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Welcoming Winter Athletics

By: Mirryn Hobbs

The Fall Season Has Reached Its End

As the season of fall athletics comes to an end, McDonald welcomes the winter season with open arms. Boys and girls basketball as well as bowling will take the spotlight soon. Snow will soon be coating the entire village of McDonald as the trees become bare. Fall sports have ended, leaving us time to prepare for new, exciting events.

Closing off the fall season, the girls cross country team made it to state, along with Caleb Domitrovich as a varsity boys solo runner. The girls finished ninth overall with Junior Megan Hipple placing fifth individually.

As of now, the basketball season is quickly approaching. Boys and girls are training hard to prepare themselves for the year. Scrimmages are beginning which paves the way for the exciting games to come!



The varsity boys basketball team gathers together at their first scrimmage of the season.

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Junior Alivia Morrison said, "At practice, in order to prepare for the season, we are conditioning and also learning plays." She added, "The goals that my team and I are hoping to reach this year are to have a good record and also make it decently far into the tournament." These girls are in for a successful season!

The boys are working just as hard. Junior Joey Skowron said, "The biggest struggle the basketball team normally faces is getting ready for the first game of the season. There is always a big buildup to the first game and a decent amount of stress that comes with it."

When asked about the skill of the team he added, "I think that the team will do better than most people expect us to do this year. We are being doubted

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continued... because of how great the basketball teams have done in the last few years. We are going to continue the greatness and be well above .500."

The first bowling match will be November 24th. Practices began November 9th at Holiday Bowl in Struthers. Junior Mackenzie Regelman shared, "The best thing about bowling is that I get to do it with my friends and it's not super time consuming. We only have two practices a week and a few matches, so we just get to hang out."

The winter season brings in hard working athletes every year. With the talent and dedication these students put out, the village is sure to see an outstanding season. Winter is only the beginning!

Prepared for the Winter? **By: Veda Agler**

As the seasons start to change, students, teachers, and parents all need to take precautions with both sickness and driving. Many students and teachers use a lot of hand sanitizer and keep their masks up to prevent themselves from getting sick while others also take vitamins and keep warm during the changing seasons.

Although, sickness isn't the only thing you have to worry about with the seasons changing as driving in the freezing rain or snow is a danger within itself. Blurred vision, wet and slippery roads, and loss of traction between the road and tires can all cause serious accidents.



Picture of the changing leaves

As with severe storms, there are many conditions to consider. Rain is hard to drive in when it is downpouring and not many people love to get out of work or school to it raining on their head. Driving in the rain to and from school is hard on high school students. Junior Joey Skowron said, "It is difficult to drive when it is raining or snowing because there is reduced visibility and it creates more stressful situations."

Miss Lariccia, a teacher at McDonald High school, said, "The rain can make the roads slick or can reduce visibility." She also added, "You have to be more cautious and not rush."

When it is raining out but also below freezing they say not to go on the roads if you don't need to. This is because it will be very slippery and very hard to drive in. With the slippery roads, many people, especially new drivers, can lose control of their car, which can be very dangerous.

When the snow starts to fall, many teachers, and students get ready to wake up with no school. Although this is what everyone would love to happen, it can not always be true.

In the morning, Joey Skowron says, "I have to make sure to get up ten minutes earlier to warm my car up, and to scrape any snow or ice off my car that accumulated overnight."

Miss Lariccia added, "I try my best not to hit snooze so that I allow myself a few extra minutes to get to school." By reducing your speed and being more cautious on how drivers drive in the snow will help you and others be safe.

The cold season also means sickness. Many parents, teachers, and students are getting sick. Many parents have their child take vitamins to help their immune system, and to keep them from getting sick. As you get older you tend not to worry about sickness as much. But with this you do tend to get sicker when not worrying about your body. Miss. Lariccia said, "During the flu season, I make sure I wash my hands and sanitize items more frequently. I will also take Vitamin C." Vitamin C is really great to help everyone stay healthy and prevent them from getting sick.

