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Get Involved! By: Anabelle Smith

McDonald High School has so many clubs and activities that it can be hard for students to choose which to join. Many students get so overwhelmed when thinking about clubs that they decide not to join any. Joining a club can be one of the best ways to connect with peers, try new things, and have some fun!

If you are a creative person, then the art club is for you. Art club is an amazing chance to get involved and explore all kinds of different art. When asked about activities planned for this year, Mrs. Mills said, "We will be meeting the Graffiti artist Remix Uno. He is a well known graffiti muralist from Mexico and has been commissioned by a new restaurant in Girard called El Hefe. He has invited our art club to come and meet him and watch him work." Students who are interested in art should consider joining because of all of the amazing things you will get to see and experience.

Spanish club is a great idea for any student that is taking a Spanish class. Club meetings are definitely going to be very fun and exciting with all of the activities members will participate in. Spanish 3 student Avary Price said,

"We are mainly doing crafts so I'm excited about that." One of the exciting crafts Spanish club members will be doing is participating in a skull decorating competition to celebrate Day of the Dead. These skulls will be judged by staff members and the winners will be awarded prizes.

If you are taking a French class this year then you should seriously consider joining French club. Meetings are usually held in Mrs. Evans's classroom at lunch. One activity they are preparing for now is tricycle racing outside. Food and drink are usually served at most meetings. Every meeting is fun and exciting!

There are many more clubs that are not listed here that are super interesting and engaging such as the recent e-sports club and math club. School clubs open up the possibility of becoming friends with someone you might never usually talk to. You don't have to speak perfect Spanish or French or be the next Picasso to join the club. You just have to be willing to try new things and put yourself out there.



The students in Art Club with Remix Uno

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Marching Towards the Finish Line **By: Adam Parker**

The end of the 2022 McDonald Marching Band season

Soon we'll be entering the final stretch of this year's marching band season and thus, for some, the end of an era. This year marks the finale of the Class of 2023's time in the McDonald marching band, but it also marks the beginning of my time in the McDonald marching band. With the end of this season approaching I'd like to reflect on the 2022 season.

The halftime show consists of Bruno Mars's "Locked Out of Heaven", Pitbull and Ke\$ha's "Timber", and finally FUN's "We Are Young". The band has played at every Friday night football game. Aside from the halftime show, the band also has a slew of stand tunes such as "Mars", "Paint It Black", "Seven Nation Army", and our crowned jewel, the drum cadence "Holy Boosh", among many more to bust out during the games.

The band's first performance was the Fourth of July parade back at the end of June and soon after that was band camp. Since band camp, the band has seen huge improvement, going from a band where not everyone even knew how to read music to the band at our final Band Night on the 24th.



Picture of the band (percussionists specifically) in action

Marching Band Director Mr. Hill says, "Ever since that first week of practice, even before bandcamp, the band has shown massive improvement since last year as just a baseline, and since bandcamp to now we've had massive improvements in sounding like a whole band."

Mr. Hill continued, "At the start it was percussion and melody. Now it's a full band with different instruments and sounds. We've also gotten better on the field, too. Our technique is better, our rotations are better, we're stepping on and off at the right times. But what I think has improved most is our ability to adapt. At the start, last year and even into the beginning of band camp, if one thing went even a bit wrong the whole thing fell apart. Now the band finds a way to continue and play to the best of their abilities."

And though this year's improvement is certainly something to celebrate, the band is also sadly losing their senior bandmates at the end of this year. Senior flutist Mia Bracco said,

"I feel very sad to be leaving behind the family I've made through the years. But I'm excited for the next chapter of my life. I will truly miss everyone."

Senior percussionist Tyler "T-Ball" Ball says, "It's been pretty fun and I just wish I joined marching band a lot sooner." To them, and the rest of the seniors leaving after this year, the band will greatly miss you all.

Between choosing music, getting sheet music for every instrument, making sure every student has music, organizing a drill, making sure every student has an instrument, arrangements for Band Camp, collaborating with Devilettes, and so much more, so much work goes into getting the band prepared for the season. There's still things on the horizon this year too, let alone everything next year and years to come.

