



THE ARROWHEAD

Students share their religious practices

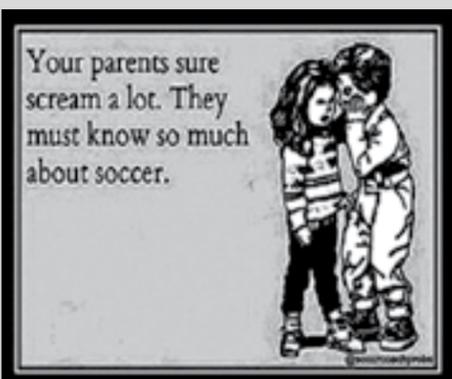
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Did you miss Hunger Games dodgeball? Check out who won on pg. 2.



What bothers students about the way people practice religion? Find out on center page, pg. 6 & 7.



Parents at sporting events are usually louder than the student sections, find out more on page 11

Senior Amelia Deacon

What religion do you practice, if any?

"None."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"I believe in what can be observed, and what has substantial evidence. No religion has this for me."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"Few atheists or non-religious people look down upon those who believe in or practice a religion."

Junior Zach West

What religion do you practice, if any?

"Judaism."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"I was born into it."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"Some people think Jews hate Jesus."

Freshman Sarah Marquardt

What religion do you practice, if any?

"Christianity."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"Clear my mind and wash my sins."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"That we are all 'conservative' and that's all we do."



Senior Jenny Twardowski

What religion do you practice, if any?

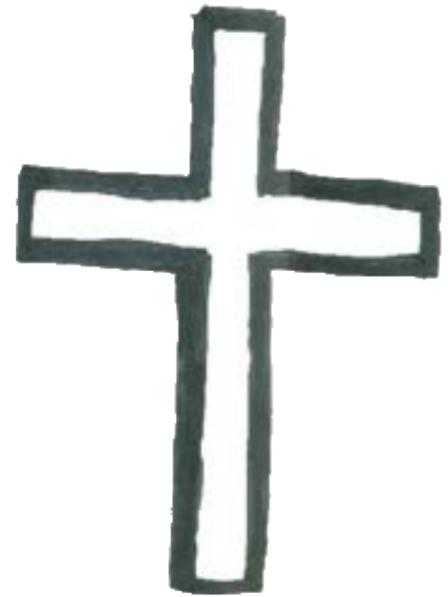
"I don't quite have a label, but I am religious."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"Personal experience, and research."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"Because I don't go to church, I'm evil."



Senior Nick Lazorka

What religion do you practice, if any?

"Roman Catholic."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"Parental influence."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"Everyone practicing it is perfect and does nothing morally or ethically wrong."

Junior Kelsey Dowling

What religion do you practice, if any?

"Atheism."

Why do you practice the religion you do?

"I believe that faith is my own decision and I don't think faith should have restrictions and regulations."

What do you think are some misconceptions about the religion you practice?

"Atheists are sometimes seen as pessimistic and apathetic. I consider myself fairly optimistic and very passionate."

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The Arrowhead page 2 Autumn Hall studies business at Stanford University

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Junior Autumn Hall recently attended Stanford University for a semester last summer and was chosen to return next summer. Hall will be spending a month in Beijing, China as a diplomat from Stanford while she studies Global Economics and Geopolitics. "I got the opportunity to attend by being nominated by Mrs. Keiser," said Hall.

Hall was chosen as one of five students to return to Stanford's pre-collegiate program for students who are interested in the study of business.

Her performance last summer in the program sealed her placement in next summer's program as a full alumni.

"While at Stanford, my field of study was Business and Innovation," said Hall.

A total of 71 students attended the program from all over the world including China, Japan, and Australia.

"The interaction with people from around the globe was an eye-opening experience that I will forever appreciate," said Hall.

Hall also took classes from some of Stanford's best business professors.

"My nights consisted of pulling

all nighters to keep up with the elite curriculum," said Hall.

"We were challenged to create a business plan for an innovation that was completely our idea," she said when asked what was the goal of her team. "Then we were to compete against five other teams to see which one of us could create 'The Next Big Thing.'"

Hall was also elected as Vice President of Finance from her eighth team mates.

"I won best in Finance, and Best Business Plan," she said.

"My favorite part of attending Stanford is I finally feel like I fit in

somewhere," said Hall when asked what her favorite part of her semester.

Over Christmas break Hall, along with five others from her sorority, Omega Beta Lambda, will be flying to a resort in Atlanta.

"The Stanford program has given me the opportunity to explore some of my greatest passions," said Hall. "I would not be as confident and motivated to succeed had I not attended Stanford over the summer and met people who are like me."



Junior Autumn Hall will be returning next summer to Stanford University's Envision program for future business students.

PHOTO BY J. YOCUM

November 2014 FBLA officers travel to Penn State

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The FBLA officers attended the Leadership workshop at Penn State University on Nov. 2 to Nov. 3.

The workshop was for all FBLA officers in the state who wanted to attend.

Seniors Michaela Phillips and Michala Sowyer and Juniors Autumn Hall and Cheyenne Wood were the four officers who attended the workshop.

"The workshop was to prepare the officers to be great leaders, not only in business, but in day-to-day life as well," said Hall, "Each member broke into different conferences based on what each of them was trying to learn as leaders."

Each of the officers separated and went into different workshops, and in each workshop there was a speaker who talked to them.

Phillips commented that she "Learned a lot of life hacks and how to be just a better person in everything."

Overall, Autumn Hall said that it was a great experience.



The FBLA officers stand proudly at the Leadership Workshop that was held at Penn State. They learned what it's like to be a leader in day-to-day activities.

PHOTO COURTESY OF AUTUMN HALL

The school is falling apart, brick by brick

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Most students are wondering why the the lower B hall door and the Band/Auditorium has been closed off.

The answer to these students' question is that our school is falling apart.

"No one is in any danger of being hurt," said Principal Dan Taormina when asked about the safety of the students.

Bricks from the east side of the Band and Chorus wing are coming unattached from the side of the wall.

"It got to the point where we had to close off the part of the building," said Taormina.

