



## Learning Takes A Turn!

By: James Myers

As the school year progresses one thing is certain, online learning isn't going to go away. Learning this year has definitely been somewhat of a struggle in certain ways by only being in school a handful of times a week.

As a student, sometimes I find myself distracted at home by little things such as siblings and the television. Even getting up for school can be a struggle since you know you're not "in" class that day.

Senior Mike Santiago said, "I'd rather be in school. I feel like I don't learn as well when I'm at home because of the constant distractions around me." He is not the only one to feel this way. 12th grader Katie Merdich agrees saying, "I feel like it's harder because it takes much more effort and patience to do your schoolwork at home."



**The CCP Chemistry class is having some serious fun while staying safe in class.**

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But as we all know, technology also can't be super reliable. Sometimes it's your internet connection, or at other times you may miss something in a class and struggle to catch up. Luckily, the teacher and administration have you covered.

If your internet says, "not today," then you can come to the school and use the WiFi here. It's as easy as walking in, signing in at the office, and going to the library to work.

If the internet isn't an issue and that maybe you missed a topic in your class, don't worry. Mrs. Ifft is currently offering online math help and Mr. Rupe is offering science help everyday during fifth period from 11:40 to 12:30 to students that are enrolled at McDonald.

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One thing that is really important is organization. This year, students can't afford to be unorganized because we aren't in school all week and we are expected to keep track of papers and homework so we can do them on days we are at home and still have them when we come back to school. Using our planners is the easiest way to stay organized and not forget assignments or that homework assignment that you thought you did, but actually forgot.

If you are tech savvy and your teacher is mainly using Google Classroom, be sure to download the app and have push notifications sent to your phone. Also, Google Calendar keeps track of your assignments and their due dates and times.

# Reaching the Goal

By: Riley Myers



**The golf team looking excited after wrapping up districts. Photo Credit: Michael Porter**

It's getting to be a bit chilly, so bundle up and stay warm while our fall sports continue to dominate in their leagues.

The golf team went to sectionals last week and moved on to districts. When asked about advice for newer golfers, Junior Michael Porter said, "If I could give any advice it would be to believe in yourself and work hard in the off-season. Putting in the work in the off-season will help younger players grow their game and become better players."

When asked about his own interest in golf, he responded, "My dad introduced me to golf from a young age and I fell in love with the game. I would practice all the time when I was younger and could not get enough of the game."

Currently, Porter is averaging 36 on 9 holes and 77 on 18 holes. Junior Calen O'Connell is also having a strong season with an average for 9 holes at a 46, but for 18 holes around a 97. Amazing job golf team! May the course be with you.

Tennis has also worked hard this season. When asked about advice for new tennis players Senior Leah Parise said, "I would tell the underclassmen to work hard this off-season and to strive for greatness. They are going to be important to the team with the five seniors graduating." Currently, the varsity team is 12-0 with the doubles team of Maddie Brown and Maddie Williams at 10-2. Congratulations on your smashing success.

For only being the second year of volleyball, the team has found some success and is excited to move on to their third year. The team record currently stands at 10-6. Excellent job!

The football team has been doing really well and of course beat Mineral Ridge to raise their winning record to 4-1 and Coach Williams recording his 150th career win. Awesome job Blue Devils!

At their last meet, Cross Country varsity boys earned a second place finish, varsity girls placed fifth, the junior high girls placed first, and the junior high boys earned fifth place.

That covers all of our fall sports until next time. We hope that the rest of the seasons go well and finish strong. Good luck to you all!



