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Homecoming 2016

A Bittersweet End By: Alivia Foster

My favorite Homecoming memory was the most recent one which just so happened to be my last.

During the first two years I had led my class to victory. That seems as though the success was thanks only to me, but this is not the case. My class is one of the most spirited I know, and I was lucky enough to be their leader. They made me happy to be in the position I was each holiday, but especially during Homecoming. Making us the most-spirited class was a team effort.

Starting with sophomore year Snowcoming, things needed some patching. We lost some twinkle and jazz and needed a retouching. It was a struggle in junior year, and we gave up on ourselves and lost Spirit Week. Our class was not engraved into the trophy. It was a tough defeat for us, but we came back strong. We let our guard down and when we realized the consequences, we fought back harder and stronger than ever to win the next time. This year, we dressed up every day, and even brought extra props and costumes for those who did not have anything. This friendship and encouragement is something I appreciate. The memory does not stop there. This past Homecoming we included as many people as we could. We are seniors now, and possess that familiar feeling known as senioritis. Despite this, we also possess a deeply ingrained school spirit that has never faltered.

At the assembly, Karolyn Wagner took the microphone as President of Student Council to announce the final counts for Red and White Day, but no one seemed to listen. We were all waiting for her to reveal who had won the week. The seniors wanted it so badly. They sat tense in the bleachers, eyeing the trophy. Upon hearing we won, the gym was filled with laughter and cheering, drowning out Miss Wagner. The seniors jumped from their seats and rushed to the floor. The gym was overflowing with happiness and smiles from each and every one of us. We had reclaimed the trophy that rightly belonged to us. We were the most spirited once again, once and for all.



We've Got the Spirit By: Angela Meyers

Monday The school was transported back to the 1960s and transformed into a kaleidoscope of swirling neon colors for tie dye day.



Tuesday The building was flooded with tourists. As far as the eye could see there were shirts plastered with the names of popular destinations, fanny packs, and binoculars around every corner!



Wednesday It was Blue Lion Day, and the school looked like a new fitness center on its opening day. Students showed off their coolest workout outfits from colorful running shoes, to sweatpants, to custom Blue Lion Fitness wear.



Thursday It was Senior Citizen Day. The hair of some students turned grey overnight. The clacking of walkers and canes echoed down the hallways and up the stairs. Glasses, hair rollers, sweaters, robes, and slippers became the new trend.



Friday On the most spirited day of all, the school was overwhelmed by a sea of red and white. Painted faces, shining beads, and smiling faces filled the home of the Trojans with excitement.



Homecoming 2016 By: Mary Ramirez

Another homecoming in the books! The entire school had the opportunity to show their school spirit and get involved in numerous school activities. Each grade worked late into the night to complete their board game themed float. The seniors claimed victory with their Candy Land creation, the freshmen came in second with Chutes and Ladders, juniors rounded out third with Battleship, and the sophomores came in fourth with Mouse Trap. These floats were revealed in the Homecoming parade down Main Street. Class representatives, King and Queen candidates, the Marching Band, and many different sports teams also made up the parade.

The annual Homecoming football game had an added something special this year. Students, staff, friends, and family came together as a community and as a family to vote for our school in WXYZ's Leo's Coney Island game of the week. We had more votes than schools much bigger than Whitmore. The highlights of the game were broadcasted on Channel 7 news. Falling to the Madison Trojans 42-8, our boys showed heart and the determination to work hard until the end.

As students gathered to enjoy a night of dancing, pictures, and fun with friends, Whitmore Lake High School was transformed into an "under the sea" fantasy. With the traditional entrance, we welcomed our 2016 Homecoming King and Queen, Deacon Fountain and Callie McCann, who led everyone into the cafeteria to dance the night away.

Homecoming Advice By: Solstice Peltier

Out of all four homecomings I have attended, one memory sticks out the most. My junior year, I did not have a group to go to the dance with, so I considered not even going. I did not want to face the embarrassment of arriving by myself. However, I got a text from my aunt explaining that she never went to her school's dances even when she had no one to go with, and that she regrets it immensely. I thought about it for a while and decided I would go. I learned a lesson that Homecoming. Whether I am arriving alone or not, it does not matter. All that matters is that I go and I have fun. I would recommend that anyone who questions going to school dances without a group, date, or friend with them to adopt the same mindset.

A Class to Remember By: Tara Russell

Homecoming this year was extra special. I'm finally a senior, taking my last stand with my classmates. This was the time to make our mark and win back the spirit trophy!

The best part of Homecoming was coming together as a class and winning spirit week. At the assembly, we tromped onto the floor and shouted in joy. We made ourselves a class to remember. Later, we all gathered at the football field to show our school spirit once again.

I am proud to be a part of the Class of 2017. I can't wait to dominate again during Snowcoming.



Pink for a Purpose-Breast Cancer Awareness
By: Alexandra Kandikova

On Monday, October 17th, the volleyball team sold pink and silver beads before their pink-out game and the cheerleaders sold caramel apple pops, with all proceeds going to breast cancer research.

