



## Career Day is Back! By Victoria Hall

On January 30th, the sophomore students interested in attending TCTC participated in Career Day to get more experience with the programs that the school has to offer.

All sophomore students went to TCTC in September and were able to survey 12 different programs. This time, interested students registered online and were able to pick three out of 32 programs to narrow down their potential career pathways.

Nick Waldo said, "I have always wanted to go to TCTC for public safety, but being in there and interacting in the class made me realize that this is my career path."

Participants had 45 minutes in each program and got to interact with various features. In addition, they also got to learn more about the requirements they need to have to be accepted into a program.

Mrs. Bosheff said, "Going to TCTC for the second time was an amazing opportunity for the students because it gave them a better idea of what program they really wanted to be in."

Also at TCTC they have College Credit Plus opportunities including Writing 1 and 2, Trigonometry, and Calculus.

If students are not sure about going to TCTC and would like to go there again, extra visitation days will occur on February 7th and February 28th.

After Career Day, students were able to sign up for the programs they wanted to be in for next year. The quicker they sign up, the better it is to get into the program for next year as spaces can fill up quick. Students will be informed by the offices if they get accepted into TCTC.

Gabrielle Martin said, "I always thought I wanted to go into teaching until I went to career day for the second time and was in the equine program. I realized that this is my dream job."



Gabrielle Martin taking a picture with her favorite animal. Photo Courtesy of Sierra Hickox

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## MHS Softball is Back Again!

By: Kobie Baker

Conditioning for softball has officially begun and the team is ecstatic about another great season.

Reflecting on the benefits of conditioning, junior Sierra Schrader says, "It can be hard, but it is really good that we have it. The point of it is to have a positive benefit on our bodies so we are ready for the season." The team goes to conditioning every Wednesday at 5 pm and every Saturday at 10 am.

This year, Mr. Senich stepped down as head coach and passed responsibilities to Mrs. Titus. The girls are so excited about starting the season with their new coach.

Senior Isabella Beres says, "I am extremely excited because I am never really a sporty person and to walk into a team environment is really nice. I am already making new friends and it feels great to work

towards my goals while other people do the same."

After listening to how well last season went, there is no doubt in my mind that they will pull off another amazing season. Last year, the team made it all the way to district finals.

The first game for the girls will be against Cardinal Mooney at The Field of Dreams on Monday, March 26th at 5:00 pm. Make sure to come support our softball team!



Mrs. Titus shows the team proper form. Photo by Sierra Schrader

## STUDENTS PREPARE FOR POSITIVE IMPACT DAY

By Autumn Mason

Positive Impact Day is not until May, but Mr. Rupe's ecology classes are beginning to prepare for it.

Positive Impact Day is a community service opportunity in May where the whole school spends time outside mulching, painting, picking up trash, and other things to help clean up McDonald. It instills a sense of pride in students to make their community look as nice as they can to give back for all it has given to us. The day only occurs every other year and will take place on May 9, with the rain date on May 10.

Currently, the ecology classes are assigned to groups and making the schedule deciding on what snacks to have and building a finance budget. When asked how it feels to be a part of Positive Impact Day, senior Tori Lowe said, "It makes me feel important and good because I can make a difference in our community."

On the morning of Positive Impact Day there will be a breakfast for all the adults that participate including the mayor, the police, and the village council. This is a big year for the ecology students because this is also the one hundred year anniversary of McDonald village.

Mr. Rupe and a group of other teachers started Positive Impact Day with the concept of community service and Earth Day in mind. The last Positive Impact Day was in 2016 and ended up with \$2,000 in donations and a brand new shrine on the corner of Roosevelt to bridge the heritage of the past and present using artifacts from the former steel mills.

When asked how it makes him feel when he sees students and faculty transforming their community, Mr. Rupe said, "I like being able to play a leadership role. Seeing students and administration come together is very rewarding to see what everyone can do. Great things happen when we come together."

Ultimately, Mr. Rupe believes, "Setting aside a day for us to work together can be such a positive thing."



Students research and discuss what they want to do for Positive Impact Day.

# Jostens: Making Memories for High School

By Marissa Carusso

With senior year winding down, a representative from Jostens came in to meet with the 2018 class about purchasing mementos from high school. Representative Rich Petro also met with the sophomore class to discuss the same things.

Once students are in their sophomore year, time starts to fly by and senior year comes quickly. Therefore, it's good to start thinking about these things now, rather than later.

