sport he participates in is body boarding.

In body boarding, the board is longer and wider and the rider lies on the board.

Green said he can do flips and turns. He can also transfer from his stomach to his knees.

He started these sports about 10 months ago because a couple of his co-workers at Kalahari are professional body and flow boarders and they started mentoring him, he said.

Competitions consist of hundreds of riders, each getting 30 seconds to do as many tricks and combos as possible. The rider's run gets

scored and the person with the highest score wins.

Green has been in two competitions so far, placing third out of 15 in both.

His competitions were in Caramel, Indiana and Pacino, Pennsylvania.

"The best thing about it is going to competitions in other states and meeting people who like to do what you like to do," he said.

Green also said the most difficult thing about it is learning new tricks.

His plans for the future are to continue to get better and go to more competitions, he said.

Rudolph rendition

By Alayna Warren

You know Dasher and **LIL UZI VERT** and Prancer and Vixen; Comet and **CARDI B** and Donner and Blitzen. But do you recall, the most famous **DINGO** of all?

Rudolph the **TOURQUISE** nosed **BADGER** had a very

CLUMPY nose. And if you ever saw him, you would even say it glows.

All of the other **COCKA-TOOS** used to **JUGGLE** and call him names. They never let poor Rudolph join in any **SHAGGY** games.

Then one **VERY HOT** Christmas Eve, Santa came to say,

“Rudolph with your **META-CARPALS** so bright- wont you guide my **RAKE** tonight?”

Then how the **PIGEONS** loved him. And they **MUR-**

DERED out with glee. “Rudolph the **PERYWINKLE**-nosed reindeer, you’ll go down in history.

Note: For this Mad Lib, random students were asked to supply words that were a certain part of speech, but they did not know what they would be used for. The words in bold capital letters are the words the students came up with. This is the result.

Awkward family Christmas pictures

Student photos by Alayna Warren and Paige Maurer

Non-student photos were from a Google search of “Awkward family Christmas photos.”



Imitating an awkward family Christmas picture are (from left) Juniors Carson Ott, Noah Scheel and Leighton Battles, sophomore Alec Maloney, junior Kaden Livingston and sophomore Carter Kluding.



Imitating an awkward family Christmas picture are (from left) senior Anne Davidson, junior Ian Scheid, sophomore Grace Albright, sophomore Austin Obermeyer and (laying across their laps) junior Trey Raymore.



Imitating an awkward family Christmas picture are (from left) seniors Jasmine Thomas, Julian Go, Kendall Bigler and Jada Thomas



Imitating an awkward family Christmas picture are (from bottom) senior Jacob Seitz, junior Ben Traczek, sophomore Javier Torres and junior Daiyaan Pettigrew.

Hurst's holiday playlist

By Logan Hurst

I am definitely a lover of the holiday season, and I'm a sucker for some good Christmas songs. Everyone knows the classics, like Jingle Bells and Deck the Halls, but there are definitely some underrated ones out there. Here are some of my favorites, old and new. Happy listening and happy holidays!

1. Underneath the Tree by Kelly Clarkson
2. Last Christmas by Wham!
3. Santa's Coming for Us by Sia
4. Coldest Winter by Pentatonix
5. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays by *NSYNC
6. Happy Xmas (War is Over) by John Lennon
7. Wonderful Christmas time by Paul McCartney
8. Where Are You Christmas? by Faith Hill
9. Santa Tell Me by Ariana Grande
10. Believe by Josh Groban

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.”



Happy Holidays ya' filthy animals!



The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings. Keep your friends and family close to your heart, and never let the true meaning of the holidays fade. Reach out to those in need and think about giving rather than getting. So on behalf on the *Trucker Imprint*, we would like to say “happy holidays!”