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Students cheering on the LSN football team in a game against Blue Springs South on America Night

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Student Struggles: Working as a Teen



Charity Hathcock working at Paradise Park helps a customer. Photo by Rebekah Panek

Throughout LSN, there are countless students working jobs, as well as balancing school and other activities. Teens are often not shy about voicing the difficulty of balancing the two. One of the many obstacles they face is finding the time to accomplish all of their obligations.

"It is really hard managing my time with work and school because I work from three to eight, and it is painful," Martina Flores, junior, said.

However, students manage to find different ways to get everything they need to done both in and outside of school.

Some students fit homework into their schedule when they are not at their job. Others may try finishing some of their school requirements while they are working.

"Whenever I am not working, I am doing homework. Sometimes you have to be selfless and put school and work above things you want to do, like going to football games, and sometimes it is healthy to take a break and be selfish every once and awhile by doing things you want to do," Addy Ross, senior, said.

With an increasing number of teens having jobs, more teachers are stressing the importance of communication with them so they can have a better understanding of the student's life.

"I have had to find time during school or right after to do my homework. My teachers are really understanding of me having to balance school with work, which is cool," Jen Crosby, junior, said.

Even though teens who work while attending school face struggles, there are components of having a job that appeal to them. One positive aspect of working is being able to meet new people and make connections with them, whether a student works with them or if they are a customer.

"I love the people I work

with. I know going into each shift that I am going to enjoy it. I also love my boss, she is the nicest person ever and is really understanding. Serving and getting to know guests is also another thing I like about my job. I get to see a variety of people all day," Crosby said.

An additional aspect of having a job is the interview before getting hired. Some suggestions for having a good interview include dressing for success, preparing responses to possible questions and having good body language and posture.

Another tip is if a person is asked about their weaknesses during an interview, they should make them sound like advantages. For example, they could say taking work too seriously or striving to get things done quickly and accurately.

It is also beneficial to take part in the events and activities around you. Including a list of extracurricular activities you participate in, whether it is part of school or your community can improve your chances of becoming employed.

"[You should] network within your school and community, as your actions are always being evaluated," Jan Richardson, business teacher, said.

No matter how many limitations employed teens may face, they find putting the time and effort into their work worthwhile. Nonetheless, while having a job may prevent a student from participating in some events or activities, it can also open the door for them to other oppurtunities.

Determining if you are ready to apply for a job as a teen is a major decision. It grants them the access to establish how they use their time and learn how to juggle their responsibilities. Having a source of income allows students to make decisions concerning how they spend and/or save their money.



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Freshmen Now Required to Take Civics Exam to Graduate

DevinCarroll-StaffReporter

The Civics Exam is a **I** standardized state test the class of 2021 and on need to pass in order to graduate. The Missouri Civics Education Initiative is a law that was passed on June 22, 2016, making this exam a reality for students. The test is a 100 question multiple choice exam over subjects such as colonial history, the branches of government and American geography.

Students who do not pass this exam will not graduate high school until they get a C or above.

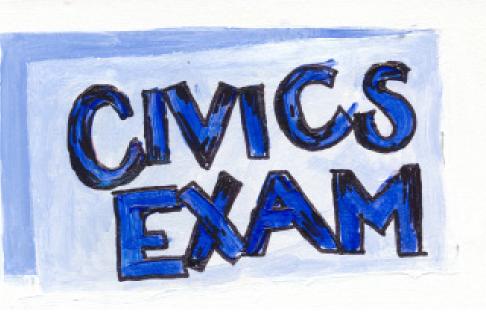
"It is required by Missouri law, that all high school students have to pass the exam to graduate high school," Tavish Whiting, history teacher, said.

Students must achieve a 70 percent score to pass the test. Missouri is now the 23rd state to enforce taking the civics exam.

Students will be taking the Civics exam Oct. 11 in the mentoring rooms of the test takers. This will take place the same day as the all school testing day.

There are multiple ways to prepare for the exam such as flashcards, practice quizzes and tutoring sessions with teachers.

