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Get Involved!

It's important to take part in something outside of school, and with all of the available clubs, it makes it easier to find ways to get involved. Last year, most clubs were suspended due to COVID, but luckily they've made a return. Recently the Math Club, French Club, Spanish Club, Art Club, Drama Club, and Student Council have started meetings.

Drama club hasn't come to a decision on what play they'll be performing this spring, but they are hard at work weighing their options. Last year's play had to be performed through a computer screen and they are trying to avoid that this year.

Drama Club meetings currently consist of reading through different scripts and attending performances. On September 19th

they went to see *CLUE* on stage at the Trumbull New Theatre in Niles. If you're not already a part of Drama Club you can still join! Mr. Gavitt says, "And you don't have to be an actor. We always need help with lights, sounds, props, costumes, painting and building the set, stage manager and backstage crew." If this is something that interests you, you'll find them in the library at 3pm every first and third Friday of the month.

Math Club is also seeing a nice return this year. Mrs. Ronghi explained, "Our big event is Pi Day. We collect money and the two teachers with the most money get pied." Pi Day is March 14 every year.

In 2019, the last year we were able to celebrate Pi Day, Mr. Senich and Mrs. Simpson were the lucky teachers who got pied. Normally the money collected goes towards the Warren Family Mission, unless there's a local fundraiser.

By: Mackenzie Regelman



Art Club members work on their newest project, decorating paper pumpkins for McDonald's October Fest.

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But that's not all the Math Club does. Mrs. Ronghi also added, "We try to go to the YSU math fest. Math fest is where students have the chance to take a Champion's test and the kids with the highest scores get fun prizes." After they receive their prizes they get to pick from a couple of motivational speakers to listen to.

People that are in a language club, Spanish or French, must already be taking that language to join. The clubs are like an extension of that class, but even more fun. Madame Evans says, "The consensus among our

officers is that most students enjoy French foods at their meetings. With that in mind, we are planning activities such as a 'Croissant Walk' (Similar to the "Cake Walk" at the Roosevelt School Fair)."



The French club students getting ready for the "cake walk" also known as the croissant walk.

The French club is also planning on having a pumpkin decorating contest and building Eiffel Towers made out of food. Spanish club has done cultural activities in the past, like eating twelve grapes for New Year's Eve, a custom in Spain, and decorating sugar skull cookies.

Art Club is open to anybody in grades 7-12, regardless of whether or not you take an art class. Mrs. Mills says, "I

started the MHS art club my first year of teaching in 2004 to join students together who have a love for creativity and the arts." They have meetings twice a month in the art room during lunch. Their first event will be October Fest on October 16th, where they'll be in the parade and set up a table in the children's section for face painting, tattoos, and a craft. Every spring they take a trip to Pittsburgh to visit museums and cultural parts of the city.

The Student Council does a lot behind the scenes for the school, but most recently they've been focused on planning Homecoming. Between picking out crowns and looking for cars to drive Homecoming court in, it's been a busy couple of months. But that's not all they do; they're also in charge of selling Volleyball tickets, Christmas in the Village, Prom, and the Easter Egg Hunt.

McDonald Athletics

By: Brandon Weiss

Where are we heading? Week 5 of the fall athletics is coming and there is still some fight in the Blue Devil spirit in each sport.

The McDonald football team came off the week 4 battle against the Mineral Ridge Rams, which was a great turnout for the Blue Devils with a powerful victory to come back home with and improving the football team record to 1-3. Even if their record isn't as great as it should be, they still put in the effort and push through each play in all four quarters.

The team is led by Senior captains Running Back Nathan Gilligan, Quarter Back Logan Hawk, and versatile Dante Mediati. Yes this will be their last season on the football team, but it's not over yet and they all still have the Blue Devil spirit and there's no point in giving up on them.

Junior Ty Agler said, "Even if we're not doing so hot on the field, we still put in a great effort each practice and progress each week."



The volleyball team is really good with a powerful record of 7-2. They have a strong team that keeps leading them farther and farther into the season and only getting better as they progress through each game. Senior Mikki Williams said, "They are like my second family and they're always there even if it has nothing to do with the sport and also we are killing it this season."



