



Santa Claus is Coming to the Village

By: Cailey Titus

This year marked the 37th annual holiday Christmas in the Village on November 24th. A lot of preparation goes into this event with the city decorating the tree days before, but never lighting it until the festival. Once again, helpers packed bags for Santa to pass out and the bonfire was lit next to the pavilion where people passed out cookies and hot chocolate while they listened to students perform holiday music.

This year, everyone gathered around the pine tree in front of the fire station as the Pastor from McDonald UMC, Shane Russo, said some words and a prayer. Then the Smiths lead the village in Christmas songs while the tree was lit up by the girl scout troop and Santa rode in on a fire truck.

McDonald Student Council and NHS volunteered their time to help make crafts after children took a picture with Santa. At the end of the big line was face paint and a sheet of paper to write to Santa. On the other side of the Fire Station, Laura Kunkle had students and other musicians around the village sing holiday carols while people stood around the fire and ate cookies and drank hot chocolate.



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Cindy Robinson has always been a big part of making the festival something to remember. She helps get everything organized and prepared. She said, "This just kicks off the season, and the most important thing I have loved to do because I see how many little ones just love it. They see Santa and it's just the biggest and coolest thing in the world. It is mostly about spending time with the family, that's what I love about it."

Every year it is bigger and better. We started from just the lighting of the tree to all of the fun stuff that makes it so grand. Mrs. Robinson continued, "I don't ever want it to go away. It always reminds me of a Hallmark movie- who gets to hang around a tree and light it up? It's like the big start to the season. I hope it's something we can keep forever as a tradition and keeps on growing."



A group of senior friends helping pass out cookies and hot chocolate

Serving Those Who Served Us **By: Elise McMaster**

On November 12 the Veterans Day breakfast was held in the library. With the planning of Miss Rozzo and the help of student council the program found success once again in recognizing those who have served our nation.

As the event started, student council presidents Hayden Mason and Olivia Perry welcomed everyone and offered a few words. After that, the poem "Veterans Day" by Cheryl Dyson was read to everyone and the choir sang "America the Beautiful". The breakfast consisted of sandwiches, tarts, pastries, bagels, and fruit, with water and coffee as refreshments.

Making the event a success takes quite a bit of hard work. Student Council helps in planning the date, ordering the food, and inviting the guests. The money used to purchase supplies and food comes from the principal's fund and the student council budget.

Miss Rozzo said, "It's fun putting this together. We enjoy meeting them and hearing their stories. It also brings awareness to the day, where some people might otherwise look over it."

The reason most of us care about Veterans Day is that we almost all know someone who is a Veteran. Brooklyn Bokan said, "My father is a vet, so I want to honor everyone that has served like him."

Everyone should respect the people who fought and served our country. It's one of the most honorable things someone can do as they are the ones who protected our country and without them the things we have today, we might not have. Hearing about our history and what happened in the past is one of the most important ways to help us move farther in the future.



Veterans recognize MHS for their continued support of veterans.

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The choir class performs at the breakfast



Winter Teams Look to the Future for Success **By: Ali Hammond**

The winter sports are finally upon us with both the basketball and bowling seasons heating up.

The boys basketball team has high hopes this season after competing in the district championship and losing to Western Reserve just a year ago. The team lost three of their starting five due to graduation. The outlook for the starting five this season will be Zach Rasile, Tanner Matig, Josh Celli, Jake Portolese, and Cameron Tucker.

The Blue Devils start their season Tuesday at Girard and the StuCru theme is Cowboys and Indians. Senior Tanner Matig said, "Girard, Springfield, Niles, and JFK will be the toughest games this season." Niles and JFK are new to the Devils' schedule this season.

The girls basketball team hopes to improve on their season this year after losing in the first round of tournaments last season. The Lady Blue Devils also lost three of their five starters, with sophomore Molly Howard and senior Olivia Perry returning. Molly Howard is optimistic saying, "We all have a great team bond this year."