The parts of the building that are coming off have been slowly coming apart for the last three to

years, said Taormina.

They are not planning to fix the crumbling facade, and instead plan to leave it closed off until it is fully torn down and rebuilt.

This means that the students who formerly used the roped off entrance will have to continue walking around to the main Arch Street entrance until after construction, or using the doors next to the cafeteria.

The part of the building that is crumbling was last worked on in the 1993 reconstruction of the building, said Taormina.

"The building was built new in 1993, which means it should have lasted longer," Taormina said.

Taormina wanted to stress to the students that the rest of the building is perfectly safe.



As pictured above, the east side of the Music wing is falling apart. Students are now forced to walk around to the front of the building.

Photo by J. Yocum

FBLA hosts basketball tournament

by Isaac Miller and Megan Stoner



Senior Pau Gabernet takes a shot during quarter final game of FBLA basketball tournament.



Top Left: Freshman Owen Keiss takes a shot during a game in the FBLA basketball. Top Right: Senior Zach Bair goes for a lay-up, scoring two points for his team. The tournament spanned two flex periods.

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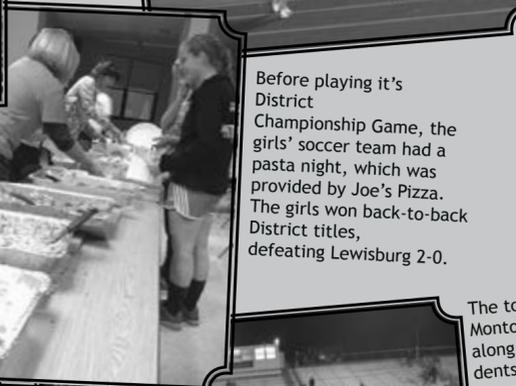
At the first home football game of the 2014 season the student section is full of students showing off their Hawaiian costumes. The warriors played the Lewisburg Dragons,



Senior cheerleader Rachel Simpler peps up the crowd at the Montoursville vs Loyalsock football game. The cheerleaders worked hard to encourage the crowd and the football players.



A group of sophomores cheer and watch the basketball games. Spectators were charged one dollar to get into the FBLA basketball tournament and the proceeds went to The Twilight Wish Foundation.



Before playing it's District Championship Game, the girls' soccer team had a pasta night, which was provided by Joe's Pizza. The girls won back-to-back District titles, defeating Lewisburg 2-0.



The town of Montoursville, along with the students, came out to support the football team when it played Loyalsock. The football team won the bridge for Montoursville with a score of 38-27.

MAHS tributes fight to the death in Hunger Games Dodge Ball

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About 50 tributes walked into the gymnasium arena Nov. 20, and only two walked out winners.

Senior Thomas Cohick proved he was the fastest, strongest, and smartest in the arena, winning the official Hunger Games Dodgeball tournament.

Freshman Andrew Borch took the final round including all of the tributes and willing fans.

The game was played in four rounds, the first being won by Sophomore Eric Anderson, taking the tribute name Norbit.

Round two was one by Cohick, The most interesting round, however was the third.

In the final regular round, before the quarter quell, Senior Chase George and Freshman Josh Dinges faced off.

In a single shot to the face from Dinges, it seems George had not only lost his round and the chance to go to the quarter Quell, but also his glasses.

As the ball hit his glasses flew in three different directions causing a hold up in the game until all of the pieces could be found.

After all of George's glasses had collected it was discovered that Dinges hadn't really won.

Dinges had been hit previously and not noticed it.

This sent George to the Quarter Quell with the winners of the other three rounds.

George, with newly taped glass-

es, Cohick, and Anderson entered the arena ready for a fight.

Each put up a valiant effort but Cohick took the win.

The fifth round was open to the audience to join along with all of the tributes.

With the arena packed, the whistle was blown and tributes and fans alike took off.

Three boys hid in a net with the back closed off against a wall until Tracker Jacker, Sophomore Joe Wentzler chased them out.

The winner of the final round, Freshman Andrew Borch's ducking and dodging had paid off. There was promptly a dog pile of his proud friends on top of him.

The various strategies were evident and alliances made.



Freshman Andrew Borch is tackled by his friends after winning the open round of Hunger Games Dodge Ball.

PHOTO BY: J. YOCUM

Editor's Picks Sappy Movie Mania

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In honor of the wave of sappy movies hitting theatres like the most recent Nicholas Sparks book turned movie, The Best of Me, I have decided to share my top five favorite heart wrenching, tear evoking, chick flicks.

5. **Endless Love**
The typical modern Shakespearean forbidden love story has to be included. Last Valentine's Day girls flooded theatres with their tears watching the new version of an old classic.
4. **The Notebook**
Really any Nicholas Sparks adaptation could fit this category, however it was decided a classic was best. A young couple who stays together until death, what could be more adorable?
3. **Seven Pounds**
First of all, who doesn't love Will Smith? In this movie his character attempts to better the lives of strangers to make up for his own guilt, but falls for one of them during his plan.

2. **Stuck in Love**
This is my all time favorite movie and cast, so of course it had to make the list. The love lives of a father, his daughter and son are chronicled over a year with some unexpected twists.



1. **My Sister's Keeper**
This 2009 movie easily earns saddest movie on my list, it gets you every time. It follows a family with a daughter infected by cancer and the difficulties they all face.



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Through the mind of Megan MAHS students graduating from where...Montoursville High School

Walking in your caps and gowns, listening to the best speeches ever by your fellow classmates, and recognizing your athletic and scholastic achievements in-front of your family and friends.

That's right, we're talking about graduation.

And for the Class of 2015, graduation is going to be a little different.

Recently, the school board approved a construction plan that allows the high school to be completely redone.

Some of these plans include a three story building, an awesome cafeteria, and a new stadium that includes a turf field.

Unfortunately for the senior class, the new stadium, which is being started the first week of May, means that there will not be a graduation outside.

This concept has had quite a mixed reaction amongst the seniors.

The administration has made a compromise; the seniors will vote and decide on a location for grad-

uation and the school will pay for it entirely.