Freedom isn't Free - Veterans Day **By: Quintin Bell**

Veterans Day is something to commemorate because it has a lot of history behind it that is very significant and note-worthy. According to va.gov, it all started on an Armistice that came into effect on the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month during World War I. Since then, it was pronounced for November 11, 1918 to be the end of "the war that ended all wars."

According to history.com, an Act was approved on May 13, 1938, which made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." There used to be a time where Veterans Day used to be in October, but President Gerald R. Ford signed a public law to return Veterans Day to November 11th. Since then, it hasn't moved, and we still commemorate the veterans who have fought for us since then.

Sophomore Kallen Dye remembers, "My great-grandpa was a Korean War Veteran so I didn't see him go or come back."

Before Covid-19, student council in a partnership with Miss Rozzo brought in veterans to talk about their experiences, as well as offering Mr. Carkido an opportunity to share his own experience. Principal and veteran Mr. Carkido recalled, "I enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard because my college tuition would be paid for by the military. Basic training was difficult with a 4am wake-up for PT (physical training), lots of running, and push-ups. Gas mask training, weapons training, and lots of marching were also interesting parts."

This year, we have done something both unique and different by setting up a table which represents several things for veterans and was located in study hall for all to view. Everyone is free to mourn all the missing in action soldiers, even the ones they do not know. Mr. Carkido added, "Veterans Day, for me, is a time to reflect on all the great friends I made in the military and the friendships that I still have with them today. Also, I remember my friends that have passed on."



Picture of the Memorial of veterans who have left here, and left us.

McDonald, Briefly **By: Mirryn Hobbs**



Senior Michael Porter has signed to Youngstown State University on a golf scholarship. His hard work and dedication to the sport has paid off. A bright and fulfilling future is in store for this senior. Congratulations Michael, we wish you luck!



The senior class wheels were decided by the majority of votes from the senior class. They were announced the week of November first and will be listed in the school yearbook. A highlight of the class wheels is most school spirit - won by Carson Schrader and Lea Gabrelcik!

Classic or Nostalgic? Why Does the TV of Today Never Seem to Compare? By: Hannah Werle

I know, I know, its a touchy subject-- nostalgia for youth, but bear with me. A movie or tv show remake can be one of the most polarizing forms of entertainment; you either love it or you hate it. If you continue reading the newspaper, you will find that the author of our Grinds My Gears article seems to be firmly in the "hate it" category. Not to discredit her, I do agree there should never be a 3D animated *Rugrats* remake--and honestly that should be a non-starter. However, I would like to take a broader approach to the topic: Will TV ever be as good as it once was? Was it ever as good as we thought it was... or are we merely nostalgic?



Picture this, it's a Saturday morning, you don't have cable, so you have to stand on your tippy-toes to extend your antenna as far as it will reach. When the television finally flickers to life, you begin to watch something that you now can't quite remember the name of--but the feeling remains. If you were born within the last 60 years, give or take, you might be able to remember the feeling you got when you watched your favorite childhood show. It seems there comes a time when every teen or adult can look back on what they grew up with and compare it to today's entertainment; the modern always seems to fall short.

Let's talk about Barbie. Specifically, Barbie movies. The first Barbie movie came out in 2001, and the franchise has remained steady in popularity, releasing its most recent movie this past September. If you look at the line up of movies, you can see not only technology progressing, but the messages too. In a matter of 20 years, the character of Barbie went from being exclusively a princess to a spy, a veterinarian, and a gamer. The progression of roles and representation is objectively good, but I can't shake the feeling that they won't compare to the movies of my youth.



My father grew up watching *Star Trek*, so naturally, he wanted to share his love with his kids. I'll never forget bringing Next Gen. and Voyager with him, but neither of us were disillusioned into thinking that the show is as amazing as it once seemed. We see this with classics such as *Psycho*, *Star Wars*, literally any of the pre-2000s Batman movies. What was groundbreaking for its time can easily be overshadowed by the advancements in technology that can make even 10 year-old movies seem campy. I tell this anecdote simply to make the point that while we might love something as a kid, sometimes those things simply do not stand the test of time.



