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# News Around the World

LiliCunningham-EntertainmentEditor

## Trump Talk

Donald Trump, Republican candidate, is known for stirring the cauldron of controversy. On December 8, 2015, the candidate said something frustrating to most Americans throughout the country.

“Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country’s representatives can figure out what is going on,” Trump’s official statement on immigration, said (courtesy of [www.donaldjtrump.com](http://www.donaldjtrump.com)).

Trump is known for his radical and boisterous views and some people truly like what he says and agrees with him. Although most of the Republican Party opposed with Trump’s ideals about shutting down the United States borders to foreigners, Ben Carson has agreed with Trump.

## Beijing’s Pollution Problem at an All-Time High

On December 7, 2015, Beijing, China issued the first-ever red alert from the excessive smog levels.

Beijing is one of the most polluted cities in China and even the world. Schools were closed and construction work was shut down, as this red alert was to continue on for three days. The warning levels read that it was more than 24 times the safe levels.

China has the worst pollution problem in the country due to car emissions, coal-burning and construction sites. The climate there is often humid and without wind, so it is difficult to move the pollution in the air about.



Courtesy of [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com)

## Oil Prices Plummet for US Citizens

Oil prices have sky-dived downward to the lowest price they have been since February 2009.

In 2014, a barrel of oil was \$108. Now, the price has been cut back by two-thirds: it is below \$37 per barrel. The stock market also went wild as the Dow fell 245 points, making the prices plummet.

“I filled up my car for only 80 cents per gallon the other day,” Michael Smith, senior, said.

Lee’s Summit locals are enjoying the recent price drop. With a Hy-Vee Fuel Saver card or the Price Chopper Shopper card, consumers can go to the gas station and get extra off of the price of the already-low gas.

## The El Niño Effect: Weather in the Kansas City Area

El Niño, a Spanish phrase, means a warm phase of weather, particularly warm ocean water that moves up through the Pacific Ocean. El Niño is known for drastically changing rainfall and temperatures.

“Recent El Niño winters have been fairly snowy for us,” Larry Ruthi, meteorologist of the National Weather Service, said (courtesy of [kansas.com](http://kansas.com)).

Recently, weather in Kansas City has fluctuated from being mostly in the 60s and 70s in November and warm, mid-50s, to below freezing throughout the month of December. On December 27 through 28, 2015, it rained, freezing into a layer of ice and then leaving a blanket of snow over it.

Now in 2016, it is expected to snow much more throughout the remaining winter months. Even at the beginning of January, it is cold, yet cloudy.

El Niño is affecting the KC area this year with spiking temperatures and mixed weather patterns.



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# Rumors Released: The New iPhone 7

ZoeRickman-StaffReporter

With the new iPhone 6S having only recently been released, the world is happy with the new and advanced camera with an improved focusing system and even better zoom quality, a new notes format, newer pre-downloaded apps and a slimmer, longer look. With all the new hype of the iPhone 6 and the world seems to finally be getting used to the new and advanced features. But wait, there’s more! News of the iPhone 7 has already been released, this time, going even slimmer.

“iPhone 7 rumors are flying, and Apple has applied for lots of patents that give us hints about new features that could appear in the iPhone 7, from wireless charging to a touch-screen with built-in Touch ID. Here are the latest clues about Apple’s next iPhone, which has been ‘leaked’ in an odd and almost certainly fake video. Separately: suggestions that the iPhone 7 might not have a headphone port, but could be waterproof thanks to self-healing ports,” (courtesy of <http://www.macworld.co.uk>).

A recent rumor -that Apple currently has five different prototype handsets undergoing scrutiny - suggests an iPhone with built-in fingerprint recognition software in the screen is currently being tested.

“Designer Hasan Kaymak put together a concept video for the iPhone 7 which features a number of tantalizing



Courtesy of [macworld.co.uk](http://macworld.co.uk)

ideas, including the notion that Apple might do away with the home button completely on its forthcoming model. This makes room for a completely edge-to-edge display, meaning that the phone will have no wasted space on its front face,” (courtesy of the [week.co.uk](http://week.co.uk)).

Some of the newer features of the iPhone 7 have brought current Apple users a bit of concern. Such as the fact that the new advanced contraption will not be included without a home button. Instead, the afore-

mentioned built-in fingerprint recognition software will come in dyer need to even be able to open the phone. This makes room for a completely edge-to-edge display, meaning that the phone will have no wasted space on its front face.

Another feature that Apple product lovers are concerned about is the fact that this phone will be slimmer than the newest iPhone 6s, which will completely eliminate the ability to plug in headphones. Replacing the plug-in headphones will



Courtesy of [macrumors.com](http://macrumors.com)

be new, wireless Bluetooth headphones that attach to your ear with ease. Another addition to the iPhones many new features a new camera set up that introduce optical zoom to replace the fuzzy digital zoom currently offered and a new 3D multi-touch.

“I wouldn’t mind purchasing the phone. It’s strategic planning to force you to buy additional products which people will do since Apple is an established label (also trendy). People are going to complain but they are still going to buy it. It’s no different when they switch charging ports from the 4 to the 5. You either adapt or you get left behind,” Ovie Oghenejobo.

The 3D touch feature, which senses how much pressure is applied to the screen in order to execute different commands, could be expanded to introduce even more new ways to navigate the phone. The idea that 3D touch could gain more functionality on the iPhone 7 stems from the rumor that Apple are testing five different handsets, one of them equipped with the latest version of 3D touch.

Even though the iPhone 6s just came out, with even more color choices, people all around the globe are showing excitement. Start to expect the new iPhone around September of 2016.



# The Exploding Hoverboards: Worth the Danger?

RachaelMcMillin-Co-Editor-in-Chief

From recent discoveries, the Chinese-manufactured toy has been making major headlines due to the potential for its lithium-ion battery to overheat quickly and explode, causing house fires and bodily injuries to those around. Many cities around the world are taking action and banning the use of hoverboards.

Hoverboards were one of the most popular items requested for Christmas in 2015, but after recent news, people have stopped buying these device because they explode spontaneously when overheated. Major cities like New York and London have banned the use of them in public. Cities are not the only group taking action because, Delta, United, American and British Airways have all prohibited passengers from packing hoverboards on their planes.

“While occurrences are

uncommon, these batteries can spontaneously overheat and pose a fire hazard risk,” (courtesy of latimes.com).

Airlines are not the only mode of transportation to ban hoverboards, the United States Postal Service has also made the shipment of the motorized device illegal on any plane. Citing the same risk as the popular airlines, the risk of the hoverboards exploding on the plane is one they do not want to take.

“I agree with the ban of hoverboards in cities and airports, but I also think that they should be outlawed everywhere. They cause more of a danger than they do fun,” Sarah Alley, senior, said.

While cities and airlines ban the use and transportation of the hoverboards, some online retailers are taking the two-wheeled self-balancing scooter off their market.

Online retailer Overstock

has refused to sell the devices at all, while Amazon began removing some boards from its website citing open questions about their safety standards. Amazon reinstated popular seller Swagway, yet it urged United Kingdom customers of hoverboard maker RioRand to take its devices to certified disposal locations due to a faulty plug. Amazon says it is offering full refunds for the devices.

Although, if a person finds himself receiving a hoverboard for Christmas there are some precautions they should take to secure the safety of themselves and their belongings.

People should not charge hoverboards overnight or when away from home and should not bring the devices to a full charge before putting under a holiday tree. Make sure the person is by the device when charging and

awake. Also, wait to charge the device until it is ready to be used. The United States Product Safety Commission also advises consumers to purchase hoverboards from a reputable dealer and check to ensure the batteries and chargers are certified by a national testing lab like Underwriters Laboratories.

“I would never buy a hoverboard, but if I did, then I would make sure to check out the statistics and reviews from the manufacturer before buying,” said Tessie Deselich, senior, said.

The hoverboard became extremely popular so fast due to celebrities endorsing the product. But after more and more people purchased the product, more problems arose. Hoverboards can cause a lot of damage if handled incorrectly, so take caution if a person finds himself using or having a hoverboard.

Celebrities like Ruby Rose, Wiz Kalifa, Skrillex, Chris Brown and Jamie Foxx all ride hoverboards.

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# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AROUND THE WORLD

ZoeyBarnes-Co-Editor-in-Chief



**Key:** Green countries comply fully with the TVPA. Yellow countries comply somewhat with the TVPA. Orange countries are on the TVPA watchlist, and red countries do not comply at all with the TVPA.

Couttesy of theguardian.com

January 11 is National Human Trafficking awareness day, and many people are unaware of the causes, effects and dangers of human trafficking. In America, trafficking is not as common of a problem as other countries around the world, is still very prevalent in today’s society.

“Human trafficking fuels the growth of organized crime, undermining health, safety, security, and the basic needs of humanity. It is the fastest growing crime in the world,” Christine Caine, Head of the A21 project to end trafficking, said (courtesy of www.a21.org).

Human trafficking is when men, women and children are taken away from their life usually through an abduction or by numerous threats in order to exploit people’s goods and services. Women are more likely to be trafficked for sexual reasons than men or children, although it is likely that people are used in slave like ways as well.

“I primarily think of people being smuggled as sex slaves around the world. Others are used for other purposes, but

the biggest issue for me is the sex trafficking,” Eric Davis, history teacher, said.

Trafficking has numerous reasons as to why it starts, the most common being prostitution and slave labor. According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) 79 percent of human trafficking is sexual exploitation, followed by 17 percent that is forced labor. Other types of trafficking exists, such as domestic servitude, forced marriage and the removal of organs.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) which was passed in 2000 under Bill Clinton’s signature is a law that helps any trafficked victims who have been immigrated into the United States. It was passed in 2000 and renewed again in 2003, 2005 and 2008.