The McDonald tennis team is really good as well pulling off some incredible and meaningful wins. Their record is 5-2. When asked about her thoughts on the season, Junior Olivia Hall said, "I really enjoy playing the sport and I hope that we keep the same energy that we have had for the last couple of matches."



The golf team is also a very good group with a record of 10-2 as of their beating of the Mineral Ridge Rams, which set the football team to eat up the rivals later in the season. They just keep on striving for excellence on the courses and pushing themselves to win. Caleb Domitrovich and Michael Porter keep dominating against the other teams, along with Marco Pecchia setting a nice tone for years to come as just being a freshman.

Marco said, "We are really good this year and I hope that we keep pushing forward into the season to advance to districts."

McDonald Explores the Trades

By: Ryan Koniowsky

From an early age some of us are told we are going to college after high school, but for some it is out of the question for a variety of reasons. Well, to get a good job you don't need to go to college as there are other options such as a trade school like TCTC which can help you get a good job doing something you enjoy. Some of the programs you can go for include auto collision and auto services technology, animal science, culinary arts, job training, and many more.

A student can go to TCTC and have a fun, hands-on learning experience about something that interests them and make a career out of it. Going to TCTC and graduating can earn you an associate's degree. It can take up to two years to get one, but it is better than a high school diploma and can help you land a job in the field you studied for. With an associate's degree you can get jobs like an air traffic controller, radiation therapist, nuclear technician, and a web developer. These are some of the higher paying jobs, but you can go into the field of your choosing as there are lots of options.

Beyond TCTC, other options exist if at McDonald to pursue a technical career. On September 23, juniors and seniors had an opportunity to attend a trade expo on the Canfield Fair Grounds.

When asked about her experience Senior Brooklyn Bokan said, "There were a lot more jobs there than I was expecting. I expected things like welding, but I didn't expect to be able to bend a pole. It's cool that they taught the skills there instead of just telling you about them. We got a hands-on experience."

When asked about the trip, Mrs. Bosheff said, "The trip is for the students who don't want to go to college to allow them to have more opportunities for them to pursue a career in things like welding, plumbing, and automotive work." All juniors and seniors were invited to attend.



McDonald students attend a metal bending demonstration at the Canfield Fairgrounds trade expo



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McDonald, Briefly-

By: Mirryn Hobbs and Veda Agler

On September 15th, Mr. Rupe was honored for his work and dedication to McDonald. This includes his outstanding work as an educator as well as cross country coach. Mr. Rupe also helped keep our village clean and beautiful by organizing and leading positive impact day for many years. He is greatly admired for all of his hard work and effort put into making McDonald the best it can be. Thank you, Mr. Rupe!



McDonald High School is going through a tough time with the spread of Covid. With this we all encourage each and every student and teacher to wear a mask. It is very important to wear a mask because it will help you and others protect yourself and everyone from getting sick and spreading a virus. Keeping a mask on when around anyone to prevent anyone from being sent home. Many students are being sent home at this time, we have noticed many more students and teachers have been wearing masks to help prevent this spread. Please help keep everyone safe this school year. Wear your masks!

What is Cancel Culture? And Why Does Everyone Care? By: Hannah Werle

When you are scrolling through your social media accounts, how often do you come across an article titled something like this: "[Celebrity] is being called out for [action]"? Do you read those articles? Do you roll your eyes and scroll past? Do you just laugh? If I'm being honest, I've probably done all three.

The term "canceled" is now used almost solely to describe a celebrity that has been publicly called out or boycotted because of an action that the media or their followers have deemed unacceptable. The term "cancel culture" is, as Dictionary.com defines it, "[Cancel culture] refers to the popular practice of withdrawing support

for public figures and companies after they have done or said something considered objectionable or offensive." The interesting thing is, no matter who you ask, the term "cancel culture" is almost always met with eye rolls and a negative connotation. Why is it that cancel culture is so widely practiced on social media, but is just as widely admonished? Even its strongest proponents don't like the phrase. More than that, if no one likes the practice, why do we continue hearing about it?

Celebrities, (obviously) being some of the biggest opposition of the concept, like to preach the concept of forgiveness. Their fans advocate for accountability. I gotta admit, both sides have compelling arguments. Until proven otherwise, we're all human. Sometimes we say or do things that we don't mean or understand. That being said, isn't it the responsibility of those in the public eye to watch the messages they put into the world?



