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Battle of the Classes Brings Friendly Competition

By Emily Gilligan

Battle of the Classes took place on Thursday, February 15th in the high school gymnasium. The whole school participated in many fun events such as volleyball, dog catcher, knock-out, tug of war, and a dodgeball tournament. Before the event took place, Senior Jenna O’Neil said, “I’m most excited for the dodgeball tournament because I think it’s the most fun to watch!” The seniors ended up taking the lead in the events of volleyball against the staff and the juniors, along with beating the staff in Family Feud.

Each grade was represented by a different color. The 7th grade was gray, the 8th grade was light pink, the 9th grade was mint green, the 10th grade was yellow, the 11th grade was purple, the 12th grade was baby blue, and the staff were jade dome.

The students in National Honor Society, along with advisor Mrs. Ross, spent a lot of time planning and organizing Battle of the Classes. NHS member Rachel Ward said, “A lot goes into planning it every year. We have to contact places about shirts and food, decide what activities would be the most fun for the students, and plan the schedule accordingly. It’s pretty much up to us to run it smoothly and make sure everyone has fun.”

Not only is Battle of the Classes a break from classes, but it’s also a time to hang out with your friends and have some fun. With this year being so awesome, students are excitedly awaiting next year’s Battle of the Classes!



The Freshman playing tug-of-war



Senior boys flexing before the tug-of-war tournament

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Bullying? Be Nice, Don't Start By Jessica Stamp

Bullying, or hurting someone physically, or emotionally, is something that should be stopped and prevented.

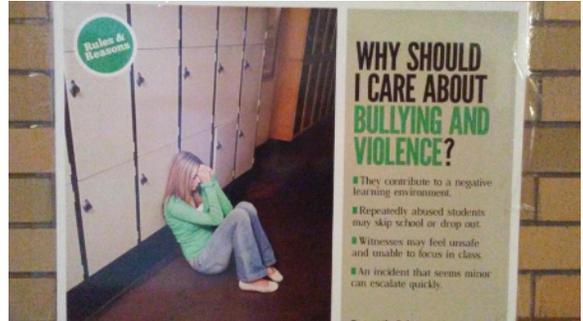
Mr. Carkido said, "There is no place for it in any setting. If you are the victim, walk away, tell a friend, do not use violence against the bully, and do not try to handle it yourself. Talk to an adult." Bullying shouldn't happen, but it does. Here are some things to know if you are being bullied.

If a bully is teasing or picking on you, tell someone so that it doesn't continue. If someone says something that is rude and not true, you shouldn't listen to them. You also shouldn't say something mean back because it might make the situation worse.

When bullied, it's important to tell a teacher, parent, or someone you trust. Telling someone will stop the bully from continuing his or her abuse towards you. If you witness bullying, please go and report it. You will be helping someone if you tell an adult.

Rachel Street said, "I would find an adult, or stand up for that person who is getting bullied."

Most importantly, be nice and positive. Having this attitude will make people want to be kind, too. It also can make the bully stop because you are not giving him or her the satisfaction of seeing you hurt. Being a positive influence can make people happy and can change somebody's thinking about bullying.



Bullying prevention campaign posters remind students to look out for one another.

Winter Sports Wrap-Up By Lea Brown



Girls Bowling Team after final round of sectionals, Photo by Mrs. Simmons

With the conclusion of winter sports arriving, the Devils have worked hard to have impressive seasons. The bowling team has achieved their goal of making it to districts, the girls basketball team has a nice seat in their playoff bracket, and the boys sit at number one in the district bracket.



Matthew Beedle shooting a three.

On February 10th, the girls bowling team worked hard to ensure a spot at districts by placing fourth at the last round of sectionals, slightly below their biggest competitor Cardinal Mooney. In order to advance to state, the girls need to place top four out of all teams, or have individuals who place in the top 4 spots.

Junior Julianna Srock said, "It's exciting to be going to districts. We've all worked hard this season and it feels good for it to be paying off."

Along with the girls team, Freshman boys Steven Mangin and Danny Barker also made it to districts, and competed on Saturday, February 24th with hopes of advancing to state, but unfortunately not making it as a team.

