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Falling into Sports

By: Riley Myers

This has been a crazy year for all sports and upcoming events. With the COVID-19 pandemic, seasons are shorter, caution is used in abundance, and masks are a requirement for all events. But even though this pandemic is trying to knock us down, we get back up 10 times stronger.

Despite all the changes with our seasons, McDonald has come a long way in adapting to the way things have changed. On September 3, the Football team played their first game and also celebrated Senior night, too.

When asked how he feels about the season so far, Senior football player Greg Merdich said, "It's a different experience, not being in the locker room is weird, not really being able to congregate on the sidelines after a touchdown is odd. But it's going well. We are all making the most of what we were given."

When asked what interested him in playing football, he responded, "I chose my sport back in 5th grade because all of my cousins played football and I wanted to be like them. I ended up enjoying the game and everything about it." The team has found continued success this with a big win against Sebring 40-6 and against Lowellville 48-12. Great Job Blue Devils!

Cross Country is also off to a strong start. When asked about the beginning of the season, Senior Emma O'Connell explained, "I feel like the season is off to a pretty good start. The first couple of meets always gives us an idea of where we are at as a team and an outlook on how to improve before each race." When asked why she chose Cross Country, Emma replied, "I chose Cross Country in 7th grade because of the team and group aspect of it and from then on I have just loved everything about it."



Photo Credit: Emma O'Connell

CC working really hard

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Emma is excited about 2020, "I am very optimistic about how all four teams will do this season. We have a chance to be very competitive with some very good schools in the area." Recently, the team has found success with the varsity boys winning, the varsity girls earning second place, the junior high boys getting second place, and the junior high girls winning. Our Cross Country team is starting off in the right direction this year. Great Job!



The tennis girls have won all five games against JFK and are looking forward to a great year. The Volleyball team also won both games against JFK, but lost both games against Jackson-Milton. Well done girls! The golf team is having an exceptional season with a league record of 11-1 and an overall record of 13-2. Amazing work!

Photo Credit: Emma O'Connell

Keep up the good work Blue Devils!

CC girls taking a quick photo break.

Editorial: Returning to School

By: Theresa Greathouse

Many parents had to debate whether it was okay for their children to return back to school for learning in person. Is it a good thing that we are back to in-person learning?

Returning to school in person and virtually definitely has positives. When returning to school there are two groups, cohort A and B; where cohort A will attend Monday, Tuesday, and every other Wednesday and cohort B attending every other Wednesday, every Thursday, and Friday. This allows the school to limit the amount of students so that the halls aren't as crowded and there's a lower chance of germs being spread. The school also made masks mandatory and the desks/seats are sprayed with disinfectant after every class.

On the other hand, there may be some that think otherwise. It's notable that students are all different types of learners and that it may be harder for them to understand at home without being physically present and cohesive in a classroom. Another reason is that some students don't have access to a laptop/computer and don't have internet access, which the school did provide.

I believe that returning back to school and being put into cohorts is a positive and great thing. We are divided so less germs can be spread, masks are mandatory which also help, the temperature check machine scans everyone's temperature everyday to ensure safety, desks and seats are sprayed with disinfectant spray after every class, and classes seats are social distanced. Although, yes, this is different and has many precautions, it does feel so normalized as if it were a normal school day. Being able to return to school for some students may be an outlet from being home and not seeing friends or family barely or even at all. I believe that in all this chaos we can get through this together as a team!



McDonald is Back In Session – COVID Style

By: James Myers

Another year of school is upon us, but this year there are some changes. Due to COVID-19, the students are split up between cohorts A and B. The cohorts meet in school two days a week and online the two other days. Each cohort shares every other Wednesday. This is to limit the number of students in close proximity to each other.

Another change is the use of masks. Students and faculty are required to wear a mask all day while in school. Also, every day when students enter the school there are machines that are used to take temperatures.

Junior Brooklyn Bokan said, "I fully agree with all of the precautions being taken to prevent the spread of COVID. Although I do not like being online for school and I find it difficult, I understand everything such as the masks and hand sanitizer stations. I hope everything that we are doing allows us to return to normal soon and grants us activities such as prom and full class again."



**Students social distancing during school.
Photo credit: Elle Airhart**

This year, the way students learn is also new-ish. With only being in school a couple of days a week, teachers are using Google Meets to reach their students virtually. With doing a portion of school online, the school has given out Chromebooks for students that need them. When asked how she feels about different cohorts, Mrs. Stonestreet said, "I think it's great we get to see the students."

With the split days, it can affect one's sleep and work schedule. On the days students have online school, some people only wake up and do whatever work they have for the class and go back to sleep. A continuous cycle of that routine can affect sleep and student attentiveness when they are in school.