"I will make flashcards



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lier may have noticed they do

not have to take the Civics

exam, and that is because of

the odd timing the Missouri

Civics Education Initiative

was passed before the 2016-

17 school year, there was not

planned. School boards need

to assemble and vote on how

"I think this exam is some-

thing that is needed. We have

too many Americans walking

around that do not have the

basic aspects of American

History," Kohl said.

to carry out new laws.

enough time to get the details

and review my notes the whole year, and meet with my teacher a couple times," ed States' history," Ty Kohl, Olivia Lunceford, freshman, history teacher, said.

Students have many tools to be able to prepare for the test. Students studying for the test can take practice quizzes and download flashcards from the school's home was passed. Since the law page. The exam web page can be found by navigating to the LSN home page and scrolling down to the feature section, where you can click on the civics exam website link.

said.

Students received emails warning them about the upcoming exam, but some may not recognize what the test is.

"The Civics exam is just a Students need to take the basic knowledge of the Unittime to prepare for the test and know the tools they have in order to succeed on the The class of 2020 and earexam.

> "This exam is very similar to the actual USCIS Exam that is taken for naturalizing citizens into this country." Whiting said.

Immigrants coming into the United States must take a similar exam to be granted legal citizenship. The idea behind giving the Civics exam to high school students is to help them learn and perform the same actions as immigrants to make things fair for everyone.

Hope for Those Battling Anxiety

HannahBerry-StaffReporter

pproximately, 25.1% of A13 to 18 year olds suffer from anxiety. 5.9% of them suffer from severe anxiety for a lifetime. Anxiety disorder can affect one in eight children and can cause a higher risk of doing poorly in school. Anxiety is a severe feeling of fear or uneasiness.

"[Anixiety can be caused by] fear, losing something or not getting something, distractions...things out of the ordinary or something loud," Harris Deutsch, prevention specialist, said.

Some other factors that can affect anxiety can be as simple as not getting enough sleep or not eating right.

"Not getting enough rest and diet affect anxiety as well. Expectations are a big thing. People around you, friends, friendships, paying attention to what others say, just the things you naturally pay attention to. It is generally the things you most care about," Robin Gray, counselor, said.

The causes of anxiety are specific to the person, but some of the major causes are school expectations. Anything from trying to get good grades, to completing the homework. People around you can also be a factor in the cause of anxiety. The link between school and anxiety is definitely prevalent. "With school there are

deadlines, there is content you have to learn and tests you have to take, and grades you have to earn and you know all of that kind of stuff, so of course

there is as definite connection between feeling anxious and nervous and overwhelmed at times about meeting all of those deadlines," Gray said.

The expectations that school puts out can be stressful and hard on people. The classes you decide to take also have an impact on how a person views school.

"I notice a lot of the time when I get students in here that are dealing with anxiety, a lot of them have advanced or IB classes," Tina Rambo-Faulkner, social worker, said.

School has expectations to meet and at times, it can be stressful to meet all of those deadlines, this can cause students to panic or feel uneasy.

Having a panic attack vary on the symptoms. "When your heart rate starts to quicken, sometimes you feel

sweaty or clammy. Your body is physically reacting to whatever the thing is that makes you anxious," Gray said.

Panic attacks can happen anywhere at anytime, but there are some ways to help regulate anxiety and help calm your panic attack down.

Most people experience anxiety at some point. Since anxiety is specific to each person, it may be hard to compare one set of symptoms to others. There are some common symptoms that people can experience when having anxiety.

"Panic attacks, lack of motivation, crying, nervousness, depression...

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being overly concerned almost paranoid, or OCD about a situation...All of these things are expressions of anxiety," Gray said.

These symptoms can affect school performance and how much fun people find in typical everyday activities. Stress and anxiety are linked and if someone is under extreme stress it could lead to having anxiety or a panic attack.

There are better ways to help a person control or regulate anxiety. If anxiety is extreme school counselors recommend getting professional help. If someone is experiencing anxiety, there are a few simple exercises that might help.

"If a person is experiencing extreme anxiety, get some extra help within our school maybe with the social worker. But for simple anxiety, anything from journaling, drawing, listening to therapist or one of the school music, taking a nap, breathing techniques, along with yoga,' Deutsch said.



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severe anxiety to see a doctor, counselors for help.

It is important for those with

Outside of the guidence office, students are welcome to contact a LSR-7 Social Worker.

