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## Students CARE For Others By Victoria Hall

At the end of each month a few students are introduced on the morning and afternoon announcements as the C.A.R.E. Students of the Month.

C.A.R.E stands for Character, Attitude, Responsibility, and (high) Expectations.

Mrs. Lobaugh said, "Some of the things students have done to be selected is volunteer to decorate the bulletin board, cooperating in class, and, most importantly, helping others."

Being selected is a week-long process. Each month, Mrs. Lobaugh shares a Google document with the faculty that contains a spreadsheet for student nominations and space to explain why the teacher is nominating those students. Then, the office decides which students will be picked for each grade level.

When asked how she selects her nominations, Mrs. Simpson said, "I look for students who participate in class and are kind to others."

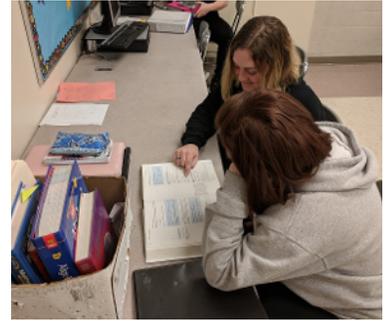
Usually it is one student per grade level that wins each month, but there have been some exceptions. For example, both Nathan Sierra and Caden Morris were picked by Mrs. Lobaugh because they helped decorate the office's bulletin board (*see Issue 7*).

Hannah Sierra said, "I was surprised to hear that I got student of the month just because I helped Mrs. Lobaugh during the summer organize a week before school started, which is something I enjoyed doing."

When this award is given out to students, they are taken out for a special luncheon at the end of the year.

Olivia Lovas said, "I was shocked to hear that I got student of the month just by doing something I enjoy, which is tutoring math students on my free time."

So, find ways to help a fellow student out, or participate in class and maybe you will be the next C.A.R.E. Student of the Month!



**Olivia Lovas helps Emma Fusselman with her Geometry homework**

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# Running into Track Season

By: Marisa Carusso



Boys run at YSU

Photo Cred: MHS Track & Field Twitter

Track and field has arrived. Like all Spring sports, track and field started on March 5th.

125 student athletes from grades 7th-12th are participating for the 2018 season. The first invitational, a meet restricted to those who have been invited, was March 31st at Mineral Ridge.

Throughout the season the team often practices indoors at Youngstown State University. They go to YSU because it's indoors and available during winter and athletes can't be outside in the cold.

Mr. Domitrovich said, "It provides us with facilities that aren't available to us here at school." Also, there is not a regular track around our football field so it helps the runners to practice on a real track. This way, the athletes are running the actual distance they'd be running during a meet.

This year, the OHSAA State Championships will be held on June 1st and 2nd in Columbus. On the girls team, Malina Mitchell, Anna Guerra, and Bella Wolford are all returning state qualifiers. On the boys team, Zach Gray is the only returning qualifier.

When asked how she feels about this season, Anna Guerra said, "I'm really excited for this season. Although, I am pretty nervous, it's exciting to see what we will all accomplish during the season."

Zach Gray, junior, who throws discus and shot put, said, "I feel confident in myself and my team because we always do our best to pull through."

McDonald's runners have a good reputation due to the amount of hard work and effort they put into their performance. Good luck to all track and field participants this season.



Girls practicing hurdles at YSU

Photo Cred: MHS Track & Field Twitter

# Beware of Friday the 13th

By: Kobie Baker

Friday the 13th is a holiday feared by many people around the world due to its unlucky suspicions.

Superstitions play a large part in why so many people associate the day with horror. The dictionary defines a superstition as "an excessive belief that bad luck or good luck will come due to a specific event or action."

Have you ever heard that you are supposed to throw salt over your shoulder if you spill it? According to howstuffworks.com, this is because salt was so sacred in the past that if it were spilled, you were supposed to throw salt over your shoulder to blind the devil who lurks there. These reasons are what give the superstitions a heinous vibe.

As I went around to different classes and asked about superstitions students believed in, I was surprised at the responses I received. Adyn Prentice, a sophomore, said, "I don't believe in that many, but I once found a heads-up penny on the ground and later found 20 dollars. It seemed

like my lucky day, so I believe in the luck of the penny!"

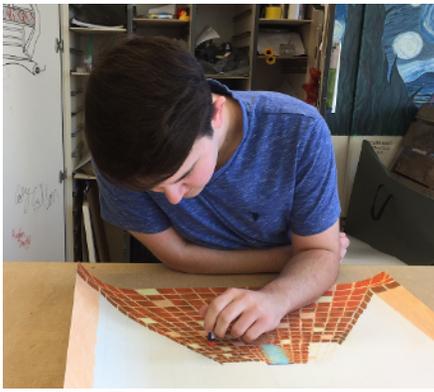
Freshman Eric Davis said, "I don't believe in a lot of superstitions, but I do believe in Karma. I believe that good or bad will come to you later in life depending on how much work you put in now."