The boys and girls bowling teams both made it to the conference bowling tournament last year. Senior Jenna Simmons made it all the way to state last year in bowling, where she placed 30th out of 110, while Sophomore Danny Barker made it to districts. Danny Barker said, "I hope to make it to the conference tournaments again this year and maybe even make it to state." Two bowlers to look out for this year will be sophomore Danny Barker and Senior Jenna Simmons.



The girls celebrating last season after a great team win.

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GREAT SCOTT! THE 80S BY: RYDER DYE

The 1980s were something, man. The era of big hair and bigger stereos for some was definitely one to remember. For many current students the only thing that comes to mind when thinking about the 1980s is *Back to the Future*, but for those who were able to grow up in it, it will forever be much more than just that. Let's take a trip as we travel back to big hair and *Wham!*, this is the 1980s.

While taking a glance at our old yearbooks, it seemed at first that nothing really changed, but lots actually did. In my investigations, though, the best source of all of this came not from yearbooks, but from the stories and memories of some of our very own.

Mrs. Lobaugh, Mr. Carkido, Mrs. Bosheff, and Mr. O'Connell sat together in the office reminiscing about their teen years, growing up in the 1980s. Mrs. Bosheff and Mrs. Lobaugh shared their memories, "The '80s were definitely a very colorful time period. Lots of wild, neon colors in outfits, big hair with LOTS of hairspray. For me and my friends, after football games or sporting events, places like our local McDonald's were big spots to meet and hangout, along with roller skating. That was probably the most popular between us."

Mr. Carkido and Mr. O'Connell, both McDonald graduates, took a different approach. Mr. Carkido said, "For me, my group typically met up at the local bowling alley. Saturday mornings meant cartoons like *Tom and Jerry*, *He-Man*, and *Looney Tunes*."

Mr. O'Connell added, "I was a big fan of the *Tecmo Bowl* football game because once someone got Bo Jackson, it was game over for everyone. On TV, we all watched VH1 and MTV, back when they only showed music videos on MTV. But this was a great time for us Browns fans because the Browns were better than the Steelers."

McDonald clubs at the time didn't change very much, except for the "Variety Show", which had a name change to the Lipsync, which is what we know it as today. We also saw our swim team begin to grow and thrive in the water, putting on performances and shows of greater proportion and spectacle.

As for sports, the basketball and football teams began to start rolling with success as both teams put up a solid handful of winning seasons and league titles. A very successful era for the little village we get to call HOME.



Pictured Left: McDonald students on a foreign exchange program; Pictured Center- The 1980 McDonald 10-0 League Champs; Pictured Right-McDonald's favorite teacher, Mr. Jim Hall

Get Crafty McDonald By Ethan O'Connell

The McDonald Arts programs have been busy with many events for students both past and present.

Kent State's Dr. Linda Hoeptner Poling visited on November 13th to talk with prospective juniors and seniors about their individual portfolios and to advertise Kent State's art program. Dr. Hoeptner Poling is not only the undergraduate coordinator, but also the President-Elect of the Women's Caucus of the National Art Education Association, and Ohio Art Educator of the Year. Trinity Hobbs said, "She was really down to earth and helped me understand more about the art program at Kent."

The Alumni Art Show, held on November 24th at the Community Center, showcased past graduates from all over the world to show their most recent works. Seeing the evolution of these artists after their high school years was an incredibly valuable experience for our current students, allowing them to see the possible application of our artistic programs for future careers.

Giving these students the firsthand knowledge of what those careers entail directly from the alumni artists helped them make their decision to go into a field that appreciates their talents and interests. According to Mrs Mills, "It is my hope that current students at MHS attend the show to see where their future could lead."

Programs like these not only bring together past graduates, but inspire and educate the future workforce of the artistic world. The next show will be the annual district-wide show, which is held in the spring.