Tina Rambo-Faulkner Social Worker Room: Across from guidance office Email: tina.rambofaulkner@lsr7.net

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Exchange Students Travel Over 4,000 Miles to Attend LSN

AprilCowan-StaffReporter

S imon Weiler is from Mainz, Germany. This is his first time in an American school, but not his first time in America.

"I have been in America many times, six times. I just wanted to see what it was like in a school," Weiler said.

Weiler plays soccer both here and back home in Germany, but in Germany, soccer is not apart of school. "We have, like, basketball at my school, but I am not very good at basketball so I do not play it. Soccer is not apart of school sport," Weiler said.

A popular food back in Germany is snitzel.

"Snitzel is meat with a little bit of breading over it. You should have that in America," Weiler said.

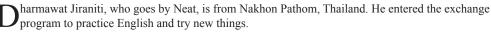
A popular type of music in Germany is hip-hop and rap. One of the more famous rappers is Cro. He is very popular all over Europe.

"He is very popular because you will not see his face. He wears like a panda face," Weiler said.

Weiler is looking forward to Prom and sports. He is most excited about drive-in movie theaters.

"We have theaters, but not ones for cars. You will see movies about it, but one can really believe it," Weiler said.





"I wanted to find new experiences," Jiraniti said.

Back home Jiraniti's favorite thing to do is to spend time with his friends and go have fun.

"I always hangout with my friends; go watching movies, or singing Karaoke," Jiraniti said.

When he is not doing school work, his favorite outside of school activity is sports.

"Ping-pong, just for fun, with my friends," Jiraniti said.

The coolest spot in Nakhon Pathom to hangout is at a soccer match. Nakhan is a very popular tourist place for old temples and statues. Because of this, lots of the more modern attractions are outside of Nakhon Pathom.

"In my country it's soccer. We just go for fun and watch the match together. It's far from my home, because I live in the countryside," Jiraniti said.

A favorite snack of Jiraniti's to eat with his friends is ice cream. It can be eaten all year around, because it does not get really cold.

"Ice cream. Strawberry cheesecake ice cream is my favorite," Jiraniti said.

In Thailand, a popular singer is Oat Pramote, also known as Pramote Pathan. He is a pop icon and writes music for movies and TV shows.

"Oat Promote, he is a singer. Listen to his music," Jiraniti said.

Wilma Phillipsson is from Stockholm, Sweden. She has been in America six times, but this is her first as a foreign exchange student.

"I wanted to do something new, and improve my English. Be fluent in English," Phillipsson said. When she spends time with her friends, she likes to go to cafes and have coffee. In Sweden having a coffee break is called Fika.

"The most common activity in Stockholm is Fika, everyone does it," Phillipsson said.

Phillipsson enjoys going on walks and being outside. A park that she enjoys going to is Kungsträdgården. It is a famous park with Japanese cherry blossom trees.

"There is lots of scenery back where I live. It's very walk friendly," Phillipsson said.

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Tom Bina is from Velim, Czech Republic and enjoys school and learning new languages. "My interest are learning German and English," Bina said.

Back home in Czech, Bina goes to school in Kolin, a different town than the one he lives in. He has to take the bus each morning to get to school.

"My home city is only 3,000 people, it's really small," Bina said.

Bina enjoys playing the guitar and has been playing for a long time. In first grade he picked the guitar because he found it interesting.

"I have been playing guitar for almost 10 years, really classic music like Bach," Bina said.

He also likes playing video games and watching YouTube with his friends.

"I watch Logan Paul, he is a famous American YouTuber," Bina said.

Bina also spends his time back home doing 'Scouts'. Many of his friends are also in 'Scouts', so it is something that they can do all together.

"Scouts in Europe is different than in America. We do more with nature, like making fires and survival stuff," Bina said.

Melanie Bon lives in Borculo, Netherland. She came to America to learn more about American life and practice her English. Back home her favorite outside school activity is spending time with her friends at home. "We just talk and watch things like on Netflix. Movies and series like Gossip Girl and Glamour Girls," Bon said. Chips are a favorite snack among Bon and her friends.

"We eat a lot of different things, chips is a favorite," Bon said.

Since being here in America, the biggest shock Bon has had is the fact that students can drive to school.