Some of the locations that could be used are Lycoming College and the Community Arts Center, and there are some that are seriously considering these locations to be where we graduate.

But, I feel a little differently. While writing this I came upon a quote that I liked.

Joyce Meyer said "Consider a tree for a moment. As beautiful as trees are to look at, we don't see what goes on underground - as they grow roots. Trees must develop deep roots in order to grow strong and produce their beauty. But we don't see the roots. We just see and enjoy the beauty. In much the same way, what goes on inside of us is like the roots of a tree."

We, the class of 2015, are the tree.

Most of us have spent 13 years together.

We have grown together and have branched off of each other.

And, what has caused this? Montoursville.

Montoursville is our roots. The

" Trees must develop deep roots in order to grow strong and produce their beauty. But we don't see the roots. We just see and enjoy the beauty. In much the same way, what goes on inside of us is like the roots of a tree. "

-Joyce Meyer

town is the reason why we have grown up together and have become friends.

So, why are we even considering graduating from a place that isn't where we have gone to school for the last four years of our lives?

Let's think about it.

Only a select few have a relationship with the Community Arts Center (that is, the students that are interested in theatre) and hardly anyone has a relationship with Lycoming College, so why are they even options?

Yes, having graduation in the gym was not my first choice, but it's higher on the list than having it anywhere else.

Both of my older sisters grad-

uated in the gym and they were just fine!

They had nothing negative to say, except for the fact that it was kind of hard to find anyone, but that will happen anywhere...for crying out loud we have over 150 kids in our class, and each one will bring member from their family, so yeah, there will be a lot of people there.

But, rather than dwelling on that make a plan, pick a spot for you and your family to meet to take pictures.

When it comes to determining where the Montoursville Class of 2015 should hold our graduation, my vote will be in the Montoursville gym.

Arrowhead Staff Editorial

Get over the greeting and learn to coexist

Merry Christmas. That's what you will hear most of us say to those we see this holiday season. If you say Happy Holidays, so be it, we do not mind.

A lot of people have the same feelings as we do; however, some may disagree.

The holiday season, the time after Thanksgiving until the start of the New Year, usually fills most people with joy. When you think of the holiday spirit, you feel the warmth of family and friends gathering around to share a year's worth of adventures.

As this may seem common to most, some find their holidays spent in different ways. Trips to see Santa Claus and opening presents on Christmas morning is the focal point for some people this holiday season.

Don't get us wrong, we love gifts. But there is more to the holiday season than just presents.

Christmas is a word used to describe a holiday. If you are a Christian, this holds a special place in your heart because it is the birth of Jesus Christ. However, religious or not, this word brings joy to all during the season. Most all, we should say.

Some people have a problem with the phrase "Merry Christmas." People who are not of the Christian faith can sometimes find the words to be condescending and offensive.

To us, we'd like to disagree.

The holiday season is a time to be happy. Why do we focus so much on political correctness when every salutary comment means the same thing?

If you're Jewish, say "Happy Hanukkah." If you celebrate Kwanzaa, tell us about it. If you don't care either way, give us a "Happy Holidays." We will thank you and wish you a Merry Christmas. Why not?

Why can't all just coexist?

When someone is displaying her religion, acknowledge it as a greeting, not an attack on your personal beliefs.

When you are snuggled up at home with your family on Christmas Eve, why does it matter what the world is up to? You are happy and content, so engage in the holiday spirit and love others who are different than you.

If you are offended, we apologize. I hope that maybe we managed to open your eyes on some of the bitter technicalities of the holiday season, and helped you focus on the point of a holiday. Make it merry.

Look out its Liz! "This one time at diabetes camp..."



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Happy national diabetes awareness month! Unlike breast cancer awareness month, it passes without much fanfare.

There aren't any pink outs, or bracelets that say "I love pancreases." It's not quite as glamorous or giggle worthy as "I love boobies" and I don't harbor many happy feelings toward my pancreas since it's stopped working on my tenth birthday.

To summarize diabetes, my body mistakenly attacked my pancreas, stopping it from producing insulin (the hormone that breaks down carbohydrates into energy) completely.

This happened because my genetics just weren't in my favor.

I have what is called type one diabetes, or juvenile diabetes.

It is generally diagnosed in children, unlike type two, or adult onset diabetes.

While genetics play a part in type two, it is generally brought on by lifestyle choices, or obesity.

Whereas my pancreas stopped making any insulin, type two diabetic's pancreases simply cannot make enough.

A healthy diet and exercise are usually enough to control it.

On the other hand, as a type one diabetic I need to take insulin injections to keep my blood sugar in range- which is the entire point of taking insulin.

Yes, I said blood sugar not blood pressure.

For everyone who always asks how my blood pressure is, you just made it go up.

My routine to eat includes testing my blood sugar by pricking my finger I then counting carbs carefully so can give the correct amount of insulin.

If I take too much insulin my blood sugar goes low.

My hands begin to shake, I can't focus on anything, and completing any physical activity is nearly impossible.

If I don't treat it properly I could pass out or even have a seizure. However, when my blood sugar is high it's hard for me to tell other than I get really thirsty. It is impossible to explain if you aren't a diabetic.

For that reason I love camp. That's right, I go to diabetes camp. Laugh all you want, but no matter what I will always love that camp. It is the one place that I have really felt like I am at home.

I have met some of my best friends through camp and with-

out them I wouldn't have the amazing support system that I do. Even months after I have left camp I still find myself starting sentences "This one time at diabetes camp..."

The understanding is one of my favorite aspects of camp because they get all of the crazy misconceptions I deal with on a daily basis.

Right after I was diagnosed my uncle told me "I understand what you're going through. I had to give my cat shots, until it died..." It is startling how often I get compared to dead pets

and elderly family members with missing arms and legs.

Understanding is key of every disease. Diabetes isn't the only one that goes with out notice, before the ice bucket challenge who knew what ALS was? Cancer may effect hundreds but so do other diseases that people don't know about.

Have something to say?
Write a letter to the editor or be a guest writer and have your opinion published in The Arrowhead.



My fellow counselors in training and I stop dancing long enough to snap a picture during the camp dance.

