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Spring dance gets cancelled

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On April 13, there was to be a spring formal dance at MAHS, known as the Sadie Hawkins Dance. Two days before, on Thursday the 11th, the dance was cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales. Signs had been up in the hallways for over a month advertising the dance and announcements were made regularly about ticket sales for the first two weeks of the month. So what happened?

The Sadie Hawkins Dance has been a tradition at high schools across North America for decades now. Its key feature is that girls are to ask boys to this dance, as opposed to the more “standard” boys-ask-girls. The concept originated in a 1930’s cartoon, and the dance was named after a character. An unofficial Sadie Hawkins Day in the U.S. was made to be the first Saturday after November 9. The Dance doesn’t have to be

on this day, however, which is why MAHS’s was in April.

Plenty of other schools host a Sadie Hawkins Dance year after year. Why couldn’t we?

Most of the issues that came with the Dance’s failure this year stemmed from one thing: the date.

Prom is a time-honored tradition at MAHS, and an underdog dance like Sadie Hawkins was already going to have a tough go of it, being only three weeks before 2019 prom. That sets it smack-dab in the middle of promposal season, so many people are already looking ahead to that event. Prom tickets and Sadie Hawkins tickets were even sold simultaneously for a period of time.

Then, there’s the band trip. Around 100 students left for Williamsburg, VA, just a few days before the dance. They returned with a two hour window before the dance began, which is barely any time to get ready.

Montoursville already has three big dances: Homecoming, Winter Formal, and Prom. They are already evenly spread out throughout the year, so finding a place to fit another in is tough.

Sadie Hawkins did try to gain an edge in its debut year by saying that Prom Court would be announced at the dance. The proposal failed when the court was announced over the intercom weeks before. While it was a solid marketing tactic to upperclassmen who would want to know, it still meant students had to pay to find out if they got in.

Math teacher Mrs. Crebs was an organizer of the Dance this year, and said “It was a really great idea to have the underclassmen dance a month before [Prom],” but is regretful that it had to be cancelled. She hopes that next year’s Sophomore class attempts the dance again, and wishes them better luck.

Hay for Nebraska

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Future Farmers of America students are helping Nebraskan farmers impacted by floods.

The state of Nebraska has been impacted by droughts and flooding on an increasing scale. This winter, flooding led to a shortage of hay and other feed needed for livestock. Organizations across America are pitching in to help farmers, including our own FFA club through the Lycoming County Farm Bureau and FFA Alumni.

By talking to the Nebraska Farm Bureau, local groups learned of the conditions the farms were

dealing with. Calves--the future of their livelihoods--were dying at alarming rates. Stores of feed for these animals were ruined.

Farmers, clubs, and associations from around the area have amassed collections of feed, supplies, and money for struggling farmers. FFA Adviser Mr. Ben Hepburn documented over 120 tons of hay sent by truck to affected regions. Other trucks have also been sent, containing water and other supplies.

Montoursville’s FFA students worked alongside other Ag students in the area raised money and helped pack and load hay and other supplies for transport.



Hay is loaded onto a truck for transport. Image from of WNEP.com

Marching band experiences Williamsburg, Virginia

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Starting on April 10, the marching band and color guard spent four days in historic Williamsburg for its biennial trip.

The trip to Williamsburg began on Wednesday with a ride to Baltimore and lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe. From there, the band rode for another four hours to the historic town of Williamsburg. They enjoyed a meal at a nearby buffet and retired to the hotel rooms for the evening.

Thursday was filled with two tours; one of Williamsburg and one of Colonial Jamestown.

“I’d love to go again so I can explore Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown on my own,” said Sophomore Alex LeCrone.

Following the tours, the students attended a dinner cruise for a fun night filled with dancing.

“We danced all night and it was pretty difficult trying to get up the next morning for our performance,” said Freshman Sarah O’Brien.

“The dinner cruise was a really cool experience,” said Senior Devlin Hyde. Freshman Cate LeCrone said that the dinner cruise was definitely her favorite

part.

On Friday, the students performed at 9:30 in the morning. “We played right at the entrance of Busch Gardens. The only people watching were our parents and chaperones and some other kids but it was fun,” said A. LeCrone.

“We have never played in that type of venue, so the performing experience was definitely interesting,” said Freshman Cooper Shirk.

“The hardest part [of preparing for our performance] was trying to remember songs from marching band from back in the fall,” said Freshman Noah Huffman.

Afterwards, they spent time enjoying the numerous rides offered at the park, which was an enjoyable experience to many who were on the trip.

“My favorite part of the trip was riding roller coasters at Busch Gardens and Dan Kutay saying ‘Squid Gang’ to people that were wearing the same squid hat that he was,” said Freshman Kate Wentzler.

“My best memory was probably riding one of the best rides at Busch Gardens with Mr. Wright and our band kids filling up about

the whole car and singing ‘You Can’t Ride in my Little Red Wagon’ while going up the hill,” said O’Brien.

On Saturday, the band left Williamsburg and returned home after a quick stop at Chick-Fil-A.

The marching band takes trips

every two years to various places. Their last trip was to Disney World in 2017.

The band trips give students a chance to bond and play together one final time before the end of the school year and the beginning of marching band preseason.



At left: Male members of the band pose for a picture at Jamestown. The band toured the Jamestown visitor center on Thursday, April 11. Photo Provided by Mr. Wright



At right: Female band members on the trip are posing on their tour of Jamestown. The trip lasted four days and was filled with activities. Photo provided by Mr. Wright



THE MONTOURSVILLE AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Would like to thank all of the MASD staff and students
for the support shown at our recent Kick-Off Event.
The music, gift baskets and other items were warmly
received and helped the event succeed.

The Foundation will continue to work for the benefit
of the school district and particularly the students.

We wish all of the families in our community
a wonderful summer.

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Routnom
writes on...

by Janina Reynolds



- Congratulations to Senior Ben Kutay for placing 2nd in Editorial Cartoon, Senior Ben Watts for placing 3rd in Editorial Writing, Junior Julia Mertes for placing 4th in News Writing, and Senior Jen Fortney for placing 6th in Feature Writing at the PA School Press' state-level Student Journalism Competition!!!
- Congratulations to Senior Rebekah Lundy for placing 9th in the state in Business Communication!!!
- Congratulations to Seniors Daniel Rogers, Emma Cihanowyz and Kurtis Johnson for placing first in the state in Management Decision Making!!!
- Also, congratulations to Seniors Katie See, Braden Cott and Isaac Barrett for placing first in Management Information!!
- Congratulations to Senior Connor Bremigen and Sophomore Jeremiah Caseman for placing 3rd, and to Senior Zachariah Caseman and Senior Wyatt Nettleing for placing 7th at the TSA State Conference on Apr. 10 to the 13 at Seven Springs, PA!!
- Congratulations to Seniors Courtney Houseknecht and Greg Shoemaker for being WVIA Artists of the Week!!
- Good job to the seniors for winning the Powder Puff game against the juniors on Saturday, Apr. 20!!