"Everyday I bike to school. It's about 45 minutes to school," Bon said.

In the Netherlands, and all over Europe biking is very popular. The driving age in most places in Europe is 18, not 16.





Jungsughoh Shin, who goes by Shin, is from South Korea. He joined the exchange student program to help practice his English.

"I want to learn American cultural and English," Shin said.

Back home when Shin spends time with his friends they play sports outside. Shin is interested in football here in America and has been to a few games already. He has also seen a few of the NFL games on TV and would like to go to a Chiefs game.

"I am interested in sports because football is not a famous sport in Korea. Football is cool," Shin said. Shin feels that the biggest difference from school in Korea and school in America are the classes. "In America students can choose their class, the Korean students can not choose their classes," Shin said.



Apple vs. Android: Pick Your Side

TiyahGipson-StaffReporter



Joy Covington scrolls on her Android Samsung S7 during free time in

class.

There are approximately 104.18 million more Apple users than Android users in the U.S. since December of 2016. 107.7 million people in the U.S. own Android devices compared to the 211.88 million people with Apple.

Apple was founded April 1, 1976 in Cupertino, California by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne. Apple was created to develop and sell personal computers, to create a vision and change the way people viewed computers. The company was made to be fun-spirited, but has since become intimidating to competitors.

Android was founded Sept. 23, 2008 in Palo Alto, California by Andy Rubin, Nick Sears, Rich Miner and Chris White. Android was initially created for digital cameras, but because digital

Photo by Rebekah Panek imately cameras had a smaller market more Ap- than cellphones, they decided

> to switch. Apple phones seem to be the most preferred brand in the U.S., however, people do own Android phones, yet some of them would rather have an

Apple phone.

"Apple phones stay current longer and have more frequent updates," Nathan Miller, LSN librarian, said.

Apple is not perfect, it is said to have almost come to an end, mainly because of many technical problems it has faced.

"My iPhone would shut off at random times and would always freeze," Ella Larson, freshman, said.

In 2015, Apple bought 15 companies total, nine of those companies were unknown for a year due to unknown purchases. In 2016, those nine companies were confirmed to be Flyby Media, Emotient, Learnsprout, Legbacore, Turi, Carpool Karaoke, Gliimpse, Tuplejump and Indoor.io.

Android has companies of it's own, but in July of 2005 it was bought by Google for 50 million dollars. Android was originally developed by Google, but became a company of its own.

According to U.S. news Apple is very popular for the camera that is supposed to be 100 percent better than android.

"Apple cameras are clear, and in some instances, it is hard to tell the difference between the iPhone camera and a real camera," Brody Ethridge, junior, said.

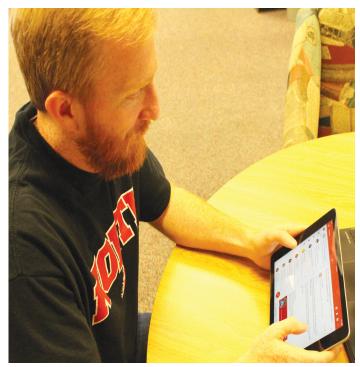
Android phones are not as popular as Apple phones for many reasons. For instance, many people believe they do not have as good as a camera as the Iphone.

"I feel like mine does not have a good camera, maybe Apple is better," Lisa Shepard, French teacher, said.

Another reason being Android also has problems that it has to face as well.

"A couple times it will say I do not have a sim card in, but I do, and other times I just can not turn it on," Shepard, said.

10 years ago Apple and Android wouldn't have been the most talked about phones in the world, but today they are widely used by the majority of the population.



Media Center Specialist Nathan Miller checking his email on his iPad. Photo by Rebekah Panek

Halloween Season Brings Commercial Flux and Traditions for Teens

RhaylaHuff-StaffReporter

alloween first began **D**over 2,000 years ago with the Celtic Festival of Samhain in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and France. Since that time, people have adapted it to be one of the most commercial holidays, second to only Christmas. While children and families are consumers, teenagers play a large part in the holiday.

"The best thing about Halloween is that you get to dress up, and it doesn't matter who you are. And the candy too, of course," Sean Sturdivant, sophomore, said.

