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Goodbye to The Class of 2023

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Congratulations to the class of 2023, our final year of high school has reached its end! Throughout our many years together, we have seen each other grow up and face



plenty of trials and tribulations. As we close this chapter and flip the page to a new one, we look back on our memories and obstacles that got us here today.

With COVID-19 cutting our freshman year short, things only got back to normal by our junior year. By that time, we had all grown up and time seemed to fly by. Then, before most of us realized it, it was already senior year. The many tasks of our final year made it difficult to stop and look around for a moment.

Looking back, the class of 2023 overcame many difficulties, and we did it together. We experienced our last dances, our last times walking the halls with our friends, and our last moments cheering in the student section until our throats were sore.

Most of us can relate to staying up late every night studying because we were so worried about getting a bad grade, to taking our last high school exams hoping we got a good one.

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Seniors went from never wanting to do group projects because we hated working with others, to always asking if we can work together on one last project with our friends.

We went from wishing we were the oldest in the school while always looking up to the seniors, to wishing we had a few more weeks left of our high school career. Some of us will now be preparing for college and be back to being the youngest at another school yet again. Time really does fly by and it is important to take it day by day.

The best of luck to the seniors and what they will accomplish in the future. As we walk across the stage at graduation, take a moment to stop and look around at the faces you have known since childhood. It may be the last moment we all spend together. Thank you for many years filled with each and every emotion. Goodbye to the Class of 2023.



SENIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By: Lyric Culp



High school is not easy by any means. However, the class of 2023 has came, saw, and conquered the last 4 years in all aspects including athletics, academics, and arts.

Maria Rasile recalls her biggest accomplishment has been being the captain of the volleyball team. She also accomplished a huge milestone of 1,000 digs over the last 4 years contributing to the team's success.

Although the football team did not end their season the way they had hoped, Kyle Crown, one of three captains, has signed to continue his academic and athletic career at Westminster University.

Another member of the football team, Ty Agler, will also be furthering his education and football career at Allegheny College.

Kylie Koma, a member of the softball team, said, "My biggest accomplishment has been making it through all 4 years while maintaining my grades and starting/lettering in softball."

Megan Hippel has crushed several school records while also becoming a two-time state champion just within the last year. She competed in the 3200m in 2022 at the OHSAA track and field state championship. Then, just about 9 months later, she won her second title at the indoor state championship, also running the two mile.

While we have seen high success rates in the athletic department, there are also some that have went above and beyond academically as well. Sammy Gibbons said, "My biggest accomplishment has been finishing top 10 in my class."

Jordan Wilson's accomplishment is receiving an academic letter for each year of high school and a successful weight loss journey.

Of course, there have also been plenty of artistic talents emerge from MHS. One of which, Devon Rexroad, says his most memorable accomplishment has been winning an award at the Trumbull County Art Show.



Ty Agler signing with Allegheny



Devon Rexroad and Mrs. Mills together at the Trumbull County Art Show

SENIOR GOALS

BY: MEEGAN DOCKERY

As another school year comes to a close, we say goodbye to another wonderful group of seniors from McDonald High School. Many have looked to them for advice and looked up to them as role models. In kindergarten they were the little fish in a little pond, but in 6th grade they were the big fish in a little pond. As 7th grade rolled along they were back to being the little fish in a big pond and now they have finally made it as the big fish in the big pond. They have demonstrated the highest of morals expected at McDonald High School, exemplified the highest of school spirit, and are now passing the torch to the new seniors but not before they tell us their goals as they move ahead into the world beyond high school.

Nolan Agler

"I want make sure I don't fail any of my classes, show up to school for my last five days, and succeed for the rest of the baseball season."



Brock Flere "I would like to graduate with honors and have a successful rest of the track season."



Sammy Gibbons

Gibbons explains, " I will be attending the University of Cincinnati to major in Biology. Then, I want to attend grad school and become either a physical therapist or a sports medicine physician.

Jack Leskovac "My goal is to find a goal by the end of the year and to graduate."