Summer Mason, a junior, said, "I really didn't want to get under that ladder because I actually believe it is unlucky, but it was so fun to be a part of this topic."

Summer Mason, a junior, pictured sitting underneath a ladder.



# All About the Art By: Autumn Mason



*Nick Helco works on his art show installation.*

The art show is quickly approaching and the students are putting in all their effort to get their projects done in time for the show. The show will take place on Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11. The art show features

artwork from seventh grade through twelfth grade and runs concurrently with the elementary school's art show.

Senior Isabelle Beres is setting up her own display with a couple of paintings and colored pencil drawings. She says, "I am super excited for my own display. I may do an installation, but I am not letting the secret out about what the installation will be centered around."

The art show is a good way to bring the year to an end and is always really exciting to see everyone's talent brought to life. Mrs. Mills is excited for the upcoming show, "I love to be able to show students and parents

what we have been working on all year. Independent study students will be doing the installations and they will be located throughout the school."

There are also some art scholarships available to members of the art club. They are from McDonald community members who give out scholarships yearly. One scholarship will be awarded to a student for \$100, and the second will be awarded to another person for \$250.



*Isabelle Beres and Rachel Ward work on their art projects with support from Mrs. Mills.*

## Elementary Generosity By Cerina Thorne

The fifth and sixth graders at Roosevelt have come together to create a group to help people in our community that are in need and to spread kindness every month of school.

The group is called the Kindness Group to treat others with kindness so other people will continue to pay it forward. The group started out as a committee, but recently reached the Elementary School. Mrs. Bosheff, the group's advisor, said, "The fifth and sixth graders are the leaders of the Elementary School and it shows a good intuitive example for the rest of the students."

At the meeting on February 27, the group was recognized by the school board for the generosity it had spread throughout the school.



*The Kindness Group handed out Valentine's Day treats for the month of February.*

The Kindness Group has done something every month to spread kindness. In November the fifth grade collected over 700 food items for the *Second Harvest Food Bank*. In December they gave candy canes to students and teachers and did a pajama day and hat day with the money used to help local families.

Mrs. Bosheff said the group's favorite month is March because it is High Five Month, where the fifth and sixth graders gave high fives at the doors to encourage positive morale in the school, but also promoted friendship and leadership between the fifth and sixth grade. One third grader said, "I love high five day because it gets me excited for the morning." When asked about the impact the Kindness Group has on the Elementary school, Mrs. Bosheff said, "I feel like it brings the students closer together to build for the future of McDonald."

# Editorial: Stephen Hawking

By Emily Gilligan

With the recent passing of Stephen Hawking, I wanted to highlight some of his most important moments that also mean a lot to me, personally.

Stephen Hawking had an impact like no other. He not only inspired people with disabilities, but people all over the world, including me. He made ground-breaking discoveries about space and science, and published many popular books, including *A Brief History of Time*. Along with all of these amazing things, Hawking actually ended up living 50 years passed his life expectancy. Before he died, he shared the technology and software he used on a daily basis that made his life much easier and helped all of the others in the world with ALS.

He had accomplished many things, but being a

major space nerd myself, his discoveries about black holes always interested me the most. Before Hawking, we believed that black holes were completely black. However, he discovered that black holes actually have a slight glow to them from the amount of energy they create. He also discovered that radiation can escape black holes, contrary to the past belief that black holes were so dense that nothing could escape them.

All of Hawking's epic discoveries will pave the way for hundreds of scientists to come. Amongst all of his hardships in life, he always stayed optimistic--this alone was an inspiration for all of us. In the words of Hawking, "Life would be tragic if it weren't funny."

Information from: [theverge.com](http://theverge.com) and [mashable.com](http://mashable.com)

## **April Showers**

By: Jessica Stamp

Birthstone: Diamond

Holidays: April Fool's Day (1st)

:Easter Sunday (1st)

:Patriot's Day (16th)

Events: International Guitar Month

:National Humor Month

:National Poetry Writing Month

Fun Facts: Leonardo da Vinci was born in this month

:The Latin word for April means "to open"

:April is the only month with an "i"



## **DELICIOUS STRAWBERRY PIE**

By Kara Meehan

Spring is on the way, and it's time to start bringing out the springtime recipes. One recipe you should add to your list would be a strawberry pie, because it's the perfect treat for a get-together or a spring party. This is my favorite combination of fruits and desserts, and I would recommend you try it out. I got this recipe from [www.Tasteofhome.com](http://www.Tasteofhome.com).