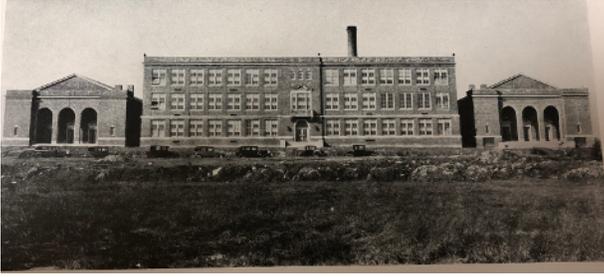
The varsity girls ended their season with a record of 16-7. They placed second, below Jackson Milton, and got a bye for the first round of playoffs. The girls ended their season on Saturday, February 24, as they played the Lisbon girls.

The varsity boys ended their regular season with a 20-3 record, and are preparing for the tournament season, which starts in early March. The boys had an outstanding season this year, with two of their starting players, Braedon Poole and Zach Rasile, both scoring their 1000th point.

Junior Josh Celli said, "We worked hard all year, and will work even harder during playoff with hopes that we can eventually make it to state." The boys also get a bye for their first round of playoffs and will play Wellsville on March 2nd at home.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

By: Rocco Pascarella



Our school has been through it all in the twentieth century from the first yearbook from 1921 all the way up until now. McDonald High School has seen all of the fashion changes, the way kids act, and the addition of more students.

This month's eras for investigation are the 1920s and the 1930s. During these two eras our school went from the booming economy of the Roaring Twenties and into the struggle of the Great Depression.

The Roaring Twenties was a great time in our school's history. Our school was K-12, all in one building, and it was called Roosevelt School. The first architect sketch of the high school was in 1928. During this decade, our school had a

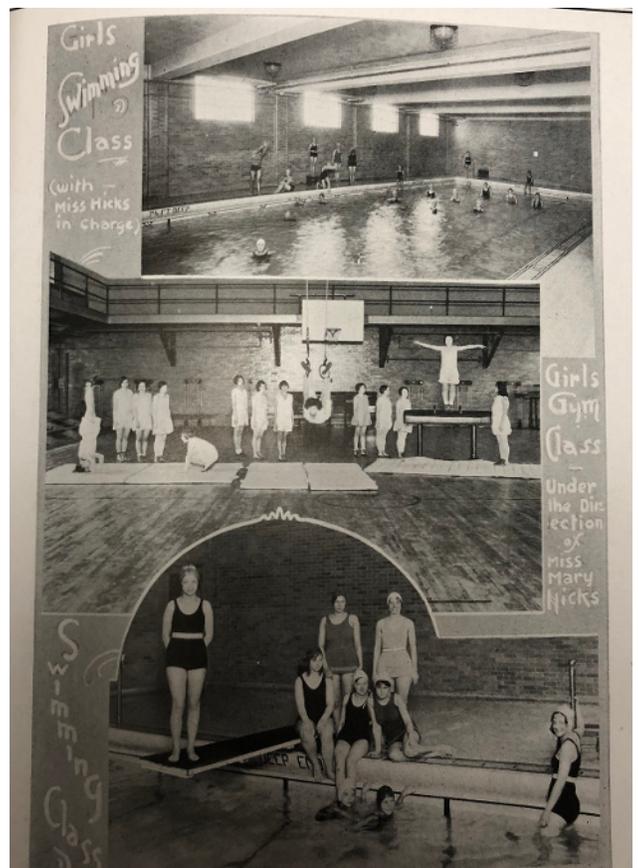
program called the Health Program that encouraged students to eat healthy and drink milk. 1920s life seemed more peaceful and kids were being themselves. This is a time where learning, fun, and a booming economy all played a vital role in our school's history. The oldest yearbook we have is from 1921 and it was called *The Roller*, the same as today.

In the early 1930s our school's classes began to grow in size to end up having more students and more graduates in a single class. There were multiple clubs and activities such as a debate team and girls swimming team. Our school also had a working cafeteria and the library was open to the students. In 1932, we started doing senior baby pictures with their names so you can guess who they were.

The floor in front of the office is the original floor from when the building was constructed. The school also offered more classes that we do not have anymore. McDonald High School has a lot of history in these walls and that is why it is interesting to find out what our school was all about.



Pictures of our school and the activities offered from the 20s and 30s



THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

By Kara Meehan

President's Day is an American holiday in which we celebrate all presidents, both past and present. This year, President's Day was on February 19th. In 1885, the holiday originally honored George Washington's birthday.