If you look at it like these celebrities are employees at a business, is it unreasonable for their bosses--the public--to scold them for not following the rules? Typically, if your boss says "jump", you ask "how high?" From a business standpoint, the job is to entertain and support their audience. Alienating your customers isn't exactly good business.

However, a lot of the time we see people getting called out for things they said or did five, maybe ten years ago. Is there a statute of limitations on public rage? People grow and change. I doubt anyone wants to be held accountable for the things they did when they were 13.



I think the moral of the story is that we, as individuals, should check ourselves. It's not about one side or the other. Everyone should be analyzing their actions and acknowledging their mistakes. Once we understand that we are flawed, it becomes much easier to assess whether or not someone deserves forgiveness. Chances are, they do.

Game Review-- Minecraft

By: Quintin Bell

Minecraft is one of the best selling video games of all time, and it shows. Ever since releases of Minecraft 1.0 in 2011, it has gone through many revisions. The version that will be reviewed is known as 1.17, also called "The Caves and Cliffs Update." This version added more room to mine, new animals such as the axolotl, the goat, and the glow squid. There are also new ores, such as copper and amethyst.

Important mechanics in the game are easy to learn and use to your ability. You need to craft tools, create armor, and defeat the boss in The End. To start off a world, you need to get wooden tools from a tree. To get trees, you need to punch logs. If you are stuck on how to craft items, once you get a certain material to craft an item, it becomes available in your knowledge book. The knowledge book holds all the crafting recipes.

****SPOILERS****

After you have geared up sufficiently, you are able to go to The Nether, a barren and hot wasteland. To progress to the credits, you need to go here and find a Nether Fortress made of dark red bricks. Once inside the Fortress, you need to kill Blazes for their Blaze rods. Outside the fortress, you will have to kill Endermen. Craft an Eye of Ender and follow it to the abandoned area called The StrongHold and mark this on your map and get at most 12 Eyes of Ender. Once you find The End portal and put all the necessary eyes in, be ready for a tough fight.

****END SPOILERS****

What do I like about the Game?

What I find enjoyable about this game is how expansive it is. You are able to do nearly anything you wanted in this game. What else I find enjoyable is how entertaining it can be in many ways. The game is able to be modified to be able to be any game genre. Lastly, what I find enjoyable is how you have the freedom to play with your friends on servers.

Conclusion and Rating

With all said and done, Minecraft is one of the best open-world games for all ages to date. It can be played however someone wants to play it and it can be enjoyable for many people. It can range from a quick 10 minute play-through of the whole game, to playing it for 2 days straight.

I would rate this game at 9/10.

What do I dislike about the game?

What I don't like about the game is how frustrating it can be at times. The difficulty ramps up by a lot if you can't hear the game. What else is enraging is how some mechanics work in the game. A anvil is able to break certain plants but not all of them. Lastly, the community. Minecraft, being so popular, has its own fair share of a weird fanbase.





Vanilla Ice Cream

VS

Chocolate Ice Cream



By: Veda Agler

I asked twenty different students if they liked chocolate or vanilla ice cream the best and the results were shocking. Fourteen students said they liked vanilla better. Their reasons were due to the fact that you can add many different toppings, such as syrup, and the ice cream still tastes amazing. I had asked why they did not choose chocolate and one responded, "Chocolate is a flavor you can't add many different toppings to and have it still taste good." They also had added, "Chocolate is a much richer ice cream than vanilla and doesn't taste very good by itself." They like vanilla better due to the fact that even if you choose not to add toppings you are still met with a brilliant flavor.

After asking twenty students which ice cream they liked better, only six students said chocolate was their favorite. The reasons they gave were due to the fact chocolate has a lot of flavor and you could still add more toppings (mostly containing chocolate) into the ice cream to make it taste better. They also added, "Chocolate is a very easy flavor to choose when planning a party or even because everyone would like to eat it." When I had asked why they didn't like vanilla they explained, "Chocolate is better because it contains more flavor and richness; vanilla is very bland."



Horoscopes of the Month: September 23rd - October 22nd

By: Quintin Bell



Element - Air

Color - Pink or Green

Day - Friday

Ruler - Mars

Lucky Number - 4, 6, 13, 15 & 24

Greatest Compatibility - Aries and Sagittarius

Strengths - Cooperative, diplomatic, gracious, fair-minded, & social.