According to the Fight Slavery Now organization since 2001 only 1,168 foreign nationals have been assisted through the TVPA even though there has been an estimated 14,500-17,500 foreign nationals who traffick into the United States. This shows the unawareness of trafficking around the world, especially in the United States.

“Trafficking is a huge problem but no one wants to talk about it or

address it because it is so big which means so many people are involved, especially on the consumer side of things. There are plenty of people around the world who profit from it personally whether it’s economically or politically that leaders don’t want to do anything about it,” Davis said.

When addressing which countries have the worst trafficking records, statistical analysis uses four tiers which range from fully comply with the TVPA standards to does not comply at all.

Tier 1 is the countries that acknowledge that human trafficking is real and fully comply with the TVPA’s standards to try and eliminate human trafficking for good. All of North America and Australia falls into tier one, as well as countries like Chile, Nicaragua, South Korea, New Zealand and most European countries.

Tier 2 does not fully comply with all the standards of the TVPA, but acknowledge that trafficking exists and are taking some precautions to eliminate trafficking. The majority of

South American, African, and Asian countries fall into this tier.

The third tier consists of countries like Bolivia, Madagascar, Sudan, Kenya, China, Pakistan and Ukraine. This tier has a very large number of trafficked victims and there is no proof that these countries are making an effort to stop trafficking. This tier is also considered to be a Tier 2 Watchlist.

The fourth tier consists of 19 countries such as Russia, Cuba, Thailand, Venezuela and Zimbabwe. This is the tier that does not comply at all with the TVPA’s standards on the elimination of trafficking and are not trying to make any efforts to stop it.

Human trafficking happens all around the world and many people are unaware of the dangers, causes and effects of it. Many organizations exist to prevent trafficking, such as the A21 Campaign and the Stop Trafficking Project. The human trafficking hotline for the United States is 1(888)373-7388. Never hesitate to call if trafficking is suspected or seen.



# PROMOTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PRO-DEO TAKES THE CHALLENGE

ChrisMcLean-StaffReporter

ProDeo Youth Center is a relational organization that appeals to teenagers in grades 7-12. ProDeo provides after school and weekend options to help teens interact and grow into productive adults, all while enjoying their teen years in a safe and fun environment. It also provides a ride home from their complex every night after the event is over. ProDeo meets teens where they are and challenges them to be engaged, active community members that dream and become. Staff at ProDeo assist kids in setting goals for themselves and providing them with the support and accountability they need to be successful.

To get involved in it, simply show up and fill out a form. Then they get unlimited access to their free programs, special events and resources.

"At ProDeo we usually have a few classes where we do different things. We go to the park, we do art, we go places like the animal shelter. There's so many things to do there it's crazy," Kaitlynn May, sophomore, said.

Art classes, music classes, cooking classes, trips to the park, basketball games in the parking lot, and parties on Friday night are just some of the events they offer.

"ProDeo has been growing a lot and I think we currently have about 20 to 25 people going," Ray Cornett, freshman, said.

There is always room for more people at ProDeo. They have several volunteers who are extremely nice and their two staff members, Jacqueline Mace and Brad Provance, are always looking for new faces.

It is open Monday-Thursday 2:30-6 p.m. and Friday 2:30-11.

"I go there because it is a fun, friendly environment to be around and most the people are extremely sweet," Kimberly Cornett, sophomore, said.

ProDeo is a charity that is funded by the support of individuals, companies, foundations and churches to remain open.

"I would encourage other people to go because it's really fun, everything is free, the staff and volunteers are extremely sweet and we're all just a big family that hangs out after school. If more people start going, we will expand and there will be more volunteers and more staff members," May said.

Although based out of a church, there are no religious aspects to it at all. Everyone is welcome no matter what race, religion, or belief.

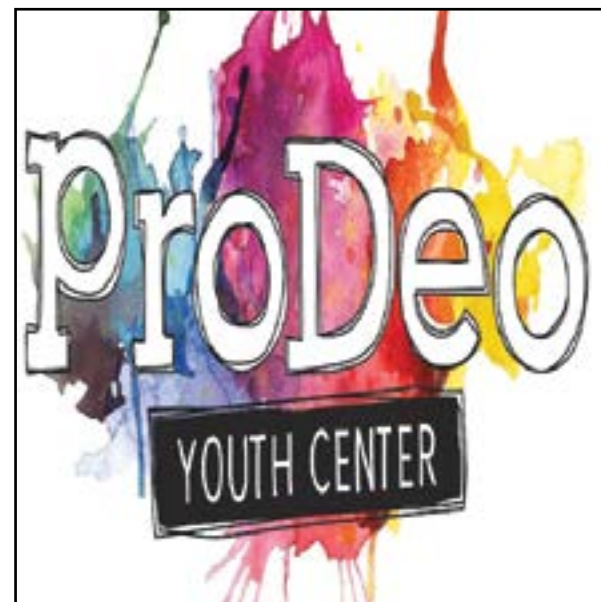
It is located at 206 NE Chipman Road Lee's Summit, MO 64063, just around the corner from LSN. It is just a few doors down from Post Coffee Co.

"I try to go to ProDeo every day after school but if something comes up and I can't, it's okay," Cornett said.

Many people attend and it is a great way to get to know and socialize with other people in the community. There are many great people and ProDeo is always wanting to expand.



Pro-Deo teens participate in a cooking activity.  
Photo by Chris McLean



Courtesy of prodeoyouthcenter.org

# The Faces of LSN

LexieTappers-JuniorEditor

There are over one hundred teachers at Lee's Summit North and students may have many teachers but never really get the chance to know the people they spend their time with.

Ryan Kelley, Fitness 4 Life and Foundations of Fitness, teacher went to high school at Lee's Summit High School where he played soccer.

"I started teaching because I've always wanted to teach and I enjoy working with students and I enjoy watching them grow as individuals," Ryan Kelley, teacher, said.

He also is the head boy's and girl's soccer coach and enjoys teaching Fitness 4 Life because of the games they play and how the students get to go bowling, to the driving range and they get to play badminton.

"Most of my student's don't know that I have a younger brother and sister. My younger brother is in the army in the D.C. area and my sister lives in the Lee's Summit Area. I am also my nephew's favorite uncle," Kelley said.

Some of Coach Kelley's pet peeves are when people do not take initiative and are not responsible for their work and also when people are lazy.

Andrea Hood-Johnson better known as "Hojo" has been teaching at North for over 20 years. She feels the most rewarding part about teaching is when a student finally grasps a concept and understands the material.

"I teach IB Psychology SL and HL and also IB English 12 and I can not decide which class I like teaching more because I love teaching both of those classes," Hood-Johnson, said.

She loves being able to forge bonds with students and hopes that her students love the bonds they form with her too.

Hood-Johnson went to high school at Blue Springs and was the valedictorian of her graduating class. She then attended college at William Jewell College.

Jeff Mumaw teaches Algebra 2, Advanced Studies Geometry and College Prep Math. He personally enjoys teaching Advanced Studies Geometry the most.

"I like Geometry and the logical aspect

of it and I like teaching it," Mumaw, said.

Aside from teaching math, Mumaw enjoys traveling and watching college athletics. He attended Truman State University in Kirksville for his undergrad and also University of Central Missouri for his masters. His wife teaches math also at Blue Springs South High School.

"I got started teaching because I want to interact with students to make a difference in their lives and I know students struggle with math and I want to help them learn math and not struggle as much with it," Mumaw said.

Mumaw's pet peeves are; when students sit on the desks, when students do not put the backs of the graphing calculators back on the front, and when people do not pay attention to what they are doing.

Sarah Courtney teaches history at North and she currently teaches IB History of the Americas 1. She attended college at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri.

"I fell in love with studying history in college because of the stories I heard my professors tell, and the idea of getting to help students learn those stories every day made me want to be a teacher. Getting to hopefully help students determine their future and find more out about who they are is a real joy, and at the very least, I hope to make my students' days a little better," Courtney said.

"Some of my students' do not know that I lived on an army base in Germany for a semester while student teaching where I taught children of soldiers and civilian staff of the Department of Defense; I've played the piano for 25 years; I was out of college before I had chocolate milk or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich," Courtney said.

Some people also do not know that Courtney attended Belleville Township High School West in Illinois and she also is married to Mr. Courtney who also teaches history at Bernard Campbell Middle School.



Coach Kelley



HOJO



Mr. Mumaw



# NORTH'S STEP TEAM STEPS UP TO THE SPOTLIGHT

MarinCarey-StaffReporter

This year a new activity has re-emerged at Lees Summit North. The North Side Steppers caught all of the attention at the pep assembly earlier this year, and their unique and modern dance styles have students all waiting to see what the girls are going to do next.

Stepping is a form of rhythmic dancing involving the dancer's whole body to produce a visually stimulating performance. Stepping has been around for a long time, and the most popular step routines have been passed down. In addition to step shows and competitions on college campuses, today stepping can also be found in schools, churches and community organizations around the country.

"Stepping is based on a long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a group. It draws movements from African foot dances, such as Gumboot, originally conceived by miners in South Africa as an alternative to drumming, which was banned by authorities," Robin Gray, a coach of our North Side Steppers and counselor said.

Many of the songs are still used in modern performances today. Many times a step performance ends or incorporates the use of a chant that is associated with the organization or school it is a part of. Stepping may also draw from elements of gymnastics, break dance, tap dance, March, or include semi-dangerous stunts as a part of individual routines.

The speed of the step depends on the beat and rhythm the performer wants it to sound.

The addition of this club at LSN has shown a lot of positive feedback, and there is a strong number of girls active with the team. The team seems to have a real sense of community, and they come off very proud of their work and their routines.