Step 1: Line unpricked pastry shell with a double thickness of heavy-duty foil. Bake at 450° for 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack.

Step 2: In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, and water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Refrigerate for 15-20 minutes or until slightly cooled.

Step 3: Meanwhile, arrange strawberries in the crust. Pour gelatin mixture over berries. Refrigerate until set. Garnish with mint if desired. Yield:8 servings.

Ingredients:

~1 unbaked pastry ( 9 inches)

~3/4 cup of sugar

~2 tablespoons of sugar

~1 cup of water

~1(3 ounce) package of strawberry gelatin

~4 cups of fresh sliced strawberries

~Fresh mint(optional)



# ROCCO'S BOOK CORNER

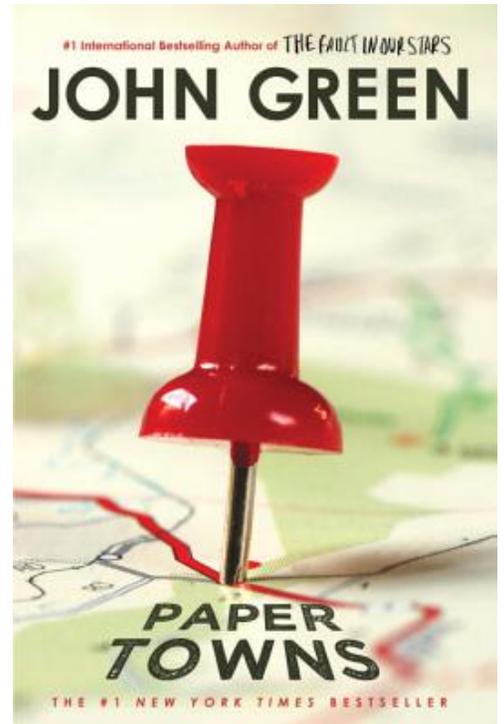
## BY: ROCCO PASCARELLA

This month's book review is *Paper Towns* by John Green. This book is about two teenagers named Margo and Quentin. They have been friends since middle school and Quentin is in love with Margo. When they hit high school they fade apart until a few weeks before graduation. She shows up at his window and takes him on a nightlong series of payback pranks. After the night of pranks Margo suddenly disappears and Quentin gets worried. Margo left behind clues that Quentin thinks is for him and he follows them to find her.

What I like about the book is that it shows that people will do anything for the one that they love. Quentin travels cross country and is determined to find Margo. Even though they drifted apart as most people do in high school, they still care about one another. Margo is known for leaving clues because she has ran away before. Quentin knows this isn't anything new and devotes his time looking for clues to find her. Friends will do anything for each other and that is what I like about this book because it shows what love and friendship is all about.

What I didn't like about the book is that all of Quentin's other friends abandon him in his time of need. They travel with Quentin and at the last moment they say Margo is gone and that she won't and can't be found. They leave him in another state and go back to school to attend the prom. Despite this, Quentin still goes on to find Margo. This shows that love controls all and will make people do anything. Friends should always be there for each other and this isn't the case for Quentin. This book shows the good and bad in people and will bring up emotions.

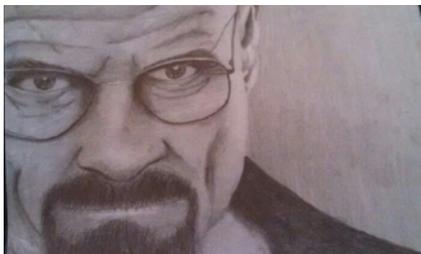
If you're looking for a book to read I recommend *Paper Towns* because it is full of emotions and suspense. If you want to know what happens between Margo and Quentin, you have to read to find out and it will leave you with questions. Throughout the entire book you will question why he is doing what he's doing and why Margo did what she did. This book will be great to read in your free time, study hall, or as a leisure book. This book is definitely worth checking out and you'll be glad that you did.



## Featured Artist: Isabelle Beres

By Emily Gilligan

This issue, our featured artist is Isabelle Beres. Isabelle is a senior and currently spends time in the art room during her study hall with Mrs. Mills. Her preferred medium has always been graphite and colored pencils, but she has more recently been practicing with acrylic and oil paint. Her favorite genre is realism, and she participated in the regional Paint the Plow project.



