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MHS Extracurriculars

With winter sports wrapping up, and spring sports not yet starting, now is a good time to look at McDonald's extracurriculars.

This is the first year that McDonald has offered a Drone Racing team. It's a fairly new concept that we're getting the hang of slowly.

First, our team had to 3-D print two drones and put them together using their "kits." During the race, the players wear a VR headset to create a first person experience. There are two different game modes: capture the flag and normal racing. During capture the flag, the different teams use their drones to fly through a light beacon and



Drone Racing "kit." Includes VR headset, remote control, and the base drone

bring it back to their "base." The race consists of the different teams trying to go through obstacle courses with the shortest time. Our team is still learning exactly how it works and are meeting every Thursday at lunch.

They'll have a practice run sometime in March, but the real competition will be held April 9th in an airport hangar in Vienna.

Senior Michael Porter said, "I didn't know much about it, but it seemed like a fun thing to do."

During MathFest, our group of super advanced mathematicians go to YSU. They take a quick quiz, and if they score high enough they can win special prizes. Then, they have a chance to listen to 2-3 "workshops" including "Playing Our Way into Game Theory," "Why Should We Hire You?," and

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ENGLISH FESTIVAL 2022 READING LIST

10th–12th Grades

*The Rise and Fall of
Charles Lindbergh*
Candace Fleming

Macbeth
Gareth Hinds
William Shakespeare

Read Between the Lines
Jo Knowles

**The Downstairs Girl*
Stacey Lee

Raybearer
Jordan Ifueko

Free Lunch
Rex Ogle

*Thirteen Doorways,
Wolves Behind Them All*
Laura Ruby

*Book appears on both lists.

ENGLISH FESTIVAL 2022 READING LIST

7th–9th Grades

*Amelia Lost: The Life and
Disappearance
of Amelia Earhart*
Candace Fleming

*The Great and Only Barnum:
The Tremendous,
Stupendous Life of Showman
P.T. Barnum*
Candace Fleming

Poe: Stories and Poems
Gareth Hinds

***Still a Work in Progress*
Jo Knowles

Where the Heart Is
Jo Knowles

**The Downstairs Girl*
Stacey Lee

The Year We Fell from Space
Amy Sarig King

Other Words for Home
Jasmine Warga

*Book appears on both lists.

**Bonus book, not required for participat
May be used for pre-Festival contests.

continued... more. Some of these are conducted by professors, and others are YSU students. After that, participants have lunch on YSU's campus and usually get to go home early.

English Fest is also held at YSU. Before you arrive, you're expected to read 7-8 books, depending on your grade level. The students break into groups and have writing contests about the books. Brooklyn Bokan said, "My favorite part is that I get to work with students from other schools. I've never been paired with someone from McDonald."

Some sessions might consist of talking about one of the book's theme or certain characters. The English Fest website says, "They will listen to a noted author or authors of some of the books they have read, write impromptu essays, collaborate on workshop activities, attend dramatic or artistic performances,

participate in 'insight' book discussions, and try their skills at

language games and 'not-so-trivial pursuit' competitions." Usually, after the competitions the winners are eligible for a variety of prizes including new books, scholarships, and merchandise.

Winter Sports by Brandon Weiss

Boys Basketball: The team worked hard and learned a lot this season. Recent losses to both Jackson Milton and Lowellville were tough for the boys to recover from. Junior Greg Costantino said he was optimistic for the future and felt the team would get better as they continued to work on adding more team work fundamentals.

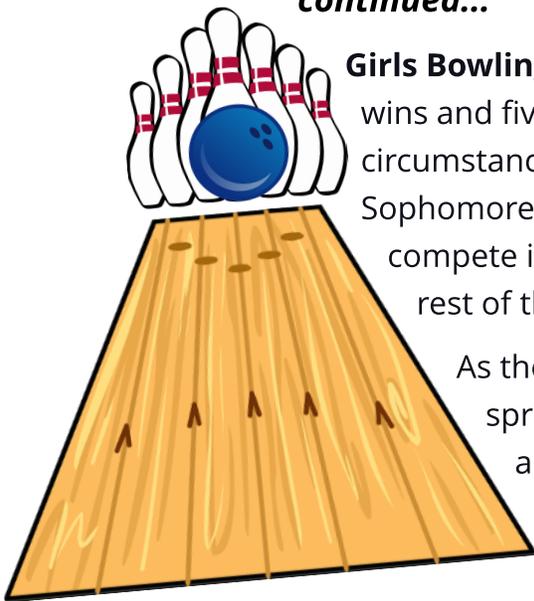
Girls Basketball: The girl's team has found themselves turning around their fortunes and finding success, with a record of 9-8. However, their games have been epic W's for the girls beating Western Reserve 43-20 and Jackson Milton 43-38. They have one more game against Chalker, which will end the girl's regular season for the 2022 school year. Senior Lucia Wolford said that the season isn't going too bad but it's definitely not like the past season where they went to state.