"The step team is different from the dancers because they focus more on ballet type things and turning, and the step team focuses on steps and hip hop. And the cheerleaders because they focus more on cheers and flips and things. And our dances are almost always hip hop. I joined the team because I thought it was a great chance to get more involved in school, and I love to dance and perform and step out of my comfort zone," Rakayla Brooks, sophomore, said.

Since the girls' performance at the pep assembly, students disappointingly have not seen much from them, and many students are wondering when they will be seeing them perform again. According to one of the coaches, Robin Gray, the team could be performing at half-time at basketball games throughout Lee's Summit North basketball team's season. So go out and support the basketball players and hopefully the North Side Steppers too.

The North Side Steppers have brought forward a whole new perspective on the "school dance team" ideology, with stepping comes a sense of community pride and rise in spirit.



"I joined the team because I thought it was a great chance to get more involved in school, and I love to dance and perform and step out of my comfort zone," Rakayla Brooks, sophomore, said.

# EAT, BOWL AND PLAY AT MAIN EVENT

BlairClark-StaffReporter

Just down the road in Independence, Missouri, a new party place has arrived. Main Event is everything wanted in one place. Food, games and singing are available from every age at Main Event.

Main Event's slogan 'Eat, Bowl, Play' explains everything included perfectly. There are many different places of all kinds to eat inside of the building. For dining in, they have a chef-inspired restaurant with everything from burgers to specialty pizza. They also offer La Bella's Pizza for a classic pizza and gelato for dessert.

Bowling is one of the main attractions at Main Event. Kids, grown ups, amateurs and pros are all welcome. Leagues are available Sunday through Thursday for the more serious bowlers. Each day has a different start and end time and some days even have themes nights. The leagues started January 10 and go until March 3.

"Bowling was definitely my favorite thing to do there. It was so fun to compete against my friends," Olivia Krehbiel, sophomore, said.

Activities and games encompass the majority of the space at Main Event, starting with rock climbing. The indoor rock-climbing arena takes up 9,000 square feet, all 28 feet straight up. Different levels ranging from kid to pro walls take up all the space, but are only open weekdays at 3p.m. until close.

Next up is the Gravity Ropes. Hanging from the ceiling is an obstacle course. It consists of scaling swaying bridges, balancing on planks and walking on tight ropes. This is completely safe because of being strapped in, even though it seems highly dangerous.

Bocce ball and billiards are another main attraction. Bocce ball is similar to bowling and billiards combined

with backstops at each end. Billiards is also free from 4-7p.m. and 10p.m. to close every week Sunday through Thursday.

Lazer tag and mini golf are fun for everyone as well. This is not the usual lazer tag and mini golf that everyone is used to. In lazer tag, groups compete against other teams while running through black lit pillars, arches and passageways. Mini golf is glow-in-the-dark, fluorescent, multi-dimensional and full of fun for all ages.

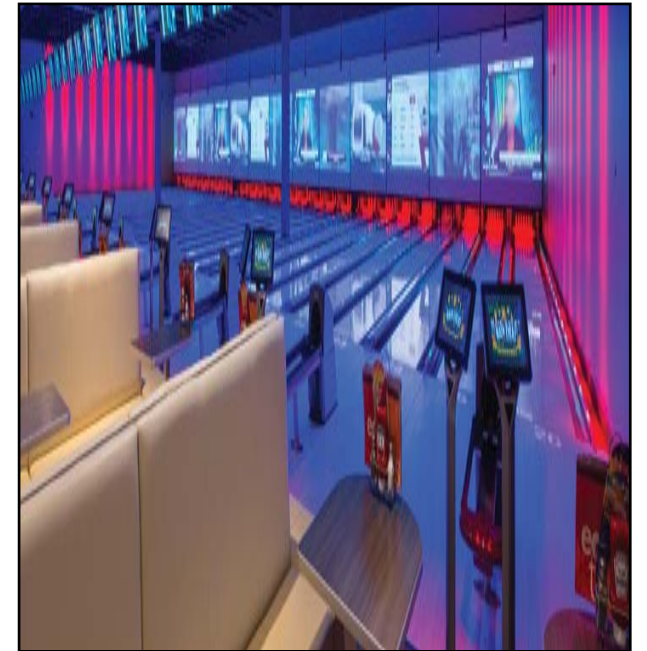
"Even though I only went bowling, everyone there was super energetic and lively. I would go back to Main Event for sure," Madison Spedding, sophomore, said.

For all of someone's video game needs, Main Event offers over 100 of the most thrilling games. The regular arcade games that everyone loves are there but even better games are there to play. Giant Connect Four, Dark Escape, Dead Heat, Temple Run and many others are there if someone is in need of a gaming fix.

"Everything there was really fun. It was worth what me and my friend paid to do everything there," Devonte Hubbard, sophomore, said.

Big events can also be held at Main Event. They allow birthday parties, banquets, group events and groups can even rent out the whole building to themselves. The best of all, Main Event is great for team building. Last, but not least, there are karaoke lounges for groups to rent out. With at least 9 people, all the fun can happen in one room with people singing their hearts out.

Main Event has something for everyone. Whether someone is looking for a game of bowling or just to sing some karaoke, Main Event is the place to go. There is so much fun for everyone, hanging out with friends and family could not be better.



Courtesy of mainevent.com



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# Celebrity Advocates Speak Out

CarolineLuna-FeatureEditor/JuniorEditor

Politicians are not the only ones who support change. Most people support something throughout his or her life. Consciously or not, every human has a distinct opinion and view on something in their life that they wish to change. In today's society, change is inevitable. Many of today's famous Hollywood stars that are put on pedestals for the world to view, strive for change in something they care about.

Celebrities use their fame to gain leverage as they strive to improve today's world by influencing those who look up to them. Stars like Emma Watson, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Jennifer Lawrence, Jesse Williams and Ellen DeGeneres have a distinct vision in something and hope to enhance change in the modern world.

A current female advocate, actress, model and UN Women Goodwill Advocate Emma Watson, from the "Harry Potter" series, "Perks of Being a Wallflower", "Noah" and many other well-known movies, strives for feminism and gender equality. She has influenced many other women to stand behind her in her ride to gender equality.

The young feminist advocate pores her heart out as she states, "Our society in general devalues the 'she' – qualities that are associated with the feminine that are found in all of us," Watson said (courtesy of [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk)).

Lee's Summit North students use their voice as they discuss their passions of change and importance of advocating.

"It is important for celebrities to advocate certain things because they have the best way of getting it [their vision] out there and more people will listen to them," Devon Paden, junior, said.

Not only does advocating for something a star is passionate about is good for their name, stars donate their money, time and effort to these foundations that support their cause.

"I think it is important for celebrities to be advocates because they're role models and people look up to them," Laura Paige, junior, said.

Another celebrity who is favored by many, Jesse Williams, is in passionate about his support for African American equality. He once appeared on CNN's State of the Union. This activist has spoken out on his take toward racism and relatively recent event in Ferguson.

"Despite the advent of the video camera, there's still an incredible trend of police brutality and killing in the street," Williams said (courtesy of [www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)).

Like many other celebrities, Williams directly points out his opinion of what is corrupt in today's society and in his eyes how today's problems effect him.

"The response that I've gotten is right down the middle. I get plenty of negativity. I get plenty of hate. I get plenty of racism," Williams said (courtesy of [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org)).

Williams attended Ferguson to join thousands of people in rage for justice for African Americans.

"People [are] coming from all over the country to say, 'Enough is enough,' and we're not going to, you know, be strung out in isolation anymore; recommit ourselves to finding unity, finding common ground, finding what's common to all of us," Williams said (courtesy of [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org)).

Not only has she captured the eye of those in "the capital", but as well as the world. Jennifer Lawrence aka Katniss Everdeen, darling of the capital has begun her advocacy for body image when Hollywood accused her of being fat.

"I'm never going to starve myself for a part. I don't want little girls to be like, 'Oh, I want to look like Katniss, so I'm going to skip dinner!' [...] I was trying to get my body to look fit and strong, not thin and underfed," Jennifer Lawrence said (courtesy of [www.huffingtonpost.com](http://www.huffingtonpost.com)).

As the multitude of celebrities attract the attention of millions, they bring a sense of opinion and attitude towards what they advocate for and strive for others to follow what they have begun.



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# Student Senate: Behind it All

GracieSnook-StaffReporter

Many students do not know about the people who set up all the spirit weeks and dances as well as numerous community and school services. The group behind it all is Student Senate. As many students are aware, courtwarming just happened recently, and the people who set up and tear down all the decorations and make these arrangements is senate, but they do much more than that. They are in charge of all the spirit weeks, dances, and several community service projects. Similar to the real world senate there are positions; Student Senate has them too.

Each grade level has representatives that are elected by their peers. Followed by an interview and teacher evaluation. The required grade to stay in and be accepted into senate is a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average. A lot of thought and discussion is put into electing the representatives for each grade level, as well as a good reputation with peers. Some students do not realize the work and responsibility it takes to be a part of Student Senate.

There are many different and new things that are being introduced next year, here at LSN including hallway decorating and spirit wear Fridays.

"Before we left for break, we did hallway decorating, where we changed all of the hallways in the school to be very festive for finals week and then right after we got back we had our courtwarming and that happened along with our spirit days," Katie Kuehn, Treasurer, senior, said.

There are many traditions that Student Senate sets up every year. One special tradition that happens

twice a year is spirit week. Student Senate comes up with different themes for each dance. "Monday's theme

was pajama day, Tuesday's theme was white out, Wednesday was sweater day, Thursday was flannel day and Friday was the traditional school colors day." Haley Hall, Historian, junior, said.