Ty Agler states, " The goals I have after graduation are to continue my football career, work more, and get ready for college."



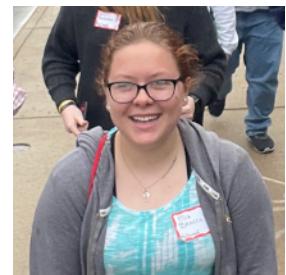
Senior Advice to Underclassmen

By: Adam Parker

Graduation is soon and these seniors have offered some advice to their underclassmen entering their freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years following their departure.

"Just truly be yourself, don't change yourself for other people. You will find your group of people, just be yourself. And do band."

-Mia Bracco



"Don't give up, you'll get through it eventually."

-Tyler Ball



"I would say everything is earned, not given. Work hard for your goals and what you want to achieve throughout high school. And keep that motivation for college, or through work or whatever you're doing next."

-Jordan Wilson



"Do your work, enjoy yourself, don't stress, and make memories."

-Devon Rexroad

The seniors pose for a group photo before a fun day at Cedar Point.



Photo Credit: Mrs. Bosheff and Mrs. Evans

Senior Juan Villanueva smiles for the camera during an intense dodgeball game at Battle of the Classes.



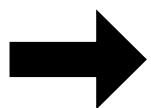
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CHANGES FROM FRESHMAN TO SENIOR YEAR

BY: ANNABELLE SMITH

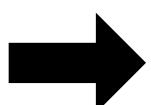
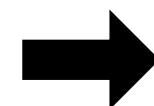
"I have definitely changed from freshman year.

I think growing up, maturing, taking harder classes, and having more responsibility as I got older caused this change." - Maria Rasile



"Freshman year I felt like I was chasing towards a lot of unknowns. It felt like a lot of pressure to be perfect and have these perfect grades. Moving forward to senior year, I learned that was not the case. I learned that it's good to have good grades but not to strive to be perfect." - Shannon Mulrooney

"I think a lot differently about a lot of things and make better decisions. The reason I say this is because when I was young I was dumb and didn't know right from wrong in a lot of situations. When I got older I started to think more and more and do things with more caution." - Ty Agler