Many items can be purchased such as sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, class rings and, most importantly, the cap and gown. If the students want, they can even get customized tassels for their caps. The importance of ordering caps and gowns was stressed during the meeting. When asked why it is so important Rich Petro said, "The biggest thing is ordering your caps and gowns correctly and on time so that we have time to get everything done right and ready on time for the kids. It's important to listen to the ordering instructions so that everything fits you perfect for graduation day."

The main purpose of the meeting with Jostens is to make sure students are graduation ready. None of the other items are necessities to purchase, but are options if a student wants to have them as a memento.

Class rings are one of the big items because they are timeless. The rings are made in all different shapes and sizes to fit everyone's style. Another great way to have a keepsake from high school is to purchase graduation gifts

from the Jostens website. Parents and friends could get custom gifts for their graduating senior.

After being asked about the importance of caps and gowns, senior Bailey Conley said, "The caps and gowns are one of the best parts about graduation and they have to be ordered on time. This day came faster than I ever thought, so it's really important to be prepared."

When looking back on it, high school is a big part of life and the stepping stones of the foundation of your education. When asked why he thinks it's good to have mementos from high school, senior Jared McGarry said, "When you look back one day in the future and it reminds you of all of the memories you had in high school, it gives you that nostalgic feeling."

Best wishes to the sophomores on their road to senior year and also to the seniors coming down to their last few months of their high school career.



**The Class of 2018 meets with Rich Petro of Jostens**

## *Protect Yourself Online*

By Cerina Thorne



**Students Emily Treharn, Gabby Hoskinson, Anacia Johnson, and Anika Jividen practice digital citizenship.**

Digital citizenship is an important topic worth discussing for high school students. Edutopia defines it as "the appropriate use of technology and securing your information on the internet."

About half of high school students keep their account public for the purpose of gaining followers. After I surveyed 25 students between grades 7-12, asking if they kept their social media on private, only 11 of the students kept their account on private.

A 10th Grader said the reason they keep their account on private is because they don't want strangers knowing information about them or the things they do with their friends. An 11th grader added, "You shouldn't be sharing everything about yourself on the internet. If you're scared someone's going to steal your identity you are sharing too much."

Password security is another important issues not enough students consider. Many don't know how to create a secure enough password because most use either the same password for everything, or an easy and guessable password which causes possible identity theft or losing their account all together.

When creating a password, it is important to have some length to it so that is is harder to crack. Also consider adding numbers, capital letters, and special characters as well.

There are many ways to manage your passwords without forgetting them. Consider a password manager like 1Password and LastPass that will keep your passwords for all accounts confidential.

# Editorial: Importance of Black History Month

By Lea Brown

The month of February isn't only meant to celebrate love and President's day; it's also about educating ourselves about how African Americans have changed the lifestyle of the United States.

Black History Month is the time to honor and applaud black leaders for standing up against discrimination, and expanding the freedoms of African Americans. With the help of influential leaders such as Frederick Douglass, who broadened the education of slavery and released an autobiography, today's society has been greatly impacted.

It is these leaders who paved the way for our 44th president, Barack Obama, and ended segregation in public schools. Douglass helped open the eyes of the public to change their opinion on slavery, which would eventually lead to slavery being abolished with other factors included.

The reason why Black History Month is important is so that we can look at past events to see potential in the present and make the future a better place, and this month allows Americans to educate themselves about our country's past, in hopes that the future for all will be better.

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR "SPORT'LIGHT"

By Lea Brown

MOLLY HOWARD



### ZACH RASILE

HE'S A SOPHOMORE THAT HAS PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR 5 YEARS

ZACH ENJOYS PLAYING BASKETBALL BECAUSE HE ENJOYS THE SPORT

HIS GOAL FOR THIS SEASON IS TO WIN A DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

ZACH'S FAVORITE PART OF PLAYING BASKETBALL IS THAT HE ENJOYS BEING AROUND HIS TEAMMATES AND HAVING FUN



SHE'S A FRESHMAN WHO HAS PLAYED BASKETBALL FOR 8 YEARS AS A CENTER

MOLLY SAID SHE PLAYS BASKETBALL BECAUSE SHE LIKES WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM, AND HAS ALWAYS ENJOYED PLAYING SINCE SHE WAS YOUNG

THIS YEAR HER GOAL IS TO WIN DISTRICTS, AND IMPROVE EVERY GAME AND

PRACTICE

SHE LOOKS UP TO LEBRON JAMES AND KEVIN DURANT AS PLAYERS BECAUSE LEBRON IS A GREAT LEADER, KEVIN IS SWEET, AND THEY BOTH ARE ALL AROUND GOOD PLAYERS