From their kitchen to yours

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Yummy Sweet Potato Casserole

Recipe submitted by Mrs. April Gavitt

Ingredients:

- 4 cups sweet potato, cubed
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons butter, soften
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 packed brown sugar
- 1/3 all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons butter, soften
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Put sweetpotatoes in a medium saucepan with water to cover. Cook over medium high heat until tender; drain and mash.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the sweet potatoes, white sugar, eggs, salt, butter, milk, and vanilla extract. Mix until smooth. Transfer to a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. In a medium bowl, mix the brown sugar and flour. Cut in the butter until the mixture is course. Stir in the pecans. Sprinkle the mixture over the sweet potato mixture.
4. Bake in the preheated oven 30 minutes, or until the topping is lightly brown.

*Serves 12 people

Smoked Bacon Mac & Cheese

Recipe submitted by Trainer Jay Erlandson

Ingredients:

- 1 (16-ounce) package elbow macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups milk
- 1 (8-ounce) packaged cream cheese, cut into large chunks
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 cups gouda cheese, shredded
- 1 cup parmesan cheese, shredded
- 1 pound crumbled bacon

Directions:

1. Loud the wood tray with one small handful of wood chips and preheat the smoker to 225 degrees.
2. Cook pasta according to package directions. In medium saucepan, melt butter, and whisk flour into the butter. Cook over medium heat for 2 minutes, until sauce is bubbly and thick. whisk in milk and bring to a boil. Cook 5 minutes until thickened. Stir in cream cheese until mixture is smooth. Add salt and pepper.
3. In a large bowl, combine 1 cup Cheddar, 1 cup Gouda cheese, parmesan cheese, pasta, and cream sauce. Spoon mixture into an 11 x 9-1/2 inch aluminum roasting pan coated with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle top with remaining cheddar cheese, Gouda cheese and crumbled bacon.
4. Place in smoker and cook 1 hour at 225 degrees F, until brown and bubbly.

Smoked Turkey

Recipe submitted by Mr. Steven Tressler

Ingredients:

- Turkey
- Wine
- Sugar
- Salt
- Pepper
- Hickory Wood

Dictions:

1. Mix sugar, wine, salt, pepper.
2. Marinate turkey for approximately 48 hours.
3. Smoke turkey with hickory wood for approximately 6 hours.

DANIEL JAMES YEAGLE



Parents: Ramiro and Tracy Yeagle

BirthDay: 4/9/97

Status: Single

FAVORITES

Color: Blue

Book: "Divergent" Series

Class: Physics

Pets: My parrot, Fletch

Song: "Brick in the Wall" by Plink Flyod

Cuisine: Anything that doesn't have liver or onions

Describe yourself in one word: Hard working

Describe your fantasy date: "Be outside, spend the day together, then maybe make a fire and relax by it."

Most memorable high school moment: "When the soccer team won against Hughesville under the lights with Pau scoring the winning goal."

Most embarrassing moment: "When the substitutes called me Danielle instead of Daniel multiple times."

Activities: Key Club (10,11,12), National English Honor Society (10,11,12), TSA (9, president 10,11,12), National Honor Society (12), Spanish Club (10,11,12) Spanish National Honor Society (11), Soccer (9,10,11,12), Track (10,11), Basketball (10)

Plans after graduation: "To attend the University of Pittsburgh or Colorado School of Mines for Architectual Engineering."

"Even when he's falling off the back, slow and steady wins the race for D\$."

-Mr. Theodore Barbour

ALYSSA MARIE BURGER



Parents: Robert and Patricia Burger

BirthDay: 3/14/97

Status: Single

FAVORITES

Color: Periwinkle

Book: "A Thousand Splendid Suns"

Class: Honors English 11

Pets: 3 dogs, cat, horse, my little brother

Song: "Taylor the Latte Boy"

Cuisine: Cucumbers and anything gluten free

Describe yourself in one word: Undescribable

Describe your fantasy date: "A summer night watching a movie outside under the stars, after a picnic."

Most memorable high school moment: "Everything has been memorable to me throughout high school."

Most embarrassing moment: "I don't get embarrassed easily because I love who I am and accept my little slip-ups and oopsies."

Activities: History Travel Club (president 3 years), Theatre Arts Club (president 3 years), Tri-M (1 year), Rho Khappa (treasurer, 2 years), Choir (4 years), Band (treasurer, 3 years), Spanish Club (4 years), Film Appreciation (1 year), Thespian National Honors Society (2 years)

Plans after graduation: "Go to Lycoming and major in Psychology and Education."

"Alyssa is a selfless, caring individual who uses her creative talent to make the world a better place. As my stage manager, she is able to make every member of the cast and crew feel important and valued. Alyssa has been such a gift to our theatre and music departments, and she will be sorely missed next year!"

-Mrs. Denise Connor

BOY and GIRL of the MONTH

MAHS students go anonymous to be honest about religion

By Kendra Parke and Mackenzie Rodrigues

We asked, and you answered.

Students had the opportunity to leave their most candid response to “What offends you about the way people practice religion?” by using a typewriter to type up an anonymous answer in the library