On the downside, prices raise to an almost unbelievable amount during the holiday. According to Time Money, \$2.5 billion was spent on candy, which is more than the \$2.4 billion that consumers spend for Easter. Despite the prices, people are willing to pay for a good night.

"For the most part I do not think it is expensive and if it was I could still find plenty of creative options for my kids that would not cost a lot of money. I also am more concerned that my children have great memories of their childhood, and if that costs a little extra money then so be it. Our Halloweens are epic," Justin Collis, history teacher, said.

Halloween is not only the time of year where candy prices raise by an unbelievable amount, but the time of year where memories are made with friends and family. "Since kindergarten through tenth grade I would trick-ortreat, but half of tenth grade we had to pick up cans for a theatre thing at West, and now I'll do that again this year, but trick-or-treating is the best thing to do on Halloween, in my opinion," Sturdivant said.

The spooky night is typically full of laughter and tricks, and many people find that left-out candy is gone by the end of the night.

"Back in first grade, my best friend and I went to this house that had the candy bowl out, and we took the whole bowl and I ran down the driveway, but there was

this ditch at the bottom and I fell and rolled and had a big bump for like three days," Sturdivant said.

Costumes are a key factor for the holiday and Time Money says that consumers spend nearly \$1.2 billion on them each year, excluding the \$350 million spent on pets. However, the costumes are typically worth the money, as people usually have very interesting costume choices.

"My favorite and best costume was the Genie, because I played him in Aladdin, and wore it again with makeup. The second coolest one I've done is when I was a ghost and I used a hoverboard and wore a sheet," Sturdivant said.

In addition to the costumes and candy, scary movies tend to reach a popularity that is not present the rest of the year.

"I like scarv movies to an extent around Halloween, but I think they're cheesy otherwise," Anne Ball, junior,

said.

This year there will be 17 movies released in October. promoting Halloween and the sinister atmosphere of the holiday.

"I'm new at watching scary movies, but my favorite is 'The Conjuring 2'. That doesn't really scare me that much, it makes me jump more and I like that. 'The Circle' isn't really scary, but it is really good too, and it is on Netflix," Sturdivant said.

Despite the high prices, Halloween is a beloved holiday people look forward to and enjoy throughout the year.



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Print Newspapers: a Dying Art Form

MariaSmith-StaffReporter



ways. It is changing people's there is no need. perspective of the world and their opinions, but printed news is dying and social media is taking over. In the Kansas City area, Brookside Green, senior, said. is the leader in newspaper sales.

bracket are more interested in it [newspapers]. People with a higher education level "[I read print newspapers are more interested in it, and when there are] big events ested," Frank Farkas, District Sales and Circulation newspaper, said.

Some young people can not even recall the last time

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N Tewspapers have been they have read a print news-**I** N around a long time and paper if at all, because growhave shaped society in many ing up in an era of technology

"[I read print newspapers when] I'm at the hair salon and there is one on the table, so maybe once a year," Kayli

While some are dedicated print news readers, some "People in a higher income only read it when they want something to remember the day with.

older adults are more inter- like 9/11, the Royals winning the world series, day after the super bowl, day after the Manager for "USA TODAY" election. You can get a more indepth article in print media," Farkas, said.

Online news might be more

convenient, but it is not always reliable. Fake real. It can be hard to lies.

make it look believable," sica Root, English teacher, Hailie Donaldson, fresh- said. man, said.

In early 2017, the Huffington Post did an article get information, phones about how Facebook accounts regarding the French election.

I think that it's really important to figure out where you're getting your information from even if it is from a reliable source," Green, said.

Even though it is not always reliable online news is still get- picked it up and they took ting larger while print news is it to work or they sat on the decreasing, and it has been for a bus reading their newslong time.

per delivery people Raytown, Blue Springs, Independence, and Lee's Summit. Now I have one person delivering that whole area," Farkas, said.

Different people have different but for now they are just reasons for not reading print newspaper, but a common one and see. And who knows, is how inconvenient they are to things are always coming most.

"It's not convenient, even though there are newspaper

delivery people. My best friend growing up her dad accounts are everywhere that is what he did. He had spitting out lies that seem the big white van that was always in their driveway, determine the truth from and he would get up early and do that, but I just do "Anyone can put any- not think that there is a thing on the internet and need for that anymore," Jes-

While newspapers used The truth is in the facts. to be used as a pastime as well as a practical way to have replaced them, which was forced to shut down has resulted in the signifiaround 30,000 fake news cant decline in the sales of newspapers.