Boys Bowling: The boy's bowling team's record is an impressive 12 wins, 5 losses. On Sunday, February 13, they went to sectionals to battle against multiple teams. Freshman Zach Bregar had an outstanding performance and is competing in the district tournament on Friday, February 25. So let's get that bread and go home with the big win. Senior Jacob Sybert said that the season is going very well for the varsity boys and that the team definitely needs to work on being a team, especially for the next season.



Nolan Agler moments before making a foul shot

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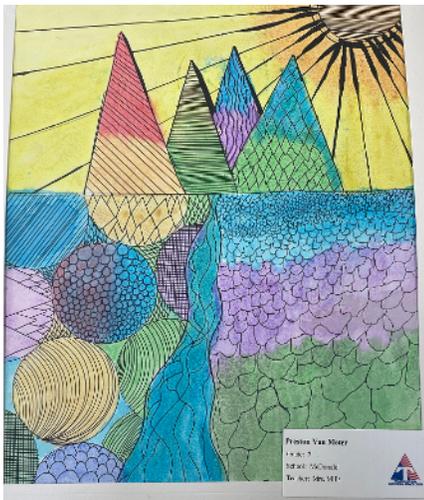
Girls Bowling: The girl's bowling team is currently rocking with a record of nine wins and five losses. There would have been more games this year, but circumstances beyond their control required the team to cancel 4 of them. Sophomore standout Grace Srock has found quite a bit of success and will compete in districts in Struthers on Saturday, February 26. So good luck on the rest of their season, and let's go, Devils.

As the winter sports seasons begin to wrap up, it's time to get excited for spring sports. Recently, sign-ups for track and field went out and there's a lot of chatter about success for this year's baseball and softball teams. When able, be sure to go out and show your support of our incredible athletes.

McDonald, Briefly

By: Veda Agler and Mirryn Hobbs

Congratulations to junior high students Riley Mills, Preston Van Meter, Marrison Colarich, Catalina Merola, Lauren O'Leary, Gabby Colon, James Matig, and Kali Mechling for earning a spot in the Trumbull County Art Show. Each student should be thrilled to be chosen to show off all their hard work.



Senior Lucia Wolford was recently the WYTV student of the week for her outstanding skill and leadership on the girl's



basketball team. She has shown great strength and determination throughout the years. Congratulations!

Senior Brooklyn Bokan has qualified for swim districts in both 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke.



Brooklyn competed on Friday, 2/18, at Cleveland State. Congratulations!

NHS sold individual bundt cakes for Valentine's Day. The flavors were gluten free, chocolate chocolate chip, vanilla, confetti, and raspberry

white chocolate. They were delivered around Valentine's Day as a sweet treat for a loved one.



Book Review: Divergent

By: Mirryn Hobbs

The Division Among a Futuristic Dystopia

Divergent, a series of books by Veronica Roth, takes place in a futuristic society. Since the books have come out, a series of movies have been released as well.

In this society, citizens are divided among five factions: Erudite, Candor, Dauntless, Abnegation, and Amity.

When one turns sixteen years old, they are to attend the choosing ceremony. At this ceremony, each sixteen year old will choose which faction they wish to join for the rest of their life. Once you have joined a faction, you can no longer meet family if they belong to a different faction.

In this world, it is a crime to have traits of more than one faction (divergent). One should not be intelligent, brave, selfless, honest, and peaceful all at once. The leaders of the community wish to arrest and banish anyone who is divergent.

When Tris takes her test to see what faction she belongs in, her results come back as divergent. Now she must hide her secret if she wishes to protect the life of herself and her family. At the choosing ceremony, Tris leaves her family in abnegation and joins dauntless. Little does she know, the erudite have plans for the dauntless.

Tension grows as Tris goes through all sorts of brutal training such as jumping from buildings and fighting. Soon, she realizes the

erudite have been training the dauntless to become soldiers for battle.

The erudite wish to erase the abnegation and become the leaders. One morning, the leaders of the dauntless faction inject members with a serum that succumbs their minds to control.