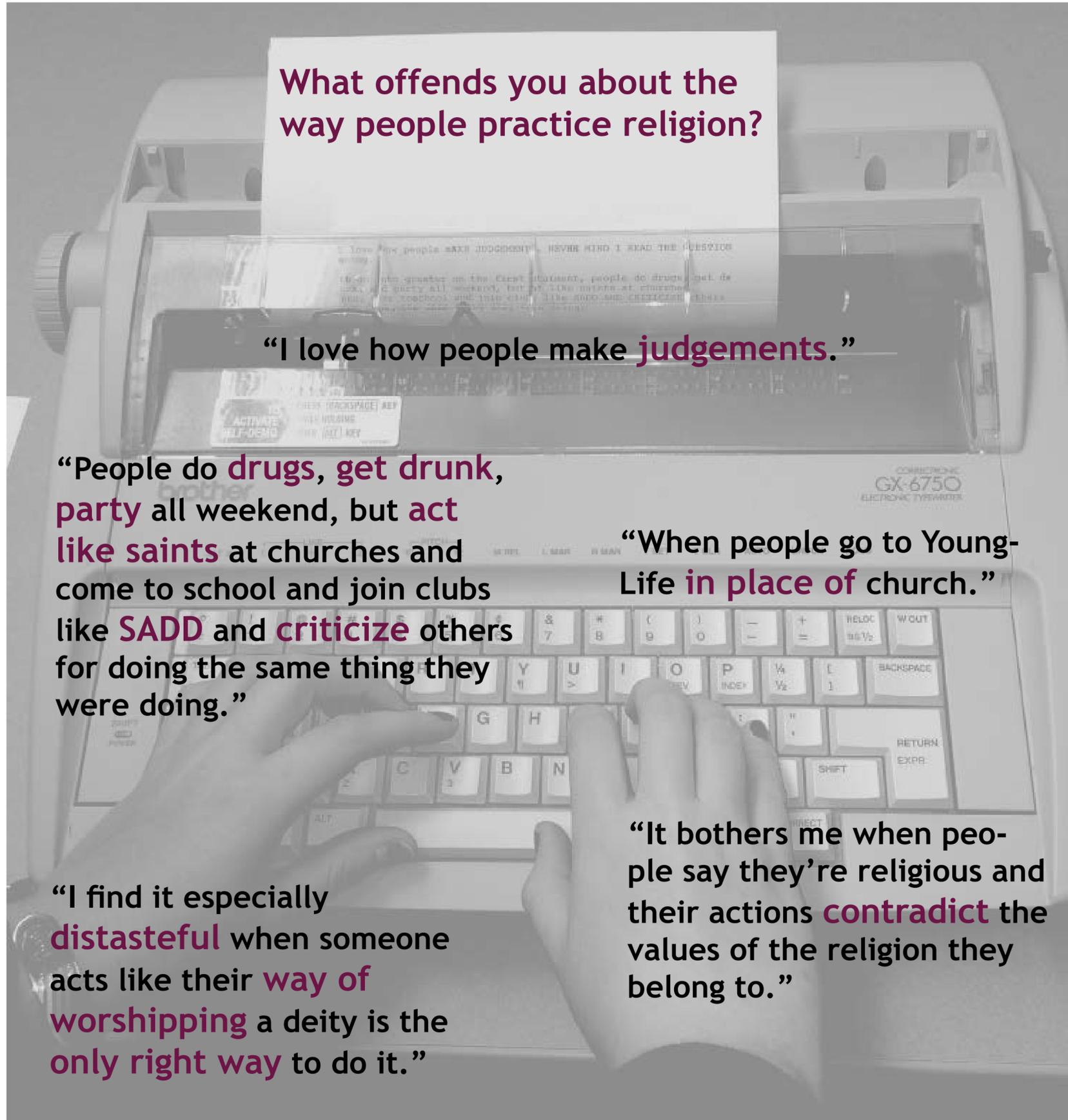
The concept of using the typewriter was developed so that students felt more comfortable answering questions about a topic that normally wouldn't be addressed in a school setting.

It is known that there are many opinions about religion and The Arrowhead staff felt that using the typewriter would produce the best answers while allowing the students to remain anonymous.

Also, there is no way of tracing who created the response if it is written using a typewriter.

This was an experiment to determine whether or not the answers were less censored than they would be during a normal interview.

The quality of the results were substantial.



What offends you about the way people practice religion?

“I love how people make **judgements.**”

“People do **drugs, get drunk, party all weekend, but act like saints** at churches and come to school and join clubs like **SADD** and **criticize** others for doing the same thing they were doing.”

“When people go to Young-Life **in place of church.**”

“I find it especially **distasteful** when someone acts like their **way of worshipping** a deity is the **only right way** to do it.”

“It bothers me when people say they're religious and their actions **contradict** the values of the religion they belong to.”

Religious Fast Facts

Five most popular religions:

1. Christianity
2. Muslim
3. Buddhism
4. Hinduism
5. Judaism

- There are about 50 Bibles sold every minute.
- The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the world.
- Many early Christians believed in reincarnation.
- “Islam” means “surrender” or “submission.”
- Jesus Christ is mentioned five times more than Muhammad in the Qur'an.
- New religious texts are still being discovered.
- Islam developed the first Theory of Evolution in the ninth century.
- In Judaism it is believed that even non-Jews can be accepted into Jewish Heaven.

Fall play so popular crowd wants to take it with them

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The Drama Club performed the play "You Can't Take It With You" under the direction of Mrs. Denise Connor Nov. 13, 14, 15.

The play drew one of its largest crowds ever, with a record breaking 400 people.

The play was a comedy written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart that premiered on Broadway in 1936.

"You Can't Take It With You" captured the clash of a close knit family who all has their own unique hobbies and a wealthy Wall Street family, who are mentally detached and unhappy.

The cast seized the old fashion

ed setting of the original story, and packed the play with historical allusions like Porgy and Bess, the Russian Revolution, and the Presidential Candidates of 1884.

"We found free things from the side of the road to make an old fashioned theme" said Sophomore Isaiah Mallery.

The families in the story connect by the two youngest children falling in love and therefore bringing the families together, and it is often said that the play is like a modern day Romeo and Juliet.

With the overlying theme being that you should focus on happiness in life before money because you can't take your money with you to the grave.



Senior Katie Conklin and Juniors Kelsey Dangle and Kelsey Rogers show strong acting ability and craft in the fall play. All three played a vital roll in the play this year.

Photo Courtesy of K. Conklin

Moses and Noah: Where is the dividing line in Hollywood?

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Crosses, religious texts, Jesus, Russell Brand, Buddha, Jonah Hill, divine intervention, Hollywood and the spotlight: the line between fame and religion is quickly narrowing. Earlier in the year, "Noah" was released, unleashing a wave of reactions varying from science fiction to blasphemy.

The nominated "Best Drama TV Spot" told the story of Noah and the Great Flood through actors likes Russell Crowe and Emma Watson. The controversy comes into play as the plot strayed off from Biblical fact (as written in the Book of Genesis) and into the arguably realm of fiction. For many religious audience members, "Noah" was a kick in the shin.