Rewriting the McDonald Art curriculum was actually a necessity for the art program. In 2011 the elementary school ceased to have any art programs offered by a licensed educator, leaving high school students being educated at an elementary art level. That, in recent years, does not happen to be the case anymore.

Ms. Barlett, the elementary art teacher, and Mrs Mills have been working on rewriting the art curriculum so that students in grades 1-6 receive their elementary art education, allowing students in 7-12 to reach higher standards.

This has allowed for the invitations of guest artists to help inspire students. The elementary school started an art club last year and has lead to the tremendous growth we've seen in our high school art club as well.

Junior Trinity Hobbs offered her portfolio for review during the time with the Kent State Rep visit.



McDonald, Briefly

Mr. Domitrovich's Speech class and Mr. Anthony's History of Popular Music class toured the Akron radio station 90.7 The Summit and met with program director, Brad Savage.



Rylin Jividen, Mia Bracco and Mackenzie Regelman participated in Honors Band earliest this month. They performed alongside 35 different schools that made up the group.

EDITORIAL: HOBBIES TO PASS THE TIME

BY: JESSICA STAMP

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID SOMETHING FUN? HAVING A HOBBY CAN MAKE TIME FLY AND LEAVE YOU WITH LESS STRESS. YOU CAN DO ALL KINDS OF HOBBIES LIKE COOKING OR SHOPPING. COOKING CAN HELP TAKE YOUR MIND OFF OF THINGS AND ALLOWS YOU TO ENJOY THE TIME YOU HAVE WHILE OTHER PEOPLE ENJOY SHOPPING AND FINDING ITEMS THAT THEY LIKE. THE POINT OF A HOBBY IS TO HAVE FUN AND TAKE A STEP OUT OF REALITY FOR A LITTLE BIT.

MY FAVORITE HOBBY IS TO SIT ON A SWING OUTSIDE AND READ A BOOK. I LOVE HEARING BIRDS CHIRP WHILE READING A GOOD STORY AND SOMETIMES FEEL THE WINDY BREEZE ON ME. IT'S SOMETHING THAT I DON'T DO OFTEN AND WISH THAT I DID IT MORE. HOBBIES, FOR ME, LET ME ESCAPE FROM REALITY FOR A WHILE AND IT ALSO ALLOWS ME TO RELAX FROM MY BUSY LIFE.

Hobbies

People on the Street: What Would You Change Your Name To?

By: Lauren Johnson



<p>Nathan Sierra 8th grade I would change my name to Ethan because no one in my family has that name and I want to be original.</p>	<p>Chloe Thomas 8th grade I would change my name to Gabriella because it is a cute name and I feel it fits my personality.</p>	<p>Carley Stitt Sophomore I would change my name to Annabell because the name is long and original.</p>	<p>Cory Underwood Junior I would change my name to Juju because he is my favorite football player and he is really good.</p>
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Top 5 Christmas Activities

By: Bri Callow

1. Decorating the Tree- This may be the most painstaking activity you do all Christmas season. Everyone knows it takes hours just to untangle the knot your tree lights got in magically by being in the box for 11 months untouched. But in the end this will hopefully make you happy to see your hard work on display in your house!

2. Baking Cookies- Making sweet, gooey cookies cut out like little trees and gingerbread men is one of the many reasons Christmas is so great. And even if you can't cook you know someone in the family will have you covered. The best part is no one judges you when you eat a lot of them since it's Christmas, it's acceptable!

3. Sled Rides- Sled rides are the unofficial sport of the Christmas season. They are the most fun you could possibly have this Christmas season. Everyone loves racing their friends down the snowy hills and crying to their mom if they lose the race. No matter what, though, at least your mom

will always think you're a winner this Christmas season!

4. Watching Christmas Movies- Everyone loves a corny Hallmark Christmas movie with those shocking endings you never see coming, right? After coming inside from the cold, harsh snow and winds you can warm up by the fire and get comfy by watching a good old Christmas movie. Even if you don't own Christmas movies, ABC family has you covered the whole month of December.