Many student look forward to dressing up for each spirit wear day the Student Senate is in charge of almost all the decisions regarding activities within the school. They also do many things to help out in the community. One of their biggest jobs is encouraging students during the harder weeks of school, for example, finals week. They passed out candy canes the Monday of finals

to just gives students a treat that would give them a boost of encouragement and happiness.

For many people school dances are a big deal. The winter dance, also known as courtwarming, creates a lot of work for



Student senators meet to discuss plans for Spirt week, courtwarming and much more!

Photo by: Megan Busse

Student Senate, especially when it comes to the themes, decorations, and spirit wear.

"The theme is Winter Wonderland, so we were focusing on decorating everything in snow and snowflakes," Sloan Fiser, Vice President, senior, said.

There are many out of school activities that senate does. They go play bingo with the elderly people and they also go to Coldwater. This year they are trying to go to elementary schools and read to little kids. Several things happen in senate that people do not know about, but they have very important jobs throughout the school. So in retrospect, Student Senate does all on the behind the scenes jobs, as well as making sure the students here at North have a great experience and a positive and safe learning environment that suits everyone.





# UP AND COMING IN 2016

Savannah Mullen-StaffReporter

*Coming into the new year, there are things that come along and it is finally here, concerts are coming, movies are showing and big news is appearing. 2016 is here bringing lots of cheer.*

In 2016, a plethora of movies will be released that many people have been waiting for, such as Disney movies that will extend many students childhood.

One movie that will hit the theaters, is “Allegiant: Part 1”, the third movie in the “Divergent” series. “Allegiant” comes out on March 18, which includes Shailene Woodley, Theo James, Miles Teller and Ansel Elgort.

Another movie, a spin-off of “Finding Nemo” is “Finding Dory” which releases June 17, 2016. Dory is on a quest to find her family while Nemo and Marlin help her on her adventure across the ocean.

“Ghostbusters” are back but this time four women will fight against ghosts. It will come to theaters July 15. Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones are the four women slaying ghosts.

“I think it will be interesting to see a reinventing of an old genre by young female SNL cast members, I think they will do a great job with it and the old characters in it also,” Cameron Riffle, sophomore, said.

“The Jungle Book” is being reestablished into a live action film with great special effects. “The Jungle Book” hits theaters on April 15.

“The Purge 3”, another spin-off of the “Purge” series which coming to town on July 1. One night, every year, everyone goes out and can commit a crime for no trial or punishment against them, knowing this is a fake film, many people believe it will happen one day.

## MOVIES



## CONCERTS

Everyone loves summer concerts with friends and this year many concerts are being brought to Kansas City. With high expectations the 2016 concerts are here.

A concert that started off the concerts of this year, is G-Eazy which was on January 12 at the Arvest Bank Theatre at The Midland, which he performed his songs from his new album, *When it's Dark Out*.

Justin Bieber is coming to town even after headlining the news with inappropriate choices. He is coming on April 6, with his comeback album *Purpose*.

For country lovers, Carrie Underwood is coming to town on May 15. She will be performing at the Sprint Center along with her tour going around the world.

Ellie Goulding is making her way to Kansas City on May 17 and will be performing songs from her newest album *Delirium*.

Better than ever, Selena Gomez is back and coming to the Sprint Center in 2016. The old Disney star is hitting the stage in Kansas City on July 1 and has completely changed since the days on Disney.

The alternative crowd is making their way to the Twenty One Pilots concert on July 10. They will be performing in front of a large crowd knowing that they have made their way up the charts.

July is a big month for every genre of music especially with country. On July 16 Kenny Chesney, Miranda Lambert and Sam Hunt will perform at Arrowhead Stadium and will have a huge crowd lining up to see them.

The duo of Nick Jonas and Demi Lovato is coming to town on August 6 to the Sprint Center.



## UP AND COMING

In 2016, many exciting things are coming in the matter that Apple will release a new iPhone, the 2016 summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and many new releases.

Every year Apple releases a new phone and new upgraded software, as for many believe they will release another new phone along with an IOS 10. As for Apple, the new Phone's seem to be a big hit but some believe other wise.

“I think the iPhone 6 or 6S seem a little too big, they should go smaller again,” Dawson Cole, junior, said.

Every two years the Olympics roll around and 2016 is bringing them, with the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Some sports that are in the 2016 Olympics are archery, sailing, basketball, sand volleyball, diving and much more.

“Volleyball is a very interesting sport to watch, you have to have leadership and understand your friendships with your teammates,” RYanne Mansell, sophomore, said.

The Super Bowl is coming and so is Coldplay who will be performing at the halftime show. The Super Bowl is being held at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, the home of the San Francisco 49ers.



The 2016 Acura ILX-Spec.  
courtesy of caranddriver.com

## CARS

The new year is always the time of cars, this year they are bigger and better. The cars of 2016 are established and ready to be pulled into the driveway.

One car that is pulling in car lovers is the Ford Mustang GT, which now has two different looks, which includes a vintage throwback to the 1967 Mustang hood-vent turn signals.

The Chevrolet Camaro has been a popular car and now the 2016 version is even better with a new wheel, revised seats and updated door panels.

The new 2016 Mercedes-Benz AMG GT is the second addition of the Mercedes-Benz AMG GT and has minor improvements but still has a new car glow.

The Cadillac CT6 has come a long way knowing that the first Cadillac has been around since 1902. The horsepower of the Cadillac has achieved up to 400 HP.



The Presidential election is not until November but is coming fast with the candidates trying to persuade the voters.

Donald Trump, Republican, has many voters against him but also many people for him.

The democratic candidate, Hillary Clinton, was a Secretary of State under Barack Obama.

Bernie Sanders, a democratic presidential candidate, believes that citizens who work 40 hours a week, should not be living in poverty and he wants to change that, which many believe.

Though there are many candidates for the Presidential Election, these are just some of the runners. Voting begins on November 8 and there will be a change in the government no matter who wins.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS



# The Hottest on the Charts of 2015

HaileyHynes-StaffReporter

No matter what kind of music is made, if it is good and becomes popular, it will end up on the charts for everyone to listen to. But be careful, because that chart changes awfully quick with music coming out left and right nowadays.

The many artists that climbed those charts include Justin Bieber, Adele, The Weeknd, Drake, One Direction, Shawn Mendes, Selena Gomez, Fetty Wap, Ed Sheeran, Taylor Swift, Ellie Goulding and Ariana Grande with many of their albums reaching number one on iTunes as well.

Most of those artists have been regulars on the charts but some people like Shawn Mendes with his song "Stitches", Fetty Wap with "Trap Queen", and The Weeknd with multiple songs have had a breakthrough year.

If an artist has had two songs that have reached

**The top music of 2015 had been filled with many great songs from popular artists and even some newcomers. As that year came to a close, it would be best to take a closer look at what else happened on the Top 40 chart.**

number one, then they could be up for several music awards. The Weeknd and Justin Bieber were two artists that were able to do that.

Mia Rickman, senior, particularly liked The Weeknd's music this year.

"I think that The Weeknd had the best music of the year. 'In the Night' is my favorite song on the new album because the chorus is so enticing and up beat and you can't help but sing along every time," Rickman said.

The Weeknd has gotten a lot of awards this year and Rickman agrees with the critics.

"I do think that he deserved that recognition. He is very original and has a great talent of writing hits," Rickman said.

Rickman has even taken an acute liking to One Direction's music this year.

"This is painful for me to admit because I never listen to pop music, but I can't help but like a couple of One Direction's songs. They just sing well together and I understand why they have such a large fan base," Rickman said.

Rickman's appreciation did not start from her own interests in the band.

"One Direction is good at what they do and represent well. You can't help but sing along when it is all your friends play in the car," Rickman said.

Marissa Man, senior, expresses her love for Drake.

"I think Drake had the best music of 2015. My favorite song off of *What a Time to be Alive* is 'Diamonds Dancing' and 'Change Locations'," Mann said.

Mann appreciates all of Drake's music and is ready to

hear more in 2016.

"I like how he can rap and have a slower song when he wants to. I am excited for what's to come next year for him," Mann said.

Mary Heine, senior, shares her opinion on Fetty Wap and his lifestyle.

"Fetty's one eye inspires me to be more of a 'G' and

he actually inspired me to become a rapper. I just really want to become a Remy Boy, that is my ultimate wish," Heine said.

Heine then shared her thoughts on in

his musical success.

"I also like his music. I really like 'My Way' featuring Drake because I also enjoy Drake. When Fetty Wap broke through the rap game half blind, I think that is a symbol for the world today. You can do anything you put your eye to," Heine said.

Even though the music changes, the heart wants what the heart wants.



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# ALTERNATIVE MUSIC PRESENTS: EXCITING NEW TRENDS, TOURS, AND ARTISTS

MarinCarey-StaffReporter

Betty Who, an Australian artist, was featured on Troye Sivan's popular album "Blue Neighbourhood" and has another album on the horizon despite just having released her album *Take Me When You Go* earlier this year. She has a very "80's disco throwback" type of sound, and yet still finds a way to make it very modern and fun. Her song "Somebody Loves You" was covered on the T.V show *Glee* and has been featured in a viral flash mob proposal video. Her fans look forward to a possible tour to go along with the upcoming album, and everyone is waiting to see what unique sounds she produces next.

"I love Betty Who mostly because her music is fun and always puts me in a good mood," Natasha Nutter, sophomore, said.

Betty played in Kansas City at the Chipotle Cultivate Festival mid 2015 and has recently played assorted pride festivals and small shows around the U.S. in between working on her new album.