Senior Ivy Waldren believed so. "There were things in 'Noah' that were fiction. I found it extremely offensive."

As if to atone for this shake-up in Hollywood, Christina Bale and "Breaking Bad" star, Aaron Paul will be playing in the Biblical movie, "Exodus: Gods and Kings."

A topic of controversy for some and a science fiction step-up for others, the March release of "Noah" is still being compared to the not yet released film.

Ridley Scott, director of "Exodus: Gods and Kings" takes a

more historical, logical approach to the biblical tale.

In reference to the original Biblical film "The Ten Commandments," Scott said in an interview with Entertainment Weekly, "I didn't believe it then, when I was just a kid sitting in the third row. I remember that feeling, and thought that I'd better come up with a more scientific or natural explanation."

Scott will contribute the parting of the Red Sea to an earthquake and not to the biblical God.

Although this may lead to religious issues within Hollywood, Scott also wishes to keep it factual and not offensive. "It's not a fantasy" said Scott, "Ramses certainly wasn't a fantasy and somewhere Moses is very much written down and indicated and



Christian Bale and Joel Edgerton star in the approaching Biblical film, "Exodus: Gods and Kings." Aaron Paul from the popular drama, "Breaking Bad" is also casted to make an appearance as Joshua.

believed. So it's a real thing." Regardless of what religious groups or audience members might think of "Exodus: Gods and Kings," will surely make a splash in the public's eye, whether from Holy Water or spilt soda from an intense action scene. "Exodus: Gods and Kings" will be released on Dec 12 in theaters.

Taylor Swift fearlessly speaks now wearing red lipstick in 1989

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Although Taylor Swift may get a heap of criticism from the media, she has millions of fans who are raving over her new album that debuted this October entitled 1989.

Swift is often criticized for her constant change in genres from country, country pop, pop, and pop rock.

Her most recent album had more of a pop flare than anything. While some fans like the transition into a different type of music, others are annoyed and wish she'd stay the same styles she was in her last albums, Taylor Swift, Fear-

less, Speak Now and Red.

"I personally like Red more than 1989 because I don't like that she's not her usual self," said Junior Courtney Dunne. "She is trying to be a pop star that uses computers and noises to make her songs."

"I liked Taylor Swift when she was a country star because all of her songs seem to be about the same thing anymore," said Junior Colin Helm. "She just dates a guy and then they break up so she writes another song about them."

Despite some negative feedback, 1989 sold 800,000 copies in the first week it hit the stands and is expected to sell at least 1,000,000

copies.

Fans were counting down the days until it came out, #1989 was even trending on Twitter. With those number Swift just "Shake It Off."

"I love Taylor Swift," said Senior Cayla Treaster. "She always puts me in a good mood on my way to school, 1989 is so different from her other albums but that's why I love it."

FUN FACT:
Taylor Swift's album is called 1989 because it is her birth year.

Timeline of Taylor Swift's albums:

- 2006:** Taylor Swift's first album came out in 2006 self entitled; she debuted as a country music star.
- 2008:** Swift's next album was Fearless, which debuted in 2008. It was named album of the year in 2009.
- 2010:** In 2010 swift released Speak Now. "Mean" won Best Solo Performance and Best Country Song at the 54th Annual Grammy Awards.
- 2012:** In October of 2012 Red was released. Swift branched out into different situations and music styles.
- 1989:** Swift's most recent album 1989. Swift described this album as her first official pop release.

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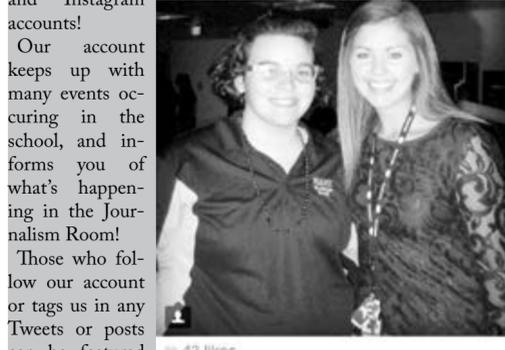


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ARTIST PROFILE

SCOTT BROWN

Q) What is the most interesting thing you've made with wood?
A) I make some interesting tables and chests.

Q) What's your favorite part of wood?
A) Seeing the completed projects being put to everyday use.

Q) How do you make use of your projects out of the class?
A) The designed use. I make tables and chests so I can use them how they're designed.

Q) How many years have you been taking wood?
A) All four years of high school.

Q) Do you think you'll continue working with wood after graduation?
A) Yeah, I like working with wood.

Q) What inspired you to take this class, and do so well in it?
A) I really enjoyed making things with my hands.

The Hunger Games continues with Mockingjay

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In anticipation of the continuingly growing "Hunger Games" series, many students are preparing for the release of the first part of "Mockingjay."

The premiere for the film was held in theaters around the country Nov 21.

To prepare for this, students from our school are beginning to buzz.

Sophomore Gabri Locricchio is excited for the movie to come out. "I love The Hunger Games. I have been watching them since they first came out and every time, my heart starts beating. There's a

lot of action."

Junior Ashley Cipic agrees. "The first two were amazing! They went by the book quite well and I'm wondering how the third will come out."

Both Cipic and Locricchio are hopefully going to attend the premiere. However not everyone is a fan of the "Hunger Games" series.

"I haven't read the books yet" said Senior Amelia Deacon, "but I don't really like the idea of dystopian futures. I prefer things like Star Trek."

Fan or not, the first part of "Mockingjay" is expected to bring a flurry of feathers and excited fans.



Jennifer Lawrence will hit big screens once again in November 21. This will be part one of Suzanne Collins' "Mockingjay."

"Big Hero 6" review

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Although the Disney animation is based on a Marvel comic, "Big Hero 6" strays away from many of the characters' subplots and replaces them with relatable substitutes in the film about a special bond between a boy prodigy and a plus-sizes inflatable robot.