"People thought that the "In an era of fake news, internet was going to be the death of newspapers, and it was not because people still went to the store and bought their newspapers they took it to work, or the subscribed to it, they

"Where we had four newspa- that is the major decline in newspaper. We cannot survive that," Farkas said. The harsh reality is that shadow of the smartphone,

playing a game of wait back in style.

paper. The smartphone, newspapers may die in the

CaraPanarisi-OpinionEditor

The boys' soccer team started their season with a match on Aug. 19. They came out on top beating Staley with a score of 5-1. The boys started their season off strong, and have come a long way since their first game.

Every season, the team has to adjust their formation in order to figure out ways to replace the positions that were lost due to the graduated players, and to make room for the new players. In addition to adjusting and changing the field play, they also have to figure out which of the boys are the most suitable for being an official team captain.

"New captains are picked every season. Coach Kelley calls each player over individually at one of the practices early in the season and asks them what three people they think should be captain. At the end of that specific practice, he announces what top three boys were picked,' Zane Daugherty, senior, said.

Being chosen as a captain is rewarding and flattering, but does not come easy. There are certain characteristics to look for within an individual to determine if they would be suitable as a team leader.

"Characteristics to look for when voting for

Get to Know the Senior Soccer Boys



O: If you had to teach someone one thing what would you teach?

A: "I would want to teach someone to play

Zane Daugherty



Q: Describe the next 5 years of your life and your future plans in one single sentence.

A: "Stay focused on what you want, if you have a dream go for it, work hard and it will

Colin Dooley come true".



Q: If you could ask for one wish, what would it be?

A: "If I could wish for anything it would be that me, my family and my closest friends live a wealthy, healthy and happy life."

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individual on the team steps up and becomes a leader in their own way. "It is important that there are more than just the chosen captains because you do not want everyone to rely on a couple people. You want everyone to be leaders, work together and work in harmony," Evan Dunning, senior, said,

Daugherty said

Upperclassmen Leadership Prepares Boys Soccer for District Play

a captain is someone you can trust to lead the team forward, someone who brings a team together and someone who is an overall good leader that does not bring his teammates down,'

season were Daugherty; Colin Dooley, senior; and Kyle Rock, junior.

"Being a captain is important because you are the one people turn to for guidance and you are the one that everyone trusts to help make the team successful," Daugherty said.

Although there are specific captains chosen each year, it is just as important that every

Every player is in charge of the team's success as a whole. It is vital for any successful team to have leaders that help keep the team motivated and humble throughout the season.

Every team goes through a tough loss or a

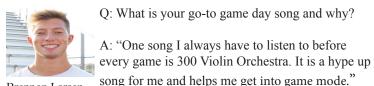
hard practice, but it is how the team responds to these hardships that display the team's character.

"I try to boost the team up after a hard game by providing motivation to get us going again, The three captains chosen to lead the boys this and helping the guys work harder to get redemption next game," Brennon Larsen, senior, said.

For any soccer team, the goal at the end of the season is to advance all the way into state. Although that is the main and most obvious goal, there are certain players who have set personal goals for their individual game.

"I have had a good start to the season scoring eight goals so far, and I am really pushing myself to hit 20 or more by the end of the season. As a team, the goal is always to win state, but I feel this year we have a great chance to get out of districts for the first time in my high school career and make a good run for a championship title." Larsen said.

As the boys' season wraps up, the seniors have one last shot at districts before they pass on the torch to the underclassmen. Come out and support the boys as they play their first round of districts in late October.



Brennon Larser



Q: What did you want to be when you were a kid?

A: "I wanted to be a bee keeper."

Christian Mesias





Kale Soukup

Q: When it's all said and done, will you have said more than you have done?

A: "Yes, I always anticipated myself to be a lot better than what I am right now, but I gave a lot for this team and came to practice every day getting myself prepared Mitchell Petersen for the next game. Maybe the results are not always what I hoped for, but I never quit on this team."

> Q: If you could be any animal what would vou be and why?

A: "I would be a wolf because they are dope."