Weaknesses - Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, & self-pity

Libras Like - Harmony, gentleness, sharing with others, and the outdoors

Libras Dislike - Violence, injustice, loudmouths, and conformity



Overall - Libras are someone whom you are able to easily enjoy being with. They like to see both sides and the workarounds about problems. They mostly enjoy the outdoors with their friends, and will not mind going alone in the wilderness, as the scenery of the world is their best friend. They may struggle with decisions and fights, as well as loudness and a huge amount of conformity, but it is easily made up for how cooperative and gentle they are. Their life is lively and very chaotic as well as enjoyable, and they have made and lost a lot of friends along the way.

Affirmation - "As I see the justice and beauty around me, despite appearances, I find serenity."

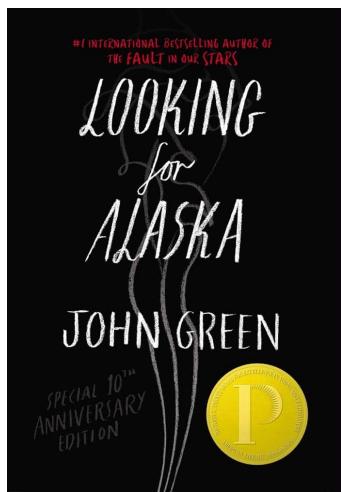
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Looking for Alaska: Searching for an Answer

By: Mirryn Hobbs

Memorizing the last words of every historical figure seems impossible, but not for book character Miles Halter.



The book *Looking for Alaska* follows high school junior Miles Halter as he searches for the meaning of his "Great Perhaps".

Looking for Alaska was the first published novel of now famous John Green, a *New York Times* best selling author. Green took his unfavorable life as a teenager and made it into a story that keeps readers on the edge of their seats.

This book was written intricately and allows the reader to feel every emotion with depth. From comedy to sadness, there are no limits to what the story contains.

The book follows student Miles Halter, a junior who travels to a campsite to go away for school. He has a peculiar interest in the last dying words of important people in history. Primarily, he focuses on the last words of poet Francois Rabelais; "I go to seek a great perhaps." So, Miles

seeks to find the great perhaps on his own. Miles soon notices that he and Alaska, whom he met at camp, are very different from each other. Though they both share interests in classic books, that seems to be as far as their similarities go. He learns that she is much more complex than anyone had thought.

While Miles searches for the meaning of the great perhaps, Alaska is searching for an answer of her own. She studies the meaning of Simon Bolivar's labyrinth, is it living or dying? As the story moves further, Miles quickly notices the destructive tendencies Alaska has learned in her life. The troubles she faces may allow readers who are students to feel comfort by relating to her.

Endings like the one in this book are my favorite. They are open to interpretation for the reader to analyze and decide what really happened. While this creates great opportunities for many different ideas to be discussed, for some, this type of ending may be unfulfilling or underwhelming. I believe that this is a great book for readers looking to add more bitter-sweet complex stories to their collections. If you're interested in finding a "great perhaps" of your own, this book is a perfect fit for you!

Little Women: The Story of an Independent Writer

By: Mirryn Hobbs

The film *Little Women* is an adaptation of the classic book which was published 1869. It was released in 2019 with many talented actors. The movie shows the main character, Jo March, and her struggle to become a publisher as a woman. She is extremely independent and provides a great example for young women with dreams.

Facing a difficult and unfair system, she spends hours writing page after page for her book. Sheets cover every inch of Jo's room as she struggles to get her story just right. Her hard work and determination make for a heart warming and fulfilling story. She faces the troubles of marriage and giving up her full independence, worried that if she marries she will be prevented from

her full potential. Throughout the movie, Jo struggles to balance work, family, and love. Deciding which should be the highest priority proves to be a strong conflict for her.

I think everything about this film from the scenery to acting was done very well. This is a great film for young women with big dreams. However, I do feel the ending slightly took away from Jo's independence that we see throughout the film, but also shows her growth as a person.

From watching this film, I learned that we have come a long way from what the industry was back then. Opportunity has opened much more and people are thriving. Taking on a line of work in the arts, especially as a woman, will never be easy. However, it will always be possible with hard work. If you're interested in the classics, this film is perfect for you!



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