Despite this difference, I thought "Big Hero 6" was great. Although it wasn't as cute as a fluffy white crime-fighting robot COULD be, it made up for it in its emotional theme.

Telling the tale of a self-searching 13-year-old boy in the futuristic city of San Fransokyo, Hiro Hamada forms a friendship with the medical robot, Baymax, after his brother's murder. Hiro, Baymax and his nerdy friends come together to bring justice to the death.

Opposed to the "normal" image of the somewhat magical image of superpowers, this film takes it to the realm of robotics.

The originality, charm and overall plot made me rethink my favorite movies and I'm happy to say that it placed into the same category as "Tangled," "Wreck It Ralph" and "The Lego Movie."

The voice actors did a tremendous job as well, and I was surprised at hearing adult comic, Damon Wayans Jr. act out a laser handling best friend.

Unlike most children's film scores, "Big Hero 6's" soundtrack-managed to capture the beauty and emotion of the plot. These emotions weren't just for the purpose of moving the story along, but also to work as a personal attachment to those dealing with any kind of loss in life.

The advice given, the morals taught, and the message recieved is just one part of the children's flick and the OST nailed the feelings right on the head.



Only an hour and 48 minutes, "Big Hero 6" shows off the animation aspect through it's characters and landscapes. This Disney film is based off of a Marvel comic.

Teams make MAHS proud with District and playoff wins

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GIRLS' SOCCER 19-1-2

The girls' soccer team were back to back PIAA District champs this year, being the first team in history to win districts two years in a row. They then went to states and lost their first playoff game 0-1 to Dallas.

"The season was a learning experience and I was very proud of my team."
-Carly Mill, 12

FOOTBALL 8-4

Sophomore Nate Ripley said that they faced a very difficult season, but continue strong in the playoffs. The last time the football team played in a District Championship game was in 2006.

"I think our season has been very successful, and we hope to make it to the 2nd round of playoffs."
-Curtis Miller, 12

BOYS' SOCCER 5-13

The boys' soccer team faced a new challenge this year when its old coach Rich Marriott was replaced by John Lee. Although the coaching situation had mixed opinions, the boys played every game with heart.

"I think we had an okay season, and I also think we would've done better if we had a better coaching staff, but in the end our season kind of plateaued."
-Noah Black, 12

CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross Country team competed in Districts at Bloomsburg University this year and Junior Ashley Cipic, Senior Madi Dewald, and Sophomore Bri Herr went to states, while others beat their personal records.

"I think our season went good and a bunch of us went to districts."
-Madi Dewald, 12

GIRLS' TENNIS

Although they weren't able to make it to Team Districts, Juniors Autumn Hall, Mikala Shaffer, Freshman Karina Dangle and Senior Mackenzie Rodrigues were able to participate in Doubles Districts, but unfortunately both doubles teams lost in the first round.

"I think overall our season went well given with the new talent that we have, and we lost a lot of seniors and the younger players helped make up for the loss."
-Autumn Hall, 11

GOLF 9-16

The golf team, although small, still worked hard and Arianna Whiteman was able to bring home a district title for Montoursville.

"We had improved greatly from last year. We won more matches this year than we did in past years."
-Bryce O'Connor, 12

Wrestling their way to the top

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Wrestlers like Junior Garrett Hoffman, Freshman Gavin Hoffman, and Freshman Wyatt Lutz show their talent outside of the schools wrestling team.

The Hoffman brothers and Lutz attended multiple difficult tournaments over the summer to showcase their talents. They more recently won the PA Way Duals tournament. Another tournament Garrett Hoffman competed at was held at the Walt Disney World, World Wide of Sports complex where he and his team placed 4th overall.

They are all apart of a team called D4 wrestling. This team takes local wrestlers and exposes them to bigger and better competitions.

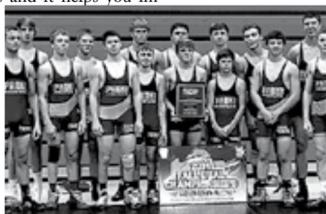
"[the team] gives you more college scouts and it helps you im-

prove your skills," Hoffman said. Hoffman got started with this team from a coach simply discovering his talent and giving him a call.

Hoffman has been competing in wrestling tournaments outside of the school program since 6th grade.

Hoffman was recently inducted into the Wrestling USA Magazine's Best High School Juniors for the year 2014-15. He placed 13 out of the whole country.

Both Hoffman and Lutz plan to wrestle during the school season. According to NCSA, athletic recruiting budgets for wrestling recruits aren't as big as other sports. The best way to get college coaches to notice a wrestler besides going to tournaments is by the Internet.



Freshmen Wyatt Lutz and Gavin Hoffman and Junior Garrett Hoffman showoff their first place plaque after winning the Fall Dual Championship with their team.

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Winter sports kickoff their seasons

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With fall sports finally coming to close, athletes are now able to look forward to a change in scenery when winter sports officially started, Nov 17.

Athletes are hoping to be just as succesful in winter sports as they were in the fall.

Athletic director Miss Evelyn Wynn also has a positive attitude going in. "I hope we have a couple district playoff appearances and possibly a few championships," she said.

Swim team, Boys' and Girls' Basketball, wrestling, and cheer all have exciting seasons coming up with high expectations.



Photo by J. Yocum

Sophomore Nolan Ott had a successful freshman year on the varsity wrestling team. Ott is one of the returning members that will help the team be successful again this year.

Parents go crazy over sporting events

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Parental behavior at sporting events has been quite the talk throughout this fall sport season.

The question arises, what is acceptable behavior, and what is too much?

Some try to live vicariously through their kids, and of course they want to cheer their team on, but athletic director Miss Evelyn Wynn has had to deal with more parenting issues than usual this fall.

Wynn believes appropriate adult behavior includes "Encouraging our own team in a positive manner."

She has been spoken to by of-

ficials at halftime regarding parental behavior during games this year. Parents were specifically yelling at opposing players on these occasions.

"It is extremely embarrassing when our parents represent our school like that," said Wynn.

She described inappropriate behavior as "Screaming at opposing players, screaming at officials, screaming at the coaching staff, coaching children from the sideline," and she could have continued.