The Young Rising Sons are an American band composed of members Andy Tongren, Julian Scott, Julian Dimagiba, and Steve Patrick. They recently released

MANY MUSIC LISTENERS ARE TIRED OF THE RECENT MUSIC TRENDS ENCOMPASSING EVERYTHING HEARD ON THE RADIO. SOME SAY POP MUSIC IS ALL THE SAME NOWADAYS. BUT NEVER FEAR, DIVE INTO THE VAST WORLD OF THE UNDERGROUND INDIE/ALTERNATIVE MUSIC INDUSTRY WITH REFRESHING NEW SOUNDS, MODERN SPINS ON CLASSIC MUSIC STYLINGS, AND NEW EXCITING ARTISTS WHO MAY BE PLAYING IN A VENUE IN TOWN.



The 1975 performing their concert in Kansas City, Missouri.  
Photo by Marin Carey

an EP titled "The Kids Will Be Alright" and it sticks to the same indie rock theme that the band has always produced. The EP can be bought in iTunes for \$3.75 and it has five songs. The band has been talking about the possible release of an album soon, but it is still in the works. The band toured with the popular band The 1975 in 2014 and they gained a small following while still remaining somewhat under the wraps and modest.

Søren Juul from Svendborg,

Denmark released a groundbreaking new self titled EP after not releasing much music since his album "Somewhere Else" in 2013 under the alias "Indians" and it very much differed from all of his previous music. His supporters are happy to be able to more closely connect to the artist behind the music they have been listening to after not hearing from the mysterious artist for almost two years. The foreign music genre has been booming, with many French artists getting attention from the U.S. music industry as well as

artists like Søren Juul.

"I really enjoy foreign music because it still intrigues me with the rhythms and beats, I can still connect to it without being able to fully understand the music. I listen to numerous French artists and I love it," Leana Samyn, sophomore, said.

Overall, there are many types of music within the underground/alternative music genre. It is a genre that really anyone can relate to and find something that appeals to them because it is so vast.

"I enjoy alternative music because it is great for many occasions or moods unlike other genres," Jessica Whitmore, junior, said.

Alternative/Underground music can vary anywhere from slow acoustic sounds to fun electro-pop vibes. These artists all produce very different music but they all have something in common, they are all considered to be a part of the same unique genre.



# Disney Takes Over the World

BlairClark-StaffReporter

Disney movies have been a big part of many peoples' lives and it will continue to be apart of the next generation's life too. Growing up with Disney movies and Disney Channel in a person's life shapes their childhood, could possible affect their future and also the next generations to come.

"Even though I did not watch a lot of TV as a child, I still loved the movies like *Cinderella*.

And when I got older I really liked the TV shows like *Hannah Montana*," Courtney Matthews, senior, said.

Many people do not know Disney is involved in so many peoples life, and not just with kids. Disney now owns ABC Television Group, ESPN, A&E Network, ABC Family, Marvel Entertainment and also Lucasfilm Ltd. Disney is more behind the scenes, but involved in many different ways.

Everyone knows the classic movies like *Cinderella*, *Snow White*, *Beauty*

Everyone has known Disney and most everyone has grown up with it in his or her life. Little do they know Disney is on their way to taking over the world.

and the *Beast*, the *Lion King* and *Aladdin*. They also know Disney has the rights to those movies. What might surprise some people is that Disney also has the rights to all the Marvel movies like *The Avengers*, *Iron Man* and *The Amazing Spider-Man*. They even own the newest Star Wars movie, *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*.

"Star Wars was better when Disney did not own it. I think the movie plot will be drastically changed just by the fact that it is owned by Disney," Alexis Maslik, junior, said.

Disney and Pixar are also teamed up and making some of people's favorite animated movies. Inside Out, all the *Toy Story* movies, *Cars*, *Up*, *Monsters, Inc.* and *Finding Nemo* are all Disney-Pixar movies. Because Disney owns Pixar, they are not getting all the credit for these great movies.

On the bright side, Disney is great at making movies.

Sequels of childhood favorite movies are even coming out soon. *Finding Dory* is sure to be a big hit and is planning to be released on June 17.

Disney amusement parks are a big part of some people's life. Disney World and Disneyland is a couple of the country's most popular places. They are also a great place for family bonding and to just have fun in a good atmosphere. For people who have grown up with Disney in their life, the Disney parks are like a home away from home.

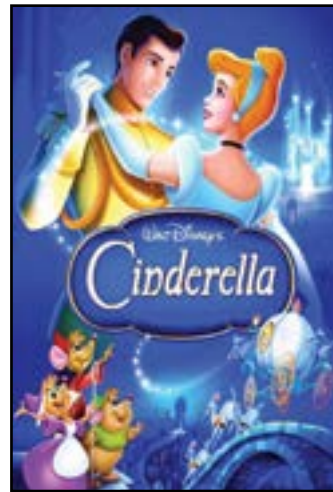
"I love Disney because it allows you to fantasize. They just make me happy because Disney makes life look so simple and lovely. Watching Disney growing up, every girl

has their favorite princess and they looked up to them. I think that is so cool," Nicole Collens, sophomore, said.

Most children grew up with the Disney princesses as a part of their life. Even though they were just cartoons, they

made a huge impact. More princesses are to come too. *Moana*, the newest princess is planned to come out this year on November 23. It is about a young girl who is on a journey to find the Fabled Island. On her adventure, she teams up with her hero.

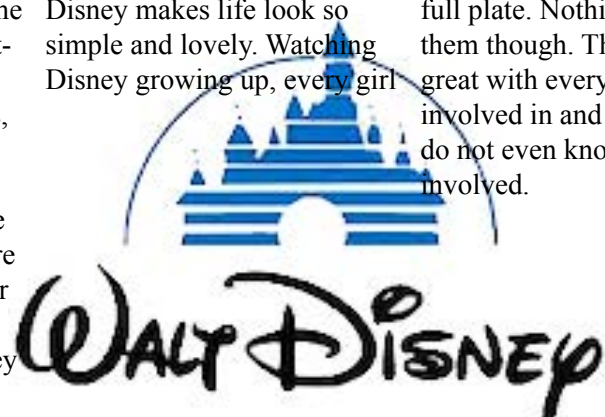
With all the teaming up Disney has done, they have a full plate. Nothing is stopping them though. They are doing great with everything they are involved in and many people do not even know they are involved.



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# MURDER? MYSTERY? SHERLOCK HOLMES WILL FIGURE IT OUT

ZoeRickman-StaffReporter

With only three seasons and a total of only nine episodes, writers and producers Mark Gatiss and Steven Moffat keep the viewers craving more with a large amount of time between seasons (roughly 2-3 years), Sherlock may be on the television screen before anyone knows it, with a new twist on the usual modern rendition. The premiere of the Sherlock Special, *Sherlock: The Abominable Bride*, aired on New Years Day.

"My introduction to Sherlock was by accident. I was watching the show Top Gear and they showed an advertisement for it, so I watched it later that night and was hooked," Brian Ray, English teacher, said.

*Sherlock* is a modernized form of a Victorian era hit short story series,

Since 2010, the hit BBC series *Sherlock*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Sherlock Holmes and Martin Freeman as Dr. John Watson, has changed the game in television history. With fast-paced criminal chases and an articulate plot, *Sherlock* is a largely admired series to audiences of all ages.

*Sherlock Holmes*, but for the winter special the writers decided to take the story back to its roots.

With horse buggies instead of taxis and absolutely no technology, this special will take the audience back in time to the 19th century.

With the plot still being kept secret, the media has little information on the special.

"The Victorian era *Sherlock* special that's been shrouded in mystery these past many months has dropped some clues... Masterpiece and PBS have announced that the 90-minute one-off special, titled *Sherlock: The Abominable Bride*, will premiere in the U.S. at 9PM ET on Masterpiece Mystery on January 1, 2016. BBC One also confirmed it is airing the same day in the UK. This marks the first time

the series has premiered on the same day in both countries



Courtesy of metro.co.uk

which should delight viewers who've been frustrated by the traditional lag time," (courtesy of [deadline.com](http://deadline.com)).

"I think Arthur Conan Doyle would be proud. I think that Sherlock has done a great job in building in the classic mythos of Holmes, but also creating a modern pull. The creators of the show have done a great job in respecting the original stories. If you are a fan of the stories you can see elements of them reflected in each episode," Ray, said.

There are over 100 different representations of the great consulting detective including a recent one played by the Marvel actor Robert Downey Jr.

"I am a big fan of Robert Downey Jr. and really like his work. I also like his take on Sherlock in the period," Ray, said.

Speaking exclusively to Digital Spy at last weekend's MCM London Comic Con, Steven Moffat and Mark Gatiss have revealed a squeak more information about the forthcoming *Sherlock* Christmas Special, *The Abominable Bride*, arriving on BBC One and in select cinemas around the UK on the 1st of January.

Gatiss confirmed that *The Abominable Bride* «is mostly an original story, inspired by a reference in one of the [Doyle] stories to one of the ones that Dr. Watson never wrote about...There are loads and loads of details from the original stories, and there is a case referenced in the story about Ricoletti with the club foot and his abominable wife', so this is broadly speaking, that," Steven Moffat said (courtesy of [denofgeek.com](http://denofgeek.com)).

With the special already released, millions of people around the world have reacted in nothing but a positive way. Anticipating fans await the next taste of Sherlock Holmes in series four that is to be filmed this year.





# LATE NIGHT TALK SHOWS: JIMMY FALLON VS. KIMMEL

CaraPanarisi-OpinionEditor

Jimmy Fallon and Jimmy Kimmel have gained this popularity through their sense of humor and for their originality they brought within their own show. These two late night talk show hosts in particular have attracted the views of millions across the nation. They both lead the charts in being the two not only most well known hosts, but also having the most watched shows.