Maybe instead of trying to justify what we loved as children, we can understand that everything has its time. So take spiteful solace in knowing that the fans of today's modern entertainment will one day grow up and realize that the new stuff just can't compete.

Mini Pumpkin Pies

By: Ryan Koniowsky

You Will Need

- 3 Tbsp of cream cheese
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 Tsp of salt
- 1 Tbsp of pumpkin spice
- 2 sheets of pie dough
- Some eggs
- Some milk
- Cinnamon
- Sugar



Preheat your oven to 375. In a large bowl put in your cream cheese and brown sugar and mix until smooth. Add your pumpkin puree, salt, and pumpkin spice and them mix that together.

Take your pie dough and cut out pumpkin shapes and put a little bit of the mixture on it, but not too much. Then on another pumpkin cut some lines that don't go all the way to the edge and put it on top of the other one. Score the edges together with a fork.

Then, take your eggs and milk and make a wash and brush it over your pies. Take your cinnamon and sugar and mix them together and sprinkle some on the top, noting the more the better. Put your pies on a cookie sheet and put them in the oven for 15 - 18 minutes and watch them closely. After you take it out let the pies sit for five minutes and you can enjoy.

I received this recipe from a friend and loved them as soon as I tried them. They taste just like a pumpkin pie but are more like a cookie. These cookies are perfect for Halloween and Thanksgiving given that you can cut out Jack-o'-lantern faces in them. They're a creativite way to make something festive and delicious for the holiday you are guaranteed to love.

What Grinds My Gears: Bad Reboots

By: Mackenzie Regelman

Not all reboots are done poorly. There have been multiple versions of *The Tom and Jerry Show* and none of them are awful. The art style didn't take any massive leaps, the story line didn't really change, and it still stayed interesting for the most part. However, I've noticed that most reboots cannot say the same.

As a child, *Rugrats* was terrifying. The music creped me out, it felt like the babies were staring into my soul, and Angelica's doll looked haunted. But this new one, "Rugrats," is horrific. They've turned into 3-D blobs that stumble around. *Rugrats* isn't the only show that's started using this new style though. *The Garfield Show* has also re-branded with this bubbly form which is more "suitable" for young children. It's terrifying, yet the voice actor they have as Garfield keeps a steady, calm tone in an attempt to alleviate the fear he creates. It did not work.



"Teen Titans" used to be a good action cartoon. The animation was detailed, it had a good story-line, and the episodes built onto the next. *Teen Titans Go!* is none of those things. It's definitely targeted for a younger audience. There's no depth in the story-line. There have been seven seasons and every episode follows the same structure: Things are good, something bad happens, they find some crazy way to fix their problem.

Scooby Doo has been redone so many times. Most of the time it stays close to the same formula with a few minor changes. The newest version looks like it was aired on Adult Swim. I've never watched an episode, but I have seen what the characters look like and that's enough for me to say it's awful. The best version will always be *Scooby-Doo! Mystery Incorporated*. It had the best plot and the episodes built nicely on top of one another. *Be Cool, Scooby Doo!* cannot say the same.

Sportlight

by Brandon Weiss



Name: Chelsea Sudol

Nicknames: Chels or Toaster

What sports do you participate in?: Softball

Favorite moment in sports history?: When we won districts my freshman year

Favorite Quote: "Don't count the days; make the days count." - Muhammad Ali

What professional athlete do you look up to?: Dansby Swanson

What would you like to accomplish this season?: What inspires you to play sports?: I would like to accomplish just getting better at the sport and it also gets me out of the house for a few

What matchup are you looking forward to the most this year and why?: I'm looking forward to the Ridge games because we are rivals

Name: Andrew Cupan

Nicknames: Discount

What sports do you participate in?: Baseball

Favorite moment in sports history?: Francisco Lindor's grand slam in game 2 of the 2017 ALDS

Favorite Quote: Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard -Unknown

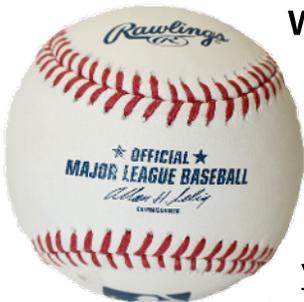
What professional athlete do you look up to?: Franmil Reyes

What would you like to accomplish this season?: Win a district championship and win player of the year



What inspires you to play sports?: I'm inspired by seeing others succeed in sports and wanting to do better or more. I also love competing and trying to be the best.