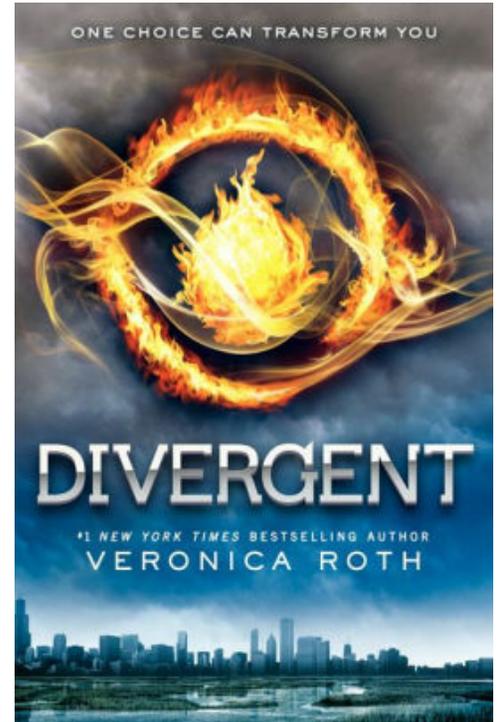
However, Tris realizes she is not under their control, for she is divergent. Tris and her fellow divergent leader, Tobias, stay together as war is just minutes away.

An intense battle breaks out as Tris is forced to join the dauntless in the erasing of her family. Tris must fight to protect her family and stop the erudite from completely taking control.

This series is an extremely intense and thrilling fantasy. I believe that it slightly resembles what our world looks like today.

The book slowly builds up to the final climax, ensuring an exciting journey to the end.

I think this book is a great addition to any collection. It includes several emotions as well as genres, so it could fit the taste of many readers!



Horoscopes - Aquarius By: Quintin Bell

(1/20 - 2/18)

Element - Air **Quality** - Fixed

Color - Light-Blue, Silver

Ruler - Uranus, Saturn

Lucky Numbers - 4, 7, 11, 22, 29

Day - Saturday

Greatest Compatibility - Leo, Sagittarius

Strengths - Progressive, original, independent, humanitarian

Weaknesses - Runs from emotional expression, temperamental, uncompromising, aloof

Aquarius likes - Fun with friends, risky business, fighting for causes, intellectual conversations.

Aquarius dislikes - Limitations, broken promises, being lonely, dull or boring situations.

Affirmation - "I Embrace My Eccentricities & Quirks."

Summary - Aquarius is the sign of waves, and it shows. Aquarius are the best on Saturday, as their independence and originality flourish into what feels like a new world, yet during most of the weekdays, they become aloof and uncompromising. Their day really depends on what is happening during the 2-3 hours after they wake up. If their days consists of what they like, they will have a good day. If it's the opposite, they probably won't have the best day. In general, they are unpredictable and could be the best friend in your life. Source - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquarius_\(astrology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aquarius_(astrology))



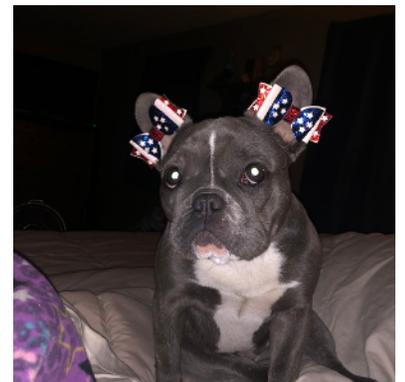
Mirryn Hobbs's cat: Creed

I asked twenty students if they liked cats or dogs better. All twenty students said they liked dogs better. This is shocking! Many people said they like dogs better because they are more fun and loving. Others said they are so much cuter and smarter than a cat.

Alivia Morrison stated, "You can train and play with dogs as they always want to be near you." She added, "With cats they are easier to potty train but they are just boring to be around and to play with."