MOLLY IS MOST EXCITED ABOUT TOURNAMENTS BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN EVERYTHING COUNTS

### ALIVIA MORRISON



ALIVIA IS A 7TH GRADER WHO'S FIRST YEAR OF PLAYING BASKETBALL IS THIS YEAR

SHE PLAYS BASKETBALL BECAUSE SHE ENJOYS BEING AROUND HER FRIENDS AND GOING TO GAMES

THIS SEASON HER GOAL IS TO SCORE MORE POINTS, AND IMPROVE EVERY GAME

ALIVIA LOOKS UP TO LEBRON JAMES BECAUSE SHE ADMIRES HIS PERSISTENCE TO WIN GAMES

SHE'S WAITING FOR TOURNAMENTS BECAUSE

SHE HAS LEARNED THAT YOU PLAY HOW YOU PRACTICE, AND SHE HAS BEEN TAKING PRACTICE TIME MORE SERIOUSLY

### CARSON SCHRADER



HE'S AN 8TH GRADER WHO'S FIRST YEAR OF PLAYING BASKETBALL IS THIS YEAR

HIS GOAL FOR THE SEASON IS TO IMPROVE HIS SKILLS AND PLAY BETTER EVERY GAME

CARSON ENJOYS PLAYING BASKETBALL BECAUSE HE LOVES WORKING WITH HIS FRIENDS TO ACCOMPLISH GOALS TOGETHER, AND HAVING FUN WITH THEM

HE LOOKS FORWARD TO TOURNAMENTS WITH HOPES OF HIS TEAM WINNING AS MANY GAMES AS THEY CAN

# ROCCO'S BOOK CORNER

BY: ROCCO PASCARELLA

This month's review is *If I Stay*. This book is about a teenage girl who goes on a drive with her family and gets into a car accident and ends up in a coma. Mia, the main character, is the only one who survives the accident. While in the coma, she experiences an out of body experience.

What I like about the book is that she can move and walk around, but no one can see her. This out of body experience is very creative for the book since it helps you understand what is going on from her prospective. This book is a good read because of all of the suspense and keeps you wanting to turn the page to find out what happened to Mia. By the end, Mia has to face her hardest choice- staying and fighting, or leaving.

What I didn't like about the book is how her family dies in the accident. How are we going to know what would have happened if they would have survived and seen their daughter in a coma? Since they died, we will never get to experience their pain and sadness of this horrible event in their lives. This book is really sad and isn't for people who get emotional.

My final verdict is if you're looking for a good, suspenseful, and tear jerking book, this is for you. While in her ghost state of mind, Mia has the choice of whether she should stay or go as she reflects on her life. She has a hard choice to make, which helps make the book a page turner and make you want to read more. You just have to wait and see what Mia will choose to do with her life. This book is a good read that you can read in your spare time, or even in study hall.



## VALENTINE SWEETS

By Kara Meehan

A good way to tell your secret admirer that you like them is to make them some treats, so I am going to show you how to make delicious red velvet cupcakes. Red velvet cupcakes are my favorite and I think they are great for Valentine's Day.

Step 1 : Preheat oven to 350 degrees F, and mix flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl.

Step 2 : In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar with an electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time. Mix in sour cream, milk, food color, and vanilla. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed or until blended (Don't over beat.) Spoon batter into 30 paper-lined muffin cups, filling each cup 2/3 full.

Step 3 : Bake 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted into cupcake comes out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove from pans; cool completely. Frost with vanilla cream cheese frosting.

Step 4 : Vanilla cream cheese frosting- Beat cream cheese, softened, butter, sour cream, and pure vanilla extract in large bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in Confectioner's sugar until smooth.

### Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups of flour
- 1 (1 Oz) bottle of red food color
- 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup of unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup of softened butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk

### Frosting Ingredients:

- 1(8 Oz) package softened cream cheese
- 1/4 cup softened butter
- 2 tbsp sour cream
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1(16 Oz) box of confectioners' sugar

Recipe from [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com)



# Top 5 Valentine Candy

By Jessica Stamp

Valentine candy is used to give to loved ones. Chocolate is everybody's best friend and a good type of candy to give to people. Heart-shaped candy are great to start conversation with someone you like. Wear your heart on your sleeve and give that special person some marshmallow hearts.