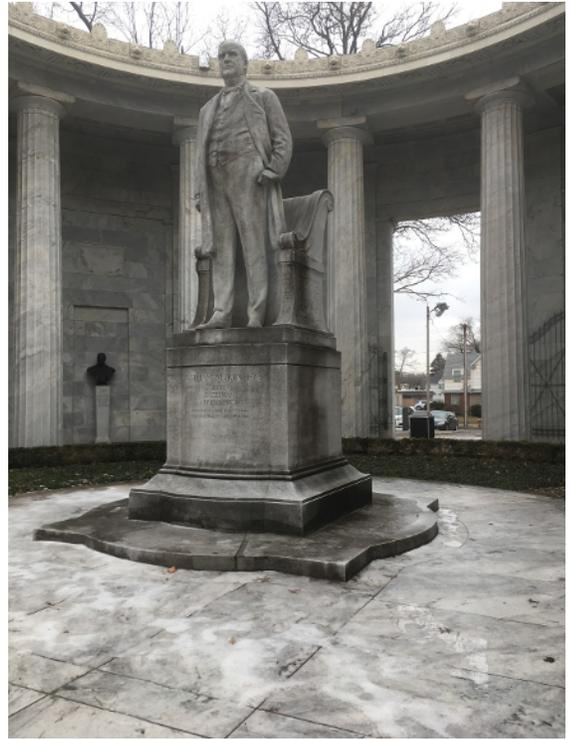
One great president that is from Niles, Ohio is William McKinley. McKinley was the 25th President of the United States and served from March 1897 to September 1901. According to History.com, he was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz as he was shaking hands with the public a mere six months into his second term. Some facts about McKinley are that he had eight siblings growing up, he was the seventh child born, and he enlisted into the Civil War when he was eighteen.

Before he became president, he went to Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania after graduating high school in 1859. He returned home after one year due to depression. His family was having financial issues so became a postal clerk and then a school teacher. When the Civil War was over, he went to Albany Law School in New York to become a lawyer. He then went into politics when his mentor from the war, Hayes, was nominated for governor in 1867.

When asked about the importance of President's Day, History teacher Mr. Senich said, "The holiday allows us to recognize the important qualities that our most accomplished presidents have had."

I think that President's Day is important for people young and old to know about because they did many outstanding things and changed people's lives.

Junior Rylin Jividen explained the importance of President's Day saying, "It has us remember all of the different presidents that we've had and how much they've made an impact on the country."



A statue of President McKinley stands tall in Niles.

Where in MHS?

By: Kobie Baker

A.) Where is it?



B.) Where is it?



C.) Where is it?



ANSWERS

- A.) Ms. Simpson's room
- B.) Mr. Rupe's room
- C.) Auditorium

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK

By Cerina Thorne

Chloe Campbell

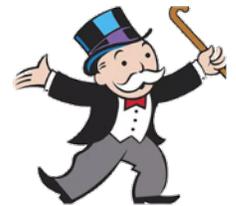


- Chloe has played trumpet for 6 years
- She started playing the trumpet because of her brother and sister, a family tradition
- Chloe would like to attend YSU and be in the *Dana School of Music* just like her older brother, but hopes to be a little bit better than him



What is your favorite board game?

By: Victoria Hall



Guess Who?	8
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According to the scores, MHS enjoys a long game of Monopoly. Sitting down and playing a game of Monopoly is always a great way to end the night.

Most students don't know the game Guess Who?, which was created in 1979, but there are a few fans in MHS that enjoy sitting down with another person, guessing which person is being described. So turn off the phones, gather up the family, and play some old board games!



People on the Street:

By: Victoria Hall

This week's question is:

If you could meet any famous person, who would it be?



Rachel Street
7th grade

I would want to meet Carrie Underwood because she is a really good singer and I enjoy listening to her songs.



Cheyenne Chaney
Freshman

I would want to meet Justin Bieber because he seems nice and has a good voice.



Rylin Jividen
Junior

I would want to meet Tom Hanks because he is a funny actor.



Ashley Dean
Senior

I would want to meet Bill Murray because he plays in my favorite movie *Moonrise Kingdom*.

MARCH HOROSCOPE

by Cerina Thorne

Pisces

February 18th- March 20th

You have become an opening for untold intention for others. You can become frustrated at times trying to figure out the world around you and defending your truth, but you can, and will, suddenly put your guard down and have fun and make new friends without mistaking their friendship for harmful or selfish intentions upon you.