At a glance, most probably assume that the two shows and hosts are the same, which is partially true. Kimmel and Fallon have similar backgrounds, such as they both grew up in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to this, they both also thrived in popularity on their shows around the same age.

For those who really watch one show or the other, there are also a handful of other slight differences between the two in which makes the people more attracted to one rather than

During the weekdays while at school or work, most people fail to make it home in time to see the classic daytime talk shows. Instead, they can come home and anticipate an episode of the few selected choices for late night talk shows to be aired.

the other. The common debate is which one has the more captivating show to the people, Jimmy... or Jimmy?

"Personally, I think



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Jimmy Kimmel is kind of full of himself and is really egotistical. On the other hand, I watch Jimmy Fallon a lot and I think that he is hilarious," Madison Spedding, sophomore, said.

After conducting polls and interviews within the school, the results show that a lot of students prefer Fallon rather than Kimmel. People continuously say that they think he is overall a funnier guy and has better segments to offer the audiences within the show.

"I like Jimmy Fallon more than Kimmel, just

because I think he does have better skits better interviews and often times more humorous shows," Dustin Benisch, Industrial Tech teacher, said.

Kimmel, on the other hand, was said to be more self-absorbed. His jokes and skits, although a lot of people found them funny, others found offensive and just not amusing what so ever.

"Not a lot of people I know really care for Jimmy Kimmel or his show. Personally, I find him and Fallon both funny and I do

not really prefer one rather the other. I just watch whatever is on," Rebecca Lash, sophomore, said.

Each of the two have traditions that take place on their shows in which have also gone viral or stood out on social medias such as *YouTube* or *Twitter*.

On Kimmel's show, he has a segment where celebrities read mean tweets to the audience of the show that was sent to them via *Twitter*.

Fallon does a segment where he writes Thank-You notes. In this featured segment, he writes mini-letters to celebrities or world changing people that are not really much of thank you notes and more of a way to be sarcastic and funny towards specific people or events.

"I think Fallon is funnier than Kimmel. One of my all time favorite skits from Fallon's show is when he did a lip sync battle with Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart," Michael Foster, sophomore, said.

Although the people can vote all they want about which one they prefer more, or whom they find funnier. At the end of the day, it does not matter who thinks what, it is all about personal preference.



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# THE AGES OF SOCIAL MEDIA

OliviaGray-SportsEditor

## 1. THE VERY BEGINNING:

The first signs of social media began in 1979 (only 37 years ago) with Usenet—a non-centralized computer network that allowed people to post news to newsgroups. This was before modern-day Internet so it was shown as green letters on a black background.



## 3. THIS MILLENNIUM:

Believe it or not, Wikipedia was the first major website created in the 2000s and is still running today with 374 million unique users each month.

The encyclopedia website was created by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.

In 2002, Friendster was created, allowing users to meet new friends throughout the world.

"I use Instagram, Vine and Yik Yak the most often," Aaron Meers, senior, said.

The next year brought Hi5 and the notorious MySpace, which allowed private messaging and public comments to a user's profile.

In 2004, the Facebook was created. No, not Facebook—*The Facebook*. Created by Mark Zuckerberg, this website was strictly for Harvard University students.

Social media is a major part of people's lives today, but the new generation tends to forget exactly how new the Internet is. Contrary to what many may believe, the world of social media did not simply pop out of nowhere. It, like many things, started as a simple idea that grew into the huge phenomenon it is today.

## 2. THE DARK AGES:

The introduction of the Internet also meant the introduction of new forms of high-speed communications. The year 1988 brought many new improvements such as file and link sharing. Multi-player games, multi-user messaging, text abbreviations ("LOL", "BRB", etc.) and emoticons were brought about in 1996. Just a year later, a website called Six Degree was created, which contained features similar to creating profiles and adding friends.

## 4. THE GLORY DAYS:

2005 brought the popular video-sharing platform, YouTube, which currently has one billion unique users every month. Reddit was also created.

In 2006, The Facebook developed into Facebook. The site currently has 1.23 billion active users and is considered the most popular social media site in the world. Its major contender in the United States, Twitter, was also created.

## 5. THE GREAT DEPRESSION:

There was hardly any major social media sites created from 2007 to 2011. Although there were a few improvements made (such as live streaming) and apps invented (like WhatsApp) there was ultimately no major, impactful social media sites established. "Social media is great because it helps people that don't live close to each other stay in touch," Krista Abernathy, senior, said.

## 6. MODERN DAY:

Evan Spiegel and Bobby Murphy founded the praised and adored Snapchat, once known as Picaboo, in 2011. In 2013, they turned down a three-billion-dollar offer from Facebook. Spiegel, age 25, is currently known as one of the youngest billionaires in the world. Snapchat is one of the most popularly used social app by millennials, second only to Instagram and Facebook.

"I use Snapchat and Twitter the most because that's where other people talk to me more," Ashlee Curless, senior, said.

In 2012, the notorious dating app, Tinder, was created along with the media-sharing app, Pheed. Vine, a seven-second video posting website, was created in January of 2013, shortly followed by Yik Yak.

The ages of social media continue to change as new improvements are made with technology. Only 30 years ago live video chatting and uploading pictures to the Internet for friends to see was simply unimaginable. That was only a decade before the millennial generation. In a few short years, people around the world may be interacting in ways that were once thought as impossible.



# GEARED UP ON THE GRIDIRON

JackLangle-NewsEditor

## Fun Facts

Since 1979, Aloha Stadium (Hawaii) has hosted the Pro Bowl each year. Last year, however, the game took place in Arizona. Now, Hawaii's tradition has begun again.

*Arguably America's new pastime, football is a game of high stakes, where every move can leave an astronomical impact on a team's success. The National Football League (NFL) is the highest form of professional football in the world. Where the most successful athletes battle it out to see who is the best. Now, the NFL and their athletes are in the most important part of the season the playoffs, and everyone is hyped.*

## THE CHIEFS BIG RUN

October 18. October 18 was the last time the Kansas City Chiefs lost a football game in the 2015 regular season, going on what is the longest winning streak in team history. Back then the sun was setting almost two hours later and it had still been 30 years since the Kansas City Royals had won a World Series. Ever since that Sunday in the middle of October the Chiefs have become a new team, with 10 straight wins to prove it. Every day it seemed like there was another positive to add.

"If you're going to be a good football team, you have to win games like this," Andy Reid, Chiefs head coach, said following their December 13 win against San Diego (courtesy of espn.com).

This recent success has the Chiefs rolling into the playoffs as one of the league's hottest teams. The team won their first game in the postseason in 22 years, blanking the Houston Texans 30-0 in the Lone-Star State.

The Chiefs are just adding on to the excitement in Kansas City with the Royals and Sporting KC all competing at the highest levels.

## CAROLINA PANTHERS: 15-1 REGULAR SEASON

Contrary to the Chiefs, the Panthers have been one of the, if not the best teams since day one. After a 7-8-1 season in 2014 that still resulted in a playoff berth due to the NFC South's poor overall performance, Carolina has had a bounce back not common in today's game. They finished the 2015 regular season with an astonishing 15-1 record that has only been achieved a few times in NFL history and they have no intention of slowing down in sight. Now they go into the playoffs on the NFC's number one seed.

"In my opinion, the Panthers have had a phenomenal year, and it is an impressive feat to achieve a 15-1 record. While some may criticize the strength of the teams Carolina has faced, at the end of the day Cam Newton's incredible athleticism has lead the Panthers to their well earned record," Cameron Riffle, sophomore, said.



## ST LOUIS RAMS RELOCATE TO LA

On Monday, January 4, 2015 three NFL teams, the St. Louis Rams, Oakland Raiders, and San Diego Chargers all filed for relocation to the Los Angeles area and end a 21-year drought of teams in LA. Each team has their own plans and meetings to decide their fates will come shortly.

"So they haven't accomplished anything. They're saying they're going to do something now. But in order to do it, they'd have to have a referendum and the referendum isn't until next June. Well, we can't have these teams in limbo. You need to have certainty, and you don't know if the referendum would pass or fail. We can't take what they're saying very seriously," Bob McNair, Houston Texans owner, said (courtesy of www.latimes.com).

Tuesday, January 12th, it was announced by the team's owner that the St. Louis Rams will be moving to Los Angeles. The San Diego Chargers may or may not be moving with them as well.

## BENGALS AND STEELERS: THE DRAMATIC WILD CARD FINISH

One of the craziest Wild Card games in the first round of the playoffs was between the Cincinnati Bengals and Pittsburgh Steelers. The game went back and forth until, with a late touchdown, the Bengals went on top and seemed to have control. It all game down to Pittsburgh in what seemed to be their last drive.

The Steelers almost immediately threw an interception and the game was virtually over. That was, until the next play when the Bengals fumbled the football giving it back to the Steelers.

The drive was not going great, but after Cincinnati started to get into penalty trouble, and their personal issues got in the way of the game, Pittsburgh was in perfect position to score the game winning field goal and to win 18-16. Which they did.

Now the Steelers move on, and the Bengals still have not won a playoff game since 1991.

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For the fiftieth Super Bowl, the logo no longer contains Roman numerals. This year, "50" is now in digits.



(Courtesy of www.cbssports.com)

\*Bracket contains results prior to the Divisional Round Weekend



# FINAL FOUR: THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF EDITION

WillMauer-StaffEditor

*Bowl season is over, the dust has settled. Finally fans know who the one true champion of college football is.*

The year has been incredible. College football is incredible. This sport has never disappointed. From the Pacific to the Atlantic, fans across the country have been incredibly happy, while some have seen the dark days of depression. College football is over, but all the moments that have occurred have been memories fans will have with them for life.

