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It Takes a Village **By: Hannah Werle**

The end of the school year approaches! It's hard to believe that the 2020-2021 school year is reaching its conclusion, but it's important to remember that we're not done yet--especially for the seniors. This time of year can be both thrilling and stressful for the soon-to-be graduates. On one hand there is the knowledge that it's almost over, and on the other there is an anticipation of the unknown ahead.

For many seniors, the future is roughly sketched out: go to college, get a degree, get a job. Despite the hope that life is truly that simple, students are not delusional enough to think that no further planning is required. This is especially true for those looking to go to college all because of one simple fact: college is expensive. Luckily, high school students are not alone. The Village of McDonald and many of its private residents have worked together to provide scholarships and grants to our



Senior Sarah Lorello fills out her letters in hopes to receive a scholarship.

future college-goers. From private donations to booster club scholarships, the citizens of McDonald have worked together to help send our seniors to college with this unique community offering. The different scholarships range from memorial donations that families made to booster organizations that would reward for participating in a certain sport or club. Due March 28th, the students were given one month to write a letter to the board of their selected scholarships. The members of the board could be private citizens, teachers, and/or staff members at McDonald. The criteria for acceptance varies from scholarship to scholarship, for example the "Good Character Award" requires only that the applicant be accepted into a college or trade school and in financial need.

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continued... Mrs. Bosheff is ecstatic knowing that people in the community really care about McDonald's students. She said, "There are 32 scholarships being offered and those come from athletics and community members for students who are doing good things in our community. I think for a small town, that's a lot of scholarships. People are getting together to help each other. Students just need to take the time to apply." The value of these opportunities is not lost on both our students and teachers.

These opportunities are exciting for many seniors, knowing that they are going to need every chance that they get in order to attend college. Senior Chelsea Sanson said, "I feel like this is very special to the seniors and it gives us the ability to feel accomplished with our achievements throughout high school. I think it also is helpful for our futures and I am honored we are getting the support from the community." Chelsea and many other seniors have jumped at the opportunity to earn these scholarships.

These scholarships are not just exciting for seniors, as many juniors and underclassmen are grateful to know that when their time comes, they will be able to rely on the community as well. Junior Brooklyn Bokan spoke on her feelings about these scholarships, "It makes me really happy to see the village support its youth and future by helping its students pay for college. Money is a big reason why a lot of kids don't go to college; to see the village help students is definitely something that can make you happy." Many students are finding hope at the end of a long, hard school year as they fill out their F.A.F.S.A and scholarship applications. This hope is much due to the generosity and care that McDonald puts in their future.

Editorial: What Is The Point Of Daylight Savings?

By: Elle Airhart

Okay, so I think I can speak for mostly everyone when I say, "I love sleep!" If you're one of the few that disagree and wake up at ungodly hours of the morning, go back to the nursing home and play bingo. I'm kidding, but either way you're affected by this topic. You may like waking up early in the morning or sleeping in until noon, however, there is a monster that plagues your REM cycle hidden under your metaphorical bed. The infamous day: Daylight Savings.

AH! I'm scared by it too. It belongs back in the sewers with Pennywise. What is the point of changing our clocks? Why is it so important to take time out of our day so that we can either give ourselves an extra hour of the day or less. It doesn't even make sense! I mean, seriously, we have 24 hours of the day regardless, why not simply give us that 'extra' hour of sleep or nothing at all.

And don't get me started on the jet-lag-like feeling you get when you move the clocks back and forth. It messes with everyone's sense of time and also breaks everyone out of their routines. Which, just leaves you tired and irritable. We already have enough problems as is, ESPECIALLY during a pandemic. People are battling health issues, both mental and physical, so why are we adding another burden we have to be aware of?