1. Box of chocolate
2. Hershey's kisses
3. Dove chocolate
4. Valentine's heart-shaped candy
5. Peeps Valentine's Day marshmallow hearts



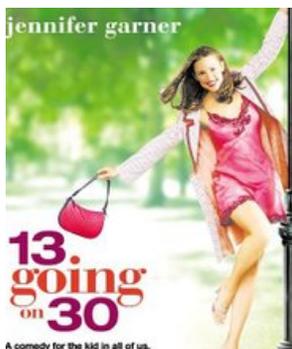
## You'll LOVE These Romantic Comedies!

By Emily Gilligan



### **10 Things I Hate About You** 62% on Rotten Tomatoes

Based on William Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*, this film focuses on Kat Stratford, an intelligent, outspoken teen in high school who does not attract many boys. When her younger sister, Bianca, is told that she can't have a boyfriend until Kat gets one, Bianca feels challenged to set her sister up with newcomer Patrick, who is equally as abrasive as her. This flick is not only hilarious, but it also tells the story of someone letting their guard down for someone they love.



### **13 Going On 30** 64% on Rotten Tomatoes

Middle schooler Jenna is tired of living the life of a teenager, and desperately wants to be an adult. Overnight, her dreams come true. She is transformed into a 30 year old woman and has to face grown-up issues like a real boyfriend, work, and figuring out how to be an adult. Personally, my favorite scene was when Jenna had a sleepover with all of her 13-year-old friends who lived in her apartment building. This is a feel-good movie for whenever a laugh is needed!



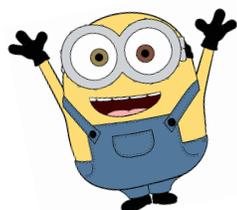
### **Juno** 94% on Rotten Tomatoes

Juno MacGuff, a teenager in high school, becomes pregnant and chooses a musician and his wife to adopt the baby. When Mark, the soon-to-be father, starts to see Juno as more than just someone carrying his future child, complications arise. Although this movie is definitely one of the more serious romantic comedies in the genre, and it might just take the cake for being one of the realest, too.

Have a student kudos? Send it and a photo to Mr. Backur at [backb@mcdonald.k12.oh.us](mailto:backb@mcdonald.k12.oh.us)

### **Student Kudos!**

By Victoria Hall



7th grade students Nathan Sierra and Caden Morris, who are both in art club, volunteered to decorate the office's bulletin board to bring a beacon of positivity to the office with their "Minion Reasons to Love MHS".



*Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lobaugh*

# All You Need is Love

By Kara Meehan

A good way to get your secret admirer to like you back would be to play them some classics from The Beatles's *Love* album. The album introduces great music from the band after they had grown apart and years have gone by.

This remix album came out November 20th, 2006 to show the world a new experience for the popular band. The songs on the album were recorded from 1963-1969, but accompany a current Cirque du Soleil show.

The idea of creating the show came from George Martin and his son Giles Martin. Giles said, "What people will be hearing on the album is a new experience, a way of re-living the whole Beatles musical lifespan in a very condensed period." Before they could make the album real, they had to get permission from The Beatles. But because John Lennon and George Harrison had sadly passed away, they had to get permission from their estates Olivia Harrison and Yoko Ono.

I chose this album to review because they are one of my favorite bands and this is my favorite album. I think that the songs are amazing and that they are very enjoyable. Some of my favorite songs are "Eleanor Rigby", "Hey Jude", "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds", and "All you Need is Love."

## Featured Artist: Nick Helco

By Emily Gilligan

This issue, our featured artist is Nick Helco. Nick is a senior and currently in the Independent Art class with Mrs. Mills. His preferred medium is colored pencil. He is interested in abstract art and cartooning. Nick has done many different art projects, from pencil sketches to sculpture.



Nick Helco holding his seashell sculpture



Nick was inspired by MAD Magazine.



In this photo, Nick chose to showcase his favorite childhood toys.



This sculpture represents his love for the beach.

## MUCH LOVE FOR FEBRUARY

By Jessica Stamp

**Birthstone:** Amethyst

**Zodiac:** Aquarius (Feb.1-Feb.18)

- :are independent, mysterious, and free-spirited
- :most compatible with Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn
- :least compatible with Gemini and Aries

**Events:** Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2)

- :Valentine's Day (Feb. 14)
- :President's Day (Feb. 19)

**Fun Facts:** The month of February is considered unlucky

- :February is misspelled a lot
- :In 2020, it will be a leap year and February will have 29 days instead of 28





# Backpage Pics



By: Rocco Pascarella

## SPIRIT WEAR M