5. Christmas Parties- Everyone loves a party, especially a party that is celebrating everyone's favorite holiday! You'll need a good Christmas party after all the hard work you put in preparing for the holidays. Just don't forget to clean up after all your guests leave!



Meegan Dockery

What encourages you to play basketball?

"One thing that encouraged me to play basketball is that my older sisters both played, and I wanted to be as good as they were."

Do you like playing basketball?

"I really enjoy playing basketball because I have grown up around it, and it is really fun."

Do you want to further your basketball career after high school?

"Yes, I would like to play basketball in college to expand my skills, learn more about coaching, and earn a scholarship."



Junior/Senior Spotlight

By: Kyleigh Sierra

Juan Villanueva

What inspires you to play basketball?

"What inspires me to play is my father played basketball, and that made me want to play."

How many years have you played basketball?

"I have played eight years of basketball."

Do you wish to continue your basketball career after high school?

"I'm not sure if I want to continue my basketball career after high school because I want to focus on my education."



Zack Canada

What was one thing you accomplished at state?

"I didn't accomplish as much as I wanted to at state. However, I had a good season and I became better friends with a lot of my teammates."

What encouraged you to start running?

"My older brother and my friends encouraged me to start running and ever since then I have loved the sport."

What is your favorite part about running cross country?

"My favorite part about running is bonding with a close group of young men while keeping myself in shape and having a great time doing it as well."



Sela Jones

What was the most exciting thing for you at state?

"The most exciting thing for me were cheering on the boys, and finding out that I had made All-Ohio."

What accomplishments did you have for yourself at state?

"Going into the meet, I was hoping to be anywhere from 15th to 30th place, and I wanted to help my team get 8th or better since we ranked 9th."

What is your favorite thing about running cross country?

"My favorite thing about running is getting to train and hangout with my teammates, who are all good friends of mine. I've made most of my friends either at McDonald or from other schools through running."



December Events

By Nikolina Drobnjak

Boys Basketball-

Home-December 11, 18, 21, 22, 28

Away-December 4 @ Girard

-December 14 @ Springfield

Girls Basketball-

Home-December 3, 10, 13,

Away-December 1 @ Girard

-December 6 @ Springfield

-December 8 @ Chaney

-December 17 @ Sebring

-December 20 @ W. Reserve

-December 29 @ Niles

Boys J.H. Basketball-

Home-December 3, 5, 17

Away-December 10 @ Sebring

-December 14 @ W. Reserve

-December 19 @ Waterloo

-December 22 @ Matthews

Girls J.H. Basketball-

Home-December 10, 12, 19

Away-December 1 @ Girard

-December 3 @ J-Milton

-December 5 @ M. Ridge

-December 17 @ Lowellville

-December 22 @ Matthews



Bowling-

December 3 @ Boardman Lanes

December 4 @ McKinley Lanes

December 7 @ Hunt Club Lanes

December 10 @ M. Valley Lanes

December 14 @ Bellwick Lanes

December 17 @ Champion Lanes

December 18 @ McKinley Lanes

December 20 @ M. Valley Lanes



Other Events-

December 5- NHS Induction Ceremony

December 20-Jan.1-Winter Break

Celeb Birthdays-

December 2-Britney Spears

December 10 -Raven Symone

December 13-Taylor Swift

December 23-Finn Wolfhard

December 30-Lebron James



Happy Holidays!

What is MHS's Favorite Thanksgiving Food?

By:Bri Callow

With 104 votes from throughout the high school, here are your results for the favorite Thanksgiving food! Taking home the gold is Mashed Potatoes with a strong 47 votes attached to them. Stuffing wasn't too far behind with 33 votes. And, surprisingly, the food that we most associate with Thanksgiving came in third with only 21 votes. The loser is Cranberry Sauce, which didn't even come close only having 3 votes. Thank you to everyone who voted! Happy Thanksgiving:)



Mashed Potatoes	47
Stuffing	33
Turkey	21
Cranberry Sauce	3

Junk In The Trunk

By Ziad Aziz

Cory Underwood's Trunk



What's in your trunk?