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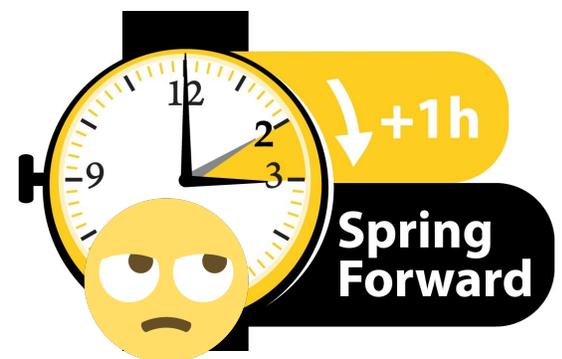
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1. The Good Character Award

Add class comment

- *Good Character
- *Financial need
- *Rank, not a requirement
- *Accepted to a college, community college, trade school or other continuing education programs and attend in the upcoming fall semester

Screenshot of the Good Character Award and the requirements.





Continued... Here's an example as to how dumb Daylight Savings is. You wake up at 6 to get ready for school, right? And, you get used to the routine even if it is a little exhausting, BUT suddenly you have one less hour of sleep. YET! You *still* wake up at 6! Whoever came up with this idea must have really hated everyone around them because this is ridiculous. Spring ahead? More like false advertisement. All this does is make everyone lag behind because we are so tired from unnecessary time changes. It literally does nothing but make everyone tired. And I'm tired. Tired of this useless

'time change'. The math doesn't add up and I would like a refund. I did not sign up for this. So, moral of the story, Daylight Savings has no place here and I would like to have my sleep back. Thank you for coming to my Ted Talk.

What Grinds My Gears: Being Passive-Aggressive

By: Riley Myers

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines passive-aggressive as "being, marked by or displaying behavior characterized by the expression of negative feelings, resentment, and aggression in an unassertive passive way (as through procrastination and stubbornness)." Being passive-aggressive is all about someone targeting another person rudely, but not directly towards them. It's not irrational or irritating whatsoever, right? Sarcasm.

I know what you're thinking: haven't you done it before? Yes I have, but the fact is that I like to make jokes while being passive-aggressive, unlike some people (that was ironically passive-aggressive) who use it directly and rudely. I feel like it's not really productive because there's always that one person that you *are* talking about that didn't get the jist of what you're saying, and



another person thinks that you are targeting *them*. What's the point of being passive-aggressive if the person you don't like isn't able to recognize the nuance, the technique behind your craftily worded attack? There are so many ways a person can take passive-aggressive statements.

Even though I sound like a hypocrite, I know that anyone that I'm passive-aggressive to knows that I'm talking about them. When there's a person that you might be talking about and you think you have given enough hints and they still don't get it, get up and talk to them. Don't leave them guessing. The moral of the story is this: don't be passive-aggressive if you don't know how to use it. Ladies and germs, that's what grinds my gears.



McDonald, Briefly- By: Theresa Greathouse

On March 22, Brianna Callow signed with John Carroll University to continue her Softball career. Bri decided to sign with John Carroll because she loves Cleveland and the Coaches who are there as well. She was four years old when she started to play Softball, and when she was just in 7th grade colleges started to talk to her. Bri said, "I'm excited to graduate. It's a little bittersweet, but it's mostly just excitement that I feel." Good luck on your career ahead of you Bri!



**Bri Callow surround by friends.
Photo Credit: Johna Callow**



Photo Credit: Sage Mason

This year the girls Basketball team made it to the State Finals after a successful win in the final four in Dayton. For the Semi-Finals, they played Waterford, beating them 57-29 on Thursday, but fell to Fort Loramie 26-60. Congratulations on a great season and making it to state for the first time since 1991! Seniors, we will miss you, but wish you the best on your journey.

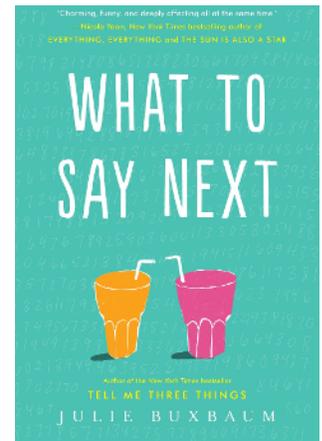
Senior Joe Baggott has signed with Waynesburg University to continue his football career. In other athletic success to celebrate here at McDonald High School, Senior Molly Howard was announced the Trumbull County Player Of the Year! Congratulations Molly. We wish you the best of luck moving forward!