The local teams did not have particularly great seasons. The Missouri Tigers finished 5-7 and declined a bowl invite and their coach, Gary Pinkel, retired from coaching due to health reasons. Barry Odom, a former Mizzou player, will take his position as the head coach of the team.

“He’s a very good people person, tough, competitive, pays attention to detail. You could

just see he’s got it,” Pinkel said (courtesy of kansascity.com)

The Kansas Jayhawks had a rough season as they put together a winless season. First Year coach David Beaty can only get better from this point.

The lone bright spot of the three major local schools was Kansas State. The Wildcats finished 6-6 and faced Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl. K-State ended the season on a sour note as the Razorbacks defeated them 45-23.

Other than the three local schools, college football was still a wild roller coaster. It seemed that every Saturday something crazy was happening, something that would be shared all over social media,

until the next crazy thing happened.

The regular season was a unique ride of emotions. There were a couple plays that stuck out and every college football fans know what they are. The first and arguably best, was the Arkansas vs. Ole Miss game. In the first overtime, Arkansas tight end Hunter Henry throws a lateral behind his head and falls into his running back, Alex Collins hands, who miraculously converts a fourth-and-25 in the waning moments of the game. They went on to win after that incredible play.

The Florida State Seminoles had a rough time against Georgia Tech. The Seminoles kicker, Roberto Aguayo, who is an incredible kicker, gets it blocked and Georgia Tech

returns it for a 22-16 victory, an improbable play that gave them an extra loss, thus hurting their chances to get into a better bowl game. Without that gut wrenching loss, the Seminoles only have a loss to number-one-rated Clemson.

Another awesome moment was Michigan Vs. Michigan State, the Wolverines clinging to a 23-21 lead, punting from the Michigan State 47-yard line. All they have to do is get the punt off and stop the returner from reaching the end zone. Unfortunately for Jim Harbaugh and Michigan, they whiffed the punt and the ball bounced to Jalen Watts-Jackson who sprung free and scored, stunning the college football world and blowing up twitter in the process.



Clemson Tigers. Courtesy of youtube.com



University of Alabama. Courtesy of bleacherreport.com

“I was at a loss for words. I seriously could not believe what I had just saw,” Kory Martin, junior, said.

Michigan State needed that victory as it lost the next week, on a questionable call to Nebraska, to make the Big Ten Championship game vs. the eventual winner Iowa. The games last few minutes were incredible, as the Spartans unleashed a 22 play, 82-yard drive to beat the undefeated Hawkeyes and confirm their spot in the college Football Playoffs at number three.

Falling in at number one was the undefeated Clemson Tigers, beating the North Carolina Tar Heels in the Atlantic Coastal Conference (ACC) Championship. They have been the most consistent team this year, not losing a game through the entire regular season.

Number two was the one loss Alabama Crimson Tide, who beat the Florida Gators in the South Eastern Conference (SEC) Championship in Atlanta, Georgia. They were the better

team throughout the game and the year, except for a hiccup against Ole Miss.

Number four was the Oklahoma Sooners, winners of the Big 12, after dismantling rival Oklahoma State in Stillwater; they guaranteed themselves a spot in the playoffs. They dropped to number four after previously being at three, so instead of playing Alabama, they will get number one Clemson in their first game.

“Oklahoma should not have moved to number four, they are better than Michigan State,” Harrison Hall, junior, said.

Clemson vs. Oklahoma was the first semi-final game of the night. The first half was a hard fought battle, with the Sooners going into the half up one on the number one seed. The second half was a completely different story. Deshaun Watson showed why he will be a great player for years to come, as Clemson scored 21 unanswered in the second half to blow the game wide open, and punch their ticket into the National

Title game.

“Clemson earned the victory by getting back to the basics. It utilized a complete offensive attack in the second half, and the defense took care of the rest. The 60 minute performance will likely lead to a national championship for the tigers,” Tim Daniels, writer for bleacher report said (courtesy of bleacher-report.com).

The nightcap was Michigan State vs. Alabama, and it was an absolute domination by the Crimson Tide.

At no point in the ballgame did Michigan State have a chance to win. The first quarter ended with the game tied at zero, after that, “bama rolled through the Spartans with 38 unanswered points. The SEC power was too much for the Big 10 Champions.

“It will take another massive effort from the Tide in order to disrupt the Tigers’ perfect season and win the national title,” Mike Chiari of bleacher report said (courtesy of bleacherreport.com).

Other than the playoff, there were other great match-ups in bowl season. TCU going up against Oregon in the Alamo Bowl was the unexpected great game of bowl season. The Horned Frogs were down by 31 after the first half, and all hope was lost, at least until Gary Patterson and company had the biggest comeback of the season. They ended the game on a 31-0 run of there own and won in the third overtime after stopping Oregon from having a chance to tie. It was the game to remem-

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Final Score:  
Alabama- 45  
Clemson-40

ber for TCU fans, not so much for Duck supporters.

Stanford dominated Iowa, beating them 45-16, with Christian McCaffrey going off in the Rose Bowl. Houston surprisingly beats Florida State in the Peach Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl ended in Ohio State taking care of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. Finally, the New Years games ended with a stomping, Ole Miss beating Oklahoma State 48-20.

This college football season was crazier than most years, with the playoff being in its second year and the season being wackier than it has ever been, it has for sure been a season to remember. It all ended with the Crimson Tide winning a hard fought game and being crowned the champions of college football. The dynasty Nick Saban had been trying to create for a years is finally complete.



# SPORTS NEWS

## CHIEFS

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### Fun Fact

For the first time in both Kansas City Royals' and Chiefs' history, both teams made their leagues' playoffs.



The Chiefs have had a winning streak since their game on October 25. This was also about the same time as the World Series. The last time the Chiefs were in the playoffs was after the 2013 season. This year is the first time in 22 years the Chiefs have won a playoff game.

## MAVERICKS

The Mavericks have their next games on January 21 and 22 against the Tulsa Oilers. So far, the mavericks have had a winning season.



## KU BASKETBALL



The University of Kansas (KU) men's basketball team is currently ranked number one in the NCAA.

## DIVISION II NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Northwest Missouri State University won the Division II National Football Championship on December 19. This is the fifth National Championship the team has won. The bearcats finished their season undefeated.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Alabama Crimson Tide won the college football playoff national championship on January 11 against Clemson Tigers with a score of 45-40. Before the championship game, the Clemson Tigers were undefeated. Depending on who is asked, Alabama has 12 or 16 Championship Titles.



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# All That Jazz

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### Fun Fact

The Northern Stars practice all summer and at least three days a week throughout the entire school year.

Each season the Northern Stars compete in various events throughout the year. These include regional competitions, an annual invitation that is hosted by LSN in January and the Missouri State Dance Team Championships in February. To begin this year, the ladies competed in the Lindbergh competition in December and brought home a victory with two trophies in different categories. All of the team's success does not come handed to them, though. The girls practice after school numerous times a week throughout the majority of the year. Senior captains, Lindsay Conchola, Makenzie Nichols and Lydia Lacey lead and serve as role models to their teammates to keep them on track as well.

*They may be at pep assemblies, during halftime at football, volleyball, soccer and basketball games. They wow the audience and provide entertainment wherever they go but there is even more than just that to the Northern Stars dance team. Behind the scenes, the girls on the team this year are now preparing to dance their way to a national competition for the first time.*

"As a captain I am in charge of making sure all of the girls are aware of everything to know, encouraging them, helping them with things to improve on or if they make mistakes in our routines, what they should fix or get help with," Nichols said.

Nichols also helps choreograph the routines that the team performs.

"I teach the dances I choreograph and I help clean the routines, including the competition ones, along side my coaches. I will also be in charge of Mr. Bronco and tryouts for next year's team," Nichols said.

Besides entertaining for LSN, the Northern Stars hold their great reputation by venturing and performing for others. Each year, the girls participate in performances for community events and they also hold a "Mini Stars" clinic for elementary school students who are interested in dance, over winter break.

This season is unique for the ladies in a lot of ways. To start, it is not rare for freshman to make the dance team but only one "passed" the tryout stage this year: Kara Miller.

With each teammate of the Northern Stars being very close to the other, each girl finds the time spent with the

team cherishable and find the group as a whole to be like a family. The captains are looked up to and respected as well.

"It's a lot to be a leader, it teaches you how to be patient, responsible, passionate, determined, when to have fun and when to get things done. Also, I would say that as a leader all the girls will come to you with questions and help, so you really have to be a good role model and present what should be done," Nichols said.

The huge event happening for the squad this season though is the announcement that they are going to compete at Nationals in Florida. This will be the first

time traveling to Florida to compete for all of the girls on the team and their emotions cannot be contained.

"I think our team is stronger and closer than ever this year, and I'm really excited to go to Nationals for my last year," Lacey said.

With the state competition coming right around the corner, the Northern Stars have quite a record to keep up. In their history, the team has never placed below fourth place at State and they clenched the second place trophy just last year. In hopes to take the first place trophy next month, the ladies are pumped to go out with a bang.



The Northern Stars Dance Team practicing for their upcoming competition.  
Photo by Megan Busse

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# Making Things New Year Count



The LSN weight room is ready to be used to achieve new years resolutions.  
Photo by Megan Busse



Lexie Talpers-JuniorEditor/WebEditor

The beginning of a new year leads many people to believe they need to change something about themselves in order to become a better person, or as an excuse to change their lifestyle when, in fact they can change their lifestyle at any time in life.

New Year's resolutions give people all over America an excuse to put off accomplishing a difficult or new task until the New Year but in reality most people end up not even sticking to what they intended to accomplish.

"I never make a New Year's Resolution just because I used too and I never stuck to my resolution so it got to be pointless to make them," Garrett Allen, junior, said.