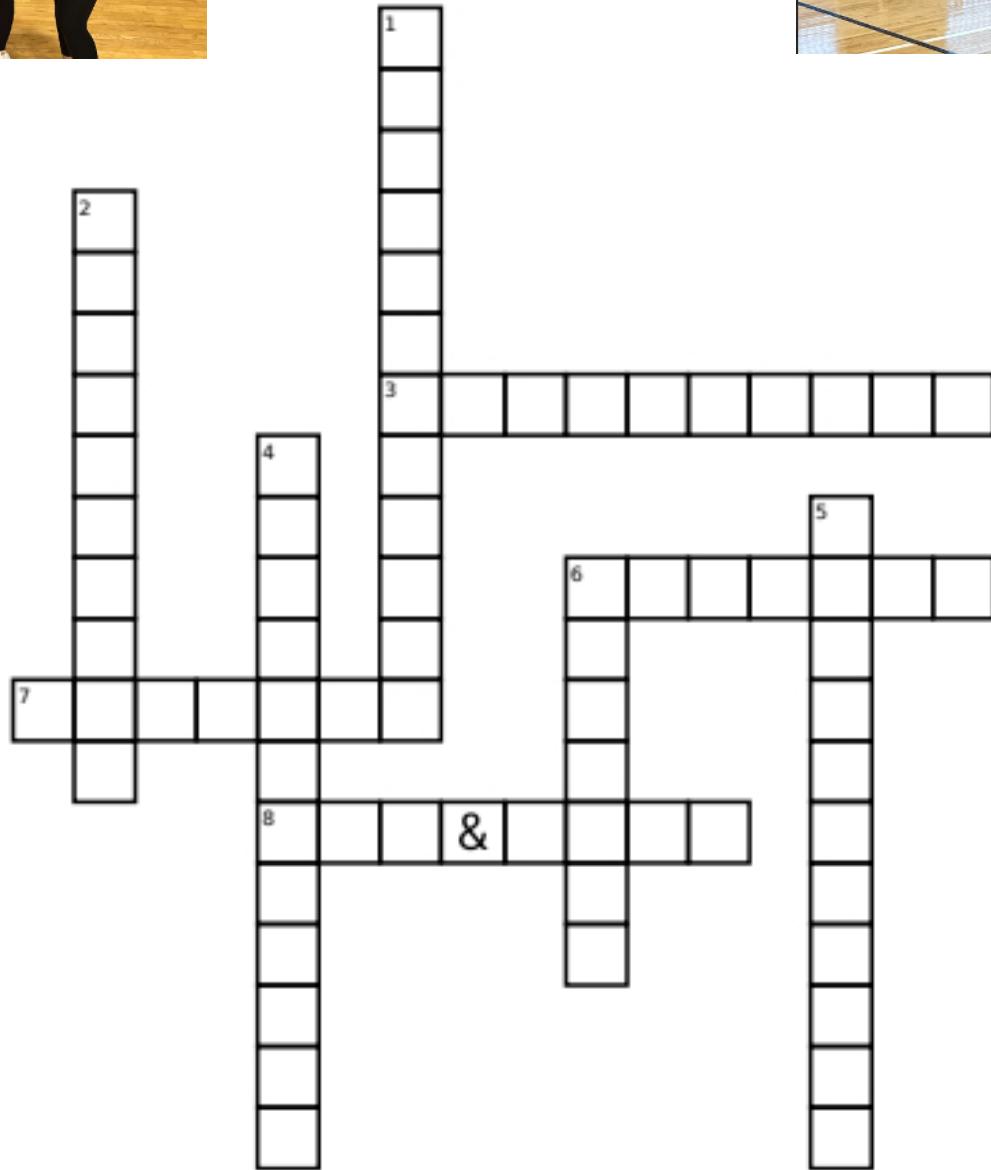


"I feel I changed throughout high school because being a part of drama club helped me be a lot happier with the people around me." - Scott Jones



Senior Crossword

BY: Adam Parker



Down:

1. The final grade of your highschool career
2. An event which marks the end of your highschool education
4. A ceremony in which degrees or diplomas are earned by graduating students
5. A special occasion calls for a _____
6. Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, _____

Across:

3. Grades 9-12
6. Something we're sure you'll achieve
7. A next step in higher education
8. Standard graduation garb

Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse

Movie Review by Adam Parker

Released in December of 2018, *Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse* tells the story of Miles Morales, a teenager from Brooklyn, who's just trying to adjust to his new school, Brooklyn Visions Academy, when he's thrown head first into having to use his newly found spider-powers to save the multiverse alongside



other Spider-Men from other universes. The movie was directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller (*The Lego Movie* and *Clone High*) and stars Shameik Moore, Hailee Steinfeld, and Jake Johnson. On release *Spider-Verse* grossed \$190.2 million at the box office and was met with near-universal critical acclaim for its story, visuals and clear love for Spider-Man as a character and as a franchise.

The movie opens up with a narration from Miles's world's Spider-Man as he runs through his origin and past 10 years of being Spider-Man to the audience in a clear reference to how many Spider-Man reboots there've been. Right after this version of Peter Parker's breakdown of his life we are introduced to our actual main character, Miles Morales as he gets ready to leave for school. Miles is the son of NYPD officer Jefferson Davis and nurse Rio Morales and it's clear in his introduction that they have high expectations for him that he's struggling to live up to. After a sequence of Miles, clearly overwhelmed, trying to manage his way through school, we're introduced to Miles's uncle Aaron who he's really close with. Aaron takes Miles to an abandoned subway station to "throw up" some of his art and after finishing putting up his art on the wall as they're leaving, Miles is bitten by the radioactive spider, glitched in from another universe.

