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Investigating Crafty Classes **By: Aniya Depaul**

MHS has a variety of classes that are exciting for the student body. Out of all the classes MHS offers, we are diving into a long lived class at MHS, Crafts; as well as a brand new experience for the school, Forensics.

Forensics is taught by Mrs. Sanson and Ms. Averell. In Forensics you become a detective for 40 minutes a day and learn about the science behind crime investigations. Crafts is one of the many classes Mrs. Mills teaches where students learn a variety of art mediums and experiment with home projects many can do with their families or siblings.

Forensics is a new experience for McDonald and it's not a very common class offered among most high schools in the area. Recently, the forensics classes have learned to use a microscope, examine evidence, investigate a mock crime scene, and are currently watching *Making a Murderer* on Netflix.

When asked what they liked about the class, Junior Malik David said, "I find it interesting because it's very hands-on and it makes you feel like you're in a crime lab, not a high school."

Senior Alivia Morrison added, "It is a very fun class and I find it interesting because I never realized how much thought goes into investigating."



Forensics students analyzing mock crime scene

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The teachers do a remarkable job of making sure the class is engaging and keeps students on their toes. Mrs. Sanson and Ms. Averell are always looking for new ways to actively engage their students in the learning process and try to incorporate activities that are meaningful and relevant to the class and their students.

Mrs. Sanson stated, "It's not always easy to accomplish, but I try to have the students doing science as opposed to me telling them about science." Teaching a new class can be overwhelming, , but it's also exciting getting to teach something new and different, as well as having someone to collaborate with.

Both of these outstanding teachers have worked hard putting their heads together to design lesson plans and activities to interact and engage with the students. Ms. Averell said, "I am looking forward to collaborating with Mrs. Sanson. It is so wonderful to be able to work with another teacher as we fine tune this course."

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Crafts isn't new to McDonald, but Mrs. Mills finds creative ways to make this class different and fun for her students each year. She finds inspiration in art work in her day to day life and applies it to her class to make it engaging and a class students look forward to.

Senior Mindy Brown expressed, "Mrs. Mills is an outstanding teacher. She makes us look forward to being here." The students are currently working on making themed bulletin boards for teachers' classrooms. Students were placed in groups of two, or individually, to design, create, and hang a bulletin board, inspired by the teacher's lessons or requests.

Mrs. Mills stated, "The students will apply measuring, design, composition, and a theme to enhance our school's creative visuals for everyone to enjoy." For example, Juniors Mariah Bregar and Lily Cappuzzello have been working on a bulletin board of Frida Khalo in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

These two classes are engaging to students and very hands on, giving them a break from sitting and taking notes. It allows them to get up and move around while still learning valuable lessons as well as interacting with one another.

Fall Sports Update By: Lyric Culp

As we dive deeper into fall sports our teams are in full swing and our athletes have had a taste of what their seasons have in store for them. The Blue Devils have had some success, but have also had to face some tough challenges.

Recently, the tennis team has faced numerous challenges including Liberty, Warren JFK, and Beaver Local. The team performed well overall and ended up winning these matches. While going head to head with Beaver Local the team faced a challenge of being presumptuous, nearly leading to a comeback by the Beavers.

When asked what the team is striving to do better as a whole, sophomore Isabella Sallustio said, "We really need to be in the moment. We spend too much time dwelling on the last point rather than looking ahead. We need to keep positive attitudes." The varsity team has a current record of 6-2 while JV has a solid record of 5-0-2. The tennis team will face Lakeview on September 14th.

The golf team is doing very well as they chip into their season. Since the team consists of mostly underclassmen, they are feeling good about being able to keep up with some of the better teams in the league. They recently placed second in the Trumbull County invitational on September 12th, shooting a 347 as a team.

When asked about an upcoming big match and how to mentally prepare for it, junior Avery Maley said, "I am honestly really prepared for our upcoming match against Waterloo and Mineral Ridge. If we are able to beat the Vikings, we are co-champions. Also, the last time we took on the Rams I was struggling hitting my shots and dealing with a knee injury. So it would really be a huge ego booster to prove I can perform well." The team will go out and compete against the Waterloo Vikings and the Mineral Ridge Rams on September 15th.

On a different note, the football team has recently taken on the Valley Christian Eagles and the Mineral Ridge Rams. The Blue Devils started out slow against the Eagles with our defense unable to stop them leading to the Eagles taking an early lead and finishing with a score of 33-0.

I asked senior Caidan Morris what the team is doing to change course, and he said, "I would say it really comes down to the basics. We need to focus and improve on them. We need to play with more confidence and not give up."