A lot of people's main goal for the New Year is to start working out and live a healthier life. Unfortunately people start to give up on that goal mid-January and

start using excuses such as "I do not have enough time" or "I actually do not want to do this" when in fact the whole excuses just amounts to laziness.

"The biggest New Year's resolution I hear about is people wanting to lose weight and I think New Year's resolution's could work if that particular person has a good work ethic," Mandy Kilgore, junior, said. A lot of the time people want to start learning a new sport or learn to play a new instrument or get a job, but a lot of those activities could be started at any time and not just because of the new year.

"I know a lot of people who as the new year comes they decide to change into a different person but I think we could all change into a different person at any time, we do not just need the new year as an excuse to become a good person," Garet Blankman, junior, said.

The new year does bring many, new things to come like movies to see, new restaurants opening up and new attractions having grand openings but using the new year as an excuse to try and change your life just ends up backfiring on themselves. I have made a New Year's resolution every year and each year I find myself not

accomplishing what I said I was going to.

"I have found it really hard to stick to what I say I'm going to do, just because it is not already in my routine. I find it easier to stick to my resolution if I have someone else with me, we kind of make each other stick to what we said we were going to do," Anna Pierson, senior, said

I understand that following a New Year's resolution is hard, but I also think that if someone really wanted to accomplish a New Year's resolution they could. It might just take a little more work than that person wants to put in.

I, personally feel, that having a friend who makes the same resolution is easier because then there is a person to hold them accountable if they start to make excuses of why they can not go work out or if they eat a burger.

"I think that making a New Year's resolution could really work if people made the same resolution and they had someone else to hold them accountable for sticking to their resolution," Allen said.

All in all, New Year's resolutions really do not end up working due to the lack of work ethic put forward by the person making the resolution.

# The Battle of the Custard



Custards and Andy;s waaits paitiently for customers.  
Photo by: Megan Busse



HaleyHynes-StaffReporter

A new argument has arisen on the streets of MO-291. Which one is better? Long time Kansas City favorite Custard's Last Stand, or new addition Andy's Frozen Custard? I am here to settle this feud and express my own opinion on the subject.

When it comes to loving ice cream, I am your gal. I have traveled this country and have experienced many great feats in the dairy industry. Kansas City is one of those great places to indulge and give in to your sweet tooth.

I have become partial and probably a little too biased to talk about Custard's Last Stand. Founded in 1989 this store has come a long way.

"The owners of Custard's Last Stand have worked very hard throughout the years to create the business it is today. Their best advertising has always been word of mouth, friends telling friends, etc. Only the finest ingredients are served with our products," courtesy of custardslaststand.com

Now with 27 years under their belt that they have received several awards. They have been listed as one of America's best ice cream stores in the book Everybody Loves Ice Cream in 2004 and voted best ice cream in K.C. area by CitySearch.com in 2001.

The first time I had tried Andy's Frozen Custard, I was 15 years old. Already deep in love with Custard's, I was not open to trying new things. I did nonetheless.

Founded in 1986, Andy's is not local to the Kansas City area. They were founded in Osage Beach, Missouri and have now spread their locations into other states like Arkansas and Illinois.

Andy's reports on their website what they owe to their success to several factors.

"Our approach has been fairly simple: Hire great people, treat them right, and try to get the product in as many mouths as possible," (courtesy of *eatandys.com*).

Andy's states that they have the best custard in the world and have attributed it to many things.

"Andy's Frozen Custard focuses on three main things: product quality, customer service, and community involvement. Our efforts in these areas are what make us unique in the markets we serve," courtesy of eatandys.com

I have enjoyed both custards. I have decided to judge them on three categories: the regular scoop of ice cream, an exciting concrete contraption and finally the overall experience, all will be out of ten.

The regular scoop of vanilla from Custards would was scored 8/10. I thought it was well balanced with flavor and the cone was even good.

Andy's on the other hand was 7/10. Their straight cone was good to my surprise and I genuinely liked it, but I was not crazy about the cone.

Custard's overall has more options when it comes to pre-made concretes. My favorite is Cookie Monster. I score it a 9/10.

From Andy's I tried the Funky Jackhammer. I was very different from what you would get from Custard's but I scored it a 8/10.

Overall experience is different. Custards you can go into the drive-thru or go in. Andy's you can do drive-thru or walk up to an outside vender.

They both hold some nostalgic feelings of old time ice cream stand. Overall Custard's got a 8/10 and Andy's got a 7/10.

All and all Custard's comes out on top. Either way ice cream is ice cream. I will eat it anyways no matter where it comes from.



# THE BRIGHT SIDE OF A BRIGHT CLASSROOM



Teachers decorate classrooms to create a winter wonderland theme.  
Photo by Gracie Snook



ChrisMcLean-StaffReporter

Some people believe that too many decorations in the classroom will lead to destruction of learning in children of all ages and even teenagers.

Research shows that if your classroom is decorated, the students are inclined to be more relaxed and ready to learn. The type of classroom environment that a teacher creates and encourages can either increase or decrease a student's ability to learn and feel comfortable as a member of the class. It is important to keep a clean classroom with artwork on the walls, and maybe even a classroom pet. These three things are often correlated with a friendly environment that is good for learning.

"Honestly, I think that if you have a more decorated classroom then the student will want to go to the classroom

more in light of that fact that it will be relaxing," Hannah Isley, sophomore, said.

The classroom environment should do as much to foster cooperation and acceptance as the instructional method the teacher uses. Children are sensitive to the atmosphere created in the classroom.

Decorating a classroom with some kind of warmth can help promote a sense of comfort and security. Classrooms tend to be rather cold, bare places until they are decorated. Adding a splash of color can bring life to a sterile environment.

"If you want to go to the class more, you will be more prone to sit and pay attention in class. When I am comfortable, I tend to pay attention more. When I am in a bare classroom I am not as comfortable, I tend to try to distract myself with small things in the nature of playing with my pencil or a small object," Isley said. Plants, soft chairs, rugs and pillows can help to add warmth and comfort to a class environment.

"You could possibly have Christmas lights, a few bean-bags, pillows, a couch, posters, things that make a room warming and comfortable," Jenell Johnson, sophomore, said.

These things help elementary as well as high school students. Most people learn in a soft, comfortable environment and many get much more done.

"I really enjoy going to Mrs. Cole's room. The amount of decorations in her class are not too much and the walls aren't completely bare. It is comfortable in her room and it makes me want to go in there more," McKenzie McLean, senior, said.

Bare classrooms make children feel as if they are in a strict facility that does not engage the fun spirit that most people really enjoy having.

"If I was in a bland classroom, I would tend to get more bored and stop my focusing on the lesson at hand. Not to mention it brightens up the room making it easier to have a more positive outlook on the fact that I am sitting in school," Nathan Long, junior, said.

Decorating your classroom can also be a very helpful motivator to keep kids on their best behavior. For example, if you have a couch in your room, the kids who listen and participate in classroom activities can sit on the couch. You can do the same idea for many more things. The

## Take A Look At HOMELESSNESS



Homelessness is still a problem in America today.  
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Throughout the year homeless people are on the streets asking for money. Homeless people are common, especially in cities. However, there are a lot of misconceptions when it comes to the homeless population.

The homeless population has a stereotype that can actually harm them. Many people consider all homeless people to have drug or alcohol addictions. While this may be the case, it is not always true. Some of the homeless people do not get paid enough to cover their rent in major cities, so they have been evicted from their apartments. They are not always able to move to places with cheaper rent because of transportation.

"With the economy the way it is the prices of living keep rising making it hard for people of little or no income," Jenna Lord, senior, said.

Another reason for homelessness, is mental illness and other health concerns. Mental illnesses are more common than some people like to believe, but the medicine is so expensive not everyone can afford it. The

expense required for medicine has forced people to choose between medicine and rent or other cost of living expenses. If they choose to pay their cost of living expenses instead of their medicine, they may have problems controlling their illness, which could possibly get them fired.

"This [medical problems] could be the reason why they don't have a home. It could also be the reason they can't afford a home. I think if they are trying to find a job, a lot of employers do not want to hire people with mental illness," Callie Monroe, junior, said.

When people think of the homeless, they think of a person who is dirty. Typically homeless people have not had an opportunity to shower, shave, or get a hair cut. This makes it harder for them to get a job because they do not have the clean-cut look employers are looking for in the people they hire. If the homeless had a place to clean up and a place to get a nice outfit for a reasonable price, it would help them to find a job. This job could potentially help them to make enough money to find a place to live.

"I do think medical diseases are more common in homeless people because they don't have access to showers and soap and other things that kill germs," Brooke Dean, senior, said.

People have made major mistakes in their lives. There are companies that are not will-

ing to give them a second chance even though some of these people have realized the mistakes they made and have made an effort to change. If they were given a chance to prove they can handle the responsibility of having a job, they might be able to make a life for themselves again.

"One way I think we can help the homeless is to treat them like they normal people, because they are. People always think that 'Oh, if I go into the pantry and get out some old cans I'll be doing enough'. Honestly, while that helps it's not the first thing on their list. All they want is someone to talk to, someone to care for them and to get their minds off of the hardships that they have to face," Lord said.

Kansas City has many places and charities that help homeless people. However, some people raise the question of whether they actually help to solve the problem of homeless people. Kansas City has soup kitchens give homeless people a meal, while this is nice, it does not help them find a place to live or solve the problems that made them homeless in the first place.

"I think that donating money and/or time to outreach or halfway homes. Also, a reform for the mental health infrastructure because many of them can't afford medical bills," Mitchell Fenske, senior, said.

I believe people can help the homeless in many ways, but first comes understanding what they need and effective ways to help them.



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