**Maddie Brown aggressively looks for a win. Photo Credit: Angela Stamp**

# McDonald, Briefly

By: Theresa Greathouse

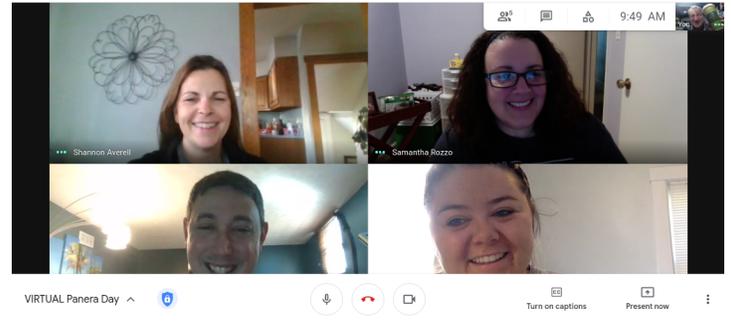


McDonald students were recently awarded their Academic Achievement Covid style. On Wednesday, September 23 a virtual assembly was held for Cohort A and Friday, September 25 for Cohort B.

Mr. Carkido pre-recorded the assembly and students received their awards from their homeroom teacher. This award was for students that obtained a 3.4 GPA during the previous year. A good job to all that got an award and, if you didn't, Mr. Carkido's message was to not be discouraged and to keep striving for success!

NEOEA Day was Friday, October 9. According to <https://neoea.org/>, NEOEA Day stands for North Eastern Ohio Teachers Association and was a day reserved for professional development activities for teachers. Students did not have school.

Some of our own teachers attended virtual trainings offered throughout the county and state, while others held their own virtual professional development to collaborate with colleagues.



## Editorial: How Old Is Too Old? By: Elle Airhart



Spooky season has arrived! The time is now to grab your amazing costume and accept candy from strangers. Woohoo! Yet, this time of year brings up ye' old question: How old is too old to go trick-or-treating?

We all love Halloween. One of the main thrills of Halloween is trick-or-treating, even with COVID being a nuisance this year. I know that trick-or-treating has a serious place in my heart, as I'm sure many other people do too. Yet, as you get older, people start frowning upon going out in a costume and collecting candy because "iT's ImMaTuRe!"

So, how old is too old to go trick-or-treating? Well, according to *Good House Keeping*, traditionally people believe that you can't go trick-or-treating after you reach your teenage years. After twelve, you are to only pass out the candy to the greedy kindergartners in mundane, mass-produced Iron Man costumes OR that there is no age limit. Apparently, we can't choose between simple numbers. I'm not sure how we will pick a president next month...

Anyway, to me, this question is absurd. No matter how old you physically are, if you want that candy while sweating/freezing in your homemade X-Men costume, do it! There should be no age limit because, why limit someone's inner child or better yet, creativity in deciding and making a costume? Wouldn't the older you are earn you a higher quality costume and more respect among the rest of the trick-or-treaters? It's your money and your time, so why bother with the annoying question as to if you are a valid age to take candy from strangers or not.

# Movie Review – Coraline

By: Riley Myers

The leaves are turning colors, falling from the trees. The air is getting chilly, and it's time to stay inside, eat hot soup, and watch some TV. It sounds like a great time to watch a movie and Fall is definitely the best time for *Coraline*-- an animated movie that's for everyone, old and young.

It's entertaining for Halloween because it's a PG-rated movie, has a few scary images (perfect for Halloween), and a wonderful sense of humor. In my opinion, I think this is a great movie.

When released, *Coraline* won the AFI Movie of the Year. This movie is also based on a book that won both the Hugo Award and Nebula Award for best novel. I mean, you can't argue with those awards.

I love how the beginning shows how she thinks her life is boring because her parents are too busy to pay attention to her. Then she finds this little door that leads her into a whole new world of excitement. Little did she know what happens when the door closes behind her.

I've seen a lot of movies of all kinds, but I love this movie so much and I watch it every Halloween. My favorite out of the whole movie is when Coraline meets her "crazy" neighbors. Just overall this is a great movie for the holiday season.



# Video Game Review

By: James Myers

*Driver: San Francisco* is a game that defined some of the older gamers of today. As you may guess, it's a driving game. I know, shocker, right? But it's also about so much more than that as an undercover cop has to stop an escaped criminal from taking over San Francisco.