Mrs. Julie Quick, Mr. Richard DeLong and Senior Benjamin Watts pose on April 4 with a check that Rho Kappa gave DeLong for his MS Walk team, Margaret's March, which is in honor of his mother. Rho Kappa raised money by selling snacks during lunches so they could give it to DeLong for the fundraiser. Photo by Zach Springman

PSPA States Spotlight



On Wednesday, March 27, four MAHS Journalism Students compete at Penn State University at the PA School Press' state-level Student Journalism Competition. The students had many achievements with Senior Ben Kutay scoring 2nd place in Editorial Cartoon, Senior Ben Watts scoring 3rd place in Editorial Writing, Junior Julia Mertes scoring 4th place in News Writing; and Senior Jen Fortney scoring 6th place in Feature Writing. Photo by Mrs. Sandra Trick.



At Right: The students eat Penn State Creamery Ice Cream after completing their competition. The students participated in a press conference with representatives from the creamery-before working on their pieces. Photo by Sandra Trick.

Check-ing in with Chess Club

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Testing their strategic planning, problem solving, and creative thinking skills, students and teachers alike can challenge themselves in chess games and tournaments hosted during Flex by MAHS's new Chess Club.

Chess Club is open to all high school students--no matter the skill level of the individual. Furthermore, teachers and faculty are invited to attend the club meetings in order to test their abilities and partake in the festivities.

"Chess Club sounded interesting, so I decided to give it a try," said Freshman Alex Houghtaling who enjoys playing chess because of the challenge and strategy necessary in taking part in the game.

"I would recommend that people join the club because chess is lit and so is Chess Club," said Junior Jake Simms. "[Playing chess through the club] is a nice break from my classes. In general, it helps build life skills by making you think."

Junior Koby Lakes said, "I joined the club because I wanted to try something new and learn how to play chess. The club is also great because you are able to play against other people who are interested in the game."

Many of the students participating in the club learned the how to play from their family mem-

bers and/or from their friends.

For instance, Junior Austin Loe learned how to play chess from Junior Travis Johnson during their Freshman year of high school.

"I learned how to play chess from Google and general practice against others," said Freshman Ben Harvey who is hoping to continue taking part in the club next year.

Harvey said, "Overall, I like

playing chess, and I want to get even better through participation in the new Chess Club."

When asked if he will continue to be partaking in the club in the future, Houghtaling said, "Yes, and the friends in club are the best part of playing chess through the new club."

The new club holds meetings in the Deacon's classroom on the second floor.



Montoursville's new Chess Club is hosting chess tournaments and chess games for the students and faculty to participate in during free time, especially Flex periods, in Mr. Brad Deacon's classroom. Junior Joel Verrico and Junior Austin Loe were taking a break from classwork in order to strategically plot how to win in a chess match against each other. Photo by Zach Springman.

FBLA Competing at the State Competition in Hershey

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Our school’s FBLA members, those that had made it to the state competition, competed on April 8 to the 10 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. At the competition, students in FBLA are assigned a time that they have to take a test that is part of the event that the students have chosen to be in.

The tests that they take are based on the student’s business knowledge and skills. The last day of the competition, they have an awards ceremony where they announce who ended up placing in their tests.

When asked how he prepared himself for the competition Junior Ian Plankenhorn said that he studied in his free time on the weeks leading up to it.

Plankenhorn said that even though they didn’t place, they still did a pretty good job.

“The test was more difficult.” said Plankenhorn.

“FBLA Members did a great job representing Montoursville at the State Conference.” Business teacher and FBLA advisor, Mrs. Linda Keiser said.

Senior Rebekah Lundy had placed 9th in the state in Business Communication. Seniors Daniel Rogers, Emma Cihanowyz and Kurtis Johnson placed first in the state in Management Decision Making.

“Yes, I’m so excited to see Texas and San Antonio.” said Senior Emma Cihanowyz when

asked if she is looking forward to competing this summer.

The second team that placed first in Management Information Systems was seniors Katie See, Braden Cott and Isaac Barrett. These two teams who placed first are advancing to Nationals.

“I am really excited.” Senior Katie See said when asked how she feels about making Nationals.

This year the FBLA Nationals will take place in San Antonio, Texas at the end of June to the beginning of July.

The two teams from our school will be competing against other FBLA students from different states.

“Yes,” said See when asked if looking forward to Nationals. “I think it will be neat to compete against people from other states.”

“Students are studying for their objective tests and we will practice presenting by using past prompts.” said Keiser when asked how she is preparing her students for Nationals.

According to See, she plans on preparing for Nationals by studying the business terms that have to do with Management Information Systems.

Cihanowyz said that she will be making sure that she has all the management competencies memorized.

Though the main reason they were at Hershey was to take their tests for the competition, they still had some down time to just relax and hanging out.

“My favorite part was proba-

bly staying in the hotel and just hanging out for a few days.” said Plankenhorn.

During those few days, FBLA members also had to do presentations and made sure they were dressed in their business attire.

“The speaking presentation part of the competition was my favorite,” said Cihanowyz when asked what her favorite part of States was. “I enjoyed speaking and coming up with stuff on the spot.”

The judges will judge the students presentations and give them feedback that will help them for future FBLA events.

Cihanowyz also said that she will be going over judges’ comments from states to prepare herself for Nationals over the summer.

“My least favorite part was having to stay in a satellite hotel instead of the Hershey Lodge.” said Plankenhorn.

“The nerves during awards.” Cihanowyz said when asked what her least favorite part about the State Competition was.

The FBLA Nationals will take place in San Antonio, TX on at the end of June into the beginning of July. The FBLA Members will have time to relax the first few days when they get to Texas before their events for the National Competition actually starts.

Nationals is a four day competition that will contain competitive events. There are also chances of scholarships for students that achieve national ranking.