With the support of their fellow students and villagers behind them, the Devils were feeling good going into Rivalry Week. When Friday night finally arrived, it was time for kickoff. As the first quarter came to a close the score was 0-0. Heading into the end of the half the Rams had a lead of 13-0. It wasn't long before Mineral Ridge's offense got away, leaving us to a 40-0 loss.

However, the tide is turning as the Devils traveled to Sebring this past Friday to face the Trojans. The boys were able to gain an early lead which resulted in a Blue Devils win with a final score of 41-8.

We hope to see more success from our teams as they make their way towards the last few weeks in their seasons.



Here we see the Blue Devils exchanging words with their opponent

Catching up with the new seniors before senioritis does

By: Meegan Dockery

As the 2022-2023 school year kicks off we welcome the newest senior class of McDonald High School. Some see Senior year as a bitter-sweet moment, while others are ready to be done.

Senior year is something that many look forward to for their entire school careers and it's a big accomplishment that takes many years of hard work and dedication. To help better understand what the newest senior class is experiencing and excited about we caught up with a few and here's what they had to say.

High School is a time when students not only continue to work diligently, but also start getting ready for the outside world. When asked how high school has prepared them, senior Megan Zajack said, "It taught me to be more responsible."

Senior year is seen as the final chapter of childhood as well as an accomplishment and the beginning of adulthood. The years leading up to the final year of high school are so important in defining who you are as a student and as a person.

For many, this has been a long-awaited year and they can't wait to get it under wraps and see what graduation has in store for them. With being in school for so long we asked some of this year's seniors what their expectations were and what excites them about the year to come. Maria Rasile said, "I am excited for senior prom and homecoming. I am also excited for Powderpuff."

Our seniors are making their final strides of childhood and beginning the new strides of adulthood. So many are excited for this year and all that it brings for them and their peers. Senior year is the most memorable year of high school and the class of 2022-2023 are just getting started!



Maria Rasile and Megan Zajack getting comfortable in the CCP Lounge one last year.

Editorial: Growing Up Isn't So Bad Afterall

By: Veda Agler

While you may wish you never get old, growing up can be fun. I have always wanted to go back to my younger years myself. Although I can't go back, I can look forward to how growing up isn't so bad after all.

As you get older you start to see you can do many things on your own. Some may be scary like going to the doctor, but some may be fun like nights on the town, and others can be boring like going to your job every day. You may start to see how growing up isn't so bad after all.

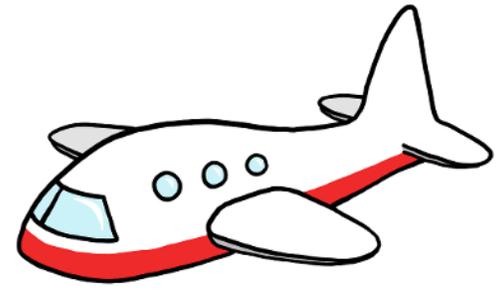


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Driving is also a massive part of growing up. When you can get your license you feel like you have your freedom. Every time my friends and I make plans, usually I'm the first one they ask to come and pick them up, or if they can hop in the car with me. Having your parents drive you around can be fun, but also awkward at the same time.

It's truly so exciting to be able to go out with your friends and not have to worry about your parents driving you around and having an early curfew.

Getting to pursue what you have always dreamed of is also so fun to finally be able to do what you have always dreamed of doing. I'm a senior in high school and, to me, it is crazy that soon my dream will hopefully become a reality. I have always wanted to become an interior designer and it's crazy how I'm now looking into different colleges or schools that are mainly based on interior design. When you know what you want to do it will soon become a huge excitement for you and your younger self. Yes, it is disappointing to work every day, but if you do or find something you love it is truly worth it in the long run.



Traveling is also a huge dream for some. I would love to travel to Greece or Paris one day. Many would love to travel to many different beaches while others want to mostly travel abroad. Traveling is a great way to de-stress and enjoy life. Lots of people love to travel to all of the different states and others are trying to travel to all of the different countries is a huge goal. No matter what your goal is, growing up and being able to save money on your own for traveling is an amazing experience and a whole new excitement in itself.

Growing up isn't so bad after all. There are many challenges you will have to face as a result. All challenges won't fully go away but will eventually become a standard part of your life you won't know they are even problems you have. With this, growing up is so fun being able to go do what you have always wanted to do. Getting your dream job, traveling, and maybe having a family is exciting, and scary but you will learn as you go, as well as the love that you will always carry with you wherever you go.

How to get a Job By: Jasmine Coots

Often, students in grades 10-12 find themselves wanting to get a job to earn some money for their savings. Typically, students can start working a job at the age of 16 by applying to a job and getting a work permit from school.