About 1 in 8 women will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime (American Cancer Society). Breast cancer begins when cells begin to grow out of control. These cells usually form tumors that can be seen by x-rays or felt as a lump. Although this cancer is common among females, it is also found in the male population. Treatments are based on the type and stage of the cancer. "Local treatments" are done through surgery or radiation therapy. Systematic treatments are done through chemotherapy, hormone therapy, and targeted therapy. Surgery is required to remove a tumor. The doctors on your cancer treatment team may include a breast surgeon, a radiation oncologist, and a medical oncologist.

SHE'S NEW TO OUR SCHOOL

By: Ashley Herr, Joshua Kayden, Meylin Kmiecik, Cole McCarley, Mackenzie Pesci, and Jessica Terry

Amy Berg is our school's new social worker. A social worker is someone who discusses your feelings and helps you with sad, scary or difficult situations.

Ms. Berg came from Chicago, after seven years of employment in an elementary school. She feels excited about her job at Whitmore Lake. Ms. Berg said, "It's nice to work here. It seems like a close-knit school." She also said she loves assisting kids and meeting families and learning all about them.

We look forward to becoming acquainted with Ms. Berg. Her office is located in the counseling office.



Distracted Driving Assembly
By: Alexis Wilkins

Think Fast Interactive Awareness came to the school on a Friday afternoon to teach students about the harsh reality of distracted driving in a fun and engaging way. The assembly also reminds all drivers to buckle up before driving.

Everyone in the school separated into groups of four, grabbed a remote, and competed to answer questions correctly and as fast as possible. The questions spanned from the amount in fines that must be paid if caught driving with distractions to what actor voiced a character in the movie "Madagascar". There was even a dance off and an acting competition! At the end, students took the Red Thumb pledge by taking a red band to put around their thumb while driving to prevent them from using their phone.



Key Club
By: Kyle St. Charles

If you haven't heard, Key Club has great plans again this year. Key Club plans to sponsor two blood drives for the Red Cross, trick-or-treat for UNICEF, and Pennies for Pasta in support of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Members also plan to volunteer at numerous local and community events, such as the Kiwanis Christmas Tree sale during the holidays. Key Club is a service organization associated with Kiwanis. It is focused on volunteerism and bettering our community.

They are always looking for new club members to help support some great charities. The club held their first meeting on October 6 in Mr. Kobeck's room. They elected new officers: President- Karolyn Wagner (pictured), VP- Paige Everard, Treasurer- Kiara Johnson, and Secretary- Amy Mayo. Key Club adviser, Mr. Kobeck, says that his favorite event is the Red Cross Blood Drive because it gets the whole community as well as the school involved.



NJHS and NHS Inductions
By: Alivia Foster

Inductions to honor new members of the Whitmore Lake High School National Honor Society were held on October 11, 2016. Students who have met the requirements and demonstrated good behavior in correspondence with NHS ideals were officially inducted at 7:00 p.m.

The pillars of Honor Society are Leadership, spoken on by Alivia Foster, President of NHS, Scholarship, by Vice President Hannah Monroe, Service by Secretary Gabi Angel, and Character described by Treasurer Mackenzie Kelley.

Following the officers' speeches, each inductee told the audience his or her favorite children's book and why, creating a new tradition that shows what stories shaped them into the wonderful students they are today. Another new tradition was holding both NJHS and NHS inductions, together, in the fall. In previous years, inductions of NHS were in the spring following the annual Lasagna Dinner. This year, they were held on one night.

The Lasagna Dinner is NHS's largest fundraiser event. Plan on buying tickets from your new society members for **March 14th**.
 Congratulations NHSers!

New Kids In Town
By: Lauren Connelly

Although they're not all new, we recently added a few members to the Trojan crew! We welcomed to Whitmore Lake High School Mrs. Brunty, Mrs. Lindeman, and Ms. Berg.

Mrs. Brunty has been in our district for about 11 years but has never taught at the high school level. Although her best subject in high school was math, she teaches e2020 and special education.

Next is Mrs. Lindeman who is our new math teacher. Mrs. Lindeman came to us from Greenville High School where she graduated. She loves the small town atmosphere and there was a job opening! Other than math, she also enjoys cooking and photography. "She is the best teacher," says fellow student Luke Stults.

Last but not least is Ms. Berg who comes to us from Ypsilanti. In college, Ms. Berg received her major in history and she wanted to teach at the high school level. After being inspired during her time in Americord organization, she decided to go back and get a Master's Degree in social work. She'd like to give the seniors a shoutout and tell them to enjoy their last year and say that she's excited to be here!

Trump or Clinton? Who will come out on top?
By: Kiara Johnson

As the election comes to a close, any signs of a clear winning have been dashed. Although Hillary Clinton has been in the lead for most of the time leading up to the official voting day, Donald Trump has begun to make up some ground and get back in the race.