The picture above is of MAHS FBLA Members that made it to states posing for a picture at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. The students posed right before the FBLA States began. Photo by Linda Keiser



The picture above is of the members of the two FBLA teams that got first place holding their awards. The students got first place and will be going to Texas for Nationals. Photo by Linda Keiser.

Tennis and Track Test their Abilities

by Alissa Aldinger



Above: Sophomore Andrew Stapp serves the ball to begin the point. Montoursville won the Hughesville match 3-2.
Below: Freshman Isaiah Fenner competes in the long jump. Montoursville defeated its opponent, Midd-West.



Left: Freshman Noah Shaffer plays doubles with his partner, Senior Isaac Barrett. They lost their match 2-4 against Hughesville.
Below: Senior Connor Morse clears 8 feet in pole vault. Montoursville faced Midd-West.



The Elliot Storms’ Fundraiser: A thank you from Mr. Gary Adams

As most of you know, I have been collecting donations for Officer Storms’ son, Elliot, for the last several months. Elliot and his family have been heroically battling cancer, and Mr. Storms’ positive outlook and willingness to rest in the Lord have been the inspiration behind this fundraiser. I can only imagine the trials and tribulations that this, and any other family that is or has been affected by this disease, are going through. That’s why I wanted to do something for the family that would give them a chance to step back and, even if just for a brief moment, bring back a bit of normalcy into their lives.

Having three children of my own, I know the benefits of spending true “quality” time with them. In my mind, there is no better place than the outdoors to accomplish that. I love to hunt and fish, and if I can have my kids there with me to do it, that becomes the best memories a parent can have. With that being said, I picked a fishing charter for two reasons. One, I’m told Elliot likes to fish. Secondly, we never know how he’s going to be feeling. With a charter, we have some flexibility as to when we can schedule a trip. We are definitely waiting until after school is out because Elliot is going through his trial treatments now.

The plan is to have Mr. Storms and his two sons go on a two day trip, with each day consisting of at least 8 hours of fishing time. The trip will be with Seadawg Charter Service and Captain Todd Bassett, who runs his operation out of a marina near Sodus Bay. Meanwhile, Mrs. Storms and her daughter will spend two days exploring and shopping in nearby Rochester, all expenses paid. I have fished with Mr. Bassett and his father several times, and you won’t find a nicer guy. When I contacted Todd about this idea, he jumped right on board without hesitation. He was all in, even if it meant he wasn’t going to make a dime!! I will be tagging along as “professional photographer”, and my wife and I will take all the pictures and make a Shutterfly hardcover book that will display the memories forever.

I have been totally overwhelmed by the generosity of this community! My initial idea was to just set-up a table at the girls’ basketball games. I quickly realized that wasn’t going to get it done. Plan B was to type up a letter and solicit local businesses. Now this was after Christmas, so I wasn’t expecting much because I know how hard they are hit for donations. To my amazement, I started getting phone calls, many with stories that had a common thread. These stories were about a certain Montoursville police officer that had made an impression on either their children or themselves, and what a kind and helpful person he was. Of course, I’m talking about Marc Storms. Donations came not only from businesses, but from many individuals as well. It was truly heartwarming and touching. To my amazement, the final total collected has exceeded the \$4,000 mark!!” I can’t recognize each and every individual, because I can’t tell you who put the quarter or \$5 bill in the jar at one of the Turkey Hills or Creekside Market. I also cannot express how much I appreciated the MASD husband/wife duo who put in MAJOR hours making soup for this cause, or the parent of some former students who offered us the chance to stay in their home on the shoreline of Sodus Bay. There’s not enough space to tell you what some of the business owners did, out of the kindness of their hearts, to help make this fundraiser successful. I will tell you it was far beyond what I ever expected. So in closing, I’ve learned two important things from this fundraiser. The first is, people notice what kind of person you are by your actions. You can have a strong presence and still have a kind heart. The second thing that I learned is that in this world where turmoil is so prevalent, if you dig deep enough, LOVE is still there. Lord willing, we all can still find it in our lives.

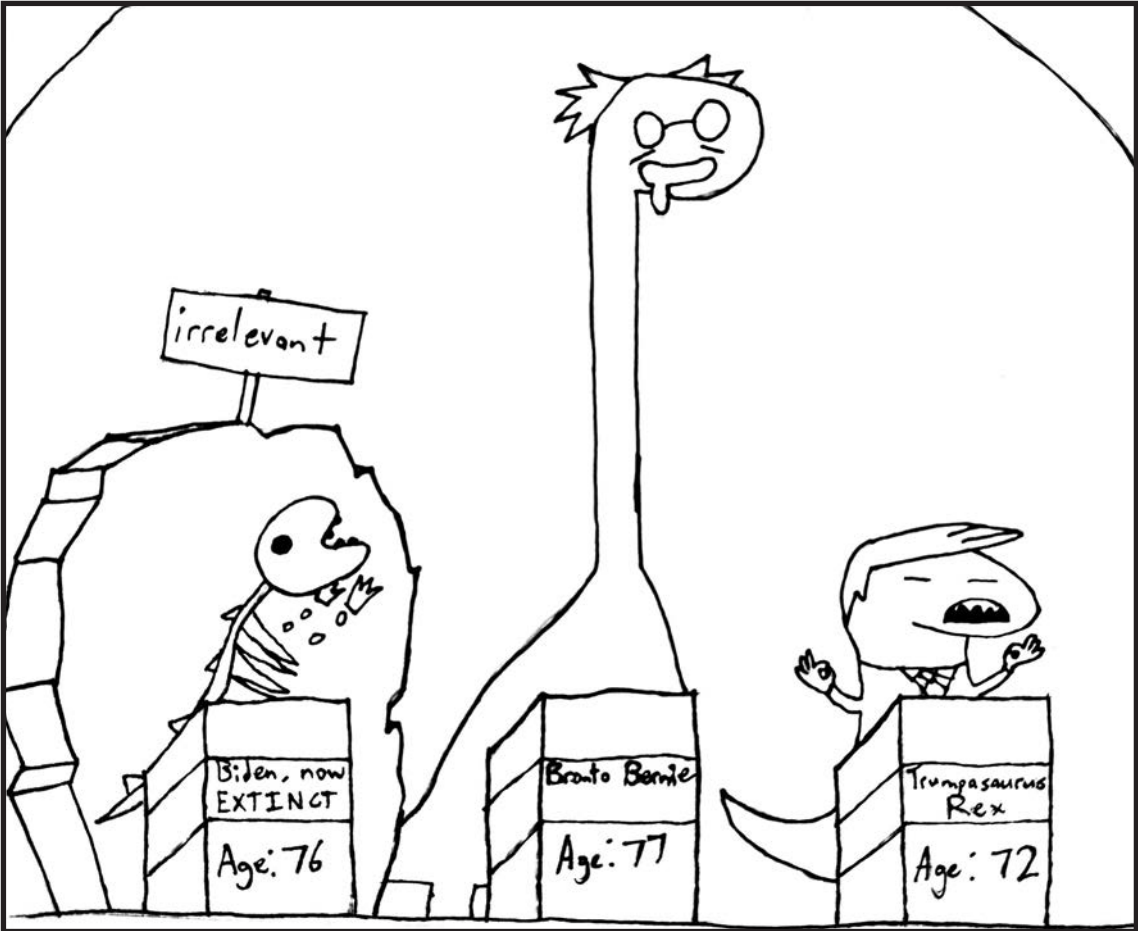
I’d like to send out some special thanks to the following businesses and individuals. If I missed some, I’m truly sorry. And like I said before, there were hundreds of people who aren’t listed here, and to me you are all HEROES. Thanks again!!!!