Students might want a job to pay for their brand new car they have been saving up for. Another reason might be to afford insurance or gas for that new car you have. Sometimes, a job is to pay for college tuition, buy stuff for yourself or to invest it into your savings.

After deciding it might be time to get a job, it's important to decide where to work. For instance, the mall has a lot of places to hire such as food courts, sports shops, and clothing retailers. You can also work in the variety of places in McDonald such as the Dairy Queen or lanazone's, who are both known for hiring teenagers in the summer.

When applying for a job and getting an interview, there are some important protocols to help make it successful. First, be honest with them and your interest in the job and your availability. Consider dressing nice to the interview to make a good first impression and be comfortable answering their questions. Sometimes, if it's a job you really want, it is worth it to call back a couple days after the interview to check on the status of your application.

Junior Lillian Smith said, "I believe the steps to get a job are that you must find a job and make a first good impression. You must be respectful and kind and you must be respectful towards the person interviewing you and when you get the job you must be respectful and work hard."



Sophomore Gabby Mitchell works locally at Dairy Queen

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Once you receive a call back and land your first job, it's important to be responsible. Most work places have a dress code that must be followed. While things may come up at times, it's important that you do not call off a lot or you could get written up, or fired. Being late frequently will also get you written up.

When working jobs where you're around people, such as fast food or retail, you must always be respectful and if you have rude customers you must get a manager. To maintain a job you must be respectful to the managers and have a good connection with them.

When asked about how to keep a good job, Sophomore Gabby Mitchell who works at Dairy Queen said, "Show up, be on time, barely ever call off, cover for people, and just do your best."

WEIRD HISTORY by Adam Parker

THE GREAT EMU WAR

Following World War 1, many Australian veterans were given farmland in Western Australia by the government. With the beginning of the Great Depression in 1929 these farmers were encouraged to increase their growth of wheat crop, with the government promising to offer financial aid. However, this was a promise the government failed to keep. Wheat prices continued to plummet and to spite the lack of follow through with their promises, many farmers threatened to refuse to deliver their wheat crop.

Soon these farmers would have to face a new difficulty. Over 20,000 emus going through their migration found that this new farm territory, due to crops and accessible water for livestock, made for an excellent pit-stop on their way to the coast. The feathery flocks trampled and ate crops, as well as damaging the fencing, allowing other smaller pests such as rabbits to get in causing further problems.

The farmers relayed their concerns about the birds' ravaging of their crops to Minister of Defense, Sir George Pearce, who saw first hand the effectiveness of machine guns in the recently concluded world war. The "war" was agreed to with the conditions that farmers provided food, shelter, and money for ammunition, with a cinematographer from Fox Movietone hired to film the event. It is argued that perhaps the cinematographer was brought on board to help stave off the growing secessionist movement. With the deployment of Major G. P. W. Meredith commanding soldiers, Sergeant S. McMurray and Gunner J. O'Halloran, armed with two Lewis guns and 10,000 rounds of ammunition, the "war" had begun.

On November 2nd the men traveled to Cambion, where they spotted about 50 emus. Due to distance and the birds taking off when shots began to be fired, only about a dozen were killed. Later, on November 4th, approximately 1,000 emus were spotted. Gunners waited for the birds to be closer in proximity before opening fire, but their weapons jammed after about another dozen were killed, the rest scattering and fleeing. By the fourth day of this campaign the hunters began to take note of "leaders" beginning to appear in each pack. According to James Mitchell in the Sunday Herald, these leaders were described as, "A big black-plumed bird which stands fully six feet high and keeps watch while his mates carry out their work of destruction and warns them of our approach." By November 8th 2,500 rounds of ammunition had been fired and only approximately 50 birds had been killed and the military was withdrawn.

The military would be redeployed a few more times following, with relative success. Despite the success of future attempts, the legacy of this first attempt would live on. The Emu War would go down by most as "that time Australia lost a war to large flightless birds," which I, personally, wouldn't have any other way.

Sources: [Scientificamerican](#), [interestinghistory](#), [Sunday Herald](#) quote, [James Mitchell](#) quote

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People on the Street

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would it be?

By: Shane Myers



Andrew Campbell - TJ Watt because he's one of the greatest outside linebackers in the NFL and I want to be like him.

Derek Hilbun - My brother Trevor because I want to revisit 6th grade and help my brother get his grades up.



Tyler Ball - Neil Armstrong because he got to go to the moon and made history and had a famous quote that will live forever.

Kiran Jones - Davante Adams because he plays in the NFL and he is a very good wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers.



Music Review: Viva Las Vengeance

By: Annabelle Smith

Panic! At the Disco recently released their seventh album titled *Viva Las Vengeance*. The pop rock album has twelve songs lasting around 43 minutes. These songs were all recorded on a tape machine which pays homage to the time period of the influence for this album. Brendon Urie takes on a whole style for this album. Nobody can deny his talent, but when is too much too much?