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Game, Set, Match: 2017 Girls' Tennis

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Sarah Graff demonstrates how to hold the racket and improve an aggressive stroke. Photo by Rebekah Panek

The girls' tennis team practiced and played hard this season. There were 58 girls who played on the team and each and every one of them were getting ready for a difficult but fun season.

The players were coached by Stu Reece health teacher at Bernard Campbell Middle School; Sarah Graff math teacher and Aaron Layendecker, foreign language teacher.

"Something our coaches always tell us is to stay positive and don't get down. Don't let the score change the way you're playing," Kristina Parrish, freshman, said.

The tennis team started practicing early this year having their first practice on July 31. They continued to practice after school every day since. At practices, the players

start warming up by running and stretching then grabbing a partner and volleying back and forth across the net.

The tennis team competed in matches and tournaments about three to four times per week. Tournaments and matches were a great time for the girls to make strong bonds, and strengthen their team spirit.

"Our first tournament was really fun. We got to spend all day together. Beating Barstow was fun too," Anna Donaldson, senior, said.

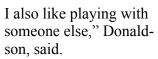
Many of the players started playing tennis early their freshman year and have continued to play throughout their years of high school.

"I started playing in

eighth grade because Mr. Reece teaches at Campbell as a health teacher. he also coaches North's tennis team and he introduced it to us middle schoolers and I ended up liking it," Carmen Menendez, junior, said.

In tennis there are two types of matches. The first type is singles where there is one player on each side of the court and they play against each other. The other type of match is doubles. Doubles are when there is a team of two on one side playing against another team of two.

"When it comes to singles and doubles I honestly enjoy both. I



Each player is always getting better, all of the girls have a lot of drive and continue to practice hard everyday. The players have great sportsmanship and they cheer each other on and challenge each other to do the best they can.

"We improve everyday. Each player is working on a different aspect of their game so it is different for everyone, but as a team we just need to continue making sure we are getting those necessary wins. Our doubles wins are essential to team outcomes so focusing on those are like relying on myself but always important," Graff

said.

The season for C-team and JV tennis ended Sept. 18. The Varsity's hard practice paid off as they placed second in their district tournament and finished the season with a 6-8 record

Kristina Parrish and Mortgan McGurk clelebrate a good play at practice. Photo by Rebekah Panek

A Little Run Through of Girls Cross Country



The girls cross country team leaving on their warm up run, practicing for their next meet. Photo by Rebekah Panek. Grahic by Savannah Mullen

R unning for miles everyday is no easy job. The cross country girls work hard to do exactly that while supporting each other and inspiring each other to run their hardest.

The girls started practice two weeks before school, and before that, many of the girls participated in conditioning over the summer. The team is led by Coaches Ryan Shortino, who is an engineer teacher and Colby Mathews, who teaches art.

"Coach Shortino is pretty funny and I like how he works really good with Coach Mathews. They just get along and they bounce off of each other really well," Sydney DeLozier, junior, said.

Cross country practices normally start with a 10 minute warm up jog, followed by

stretching. Then they do their daily activity and they finish with a 10 minute cool down jog. The main type of run they do changes with each day. On Mondays, they go for a long run, Tuesdays and Thursdays they workout. Wednesdays and Fridays they run about three miles on routes set by the coaches along certain streets, these runs are known as "street runs."

"I like seeing all the people after school, cause if I am not in a sport I will just go home and not talk to anyone, and everyone from the cross country team is really great," DeLozier said.

Girls cross country meets look a little different in structure then after school practice. The girls start with a warmup along with some stretches before they go on their run.

Every Saturday morning while waiting for their turn to race, they set out a big tarp where a lot of the girls will take a quick nap. After the run, the girls stretch again, and then exchange buddy gifts. The buddy gifts are a gift exchange system where each member gets a gift with a note of inspiration from another runner.

"Definitely being with my team at meets and pasta parties [is my favorite part] because I love having all those friends. It's a great place to get in a friend group," Alex Jahn, senior, said.

Although running is an individual activity, many of the girls feel like cross country is a team sport. The girls support each other and lift each other up to help them run as fast as they can. Because of this and other reasons, many of the girls enjoy running cross country because of how close the team members are.