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Kutay’s Cognition:
(Editorial Cartoon)
Jurassic World 3:
Race for the Presidency



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Way of the Watts:
Small sports suffer

I have been on the tennis team for the last four years and I can say strongly that some of my fondest memories of high school are from that team. I arrived on the team as the only freshman, and little did I know the sport I joined as a joke, would become the one I love the most. The team was not all that big and had a lot of upperclassmen so I knew in order to survive, recruiting was necessary.

Now it is my senior year and the team is 26 kids strong, the vast majority of them freshman and sophomores. The point I am trying to make is that over the past four years, participation and interest in the sport has skyrocketed, yet support from the administration on many levels is still lacking and I have witnessed it first hand.

I do give the administration credit for getting us a really good number of matches this year, giving us a great shot at district qualification, but other aspects are still falling short. The first is

uniforms. Not only are they poor quality, but we don’t have nearly enough. Around two-thirds of the team are wearing old polos from 10 years ago. I guess it just confuses me why the baseball team has a different uniform for every day of the week, and we cannot get at least enough uniforms for every player to have one.

The other issue I have seen has to do with buses. In the game of tennis, having people to support you can be make or break in a close match as like most sports, tennis is as much a mental battle as physical. Around half of the team this year is not allowed to travel to away matches even when we do have a bus. Administration claims this is because “Too many kids are missing class.” I don’t buy it. It’s not a problem for other teams to get to their competitions early and no other teams have restrictions on how many players they can bring.

I have heard the counterargument to this one with administrators saying all players don’t even get a chance to play. This is false, as head coach Shawn Gardner told me every player gets a chance to play at every match.

We should be encouraging participation in this sport, and

with restrictions like these imposed from the school, over 50 percent of real match opportunities for valuable play time and development are stolen from a large portion of the team.

I know that it all comes down to money. Sports programs that bring in revenue for the school district seem to receive more perks than programs like swim, tennis, and others that constantly get the short end of the stick. It doesn’t surprise me, but I do think some of these poor happenings are easily avoidable and not necessary.

This is a team that is young and a team that has a lot of potential. I will defend the argument any day that if this program can retain all of its players for the next couple years, Montoursville tennis will be making a deep run into districts and shed a lot of positive light onto the school.

One thing though, that will go a long way in aiding in the success of these smaller sports that have gained much popularity in recent years is an administration that shows its support and care toward them. Montoursville is lacking in this area right now and I hope to see that change very soon.

Arrowhead Editorial:
A day of school takes over the brain

Have you ever had a class that was just a total brain drain? Students all over are feeling drained after a day of school. This is due to handling stress and the workload all day.

Days like these make students gain more stress and make them not want to do the work. When students are trying to handle stress, outside of school activities and homework all at the same time, it makes them want to just give up and stop trying.

“When I have so much homework after getting home late, after extracurricular activities, I end up just not doing the homework and going to bed because I am so tired,” said Junior Abby Fogleman. “So yes, I want to give up 100%.”

Homework is assigned, and students are tired after school or not energized enough to do it. So students wait until the next day in school to finish it. And there are constant deadlines that we have to worry about.

Does a day of school drain your brain? “Sometimes, especially when I have to work later that day. It’s just a lot to think about when there are constant deadlines,” said Junior Jade Neiman.

Teachers don’t take into consideration the little amount of

time students have after school, to get their homework done.

It’s difficult to juggle everything in such a little amount of time. “I don’t get any sleep,” said Junior Bella Masias. “I get home from school and have to go right to sports, then don’t get home until late. I still have to eat dinner, shower and do homework. It is just a lot.”

The classes that feel the most draining, are the classes that will be the most effective in the future. Usually when you are sitting in a difficult class, you are more prone to pay attention.

“Psychology is important because you learn how people work and why they do what they do,” said Junior Sara Conrad, when asked which class is thought to be the most effective in the future. “It’s important to understand different people.”

It is difficult to focus in class when you do not like what you are learning. It’s challenging to comprehend what is being taught when you don’t understand.

Being able to focus on all classes will help you better understand and have a better knowledge on what you are learning.

Focusing and studying for the classes that are the most relatable to you, will help with passing and getting through your classes.

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Hopping into Easter’s heritage

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Everyone is hopping mad with preparations for Easter with everything from chocolate and colored eggs to a giant bunny that brings you a basket of goodies, but does anyone know why we have such strange traditions at this time of year. No? Good. Your about to find out.

Some of our most popular traditions come from German immigrants that settled here in Pennsylvania. They told the tale of a hare-like creature called the Osterhase that could lay eggs, a tale that has been around since the 13th century and German children made nests, which became baskets at one point, for the animal so that it could lay their colored eggs.

While the fabled Easter Bunny is a German tradition, while Easter eggs are a pagan one. Pagans are people that have a religion that is not one of the main ones. Rabbits are known best for their fertility and they celebrated this way to show thanks to their goddess of fertility, Eostre.

Easter eggs come from the pagan tradition of celebrating spring with eggs because they are seen as a symbol for new life. People also believe that Mary brought eggs with her to Jesus’ crucifixion and his blood landed on the eggs. Freshman, Austin Cummings, says that they are the “result of fertility and new life makes a good analogy for Jesus”.