If you like bands like Queen, The Beatles, or The Police then you will absolutely love this album. Anyone can tell from a mile away that Viva Las Vengeance was highly influenced by rock bands from the '70s and '80s. For example, Bohemian Rhapsody was obviously the influence for the song "Sad Clown". The lyrics throughout the entire album are all as creative and clever as ever. Somehow, this new album is incredibly different from the rest of his music and yet fits in perfectly with his style.

Some may argue, however, that this is not Brendon's best album. He overuses and abuses his high pitched vocals many times and it can get a little annoying at points. A few songs in the album feel very last minute and just don't seem to work. Some songs such as "Middle of a Breakup" come off as very thrown together and sloppy.

Overall, I would rate this album a 7/10. I really liked how the inspiration was incorporated into the songs, but a few of the songs aren't great. Honestly, I think this album was a flop compared to the other amazing albums from Panic! At the Disco.



Hollow Knight Game Review By Adam Parker

Recently in search of a new game to absorb my time I stumbled upon the 2017 indie darling Hollow Knight, which soon would consume a large portion of my time as I fell in love with the game. Released in 2017 by Team Cherry, Hollow Knight is a classically styled 2D action-platformer. By 2018 it had sold over a million copies and is currently one of the most successful indie games –that is a game made by developers independent from a large corporation– out there at over three million copies sold.



The game follows the player traversing a large, interconnected world and facing enemies and bosses along the way as you seek to put an end to the infection spreading throughout The Hollownest. The world itself has a very insectoid aesthetic, with all the enemies and other characters being various kinds of bugs. As you go through and unlock more areas by defeating bosses, you gain new abilities and access to shops and NPCs –non player characters– that offer items, side quests, and services.

On the topic of NPCs, Hollow Knight has quite a few. One such character is Cornifer the cartographer. You can find them in every major area in the game where you can purchase a map from the bug, which is a huge help in exploring the Hollownest. But he's more than that. As you interact with him and Iselda, his wife, in town you learn more about their relationship. This is just one such example of NPCs being real characters, despite not actually having a lot of dialogue.

The gameplay is also very well done. Easy enough to grasp as to be accessible for new players, but with enough complexity that experienced players can still get a kick out of it. The combat is done well, too. At the start you just have a basic slash, but as you go through you unlock more abilities and moves that help you build stronger combos.

Another mechanic I really like is the death mechanic. When you die in the game you don't just lose all your items, there is part of your soul lingering where you lost your life. If you defeat that lingering soul you regain all of your items, but if you die before you're able to defeat it everything is lost. This mechanic is a great way of punishing the player for failing, yet still providing enough leniency for the player to succeed next time.

Ever since picking it up I've been absolutely hooked, letting myself get lost and invested in the world and characters. The frustration as I try and fail to defeat bosses, the excitement when I finally take them down, admiring the hand drawn landscapes and architecture of the world, Hollow Knight has enraptured me. I suggest anyone reading pick up the game for yourself to experience the joy that is Hollow Knight.

How to Make Cream Puffs By: Annabelle Smith

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease a large cookie sheet in a medium sized saucepan over high heat. Cook until mixture boils. Reduce the heat to low and with a wooden spoon vigorously stir in the flour until mixture forms into a ball and leaves the sides of the pan. Remove from heat. Beat the eggs into the mixture until thoroughly blended. Drop the batter on a cookie sheet in eight large mounds that are about three or four inches apart. Swirl the tops of each. Bake for fifty minutes or until golden brown. Cut a slit into the side of each puff and bake for ten minutes longer. Cool completely on a wire rack.

In a medium saucepan combine sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Stir in milk. Cook over medium heat and stir constantly until the mixture thickens (this takes about ten minutes). In a small bowl, beat eggs slightly with a fork; beat small amounts of the mixture into the eggs. Slowly pour the egg mixture into the milk mixture, stirring rapidly to prevent lumps. Cook, stirring constantly, until it thickens. Stir in vanilla and then refrigerate until it is cold. Stir several times when cooling. This makes enough to fill eight cream puffs.

I chose this recipe because it was one of my grandmother's recipes. She loved to cook and bake tons of sweets and meals and they were always amazing. This recipe is a little more difficult because of how light and delicate this pastry is, but the work pays off in the end.



Cream Puff Filling

½ cup of sugar
¼ cup of cornstarch
¼ teaspoon of salt
2 cups of milk
2 eggs
2 teaspoons of vanilla

Cream Puff Dough

½ cup of margarine
¼ teaspoon of salt
1 cup of sifted flour
4 eggs

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