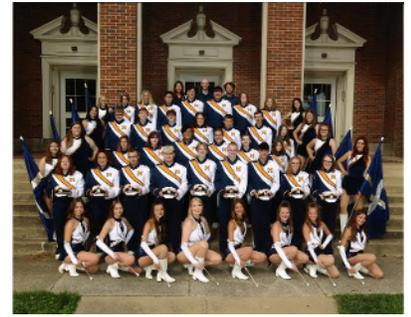
Fall Sports Coming to an End

By: Shane Myers and Lyric Culp

The Varsity football team continued their season after a big loss against Mineral Ridge 40-0, then they had a comeback by beating Sebring 41-8. The following week the Devils faced Springfield taking a loss 37-21, making their record 2-4. The Devils are looking forward to showing improvement against Reserve.

The golf team did not slow down with Caleb Domitrovich Taking the win at Columbiana and Girard. Chris Ragazzino had a slow start but found his groove and came away with a 40 and Avery, Brady, and Josh all tied at 43, making their record 9-3.

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Band group picture

The girls cross country team ran through the Trumbull County Championship meet at Brookfield with Megan Hipple in a 1st place finish and claiming the meet record of 18:35. After a big win there, the girls are looking forward to the meet at Gilmour.

The boys cross country team keeps sprinting past the competition coming first at Gilmour Academy. Carson Klase had a speedy time of 16:58. The team is looking forward to the upcoming race at Woodland Park.

The volleyball team keeps serving the competition making their record 14-4. The Lady Devils won their game against Sebring (25-5) (25-13) (25-6). This past week they played their last regular season game against Lowellville in three sets. The Devils are beginning to prepare for playoffs after a few solid wins.



Senior Nolan Agler runs the ball out of bounds for a Blue Devil first down

Photo By: Jodi Zajack



What Grinds My Gears?

By: Jasmine Coots



Do you know what really grinds my gears? The fact that I have to repeat my joke or when the person doesn't think my joke is funny. The fact that I have to re-explain something I thought was funny makes a person just not want to laugh anymore. The joke is ruined when a person asks me, "What do you mean by that," or, "That wasn't funny," or, "I just don't get the joke at all."

An example of a joke that I personally think is funny is, "Did you hear how the Italian chef passed away? He pasta way!" It means "pasta" because Italian chefs mostly cook with pasta! That's one joke I say to my friends and they either give me a weird look or say that it wasn't even funny even though the joke was funny and they are just not getting the point of a little joke.

Another funny joke was, "What did the buffalo say to his son?" The answer? "Bison!" That was a funny one, right? Get it? Because buffalo babies are called bison. This is such a dad joke I know, but it's funny! My friends just give me a look and say, "That's not even a good joke."

Editorial: Finding Our Way

By: Mirryn Hobbs

Smart Advice to Take



The time has come to start thinking about which road is best for a successful future. Many seniors will begin applying to college while others may be considering a trade or the military. Though it may seem scary, it is important to figure out what options work best for you.

Making a choice will always be a challenge when it comes to our future. However, it is important to remember that as you move forward, many decisions you make will not always be the

right ones for you.

For example, many new seniors moving on to college often struggle when choosing a major. A lot of students believe this choice is final. I spoke to a few people I knew and realized how common it is to switch majors and career paths during the first few years of higher education.

Conforming to an idea that you may have chosen for yourself years ago is not always a great idea. We grow and change and with that comes new opportunities and dreams. It is important to ensure you feel fulfilled and secure in the choices you make.

As we grow and learn, our brains are constantly changing and coming up with new and interesting ideas. I believe that when sorting through these ideas, it is important to choose a path that will lead to success but also happiness.

So many people focus on the money when it comes to choosing a job. This is the reason many people who are wealthy still feel unsatisfied.

Overall, don't stress about making mistakes or changes as you come closer to the end of your high school years. Thinking about the future may seem scary, but be sure to not spend every minute stressing over potential issues.

Changes and mistakes are a part of life, and without them it would be impossible to learn and grow. Getting to know yourself is the first step to take when taking on what lies ahead.