It is also customary that men and women get new clothes to

wear on Easter as a way of re-newing yourself and a way for stores to make a little extra money around this time. This tradition started in the mid-1800’s on 5th Avenue in New York City.

People get up and go to church at the crack of dawn on Easter, even those who are not religious or loosely follow Christianity. They do this because in the Bible it says that Mary saw the empty tomb at dawn on Easter.

The delicious Easter Ham also has a place in all this, men would hunt for them in the fall, let them cure all winter. By the time spring rolled around, the meat was perfect and just in time for Easter.

There’s another, but it is not

one celebrated here. On Good Friday, people fly kites as an analogy to how Jesus rose to heaven on that day centuries ago. This was first a way teacher taught the story of Jesus rising from the grave but it caught on and now most of Bermuda does this on Easter.

Pagans have a legend that their goddess of fertility saw a helpless bird not long before spring and she gave it fur and turned it into a bunny. This correlates with the German tradition of the Osterhase.

The Christians adopted these rituals and traditions so help convert the pagans and Germans to Christianity.



Boys needed for Choir!

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There are five boys graduating in the year of 2019, meaning our choir will be losing a good portion of our tenor and bass section. Only three senior boys in choir.

In choir, boys will typically sing tenor or bass, tenor being the higher voice range of the two. The choir doesn’t choose just one style of music but focuses on many.

Junior choir member Elijah Heddings says, “Boys most likely don’t want to join because of what others will think of them, also they stereotype choir kids from TV and other things like that.”

Senior choir member Sam Barrett said around the same thing as Heddings stating, “I think it’s a stereotype, how it doesn’t seem like a manly thing to do.”

Another senior choir member, Eli Ward said that boys in choir is viewed as “Girly,” and “Has a stigma similar to being a thespian.”

Senior choir member Ben Kutay, however, noted all the positive aspects of being in the choir.

“The people you meet through [choir] are fantastic and the opportunity to exapnad your skill set with singing is valuable because you use it everywhere,” Kutay said.

“We sing a variety of songs, and it’s cool to experience different parts of the world through the songs we sing,” he said.

This year they sang Japanese folk songs, “Mary Did You Know” by the Pentatonix, songs set to poetry by Robert Frost, and “A Million Dreams” from The Greatest Showman, “A very versatile selection,” said choir director Mrs. Jaclyn Gilbert.

The choir performs at least two concerts during each year. This year the choir took part in the Celebration of Arts in February.

The school also hosted an Only Boys Aloud workshop for male singers 4th through 12th grades. The workshop was led by Gilbert, elementary music teacher Mrs. Jenilee Kukucha, and McCall Middle School music teacher Miss Andrea Burleigh. They chose music that would appeal to guys of all ages. “During the workshop we focused on some fun things, such as African choreography, beatboxing, and a performance by Pitch Please, a local male acapella group.

This year was “extra special,” said Gilbert, the whole choir got to go on a trip to New York City to watch the Rockettes and former student Caleb Albert perform in “Christmas Spectacular” at Radio City Music Hall. The students even got to sing on stage before the show started. In mid-December, WNEP recorded the choir concert in our school’s auditorium, which aired on TV on Christmas Day.

Teacher Feature: Mr Deacon

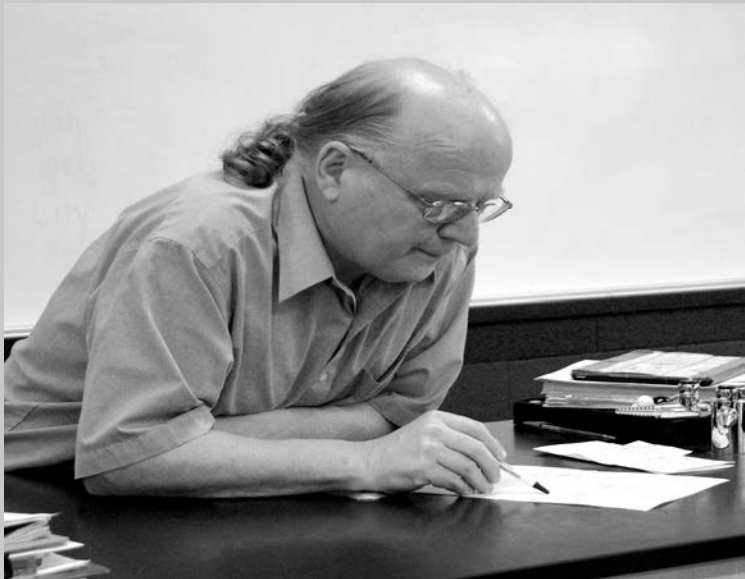
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Q: What made you want to become a teacher?
A: “I wanted to make the world a better place and affect hundreds of students per year. I also used to tutor and I figured why not get paid for it.”

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?
A: “AP Chemistry”

Q: How long have you been teaching at Montoursville High School?
A: “32 years”

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?
A: “I don’t have one.”



Mr. Deacon checks and grades his students papers during class. He’s been teaching at Montoursville Area High School for 32 years. Photo by Zach Springman.

Volunteering Done Right

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For over 16 years, activity director Deb Protasio has overseen activities at Valley View Nursing Home, ensuring that the residents get the most out of their stay.

“A lot of the residents tend to like younger people,” Protasio said. “They’re easier to make friendships with, and share their past experiences with, as well as giving them little bits of advice that some of the younger folk never expected to get.”

As for helping out, Protasio said there are many activities at Valley View that could use help, ranging from wheeling residents down, or to simply play card games with them.

“Well sometimes all we need is help wheeling residents down, but most of the time volunteers/visitors are more than happy to stay and play card games,” she said. “Other times, we have a little music group called Rick and Harv that play for the residents. We also have sing-alongs in the bistro, especially around the holidays, we’ll sing Christmas carols.”

“Oh well, it’s refreshing,” said one resident. “I am 87 years old, and that’s pretty old. Seeing a young face reminds me of days I could run around without worrying about my hip.” After chuckling at herself, she continued on.

“Sometimes the only two things

that keeps me from being a grouch completely is the fact that I get visitors, and how good the food is,” the resident said.

During the interview, both Deb and a select number of residents were asked what the benefits were with volunteers/visitors, if there were any.

“Oh there are benefits in so many different ways,” said Protasio. “One of the biggest benefits is the friendships created. Not only that, but it gives the residents someone to talk to, and engage in conversation.”

While talking to a resident, there was the purest smile of joy on her face as she responded to the question.