Joe Baggott signing with friend Greg Merdich to their chosen colleges.

Werle's World of Books By: Hannah Werle

Today's title for review is *What to Say Next* by Julie Buxbaum. The story is told from the perspective of our two main characters: David and Kit. David Drucker is a shy, left-brained teenager who happily exists in his own little bubble, that is until Kit Lowell a popular, beautiful girl from school sits at his lunch table. Kit is dealing with the recent loss of her father, and finds solace in David's bluntness and lack of coddling. A friendship is sparked when Kit asks the stem prodigy to help her find out the cause of her father's car accident. However, like with all things, the two have secrets that they would do anything to keep hidden.

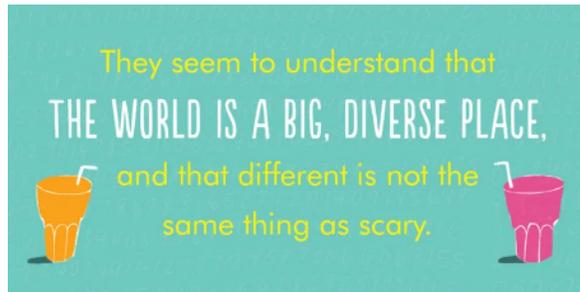


This book beautifully navigates the complexities of grief and living with a developmental disorder. Personally, I found David to be much more interesting than Kit. David sees the world very plainly, but he can't seem to figure out how to see people. His exploration into his neurodivergent mind and impulses to write every interaction he has with his classmates into his notebook makes this book a special highlight form me. What I enjoyed so much about his character is that although his tendencies are always there, they are not the entire focus of his person. Buxbaum paints him realistically, understanding that when living with a disorder, it may assimilate itself into your personality, but it is not your entire being.

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Continued... That doesn't mean she ignores the struggles that someone like David would face, but rather that she uses thorough representation of each facet of the disorder. Reading David's chapters were really like looking into someone's brain, and I enjoyed every second.

Kit, however, was a little bit more problematic. If she had just been written as a girl grieving her father and acting out in an appropriate manor, I would have been fine with her character. Unfortunately, that is not the what her character goes. During several points in the book, she tends to get angry at people--typically the ones just trying to help--and blames them for the death of her father. I understand that anger is listed as one of the five stages of grief, but it goes too far when she makes David feel guilty for having a developmental disorder.



Throughout the book, his intentions are one hundred percent pure, but when his disconnect between fact and emotion gets the best of him, Kit only makes it worse. Once again, anger is normal, but in my mind, once you get to the point where you're making a person feel guilty for an illness that they had no choice but to have, you've gone too far.

In summary, *What to Say Next* illustrates life after loss and life with a disorder. Buxbaum does a good job of creating two realistic characters and making them feel real. If your looking for a book that doesn't shy away from the hard stuff but still holds onto the hope for better, *What to Say Next* is the story for you.

Horoscope of the Month, March 21st-April 19th

By: Riley Myers

Element - Fire

Color - Red

Day - Tuesday

Ruler - Mars

Greatest Compatibility - Libra and Leo

Lucky Number - 1, 8, & 17

Strengths: Courageous, Determined, Confident, Enthusiastic, Optimistic, Honest

Weaknesses: Impatient, Moody, Short-tempered, Impulsive

Aries Like: Comfortable clothes, Taking on leadership roles, Physical challenges

Aries Dislike: Inactivity, Delays, Work that does not use one's talent



Overall: There is no season for bananas, they grow throughout a year. There is really no clear image of the perfect time for you to make a certain step as it only matters of your inner guidance. You cannot stand against your own judgment and try to resolve the situation in the blink of an eye. If there is an inner conflict, attend to it so you can resolve what keeps you back.