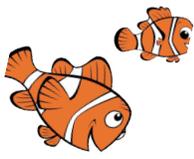
**This was Isabelle's first and favorite portrait, Walter White from *Breaking Bad*.**



**Isabelle with her first piece that wasn't realism and is inspired by her favorite artist, Hua Tunan.**

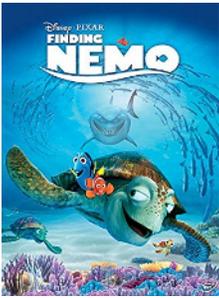


**This was Isabelle's first Memory Project portrait.**



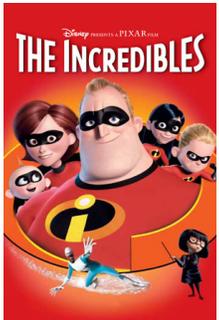
# Movie Review: Pixar Favorites

By: Lea Brown



## **Finding Nemo** 99% on Rotten Tomatos

Nemo is clownfish who has an undersized fin, and his father Marlin is very overprotective of him. When playing around with classmates, Nemo is caught by a diver, and his father seeks to rescue him. On his journey, Marlin comes across a blue reef fish named Dory with a short memory, who accompanies him on his adventue. This is great movie for all ages to watch, because it teaches the audience that not everyone is the same, because of Nemo having a undersized fin. It also is funny, and has a good message behind the plot.



## **The Incredibles** 97% on Rotten Tomatoes

Superheros Mr. Incredible and Elastigirl are married, but after the government banning all super-powered activities, they are forced to take on the average everyday lifestyle by the names of Bob and Helen Parr. Mr. Incredible is called to battle an out-of-control Robot on an island away from home, and it is up to his family to rescue him. I would recommend this movie because it's family friendly.



## **Monsters Inc.** 96% on Rotten Tomatoes

In my favorite Disney/Pixar movie, James P. Sullivan (Sulley) is one of the top scarers underneath Randall Boggs at Monster Incorporated, which is the largest scare factories in the monster world. Sully is accompanied by his partner Mike Wazowski. While visiting the human world, Sulley accidentally lets in Boo, a human child to explore the monster world. Mike and Sulley's goal is to get Boo back to the human world without letting anyone know. This is my favorite Pixar movie because of nostalgic reasons, reminding me of my childhood.

# Top 5 Hobbies

By Jessica Stamp

1. Shopping
2. Cooking
3. Running
4. Photography
5. Writing



Hobbies are a good way to keep busy. Consider shopping all day, or cooking a big meal for everyone to enjoy. Sometimes you just want to go running to stay in shape, or capture your life's experiences through a lens. When you find yourself with downtime, consider writing your passions and expressing your opinion. These hobbies will keep you entertained and making memories with friends, family, or yourself.

# JUNIOR AND SENIOR "SPORTLIGHT"



## NATE IFFT

By Lea Brown

He's a senior that has played baseball for 13 years as shortstop and pitcher.

Nate has played since he was young and he says, "It's pretty sweet."

His goal for this season is to win District Champs.

Nate is looking forward to having fun, Enjoying his senior year, and to hit some dingers.

he looks up to Francisco Lindor because he's a good role model and very talented.



## SIERRA SCHRADER

She's a Junior who has played softball for 9 years as center field.

Sierra has been playing since she was young, and was inspired by her brother playing baseball.

This year her goal is to make it farther than last year in playoffs.

Sierra is looking forward to having a fun season, and winning a lot of games.

Sierra also adds, "I am very excited to be working with the upcoming freshmen, and i think we have a very hardworking team this year."



## CHLOE DEAN

Chloe is an 8th Grader who has participated in track for the past year.

She runs the 1600, 4x400, and the 800.

This season her goal is to best her times from last year.

She's looking forward to going to running during the meets and invitationals.



## LOGAN DUNLAP

He's an 8th grader running track for the Second year.

Logan participates in the 200 hurdles, the 4x400, and the 4x200.

His goal for the season is to run faster, and have new personal records.

Logan is doing track this year because he enjoys running.

he looks forward to running at meets and invitationals.

# GOODBYE, ELTON JOHN

By Kara Meehan



Elton John is one of the world's most iconic singers, and his journey is coming to an end. He announced that he will be retiring after his farewell tour. The farewell tour will be from September 2018 to August 2021, and will include 76 cities in North America and 23 in Europe.

Elton John is not only a singer, but a pianist and a composer, working with lyricist Bernie Taupin as his songwriting partner since 1967. The two of them have collaborated on more than 30 albums since then.

A cool fact about him would be that he was knighted by the queen at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. He then became Sir Elton John for his services to British pop music and his work raising money for AIDS charity.

One of his most popular albums was *Goodbye Yellow Brick Road*, released in 1973. This album has sold over 30 million copies worldwide, and is regarded one of his best. My favorite song from the album would be "Rocket Man". I loved Elton John growing up and this song was my favorite as a child.



# Backpage Pics



By: Rocco Pascarella



Spring



Blue Devils