



Ready... Set... Write!

It's November and the leaves are falling and the air is starting to chill, which means it's time to get serious about ACT prep. Some sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be taking the test for the first time this year, while others are looking to boost their previous scores. Just remember to take your time and work really hard to succeed.

If you are interested in taking the ACT, there are three boot camps set up to help on three separate Saturdays. Dates include November 7 for English with Mr. Hecker, Science with Mrs. Averell on November 14, and Math with Mrs. Ronghi on November 21. Career Day will also be available on Zoom or Google Classroom, on November 16 or 17.

By: Riley Myers



Mrs. Bosheff talks about the ACT with this year's Juniors

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When asked how he felt about the ACT, junior Ashton Simms explained, "I don't think the ACT measures your intelligence or academic ability; I don't think it's worth the sixty dollars." So far, he has taken the ACT twice and plans to do so a third time this year to increase his score more.

There are lots of reasons to take the ACT. For some like Ashton, it is to get into summer classes at a university like YSU, or qualify to take CCP courses. Other students on a more traditional path may take the ACT to qualify to get into a university after graduation. In fact, many universities offer scholarships for students who score well on the ACT.

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continued... The pressure to do well is something students feel as early as eighth or ninth grade. Freshman Lillian Cappuzzello said, "As a freshman I have yet to take the ACT, but I already feel as if there is pressure on me to do well. I am a straight A student, but the scores that I get on this one, single test can either make or break my future, such as what college I attend, regardless of my grades. "If you feel like you are struggling, be sure to talk to Mrs. Bosheff for additional resources and attend the yearly boot camps before you take the test.

Good luck to everybody on the ACT and we hope you do a great job and get into the college you want. Keep up the great work!



Handout with information about the ACT test dates.

Editorial: Taking a Gap Year

By: Theresa Greathouse

Many parents dread the day their child will leave the nest and go off to college on their own. But what if they didn't leave so soon after graduation? What if they took a gap year and took some time off?

Although parents get upset when their child leaves, they want their child to find success and be able to get a degree so they can have a successful job, and do whatever they want with that degree. Some parents may argue taking a break will leave the brain mush and that the child will not remember anything and will have a hard time learning, or that they won't want to go back to school. However, it is really up to the student.



Some parents don't mind their child staying home for a year. Parents could argue that it's okay to have a year off to regroup with one's self and catch up on countless hours of missed sleep. Taking a gap year also helps scholars that are undecided get a feel and really look into what they might want to do, because most are undecided when graduating from high school. Taking a year off also allows more spent quality time with family and friends.

I believe taking a gap year after graduating high school is perfectly fine. It allows students to find themselves, catch up on sleep, and spend more quality time with their family. This also allows undecided students to explore all their options and where they could go. For others, it might mean they could get a job straight out of college. Although some may forget some information they learned in high school, students are in college to learn so it's nothing too serious. I believe taking a gap year sounds like a great way to relieve stress and gives a chance to spend quality time with loved ones.

The End of Fall Sports

By: Elle Airhart

While the season presented quite a few challenges, our sports teams have worked hard to beat those challenges and overcoming them. Covid-19 may have slowed down fall sports, but it hasn't stopped the domination of our athletes over a variety of tough opponents!

The football team has been on fire this year. Despite some obstacles in the preseason, they kept it together and have really come out on top. As the year progressed, they stood with a record of 7 - 1. After a successful postseason rally, they were beaten by Lucas.



From left to right: Jacob Wolford, Ethan O'Connell, Brody Rupe and Eli Street pose during Brody's send off.

As for Cross Country, both the boys and girls have done amazing this season. Both made it to districts and plan to continue on. They all have their eyes set on reaching state again this year. Senior Katie Gardner says, "Our season hasn't been what we thought it would be in some regards, with people being injured



and us being a small team, but we have made quite a few accomplishments, mainly making it to Regionals."

After both teams fought hard in Regionals, Senior Brody Rupe emerged victorious to make it to the state competition.

The fall sports are coming to their finish line, but winter sports are right behind them. Basketball and bowling sign-ups are already in the office. Open gyms are being scheduled and bowling practices start November 9th so be ready for more awesome matches ahead.



Banners of the football team for their send-off to a playoff game.

Photo Credit: Hannah Werle

The tennis team has reached the end of their season as well. The girls fought hard, ending with a varsity record of 14 - 0. The junior varsity fought just as hard, leaving the season with 7 - 2 - 2.

Senior Naomi Domitrovich said, "I am so thankful for all the amazing teammates I have played with through the years and all of the wonderful memories that I have made while being on the tennis team at McDonald. I will cherish them forever."

The golf season has also ended with some incredible success. The boys had an awesome season, winning against almost every opponent they faced. Caleb Domitrovich made it to State this year, making him the first MHS student to do so. He finished 25th out of 72.



Students hold up signs for Brody Rupe at his sendoff.