SPORTLIGHT BY LYRIC CULP



Name: Kylie Flere

Nickname(s): I don't have one

What sports are you involved in?: Cross Country and Track

What's your favorite hype song?: "No Hands" by Roscoe Dash and Waka Flocka Flame

Who is your favorite athlete?: Allison Felix

Favorite moment so far? I don't have any currently

What is one goal you have for the season?: To make it to state

Match up you're most excited for and why?: The Oscar Grant Invitational because it is a fast course



Name: Jacob Bowser

Nickname(s): Bowser

What sports are you involved in?: Football

What's your favorite hype song?: "'Til I Collapse" by Eminem

Who is your favorite athlete?: Michael Jordan

Favorite moment so far?: Playing a whole half of a varsity game

What is one goal you have for the season?: To make it to playoffs

Match up you're most excited for and why?: Western Reserve because they are like a second rival to us



Horoscope- Libra (September 23- October 22)

By: Aniya Depaul

Element: Air

Symbol: The scales

Colors: Pink and Green

Day: Friday

Ruler: Venus

Lucky numbers: 4, 6, 13, 15, 24

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

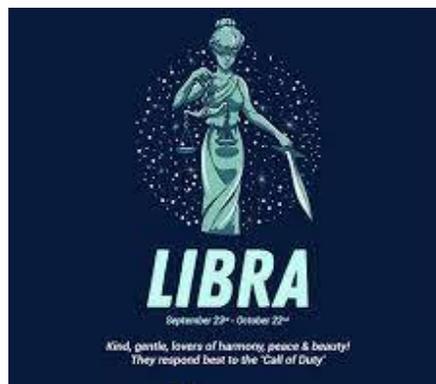
Weaknesses: Indecisive, avoids confrontations, will carry a grudge, self-pity

Likes: Harmony, gentleness, sharing with others, outdoors

dislikes: Violence, injustice, loudmouths, conformity

Personality traits: Diplomatic, Indecisive, Fair, Non-confrontational, Idealistic, Self-pitying, Social, Unreliable, and Clever

Famous Libras: Kim Kardashian, Will Smith, Serena Williams, Bruno Mars, Gwen Stefani





OUTSTANDING STAFF - Mrs Evans

By Lyric Culp



MRS. EVANS TEACHES A PLETHORA OF CLASSES, INCLUDING FRENCH I, FRENCH II, FRENCH III, FRENCH IV, FOREIGN CULTURES, AND FOREIGN FILMS. SHE HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 18 YEARS.

PRIOR TO TEACHING AT MCDONALD, MRS EVANS HAD A LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTING POSITION AT POLAND SEMINARY HIGH SCHOOL UP UNTIL 2004. AFTER BEING A SUB FOR SO LONG, SHE FOUND A FULL-TIME TEACHING POSITION AT HUBBARD FOR THE NEXT 14 YEARS. NOW, SHE HAS BEEN AT MCDONALD FOR PAST 4 YEARS.

WHEN ASKED HOW SHE KNEW SHE WANTED TO BECOME A TEACHER, SHE RESPONDED, "I WAS INSPIRED BY MY HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH TEACHER. MRS. ALFANO HAD ALWAYS MADE OUR CLASSES FUN AND INTERESTING. THIS INSTILLED A LOVE OF LEARNING THE LANGUAGE AND TRAVELING FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE." BEFORE SHE KNEW SHE WANTED TO BECOME A TEACHER, SHE ASPIRED TO BE A VETERINARIAN. AFTER HER REALIZATION THAT SHE WAS NOT CUT OUT FOR THE MEDICAL FIELD, SHE WAS SET ON TEACHING.

TO KEEP HER STUDENTS ENGAGED, MRS. EVANS CONSTANTLY CHANGES UP HER LESSONS TO INCORPORATE NEW TRENDS. SHE LIKES TO INCORPORATE A WIDE VARIETY OF TEACHING STYLES TO ENGAGE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LEARNERS, SUCH AS ART, MUSIC, DANCING, GAMES, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOMETIMES FOOD.