Wynn is supportive of fans and cheering by always arranging Pep Buses for students to attend away playoff games, but only encourages positive a positive atmosphere.



Wrestling their way to the top

Winter sports kickoff their seasons

Girls' Basketball

"The goal is to be district champions. We are a samll team but our season looks really promising with a new coaching staff."
Marissa Folk, 12

Boys' Basketball

"We are hoping for a successful season and to make playoffs."
Quinten Persun, 12

Wrestling

"Our goal is going back to district duels and winning it as a team. We should have a stronger team this year with the freshmen coming up and lots of up-perclassmen returning."
Michael Forney, 11

Swim Team

"We have a lot of new people that joined this year which is exciting. Hopefully the girls can continue their success and the guys can pick up some more wins. We lost the great Ethan Ranck but we can bounce back and get that district championship."
Nevan Schulte, 12

"We have a lot of new swimmers so it would be nice if we could get a couple of them to qualify for districts."
Courtney Dunne, 11

Competitive Cheer

"We hope to do well at competitions coming up since we have been working on this since summer."
Sarah Niels, 11

ATHLETES of the MONTH

KIRSTEN O'MALLEY



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Q: What is your favorite MAHS sports memory?

A: Winning the district titles freshman, and junior, and senior years.

Q: Who is a professional athlete that has influenced you? Why?

A: My uncle, Tom O'Malley taught me to never give up.

Q: What goes through your head during games/matches?

A: We have to win.

Q: What has playing your sport taught you?

A: It's taught me that it's okay to lose, and how you react to it shows more about your character.

Q: Does poor sportsmanship from coaches, parents, or players affect you on the field/court? Why or why not?

A: No, I block it out and focus fully on the game.

Q: What is your personal goal in a game/match?

A: To be better than the player I was yesterday.

Q: How do you prepare yourself before games/matches?

A: Talk with the team about our goals for that game.

ANDY BIBER



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Q: What is your favorite MAHS sports memory?

A: Forgetting my helmet at the Mount Caramel game last year.

Q: Who is a professional athlete that has influenced you? Why?

A: Antoine Winfield. He wasn't big but could still deliver a big hit for only being 5'9, 180 pounds.

Q: What goes through your head during games/matches?

A: Alignment and assignment.

Q: What has playing your sport taught you?

A: That hard work pays off.

Q: Does poor sportsmanship from coaches, parents, or players affect you on the field/court? Why or why not?

A: No, I don't pay attention to any of that. I just play the game.

Q: What is your personal goal in a game/match?

A: To do my best.

Q: How do you prepare yourself before games/matches?

A: I listen to music.

"Wood ya' look at that!" Don't be afraid to 'dive in'

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I got three calls during winter sports sign ups from a friend saying, "Where are you?!" I had never done a winter sport in high school, but that was about to change.

I decided to sign up for swim team with a little (or a lot) of encouragement.

I am a junior, so starting a sport this late would be terrible, right? I am finding that it is not. More people decide to try new things later than you realize.

Showing up to the first practice, I wasn't sure whether to run and cry or throw up. Luckily I had friends already on the team.

They said it was strange that, for once, I was the stressed out one about sports. Trying new things isn't really my thing, though.

However, my weariness is starting to go away after a few practices. I am learning that it is fun getting out of your comfort zone and trying something new.

I have also learned that people are welcoming if you find the right ones. Don't be afraid of people because even though there are some real jerks in the world, most of them aren't.

Because I play soccer my entire life, I have always had the same team and been surrounded by the

same teammates. Many of the same girls also did track, so that was easy to join freshman year.

Being surrounded by a completely different group was the most terrifying part in joining. Sure I knew some, but it was an atmosphere I had never been in or around before.

However, meeting new people I don't normally hang out with turned out to be really interesting and nice. Differences are good. Doing different things is good.

I know the season just started, but it is looking bright. I have dived into a new pool of thought (pun intended) regarding the idea of putting yourself out there.

I would encourage anyone considering something they have never done to go do it. What is the worst that could happen right?

In my case I suppose it would be drowning, but most aren't that severe.

Heap takes the girls' basketball reigns

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Travis Heap, a 24-year-old MAHS alumnus and Lycoming College graduate, took over the girls' basketball head coach position, for the 2014-2015 season after former head coach, Kevin Kurtz resigned.

"I was sad to hear Coach Kurtz had resigned because he was the one that gave me the opportunity to help coach last season, said Heap when asked what his first reaction was when he recieved news that the girls' basketball team needed a new coach. "But at the same time I was excited because I knew that there was a possibility I could become the next coach and I couldn't think of a better opportunity to start my coaching than at the school I graduated from."

Coach Heap's hopes and plans for the girls' team this season are

to "Have a winning season that leads into our team winning districts at the end of the year, which all of the other girls on the team hope for also."

Former coaching assistant Mr. Dave Myers will not be helping with the girls' team this year.

Myers had been head coach for two years and assistant coach for eight.

The girls' team has already started practicing, and even some soccer players came to open gyms to participate, despite that they weren't allowed to do much when their season had not yet ended.

The girls said they hope to do even better this year than last year, so majority of the players have been coming and participating at open gyms when they can.

The mandatory practices started on Nov. 17, to start "cracking down on plays," said Heap.

"He's a good coach, he knows the game and communicates well with all the girls."

-Senior Marissa Folk

Tis' the season for celebration

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Many people celebrate the same holidays, but it's the way each holiday is celebrated that makes it special. There are many holidays out there, but a few stick out in people's mind as the most popular, these consist of Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, and the Fourth of July. Each of these students explained how they celebrated each holiday their way.



"We usually spend it opening gifts and watching a 'Christmas Story.'"
~Junior Brandon Ulmer



"A picnic at me mum's with an Easter egg hunt."
~Senior Michaela Way



"I'll go out to a res-teraunt and try to get my boyfriend to watch sappy movies all night."
~Junior Sarah Sorage



"My family comes to my house. I also get my Christmas tree."
~Junior Aidan Plants



"I watch explosions in the sky."
~Freshman Sarah Lomison

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