Cats VS Dogs

By: Veda Agler

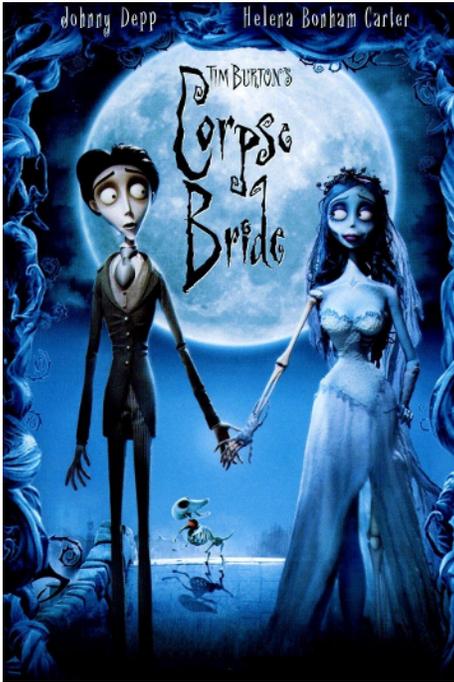


Veda Agler's dog: Hazel

Many students agreed with her. They added that cats can be more scary and they also want to be left alone most of the time. Dogs can be fun and loving although their personalities are crazy while cats often want to sleep in more extreme places such as a window sill or the edge of anything else they can find. These results with the debate are very shocking, thinking that some people would choose a cat. Which one do you like more a cat or a dog?

Movie Review: Corpse Bride

By: Mirryn Hobbs The Bittersweet Story of a Forgotten Bride



Corpse Bride, a 2005 film, is known to be one of Tim Burton's best works. Tim Burton is widely known for his dark and whimsical art style.

This film follows the story of a young man named Victor Van Dort, who is

just a few days away from an arranged marriage to Victoria Everglot.

However, when Victor is practicing his vows in the woods, he places a ring upon what seems to be a branch. Victor watches in horror as the corpse of a bride, gown and all, raises from the ground. She believes that Victor has proposed to her.

Emily, the bride, takes Victor to the world of the dead. He soon learns that Emily had been betrayed by her previous lover. In order to be set free, Emily wishes for Victor to join her in death as well as marriage.

Victor accepts this proposition on one condition. He requests to be sent back to the land of the living with Emily in order to be married in the church. However, Victor only promises this in order to get back to Victoria.

When Emily realizes Victor's deceit, she is heartbroken. Victor realizes that he had made her a

promise, so he decides to drink the poison and join Emily in marriage. Just before he sips the glass, Victoria bursts into the church and shortly after, the man who betrayed Emily and ended her life enters the room.

A fight breaks out between him and Victor and eventually, the man drinks the poison without realizing it is not wine. He joins the other beings in the afterlife where they can finally get justice for Emily.

Emily realizes that she can not take away the dreams of Victoria like hers were taken from her. She says her goodbye as she evaporates into a swarm of butterflies. As the butterflies float toward the moon, Emily is finally free.



I believe this film teaches an important lesson of maturity as well as empathy. I think Emily is a very respectable character as she realized what she was doing was wrong.

If whimsical and melancholy films are an interest, I highly recommend *Corpse Bride*. This film is filled with vibrant music as well as beautiful artwork!

Game Review - Sonic Robo Blast 2

By: Quintin Bell

Have you found some of the recent 3D Sonic games bore you, and you're craving for better content that's not story-based like the classic days? Then take a look at the fangame *Sonic Robo Blast 2* that has been in the works since 1998!

This game offers a lot of versatility and is something you can play your way. Mobile, PC, and even controller-type are all customizable.

In the base game, there are 8 zones all with 3 acts, leveling off at 24 good levels to run through. The game is based off of the classics with a rendition of a sprited 3D look to it and the characters control like you expect.



Sonic can blast through the levels at high speeds, Tails can fly into the skies, and Knuckles can glide. Each zone is beautifully hand-crafted with sprites and textures. If you were to look at previous iterations, the game was actually initially made for PCs around the 2000 era, but unfortunately was limited to Windows 7 and up.

Even after completing the game and earning all the unlockables there are a plethora of add-ons. Want to play SRB2 like Mario Kart? It's there! How about new characters and levels? They are also there. The possibilities are limitless!

What do I like about this game? Where do I even begin. The Zones were crafted to have multiple paths based off of skill level, which helps the multiplayer aspect a lot. The sprites have good shading and the best is the music. The music fits everywhere.

What about dislikes? Since the game was intended for older computers and most of the code may not have changed since, the netcode is horrendous. If you live a state or two away, your game will be fluent! But the second you go 1-2 countries away, your game will suffer input lag, desyncing, and possible crashing. It's disappointing how outdated it is.



Overall, the game is amazing and would have been the perfect fit to spiral into 3D instead of *Sonic Adventure*. This fangame is very well made and the creators should be hired by SEGA.

My rating of this game, going off of singleplayer, is a 10/10. In multiplayer, I would rate it a 9/10.