McDonald, Briefly- By: Theresa Greathouse

McDonald High School is having a mask fundraiser. If you did not receive this paper from your eighth period teacher, they are available on

Class of 2021 Mask Fundraiser
brought to you by the 'Village Vinyl Boutique!

McDONALD BLUE DEVILS

All masks will be printed on navy cotton and will feature the above design.

Name: _____
Phone: _____

Qty.	Item	Adult Size: S/M or L/XL	Price	Total
	Mask (W/ou Glitter)		\$10	
	Mask (With Glitter)		\$10	

Make checks payable to McDonald Local Schools. _____

TOTAL _____

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the table outside of the office. All orders need to be turned in by November 20th. Let's keep this school year safe and healthy while supporting the Class of 2021!

The McDonald High School band boosters had a fundraiser to help support the band and pay for future activities such as band camp, water for after performances, and to make little goody bags for everyone to snack on after half time!

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BLUEDEVIL BAND BOOSTERS

Classic Poinsettias \$14.00 Pointed Poinsettias \$16.00

Red	Pink	Green	Turquoise	Fuchsia	Chameleon	Blue
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Staying Aware, Standing Together

By: Theresa Greathouse

National Bullying prevention month is in October, but is something that should have our attention all year long. The month is also used to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

According to stopbullying.gov, there are roughly six different types including Verbal, Physical, Relation Aggression, Cyber, Sexual, and Prejudicial bullying. In addition, up to 10% of bullied students drop out or don't attend school because they are being bullied in some way.



There are several underlying reasons why students may bully someone. Sometimes, a person may be going through a rough situation and don't know how else to let out their anger or pain. Instead of being rude or mean back to the bully, be kind and ask if they're okay. However, if things become too serious and they continue to be not nice and things escalate don't be afraid to speak up and get a teacher's attention.



Here at McDonald, bullying is taken seriously. If you are feeling bullied, you can talk to your most trusted teacher who can help you through the process. If you feel more comfortable, there is a bullying form available in the office that can be filled out and Mr. Carkido will conduct an investigation.

To learn more about bullying or to help others you can visit <https://www.stopbullying.gov/resources/get-help-now>

Please stay aware and if you see someone being bullied get an adult's attention, and spread positivity, not hate.

Top 10 Thanksgiving Foods

By: Riley Myers

From the "Nectar of the Gods" to the "Is that edible?":

1. Gravy - Ok, I get it. It's not exactly "food" food, it's more of a topping, but let's get real. When it's homemade, it is so delicious.
2. Baked Mac and Cheese - Do I really have to say anything about the best food invention ever?
3. Turkey - The person has to cook it right to make it taste delicious but after that turkey, you take that nap.
4. Sweet Potatoes and Marshmallows - It sounds like a weird combo, yet it is the wondrous world of different creations.
5. Mash Potatoes - Add butter, salt, and pepper, *chef kiss* perfect!!
6. Green Bean Casserole - Grandma makes it, but that's the dish you "accidentally skip and you magically forgot."
7. The Veggie Tray - We all know the veggie tray is laid out when the good stuff is gone.
8. Jell-O Salad - Alright! What is really in that!??
9. Dinner Rolls - IF THEY'RE NOT HAWAIIAN ROLLS, we don't want them.
10. Cranberry Sauce - Only the people with no taste buds eat this weirdo sauce.



Student Poll-What is MHS students' Favorite Holiday?

By: Bri Callow

Christmas	12
Halloween	9
Thanksgiving	6
New Year's	1

The holiday season is upon us MHS. So, it only felt right to ask students what their favorite holiday was. After asking 28 students, here were the results. Coming in first place with a total of 12 votes was the fan favorite holiday, Christmas. No one can resist Santa Claus and twinkling lights. Following not far behind was Halloween with a total of 9 votes. Due to the mask



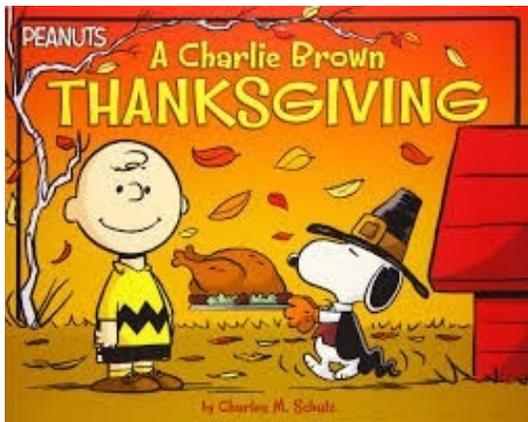
mandate it's almost like everyday is Halloween now! Coming in third was Thanksgiving with 6 votes. And finally, in last place, was New Year's finishing with only 1 vote. Happy Holidays MHS! :)

Movie Review - A Charlie Brown

Thanksgiving

By: Riley Myers

In *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*, Charlie Brown has to make a Thanksgiving dinner for his friends and he also needs to go to his grandma's house. So Snoopy gets out a big ping pong table for the Thanksgiving dinner, and then starts to cook things that aren't your regular Thanksgiving foods. For his dinner, four of his friends come over, including his little sister and Peppermint Patty. They all sit around the table and say thanks for the food that they're going to eat. Everybody learns the meaning of Thanksgiving and Peppermint Patty apologizes for being so mean. Charlie Brown was late for going to his grandma's house, and Charlie's grandma invited all the children to her home for a big Thanksgiving feast.