“I think I like getting visitors because they distract me,” she said. “It’s easy to get caught up in a book that they read to me, or to get competitive with a card game.”

Not only are volunteers welcome, but visitors as well. You don’t need to be a volunteer to go read to a resident, make a friendship with one, play a card game, or just have a conversation in the courtyard.

“Like I’ve said before,” Protasio said. “The residents tend to like younger people, they like to make friendships with them. I know that you, personally, have probably made at least one solid friend out of a resident.”

At Valley View Nursing Home,

opportunities to get involved is made easy. Most activities are in the afternoon, but there’s opportunities on the weekend as well.

“On Sundays, we need help in the morning,” Protasio said. “We pass out newspapers to all the residents, then gather up those who want to go to the Sun Room, and we read articles out of the newspaper. We have coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and cookies.”

A decent amount of residents like to partake in this little reading circle on Sundays, as well as attend the church service that’s after it.

“I read my newspaper, drink my coffee, then go to church,” said a resident. “That’s how I like my Sundays to go.”

Besides the weekly afternoon activities that are guaranteed every month, in the summer the residents are able to take a stroll through the courtyard.



Valley View Nursing Home, on Warrensville Road, sits in a picturesque setting. Photo from valleyview.org

Hush beads return

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At the beginning of the month, students were shocked to see posters up around the school about two days labeled “Hush Bead Days.”

At first, many students did not understand the premise or purpose of this, but were soon relieved to realize that it was completely voluntary, contrary to the outrage that many students exhibited as their first reaction.

The idea was created by Mrs. Cindy Wentzler as one of the many freshman fundraisers held this year.

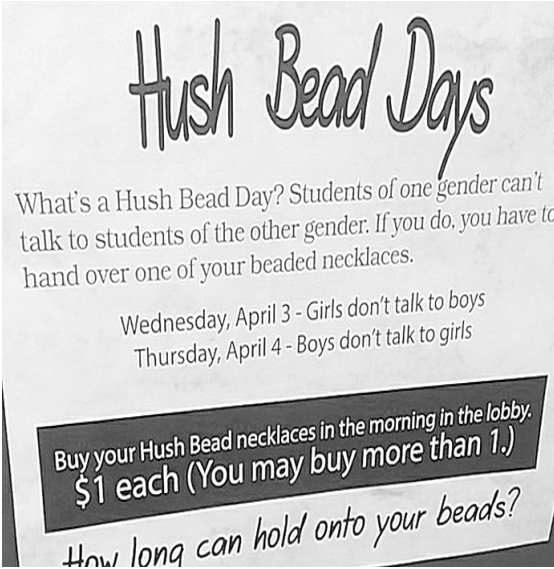
A week later the freshman class held another fundraiser, pajama day.

Hush beads are a challenge for students to go the whole day

without conversing with someone of the opposite gender. Girls were challenged to not talk to boys the first day, and boys were challenged to not talk to girls the second day.

Students of the freshman class were given a free necklace at the beginning of the day if they participated in the class fundraiser or the fundraiser buyout, but additional necklaces were available before school to all grades for a dollar.

Many people, such as freshman Sarah O’Brien, went out of their way to try and acquire beads from people of the opposite gender. O’Brien obtained senior Ben Kutay’s first set of beads minutes before the bell for first period rang. Kutay resorted to taping his mouth shut as to avoid talking.



Posters were hung around the school promoting “Hush Bead Days” The event took place on April 3rd and 4th as part of a fundraiser for the freshman class of 2022. Photo by junior Augustus Bennett.

Teachers: Behind the Scenes

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MR. DANIEL HEINRICHS

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: “I go to the gym to work out, and I like to take a run on the Riverwalk. I also work masonry during the summer.”

Q: Do you have any children?

A: “No, I do not.”

Q: What did you do when you were in high school? Where was it?

A: “In high school I played discuss, wrestling, football, and coached midget football. I was also a on a radio talk show when I was a senior. I went to Upper Perkmionmen HS.”

Q: What college did you go to?

A: “I went to Lycoming College, Though, I am currently taking classes at Clemson.”

Q: Did you have any jobs outside school?

A: “I worked minimum wage at Weis Market in Pennsburg as a dairy stock shelfer. Then as a dishwasher at The Wingman Bar from ages 16-18.

MRS. CINDY WENTZLER

Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: “I watch TV, especially ‘Game of Thrones.’ I also like to read anything by Ken Follett.”

Q: What did you do when you were in high school? Where was it?

A: “I was the yearbook editor. I was in multiple plays and musicals including: “Grease,” “Guys and Dolls,” and “Over Here.” I did this all at Montoursville Area High School.

Q: What college did you go to?

A: “I went to the University of Pennsylvania and majored in English, and mastered in English at Bucknell.”

BOYS & GIRLS of the MONTH

This issue of The Arrowhead features a Boy & Girl of the Month sponsored by both the Montoursville and Warrrensville Lions Club. Those sponsored by the Montoursville Lions are featured above those sponsored by the Warrensville Lions. The Arrowhead is not responsible for choosing the Boys & Girls of the Month.



ALEXANDER D. BOHLIN

Parents: Eric and Michelle Bohlin

Most embarrassing moment: “Dropping my tray on stage in front of the whole lunch room

Activities: Key Club (10-12), Swim (11-12), Soccer (9-12), Chess Club (12), Physics Club (12)

Plans after graduation: “Attend Penn State University to major in Civil Engineering and minor in Environmental Engineering.”

“Tele claws for a breath, but all he takes in is uncertainty and despair as his mind wonders off, hoping he’s not given a board problem for which there is no return.” -Mr. Barbour

MARIA ROSE BERARDELLI

Parents: Joseph and Brittany Berardeli

Most embarrassing moment: “My junior year I fell up the stairs and hit the ground so hard I farted, The person walking down the stairs had to pretend they did not hear it.”

Activities: Battle of the Books (9-12), Key Club (10-12), NEHS (10-12), Academic Decathlon (11-12), Swim Team (9-10), Stage crew for “White Christmas” (10), and “Suessical the Musical” (11)

Plans after graduation: “Receive my bachelors in history from Lycoming College. Then receive my masters in both History and Library Science. My goal is to become a special Collections Librarian in an academic library.”

“Maria is an outstanding person in both character and motivation. She’s a rare gem!” -Mrs. Earl



JACOB RYAN SHAFFER

Parents: Troy and Dawn Shaffer

Most embarrassing moment: “Swim Gate.”