A FEW OF MRS. EVANS'S FAVORITE ACTIVITIES SHE HAS IN HER CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR INCLUDE THE "CATACOMB CRAWL" IN WHICH THE STUDENTS RECREATE THE CATACOMBS OF PARIS AND HAVE TO DECODE AND TRANSLATE FAMOUS HISTORICAL FRENCH TOMBSTONES IN ORDER TO ESCAPE. ANOTHER ONE OF HER FAVORITE ACTIVITIES IS THE "MANIE MUSICALE", A MOCK NCAA MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT WITH TRENDING FRENCH FRANCOPHONE SINGERS AND SONGWRITERS. THIS PAST YEAR, THE FRENCH CLASSES ENTERED INTO A NATIONAL BRACKET COMPETITION AGAINST THOUSANDS OF OTHER FRENCH CLASSES WORLDWIDE.



Student poll -What do you want to dress as for Halloween?

by Jasmine Coots

The question I asked a variety of students in study hall was, "What do you want to dress as for Halloween?" To my surprise, there was a lot of creativity for some of the costume choices.

One student said they wanted to be an '80s girl while another said they wanted to dress like a football player. Some other choices students shared was dressing with their friend to look like Bonnie and Clyde or wearing a Stitch zip-up to celebrate one of their favorite Disney cartoons.



I expected that an '80s girl would be one of the more popular options, but was surprised by Bonnie and Clyde.



Top 5



Zoo Animals By: Meehan Dockery

Going to the zoo is a memory you never forget. Whether you went every year with your family or went as a field trip for school, going to the zoo is something almost every person gets to experience. When going to the zoo, everyone has that one animal that they just can't leave without seeing. Arguments are always had over which animal is the best. What are your top 5 favorite zoo animals?

The top 5 places go to...



1st place: Monkey

2nd place: Giraffe

3rd place: Kangaroos

4th place: Elephants

5th place: Flamingos



Book Review: What Once Was Mine

By: Aniya Depaul

What Once Was Mine by Liz Braswell is the 12th book in the "A Twisted Tale" series. This book series explores "What-if" scenarios for classic Disney films and *What Once Was Mine* takes a spin on the well-known and loved movie *Tangled*.

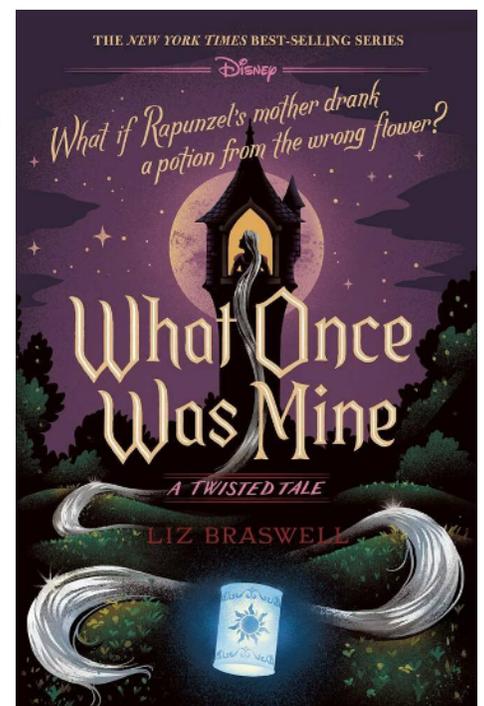
Like in the movie, Rapunzel's mom falls ill while pregnant so the kingdom went searching for a miracle to heal her, but unlike the movie, they find a flower from a drop of moonlight, instead of a flower from a drop of sunlight. They made a potion from the flower and the queen was saved.

When Rapunzel was born, she had silver hair that glowed like moonlight instead of gold hair that glowed like the sun. In the movie, Rapunzel's hair could heal the injured when touched, but in this twisted tale when anyone touched her hair it harms them.

To protect the people around her, the king and queen willingly locked her in a tower under the care of Mother Gothel. Instead of being made to believe the outside world was a danger to her, Mother Gothel tells her she was the danger and was to stay in the tower.

This book is enjoyable because it gives readers a different perspective on a classic Disney movie. Its interesting to see how similar the book is to the movie, but also be majorly different at the same time.

This book might not be the right fit to some readers, especially if they don't like change. But if you're someone who likes to explore the different possibilities of a story, this book and the rest of the twisted tales series is a perfect match for you.





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