My thoughts on *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* are, I do and I don't like the movie. Because the children don't really say much it was hard to get engaged, but the animation is really cute. It's cute that the movie had children trying to make their own Thanksgiving, but on the other hand, where are their parents?

I don't like the character Peppermint Patty. She likes Charlie Brown, but forces herself to go over to his house to eat Thanksgiving. When Snoopy helps make Thanksgiving and puts out everything that he made, Peppermint Patty is really mean about the dinner. I really didn't like that part, and the overall pace of the scenes and the plot moved a little too fast in my opinion.

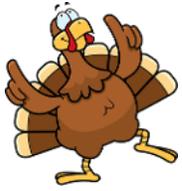
I think this is a movie that you have to grow up on to let it grow on you. That's my movie thoughts. See you next time.

Nov. 6th - December 6th Calendar

By: Elle Airhart



November Normal Holidays:



Nov. 11th: Veteran's Day - Take a moment to thank the people who fight for our country.

Nov. 26th: Thanksgiving Day - Somebody pass that cranberry sauce.

Nov. 27th: Black Friday - Get your chairs! We're going TV shopping!

November Birthdays:

Nov. 6th: Emma Stone's Birthday - Time to whip out the Amazing Spiderman movies from 2012!

Nov. 12th: Ryan Gosling's Birthday - Am I the only one who hasn't seen *The Notebook*?

Nov. 17th: Danny DeVito's Birthday - He's seventy-five?!

Nov. 20th: Joe Biden's Birthday - I promise we're not here to get political, just saying happy birthday to somebody.



The Weird Holidays:

Nov. 9th: National Scrapple Day - What is that??? A breakfast....food?

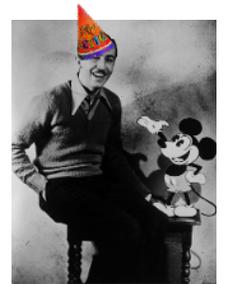
Nov. 10th: National Sesame Street Day - ElMo'S wOrLd!

Nov. 13th: World Kindness Day - That's right! Be kind!

Nov. 16th: International Day For Tolerance - In the spirit of the political season, America should celebrate this holiday.

Nov. 18th: National Mickey Mouse Day - Grab your popcorn and join the "Mickey Mouse Clubhouse"!

Nov. 30th: National Computer Security Day - Everybody, make sure you change your passwords!



December Birthdays:

Dec. 5th: Walt Disney's Birthday - We can't forget the creator of the company that owns LITERALLY everything else.

The Weird Holidays:

Dec. 1st: National Christmas Lights Day - Time for a "quick" trip to Home Depot.

Dec. 4th: National Cookie Day - Not the gumdrop buttons!

Dec. 6th: National Gazpacho Day - Sadly, we just missed International Hispanic Month.



Backpage Pics

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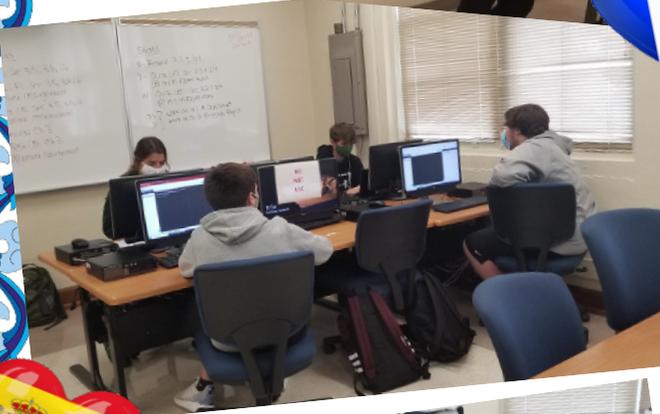
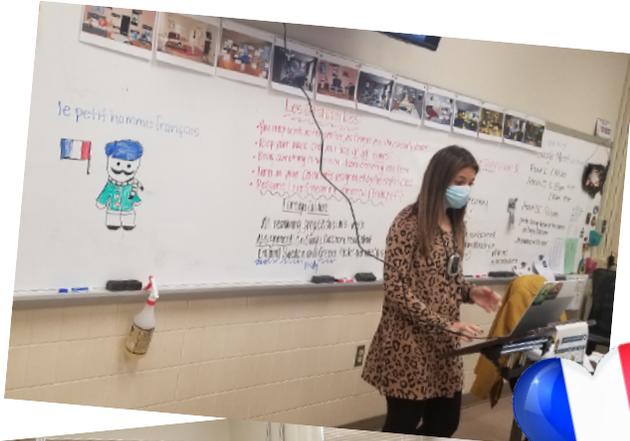


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