"I complain about running all the time, but I still do it because cross country is the closest group of people I've ever been with and we're a family and we're all nice to each other, and it makes me happy," Regan Young, junior, said.

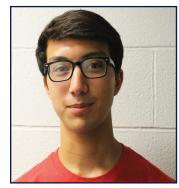
Many of the girls also change their diets and drink a lot of water in order to improve their run.

Girls on the cross country team work hard to run everyday and do their best at meets. They all push each other to do their best making cross country more of a team sport than an individual sport.

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More Than Just A Watch



ook at your wrists, now look at the wrists of people around you, now back to yours. How many people did you notice were wearing something around their wrists, specifically a smartwatch, which could be anything from a fitbit all the way to an Apple Watch? Here at LSN many students have smartwatches and they join the ranks of almost 137 million other people in the US, so how do these smartwatches affect LSN?

Smartwatches and wearable technology are becoming increasingly more common among consumers. The students are not immune to trends in fashion or technology and many like to be on the cutting edge of fashion and technology. This has influenced many people to buy smartwatches. These both have benefits and drawbacks. They bring the possibility of cheating and distraction, as well as the potential to reach goals. To

many students, the distractions they offer may be more harmful than the risks of cheating that they pose. In other words, teachers should not be worried so much about cheating and be more worried about students not paying attention in class.

"You can read your texts and I can play Flappy Bird... I have trivia crack," Jake Lally, junior, said.

The use of applications on smart watches can distract the user and this could lead to people not paying attention in class or being unaware of their surroundings. It may be a good idea that when it is time to take a quiz or a test your smartwatch should be taken off. This would minimize the ability to cheat or become distracted while taking a test or quiz.

"Smartwatches are an incredible convenience in my daily life. They help me with time management, and logging and tracking my workouts," Austin Merit, junior, said.

Some may not agree that smartwatches should be welcomed in the classroom, but many agree that they are useful outside of the classroom. Merit thought they are particularly useful for keeping track of workouts and for competitive sports, especially for cross country or even swimming. They can let you know your times when you run for each mile or laps swam, distance gone, steps taken, and your heart rate. They can help motivate you to reach your goals and give gentle reminders that push you to reach your goal.

These reminders help you to be a healthier person physically. Physical health goes hand in hand with mental and emotional health.

"I have a very positive attitude because technology is always advancing... on to greater things," Michael Fort, junior, said.

Most tend to overlook smartwatches because of their small size and many do not see them as more than a regular glorified clock. However, some see potential in them in helping you achieve goals. They can track everything from steps, calories, all the way to hours slept and even sun exposure. They are designed to help you achieve goals and see your progress.

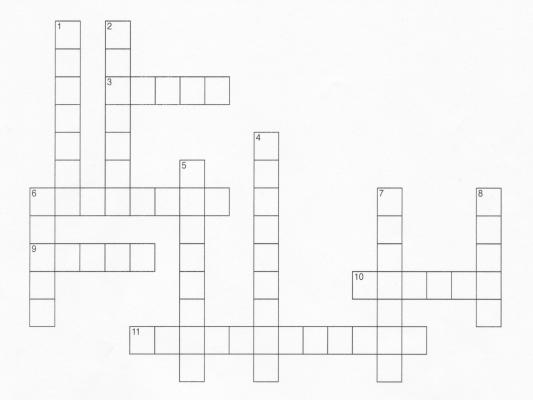
We are becoming ever more dependent on our technology and it will continue to advance, so it may be impractical to ban smartwatches from being in school. Not everyone will enjoy the ever growing presence of technology in our lives and our growing dependence on it; but technology will continue to move forward without them.

Smartwatches are just another part of our growing love for things connected to the internet that allow us to become closer to each other no matter the distance.



Trevor Luzum's Apple Watch. Photo by Rebekah Panek

A Spooktacular Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 This monster is wrapped in toilet paper6 These animals howl at the moon
- 9 Trick or
- 10 The Itsy Bitsy
- 11 He has a green face with bolts in his neck

DOWN

- Disguise 1
- 2 They turn into bats
- 4 October 31
- Don't let this cat cross your path! Flies around on a broom stick 5
- 6
- Used to make a jack-o-lantern Another word for frightening 7
- 8



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