How to Make Graduation Diploma Pinwheels

By: Annabelle Smith

You will need:

40 flour tortillas

4 8 ounce packages of softened cream cheese

4 8 ounce packages of sliced beef

2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese

3 bunches of chopped green onions

Ribbon



Mix the softened cream cheese, beef, cheddar cheese, and green onions in a bowl to create a filling. spread the filling over the tortillas and then roll the tortillas up. Cut a 6 to 8 inch piece of ribbon and tie it in the middle of the pinwheel. Repeat this until you have multiple small graduation diploma snacks for a graduation party.

I found this recipe and thought it was the perfect food for a graduation party. It's easy to make and only takes a few minutes. Since this is the end of the year and seniors are graduating, I hope this year's seniors may find a use for it. If you want, you can use a different pinwheel recipe than the one used here. No matter what recipe you use, I think this is a wonderful and fun idea for any graduation party.

This recipe came from food.com by a user called "CookBookCollector". To see the original recipe, go to <https://www.food.com/recipe/graduation-diplomas-306496>.



TEACHER FAREWELLS

By: Lyric Culp



Ms. Rozzo: **Congratulations to the class of 2023!! Good luck as you pursue your next adventure!!**

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." -Henry David Thoreau

Mrs. Bosheff: **Seniors, you have a whole new opportunity ahead of you and I hope that whatever choices you make in life make you happy. "You must do the thing you think you cannot do." -Eleanor Roosevelt**

GOOD LUCK!!!

Mrs. Ross: **This is not the end. This is only the beginning of great things!**



Mrs. Evans: **Au revoir et bonne chance! French IV seniors, I hope you will remember the lessons from *The Little Prince*: "On ne voit bien qu'avec le coeur. L'essential est invisible pour les yeux."**

Mr. Carkido: **Class of 2023, best of luck and success as you make your transition from MHS to MHS alum. Remember to thank those that helped you get to this point and stay humble.**

Mrs. Mills: **Always remember your time at MHS, for they are priceless. The class of 2023 will be missed. Best of luck to all of you!**

Mrs. Fabian: **Congratulations, seniors! Your high school experience has not been the most traditional, but hopefully you have been able to make the most of these past 4 years, in spite of the circumstances. As the wonderful Taylor Swift once said, "No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind." Be good and do good. Good luck!**

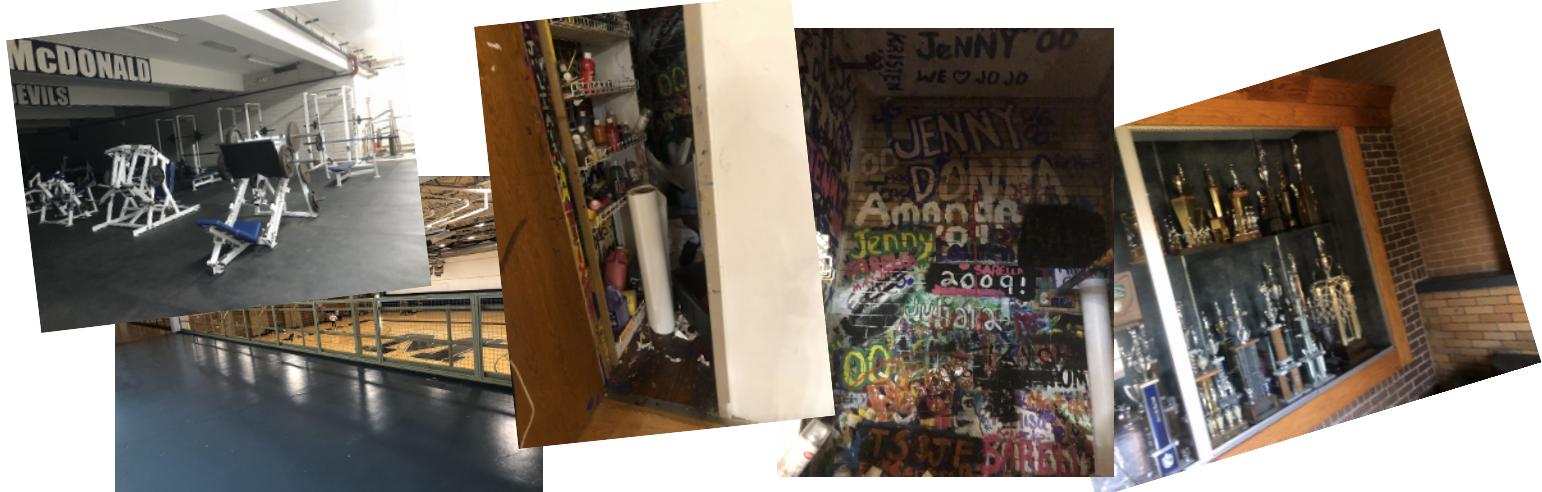
Ms. Lariccia: **My darlings, live your lives mindfully - enjoy every moment. And know that every experience leads to growth.**