Affirmation - "I create my own future."

Source: <https://www.astrology-zodiac-signs.com/zodiac-signs/aries/>

What Is Your Favorite Spring Activity?

By: Bri Callow

We're finally back in school together and just in time for spring! I asked some of the current MHS students what their favorite spring activity is. Here were their responses. :)



"My favorite spring activity is track season because I get to run with my friends." -Chloe Dean



"My favorite activity is getting to hang out with my friends outside because the weather is nice." -Chelsea Sudol



"I'm excited for the nice warm weather to go on walks and hangout." -Emily Leskovac



"Softball, because I get to play with my friends." -Riley Matig

Song of the Month: "Weak" by AJR

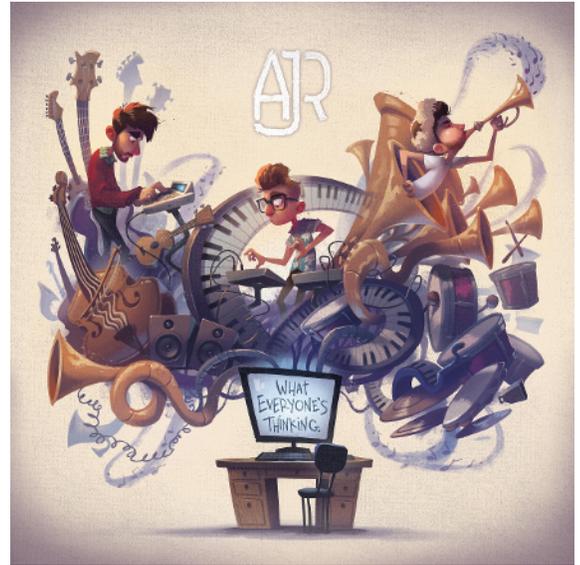
By: Elle Airhart

Alright! Here's the song of the month for March. "Weak" by AJR. You probably don't know this band. Trust me, I didn't know they existed until recently. So, if you're into independent artists and bands, then this one might peak your interest.

The band AJR is a trio of brothers who fit into quite a few different genres. According to AllMusic, they are an electric indie pop band. However, other sources also define them as the genres: Doo-wop (a style of pop music that uses "nonsense phrases" in songs--originated in the US around the 1950s), Dubstep, Electropop, and '10s pop. The band itself was formed in 2005 by the brothers: Adam, Ryan, and Jack Met and are New York City based. Their first released single--"I'm Ready"--marked the start of their career. However, the song in question today comes later.

"Weak" came out in 2016 after their well received debut album, *Living Room*, which was released a year earlier.

"Weak" sounds a little negative of a song. The title alone screams a bad time and doesn't quite fit with the Spreading-Of-Positivity vibe we've been going for recently. However, go listen to the song and you'll know what I mean. It starts out with some feel-good beats and a kind of energy that gets you energized. Then, you get hit with some empowering vocals, setting the scene of the narrator's poor decisions or unhealthy habits. The verse



ends and it sounds pretty suspicious and you might consider skipping the song if you're out for positivity only, but just wait!

The chorus is something else. The song calls out one's weaknesses and turns the idea on its head. You have weaknesses as everyone does, but so what? They don't define you. They simply show what you need to improve on, so don't let that get you down. Like the song says, "What's wrong with that?" when talking about narrator's flaws. And that's precisely the question you should ask when a negative reflection like that pops into your head. So what if you aren't the best at this one thing or you did something that isn't the best. As long as you



recognize this and decide--hey, this is something I'm bad at or something that isn't really helping me, and choose to embrace that quality about you and overcome the obstacles that this weakness presents, you'll be fine. There's no point dwelling on those things when it's the mindset that you have about them that controls the impact.

That's what I think the song is about. It's about addressing your weaknesses and improving on them and overcoming them. So, listen to this song if you're feeling a little down and remember: you may be weak, but what's wrong with that?



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By: Hannah Werle