What matchup are you looking forward to the most this year and why?: I can't wait to play Ridge because our coaches from the past 3 years resigned and are coaching them now so it would be great to beat them twice.



Top Five DC

1. **Batman Begins** - Rated at 8.2/10 stars - According to Google Reviews, "A young Bruce Wayne travels to the Far East, where he's trained in martial arts by



Henri Ducard, a member of the mysterious League of Shadows. When Ducard reveals the League's true purpose wiping out Gotham. Wayne returns to Gotham intent on cleaning up the city without killing."

2. **Batman Forever** - Rated at 5.4/10 stars - According to Google Reviews, "Batman faces off against

Two-Face, and the Riddler, after two face kills The Flying Graysons Bruce adopts Dick Grayson and together they stop the Riddler and Two faces plan of unleashing a brain-sucking weapon on Gotham City's residents."

3. **Man of Steel** - Rated at 7/10 stars - According to Google Reviews, "With the imminent destruction of Krypton, Jor-El and his wife seek to preserve their race by sending their infant son to Earth. The child's spacecraft lands at the farm of Jonathan and Martha Kent, who name him Clark and raise him as their

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own son. Though his extraordinary abilities have led to the adult Clark living on the fringe of society, he finds he must become a hero to save those he loves from a dire threat."

4. **Suicide Squad** - Rated at 5.9/10 stars - According to Google Reviews, "Figuring they're all expendable, a U.S. intelligence officer decides to assemble a team of dangerous, incarcerated super- villains for a top-secret mission. Now armed with government weapons, Deadshot, Harley Quinn, Captain Boomerang, Killer Croc and other despicable inmates must learn to work together to battle a mysterious and powerful entity."

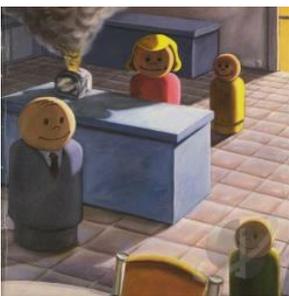
5. **Wonder Woman** - Rated at 7.4/10 stars - According to Google Reviews, "Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Princess Diana of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Raised on a island paradise with no men, Diana meets an American pilot who tells her about the massive conflict that's raging in the outside world. Convinced that she can stop the threat, Diana leaves her home for the first time. Fighting alongside men in a war to end all wars, she finally discovers her full powers and true destiny."

[Credit to IMDb films for the review scores.](#)

Album Review by Brandon Weiss

For this issue, I am reviewing Sunny Day Real Estate's album *Diary*, which is their debut studio album. The album consists of alternative rock, grunge, post-hardcore, and mid-west emo. It opens up with the song "Seven," which is a great opener for the album.

The song "In Circles" is the best on the whole album, filled with raw angst and emotion taking the feel of the song to the next level. According to Genius, the song is about an unhealthy relationship where love still exists in the relationship, but he finds himself in a downward spiral and he cannot make his lover or himself happy.



In my opinion, the song "47" isn't as good as the rest of the album, and I say this because it just doesn't seem to carry the same appeal as the rest of the songs do on this album. It's definitely not horrible, but it isn't the best. Sunny Day Real Estate is a pretty good band in my opinion, yes they do have some albums that are not as good as others but that's just a normal thing with bands. But hands down this is their finest piece of work that they have.



The album is a nice length at an hour and 4 minutes. I'd rate this album a 7/10 for the way that the music feels.



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