The game is an open world environment, meaning that the player can explore and roam free. However, the coolest part about the game, for me at least, is that you have telekinetic powers that you use to transfer and control any car you find on the streets.

One thing about the game that I don't like is the collision physics for the cars. It is not too bad, but is still annoying after a while of playing it.

Overall *Driver: San Francisco* is rated T for Teen and is an amazing game and I would recommend you play it at least once on a retro console such as Playstation 3, Wii, or Xbox 360.



# October 9th - November 9th Calendar

**By: Elle Airhart**

## For October:

### Notable Birthdays:

October 9th - John Lennon's Birthday; For the Beatles fans out there.

### Notable Holidays:

October 12th - Columbus Day; Is it to celebrate the explorer or our capital?

October 17th - Sweetest Day; Where are my flowers?

October 31st - Halloween; At least you can't forget a mask.

### The Weird Holidays:

October 10th - World Mental Health Day; Don't forget Mindfulness.

October 15th - National Handwashing Day; Let's be honest, that's everyday now.

October 24th - National Bologna Day; Shouldn't it be BOE-LOG-NA.

October 25th - National I Care About You Day; Hey! I care about you!

October 26th - National Pumpkin Day; Fall has arrived. FINALLY!

October 28th - National First Responders Day; I'm not the only one who's thankful.

October 29th - National Internet Day; Like we need more of it.

October 30th - National Breadstick Day; Garlic bread is elite!



## For November:

### Notable Birthdays:

November 8th - Gordon Ramsay's Birthday; WhErE's ThE LaMb SaUcE?!

### Notable Holidays:

November 2nd - Day of the Dead; Señora would be proud.

November 3rd - Daylight Savings Day; Turn back your clocks. We get another hour of sleep!

### The Weird Holidays:

November 4th - National Chicken Lady Day; I have many questions.

November 7th - National Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day; That is *very* specific...

November 9th - National Fried Chicken Sandwich Day; It isn't on a Sunday. Chick-fil-a isn't closed!



# People on the Street

By James Myers

Halloween is here once again and even though the threat of the holiday being canceled feels real, it means candies that normally aren't around are still back now. I took the opportunity to ask a few of the students what their favorite candy is.



PJ O'Neil- "I like Reese's because chocolate and peanut butter are good."



Brandon Weiss- "Milky Way is my favorite because it is good."



Aiden Socha- "100 Grand because it's literally all candy bars combined into one and it's awesome."



Melannie Smith- "I like Fudge Brownie M&M's because they actually have brownie chunks in them."

# Top 10 Halloween Candy

By: Riley Myers

Ranked from Worst to Best



1. Black Licorice- Ok, let's get real. Who on planet earth eats this??

2. NECCO Wafers- They taste like chalk and powder sugar (not in a good way). Yet, we still ate them. Why?

3. Jaw Breakers (the hot ones)- We always tried breaking them, and it's always a fail.

4. Tootsie Rolls- It looks like it's gonna be easy to chew, right? Wrong, it's the demons of chocolate.

5. Raisinets- What human on earth would want chocolate and raisins put together? It's like wearing different shoes- it makes no sense.

6. Jolly Ranchers- The candy that you have to be careful about, because it's always getting unwrapped and always sticky.

7. Tootsie Pops- How many licks does take to get to the center of a tootsie pop?! 1... 2... 3... 34... THEY LIED!

8. Swedish Fish- The candy that almost tastes like plastic but you have to keep chewing to actually know the flavor.

9. Starburst- The pink and red ones are the best. I give the rest of them to my siblings.

10. Pop Rocks- The candy that you tell everybody, "BE QUIET! Listen to the popping sound."



Brooklyn Bokan holds up a Hershey's bar.



Students stand excited to enjoy their favorite Halloween candies.



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