Activities: Mock Trial captain and president (11-12), Track (10-12), Wrestling (9), Swim (10-11)

Plans after graduation: “Attend Susquehanna University for political science and then go to law school.”

“Whether at the bottom of a sleeping bag or on the cutting edge of teen research, Jake knows how to keep his head in the game.” -Mr. Tucker

JULIA EVELYN KIESSLING

Parents:Shane and Rebecca Kiessling

Most embarrassing moment: “Last year in gym class, we were playing volleyball and Tyler Reidy hit the ball under the net, hitting me in the face.”

Activities: Track (9-12), XC (11), Spanish Club board member (10-12), Key Club (11-12), Student Government (11-12), Yearbook treasurer (11-12)

Plans after graduation: ‘To enter the military in the medical field.”

“Julia has been a pleasure to have in class. Her inquisitive mind, strong character and drive to succeed will carry her far in life. It’s comforting to know that students like Julia are the future of our country.” -Mr.Tressler



Award-winning author visits MAHS

Author Paul Valponi speaks to one of Mrs. Alissa Martin's freshman English classes in the library. Valponi discussed his award-nominated book, *The Final Four*. Photo provided by Maria Lewis.



Spanish singer inspires students

On April 11 there was a Spanish concert in The MHS auditorium performed by Edgar Rene from Puerto Rico. Students from all over different school districts came to see this concert. This is a different kind of experience from what kids normally have according to Spanish teacher Mrs. Tammy Morgan. "It's an opportunity to hear the Spanish music outside the classroom in a fun way," she said. Rene performed some of his original songs and then invited some of the students up on stage to play different games. One game was called "Tongue Twister" which he said a verse in Spanish and the students he chose had to repeat the verse and it kept getting faster. Students got to learn some new

Spanish, says Sophomore Khoi Tran, "I got to here Edgar Rene from Puerto Rico speak in Spanish and I learned more Spanish." The next thing he had the students do was recreate a "Boricua Band" and gave each of the chosen students a different instrument and taught them how to play it. Then he gave a speech about individual purpose and the importance of life. He also talked about how great it is to speak another language and living one's dreams. "Students will mostly take away Edgar's inspirational message on living your life to the fullest," Morgan said. Many students did enjoy the inspiring message. "I like how he talked about happiness and the importance of Spanish," said Tran. Students even got to dance during the concert; Rene had the

students come up to the stage and dance the salsa with him. Then he invited all the Spanish teachers up on stage and gave them all roses and thanked them for teaching Spanish. One important message Edgar Rene said was "Where there is love there is life."



Photo of Edgar Rene singing at the Spanish Concert on April 11th. Photo by Zach Springman.

ARTIST PROFILE

Zachary Springman



Q: Why did you get into photography?
A: I like taking pictures because it's a moment and I'm not drawing it out on paper.

Q: What do you like most about drawing?
A: I like the creativity behind drawing. I can come up with my own ideas and draw them on a piece of paper.

Q: Which one do you like more? Why?
A: I like them both equally but I would say drawing mainly because I've been drawing more than taking pictures.

Q: Where do you get your inspiration?
A: Anything really. It can be from the internet or something I see outside.

Q: How has photography and drawing affected you?
A: Photography was why I joined The Arrowhead and drawing is one way that helps me cope with my stress.

Q: Do you see yourself taking photos in the future?
A: Yes, because with what I said about drawing, it helps cool me down.

MAHS put on the production "Footloose" the Musical

Students presented "Footloose" in the auditorium on April 5, 6 and 7. About 42 students took part in the cast and crew of the spring musical. The first act of the show was also performed April 4 during school in front of all the students and faculty. "Footloose" was a big hit. In fact, there were 1,154 tickets sold. "Footloose" is about Ren McCormick, played by Senior Greg Shoemaker moving to a small mid-western town that he now calls home. He is in disbelief when finding out that the town has made dancing illegal because of a car accident that happened years ago. After getting in a bit of trouble, Ren makes a few friends and even starts to fall for Ariel Moore played by Senior Reagan Luna. Ren fights to loosen up this conservative town but Ariel's father, reverend Shaw Moore played by Senior Jake Anderson gets in the way. The show is filled with heartbreak, frustration, fighting and laughs followed with a happy ending. The high school has a very large commitment to the arts and this musical showed all the hard work, dedication and talent the students here have. The cast and crew prepared for this show at least eight hours a week since January. Sophomore Gracye Winger, who was a part of the ensemble said that there is a lot of hard

work that went into this performance but it's worth every second of it. Sophomore Maddy Ramsey, who acted as Lulu Warnicker, said that she personally has put a lot of work into this show. "We practiced during flex and lunch, there was set building that had to be done and by the end the key was to take every little thing and perfect it," Ramsey said. The director of "Footloose" was Jacquie Engel and according to the cast, she was "Absolutely amazing." "Jacquie is down to earth, she is always very honest... but never rude," said Winger. Engel helped out last year as Music Director for "Seussical." In her director's note she said that it was a no-brainer for her to help out again this year and the students here at Montoursville are really extraordinary. Ramsey said that everyone who helped out is very important and the musical would not have happened without such a great production team and pit musicians. "There is nothing I would change about this experience besides making it last longer because it was so much fun," said Winger. When asked who on in the musical they looked up to the most, underclassman Winger said "Greg Shoemaker, he is so nice to everyone and he is very humble about being the lead role and plus he is pretty cool." Ramsey, on the other hand said

that she could never just choose one person because everyone was just so great. Luna said she loved having "Footloose" as her last show at Montoursville. She even thought the cast and crew were like one big family and the memories they made will never be forgotten. "This show was so much fun because I never got to be a lead in a show before and Greg was a great singing partner," said Luna. Audience member Senior Katie See went to see the show Friday night. "The show met all my expectations and I thought it was very funny," said See. Sophomore Alex LeCrone also went to see the performance and was so excited to see her younger sister, Cate LeCrone on the stage.

Alex was apart of "Seussical" last year, but really enjoyed sitting back and watching "Footloose." "I get chills every time they start singing," said LeCrone. When asked what Principal Daniel Taormina thought of the show he said, "It's obviously great and you can feel the electricity in the room. The students did a great job like usual." Students that do not go to Montoursville even came to see "Footloose" because of the well respected reputation that Montoursville theatre has built. Junior Mariah Wright, who goes to Williamsport, and is often a part of shows performed there, came to see the show on April 7. "I thought it was very well done and I loved every minute of it.