Friendship: Horoscope

Relationship: Sagittarius

Lucky Numbers: 9,16,27,32

TEAM WEREWOLVES

By: Kobie Baker

Really? Is there even a question? Do you want to be out on a date with your Casper-white partner with red eyes and watch him or her sparkle while you stroll the park? No. You don't. You can hide being a werewolf, but if you are a vampire... forget your little secret, bud, the whole town will know. Someone getting in your way at school? Give your eyes a nice glow and you'll frighten them out of ever picking on you again. Let's not forget the amazing qualities that come with the bite. You will receive better hearing, better sight, faster sprinting, better hand-eye coordination, and more strength. Would you rather be friends with someone who could fight guys for you and lift a car, or be friends with someone who could suck your blood in your sleep at your next slumber party? *shivers*

A vampire bite is a curse, while a werewolf bite is a gift.



TEAM VAMPIRES

By: Autumn Mason

Okay listen, right off the bat I have to say why would you chose a werewolf over a vampire when you can go buy a dog? Sure, vampires are cold, but you could be turned into a vampire and live forever. Werewolves get old and they smell like dog. Vampires generally also have abilities outside the realm of eternal life. Some, like Edward, can read minds or see the future, like Alice. Others have many abilities that aren't particular to just one vampire, like the Salvatore brothers in *The Vampire Diaries*. Their blood can heal humans and they have mind controlling abilities. What can werewolves do? They can turn into big dogs. While we are on the subject of *The Vampire Diaries*, Tyler is a werewolf, but to activate his abilities he has to kill someone. As a vampire you don't have to do that! You could live off animal blood. Also, you can turn off your humanity and not have to worry about feelings anymore.

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Editorial: ACT Preparation

By Marisa Carusso

Juniors, get your ACT together when preparing for the test. All juniors will be given the ACT free of any charge in school on February 27th.

Preparation is an important part of test taking because it helps you take a step towards doing your best. With preparation comes studying, getting enough rest, and eating the right breakfast.

There are ACT study books available online or Mrs. Bosheff can be contacted about getting a study book. Also, she has ACT practice tests in her office that are great resources for studying. Practice tests are good for the ACT because the questions are different every year, so a particular area can't be studied.

Getting enough rest is important for any test because it's easier to focus when the brain is wide awake. Being groggy during a test lessens your ability to focus as well as needed.

Eating breakfast that is filling and has protein helps the brain and body feel nourished and energized. Peanut butter toast is a great choice along with eggs. They both contain a lot of protein and are filling. Having enough energy and getting enough protein also helps with focusing because the student is less likely to feel as if they're dragging along.

Good luck to all of the juniors on their ACT studying and actual test taking!

Outstanding Staff

By: Autumn Mason

This issue's Outstanding Staff is MHS secretary Mrs. Lobaugh. She is easy-going and uses her own life experiences to guide the students with her great advice. She is funny, positive, and always ready to help anyone at any time and very patient. I asked her the following questions to give you a little bit of an inside look:

1. How long have you been at McDonald?

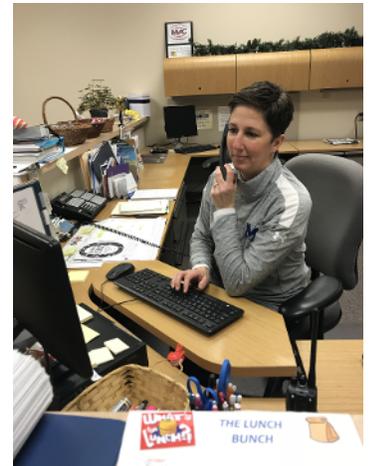
I am approaching the 4th anniversary of my job on March 1st, but I did sub in the district for 5 years prior to getting hired.

2. What's your favorite part of being a part of the staff here?

My absolute FAVORITE part of my job is being surrounded by the kids! Our student body is THEEE BEST! At my age it is important to keep up with an ever changing world and what better way to do that than being surrounded by those who shape our future! The energy in the building is always positive. I learn something new every single day from Pop Culture to technology! Most importantly, feel the kindness, the compassion, and the support the students have for each other as well as the staff.

3. What made you want to work in a school?

When I first applied for my job I believed that I would be happy working so close to my home as well as feel proud to contribute to my family with the job security of working in a school. All of the above is true, but none of that has anything to do with why I love my job. I truly enjoy being at my desk everyday!



4. Who inspires you?

Inspiration comes to me daily. Mrs. Robinson inspires me with her ever flowing positivity. Our teachers inspire me with their tireless efforts to keep education fun, interesting, and informative. My own children inspire me to be true to myself and others so that they are as proud of me as I am of them, and my husband inspires me each and every day with his confidence in my abilities to do good in the world.

5. What is one unique fact about you?

A unique fact about me is probably that I am a huge "Fanilow"! Barry Manilow Rules!

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Studying Hard

By Marisa Carusso