Where in the Building?

By Jasmine Coots

As the seniors begin walking the halls for the last times in their high school careers, it's important to remember the walls that shaped them. There are many unique spots in McDonald High School that the average student may not be aware of such as the trophy room, the weight room, the balcony, and the almost "secret" room next to the balcony. Have you ever wondered where they are and what could be behind doors that peek your interest?

The building has a rich and storied legacy of over 100 years and has undergone many changes and refurbishments. Many of these changes were done to maintain the building's relevance and usefulness for students. Like the building, the outgoing seniors will continue to change and grow and adapt and we look forward to hearing about their next chapter.



SENIOR ON THE STREET!



Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

By: Meegan Dockery



Mindy Brown

"Hopefully making some money at least and working in the physical therapy field."



Jordan Wilson

"Out of college and probably working in a hospital somewhere, hopefully have a couple kids too by then."



Sammy Gibbons

"In grad school away from home."



Zach Nolker

"Hopefully still thriving in school and almost done."



Shane Stoops

"Married, have a family of at least 3, being an electrician."



Alivia Morrison

"Have two kids, working as a teacher, living in a good house and having annual vacations."



Senior Memories



By: Lyric Culp



Scott Jones

"My favorite memory is from my senior year where I played Batman in the school play."



Maria Rasile

"My volleyball team made it to the district championship. Although we didn't win, it was still fun with my teammates."



Ty Agler

"My last year being a part of the drone racing league here at MHS."



Sammy Gibbons

"My favorite memory is from last track season when my 4x800 team qualified for the state championship together."



Devon Rexroad

"Band camp is my favorite memory. There has just been a lot of great times with Mr. Hill and my friends."



TOP 5 GRADUATION THEMES

1.) FRIENDS

The classic tv show *Friends* is always a well used theme. The inevitable classic font on invitations and decorations make the theme undeniable. Can't forget about the purple door as a perfect photo booth setting, either. With so many memorable moments and souvenirs, a *Friends* themed grad party can be taken in so many directions.

3.) COOKOUT

Nothing's better than chilling in the back yard with your closest family and friends enjoying burgers, dogs, and ribs. Backyard games are the perfect company to a cookout. Corn-hole, volleyball, and maybe giant Jenga game for the smaller kids is a great way to celebrate your accomplishments.

BY: MEEGAN DOCKERY

2.) MICKEY MINNIE

For those looking to relive their childhood memories to help celebrate this milestone, a Mickey/Minnie theme is often chosen. Now usually it's not the cartoon, but the characters themselves including the classic ears and colors of the two as well as themed desserts. The adorable Disney icons never disappoint.

4.) Blue Gold

Another top tier idea for grad parties is your high school colors, or even your future college colors. To represent where you're from or where you're going, color themes can be the best simple, but meaningful, way to acknowledge the new graduate.

5.) Black and Gold

And of course the classic theme of black and gold. It adds simple class and elegance to the party. The classic black and gold theme is also very easy to find decorations for since it's such a common theme.

Whether you are going to have a grad party or not, we would like to wish our seniors a huge con "grad"ulations and good luck on what lies ahead!

Congrats to the class of 2023

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BACK PAGE PICS

BY: ANNABELLE SMITH