Reagan's voice was stunning as were others and it was overall a really great performance," said Wright. Montoursville alumni Olivia Conklin, who graduated last year, said "It was really weird being in the audience and not being in the show. Other people do not understand how much work goes into these things and cannot fully appreciate it." History teacher Mr. Richard DeLong "Absolutely loved" "Footloose" and it made him feel like he was back in his childhood. Chemistry teacher Mr. Bradley Deacon overheard an interview about "Footloose" and said, "I have learned over the years that theatre kids are genuinely good people and are the best."



During a scene from "Footloose," cast members sit down for a sermon from Reverend Shaw Moore, played by Senior Jake Anderson. Photo by Zach Springman

JAYLYNN COCHRAN



Q: Do you have any traditions you do before practices or games?
A: Yeah, I listen to music to get me hyped up.
Q: Who is your biggest supporter?
A: My best friend Madison Shaffer because we have been playing softball together ever since we were little.
Q: Are you playing after high school?
A: Yes, I'm playing at Penn College.
Q: What's your most memorable moment?
A: When my coach let me pitch a varisty game because I'm not a pitcher.

CONNOR MORSE



Q: Who is your biggest supporter?
A: My parents because they are always supportive of me no matter what sports I do, even if I join halfway through.
Q: Do you have any traditions you do before big meets?
A: I wear a certain pair of underwear for every meet.
Q: What is your most embarassing moment?
A: When I was practicing at Lewisburg in the grass field, I completely fell on my back.
Q: How long have you been doing track?
A: 2 years, I just pole vault.

New track season

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This season the girl's track team got a new head coach, Mr. Mike Cillo. Cillo is the gym teacher at both of the Montoursville elementary schools and has a ton of experience with the athletes on the team.
For the boys' team, Mr. Sean Walker returns as the head coach for another season.
Cillo is "A very inspirational coach. He pushes everyone to do their absolute best and to try their hardest," said Freshman Lydia Pittinger.
Cillo has made members of the girls' team try out new events, ones they never tried before to get more girls competing in each event.
Pittinger said, "I think it'll be an awesome rest of the season. We have all been improving so much and we just keep getting better."
So far the Warriors have been

to one invitational at Shikellamy High School. It took place on Saturday April 6th. The Warriors did "well and it definitely helped us see our competition and allow us to improve," said Junior Ian Planckenhorn.



Junior Lily Saar clears 5' in pole vault in the meet against Mid-West. Saar ended up clearing 6'6". Photo by Alissa Aldinger

Talking about team traditions

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The school's motto is pride, excellence, and tradition. Students have Warrior pride and have excellence, but do they really have tradition?
Well the answer here is, Yes! Several sports teams have traditions that they swear by.
The football team has several traditions they participate in either the day before or the day of a game.
"The whole teams sits quietly for 20 minutes before a game and say's the Lord's Prayer before going out on the field," said Sophomore Jeremiah Caseman.
After Caseman was asked what made the team come up with these traditions, he said, "We've always done them, since I've been on the team."
Defensive Line coach and Biology teacher Mr. Daniel Heinrichs was asked about some other traditions the football team participate in.
"Every Thursday we have pasta night after practice and then on game day the coaches go over positions, who they are going against and then Head Coach J.C Keefer makes a speech," said Heinrichs.
Heinrichs believes that winning takes consistency, so that's why they continue on doing these.
"It also helps me focus as a coach," Heinrichs said.
As well as the football team having some traditions, the girls' tennis and cheerleading teams do as well. They each say a little chant before going out for a match or competition.
Tennis player, Senior Kaitlyn Dawes has her own traditions she does before a match. She said she likes to listen to music before a match she also thinks that it helps get her more focused.
"I keep doing them because it

really helps me when I am having an off day and I'll start thinking of a song I was listening to and it will make me focus more."
The boys' tennis team also has several team rituals. "Team circles up for a pep talk and team bonding," said Senior tennis player Ben Watts.
The boys' basketball team also has some traditions.
"After the basketball team wins we'll go to Burger King and we also listen to music before to get us fired up," said Senior Dylan Bower.
"We went to Burger King one time and came back, so it just stuck," said Bower.
On the other hand of having traditions, the track team does not have any at this point.
"The pole vaulters don't usually have much time, they come over after team warm ups," said World history and Pole vaulting coach Mr. Nathan Gilbert. "No one really has traditions because of the transition of coaches but I think it's one of Mr.Cillo's goals to start more tradition."

When senior swim and cross country athlete Kerrigan Hartsock was asked if they had any traditions she said,"The night before a meet we always have pasta night which is always super fun!"
Along with having Cross Country team rituals, some athletes have their own as well. Junior Alex McWilliams Listens to Rend Collective Music before every meet he also quotes Philipians 4:13- "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - during the middle of the race.
Alex said, "I quote this because it is a reassuring verse that gives me basic truth, that I can do anything with God. It helps me to push through the race even when I get tired."

Varsity baseball spotlight

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On March 27, Varsity Baseball had its first game. As they start out the season doing very well, they hope to succeed and do as well as last year or even better.
"Collectively we play as a team and have many kids that know how to play the game the right way," said Senior Gabe Phillips.
Many of the players agree that they believe the team this year will be very successful. Although they are missing the seniors from last year, they believe they can do the same or even better.
As the players' goal is to win each game that comes ahead, Phillips has other focuses as well.
"I want to do my part as best as I can and to help those who get down on themselves when they're struggling," said Phillips.
Junior Cameron Wood said he stays focused and does whatever it takes to help the team win. While doing this Wood also tries his best to have fun.
Before a game starts, the team will pray, or they will even look at Junior Joel Verrico's old Instagram.
While others have individual rituals they do, like Wood. Wood has a handshake he does with Senior Dylan Bower, and Wood also will usually put his bat in the trash can.
Many of the players agree that there are things that the team needs to work on.
Junior Logan Ott said, "We need to work on our pitching and throwing forms so we can dominate the playing field and hit more dingers.
Phillips also said that staying energized on the field and in the dugout is something the team needs to work on as well.
The team is succeeding so far this year, and have a mindset to go far and to be better than last year.
Phillips said, "It's a game similar to life. It teaches me to adapt and learn from my mistakes."



Junior Logan Ott goes in for a fist bump with Coach Jeremy Eck. So far this season the baseball team is 8-1. Photo provided by Logan Ott.