- Basketball shoes
- Hand sanitizer
- Calculator
- Mini Speaker
- Coupons



How did it get there?

- Basketball shoes were left in there from the last time I went to the gym.
- Hand sanitizer was left in here, I went shopping the other day.
- Calculator was in there because it fell out of my bag.
- Mini speaker is in here because my radio broke.
- Coupons are in here from when I went shopping.

Why are they still in here?

- I hoop every once in a while.
- Extra calculator just in case I lose mine at school.
- Speaker used as my radio.
- Got coupons in the bag when I went to Dollar General.

Movie Review-Back to the Future

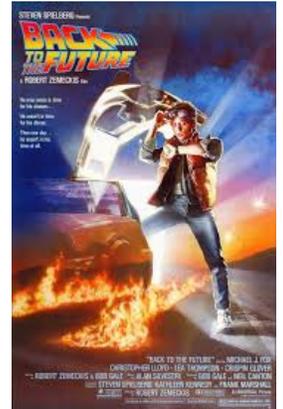
by Nikolina Drobnjak

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last thirty years, you've probably heard of *Back to the Future*, the 1985 movie starring Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, a teenager who goes back to the future - I mean the past. And how does he do this? Through a new time machine vehicle made by his good friend Dr. Brown (Christopher Lloyd) that Marty uses to drive *far away* from Libyan terrorists. And by *far away*, I mean all the way to 1955, where he accidentally is a victim of his young mother's romantic affections, thus threatening his own existence. Together with 1950s Dr. Brown, they must find a way back home before Marty is stranded in the 50s forever and fades from history.

This movie is pretty well written overall, with a well established conflict, and Michael J. Fox was good in this role-considering this was his first major movie role. But a scene that was very confusing and had flaws in writing was the scene where 1950s Dr. Brown rips up Marty's written warning of his future and throws it away, in the middle of a terrible thunderstorm, and somehow has it thirty years later, in perfect condition.

There are few other plot-holes that can be confusing, such as the fact that Marty might've created another dimension when he put his parents back together and suddenly changed his whole family without a good explanation of what happened to the family of Marty's past.

Besides all the plot holes, I thought this movie was very good and I think that everyone who has seen this movie agrees. It was the highest grossing film of 1985 and was the most successful movie of its opening weekend, followed by *Teen Wolf*, also starring Michael J. Fox. The movie has received a cult following since its release, sparking two sequels. *Back to the Future will continue to be one of the greatest films of the 80s.*



Monthly Horoscope

By: Lauren Johnson



Huge happenings are headed your way this month. Jupiter will start a 13-month visit to Sagittarius, a fresh chapter of your life will last for more than a decade. And you're ready for it since Jupiter is the planet of expansion and opportunity, you'll soon start feeling like things are going your way again. Your natural-born Sagittarius luck will be back in business!

But there will be a few plot twists to a negative along the way as this month will feature three planets moving in and out of tricky retrogrades, along with another big planet, Uranus, making a sign change two days before Jupiter does. It might be hard to build any new routines with all this change happening at once.

Date Line: November 22, December 21

Element: Fire

Color: Blue

Ruler: Jupiter

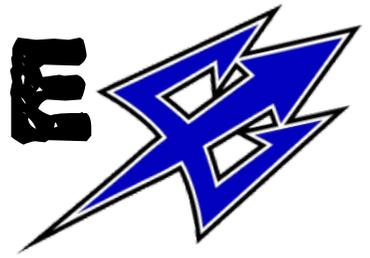
Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 9, 12, 21
Likes: Freedom, Travel, Philosophy, Outdoors

Dislikes: Clingy, being constrained, Off the wall theories, details

Adapted from Astrostyle



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