**Students socially distanced in hall
ways**

Photo credit: Theresa Greathouse

McDonald, Briefly- By: Theresa Greathouse

McDonald has invested in several temperature taking machines to ensure the safety of students and teachers through a grant from the CARES Act. This machine scans every student's temperature to check for fever and ensure their wellness.



Google Classroom is now used to virtually live stream and learn from home when students are scheduled to be learning from home. Teachers have had socially distanced meetings over summer to prepare for the start of school so they could help students to their best capabilities.

The new McDonald Student Outreach room is located next to the CCP Lounge in Study Hall. This room is for all students that may have forgotten their lunch, or need food over the weekend. This room has breakfast, lunch, snack items, and even has bags for students that need to take some for home! If you find yourself in need, it's available for self-service. Keep up the good work MHS!



Nice Ride! By: James Myers

This car review is on Eric Davis's car. Eric has a 2005 Nissan 350z. He has had his Nissan for almost six months. He plans on giving it a new paint job in the winter and eventually install a cold air intake and eventually get a new exhaust and install twin turbos as well as install a body kit and scissor doors. He also went on to say that this car has been his dream car since before he could drive, and that he really enjoys going on long drives in the



Song of the Month: "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell

By: Elle Airhart

Welcome to the new school year! All the new stress and strange adjustments to our school can be confusing and even more worrying. People are in danger and you may know someone who is currently fighting through that. Everything will smooth over soon, so keep your head up and know that ain't no mountain high enough!

Marvin Gaye produced this hit in 1967 with the help of Tammie Terrell. The popular meaning of the song was how the love between a couple was so strong that nothing would get in their way or no obstacle was too hard to overcome. That their love will prevail. However, in my eyes, this song could have a broader meaning. The meaning is that no matter what, the problem at hand is not impossible to solve. While it might take longer than you initially thought, it still can be overcome.



This song was chosen to hopefully inspire some positivity in such precarious times for that reason. With everything going on in the world and so many abrupt changes, we are coping through something most of us haven't ever imagined. It may seem hopeless, but keep working through it. This pandemic will end soon. Just do your part and wear your mask when around others and remain socially distant. Hopefully, everyone has a good day!

What Grinds my Gears – By: Riley Myers

Imagine: You're sitting in a classroom minding your own business, doing your assignment. CHEW! CHOMP! CHEW! Ignore it for a few seconds. You look back and ask nicely, "Can you chew with your mouth closed, please and thank you." They chew with their mouth closed. Few moments later... CHEW! CHOMP! CHEW! "Chew with your mouth close, please." Seconds after you asked... CHOMP! CHEW! CHOMP! "OH... MY... GOSH... gum is not a bale of hay, chew with your mouth closed.... PLEASE and THANK YOU."



Photo Credit: Hannah Werle

The horror of the human chewing gum.

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Chewing gum even sounds dreadful, just the gum and the lips smacking against each other forms this nasty sound. Why can't they just chew with their mouth close?

As to my knowledge, your jaw works the same when you chew gum with your mouth closed. Or when people chew their food, and their mouth is open and you can see all their business that's going on in their mouth, or like when somebody is using a fork or a spoon, and they put the fork or spoon in their mouth, put their teeth on that object and scrape it against their teeth. That's what grinds my gears.



Photot Credit: Hannah Werle
Innocent students ears are bleeding.

Myers Music Review – "Love Yourself: Answer" by BTS – By: James Myers

This issue of the music review is on the BTS album *Love Yourself: Answer*. BTS is a Korean pop group formed in 2010 and debuted in 2013 with their first album *Dark and Wild*. *Love Yourself: Answer* is their 3rd studio album and has some quite notable songs, such as "Euphoria". That is a song about someone experiencing intense feelings of happiness. Also, another good song from that album is "DNA", which is about fate and love at first sight.



My personal favorite is the song "IDOL", which is about celebrating their accomplishments, their self-identity, and the unconditional love of their fans. In my opinion, it is one of my favorite albums by BTS because it expresses the emotion of happiness and gives someone a sense of, even if it's hard right now, things will get better.

Horoscope of the Month

By: Riley Myers

Virgo- August 23 - September 22

Libra- September 23 - October 22

Virgo

Element- Earth

Ruler- Mercury

Lucky Number- 14

Weakness- All work and no play, shyness, and overly critical of self and others.

Strengths- Loyal, practical, and hardworking



Overall-

Get ready Virgos! This month is going to bring you new and great information. You are prepared to take risks, but maybe you should back a little bit longer when it involves others.

Libra

Element- Air

Ruler- Venus

Lucky Number- 24

Weakness- Avoids confrontation, will carry grudges, and self-pity

Strengths- Cooperative, fair-minded, and social



Overall-

In your personal world, time is going to feel a little bit slow. It's time to let those feelings go that you've been holding in. Things will only go your way if you let yourself go through with it.

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