I believe that Hillary has a slight edge just for the simple fact that she is more stable and collected than Donald. Recently, Mr. Trump told his followers at a rally that "I would like to promise and pledge to all of my voters and supporters and to all of the people of the United States that I will totally accept the results of this great and historic presidential election...If I win." After he claimed (once again) that the election was rigged, and the polls weren't something to trust for reliable information, I won't be surprised if he does lose and he claims it was because everybody was against him. Overall, Hillary is a much safer option compared to Trump and will most likely win more people over who are just looking to survive the next four years.



Marching Band
By: Krissy Lovely

This season was one of the hardest ones by far for marching band. Each halftime performance had something different to bring, whether that was the dance move for 'Fun, Fun, Fun' by The Beach Boys or the band singing 'Hey Baby' by Bruce Channel on the field.

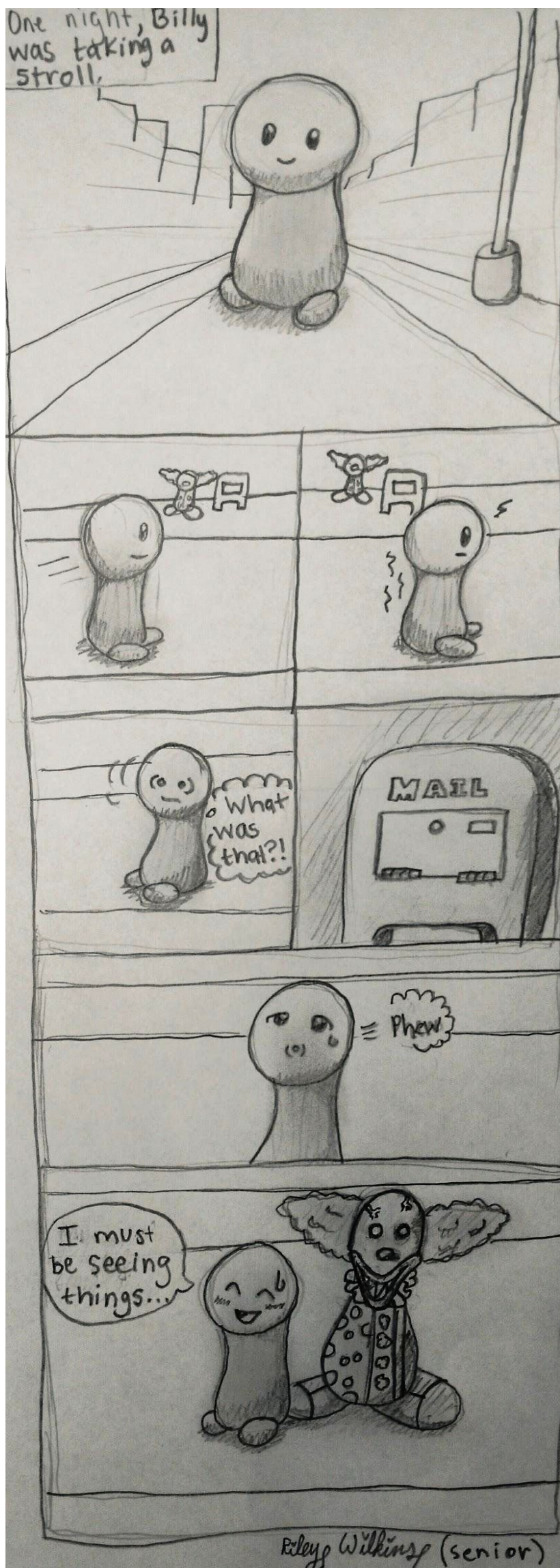
The hard work and dedication truly started during the last week of July, with each hot day more grueling than the last. Band Camp is the greatest experience for any band or flag member. From the long drill practices to the skits, everyone still has tons of fun. (Even with sunburns and bug bites.)

Halftime is the band's moment to reveal all of the hard work from Band Camp and night practices. Each halftime show was varied due to Mr. Kirby's "creative process." The seniors are very thankful to have had Mr. Kirby as their band director over the years.

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The Clown Epidemic
By: Riley Wilkins

STOP CLOWNING AROUND With every nightmare coming true this year, from the presidential election to terrorists, we now face a new terror-clowns. Here are some facts about how it all started, why they are on the prowl, and how to stay safe if you ever encounter one (which by the way would be unlikely, given where we are). When worse comes to worst, just realize that we live in Whitmore Lake. We are all weird in our own ways and no clown can top that.

Where Did They Even Come From? First things first, this isn't something out-of-the-blue. Clown sightings have been occurring since the 80s. Although it seems like it has become a national hysteria, only some states are being affected. There has been some reports of clown sightings in Michigan, but so far they are only from well known areas such as Saginaw, so our little town is out of the picture. It's possible that people may be dressing up because of their anxieties concerning the real world. Different people have different ways of channeling out their fears and this is no exception. If you were to ever see one, try acting a little psycho yourself. It might just throw them off.

Why We Shouldn't Worry Although there has been around 100 sightings, people are known to let their mind get the best of them and could just be seeing things. Not only that, but of all the actual encounters no one has been reported hurt, so the whole thing could be more of an alternate reality game. An alternate reality game is where puzzles and interactions are strategically placed to create a different sense of reality, similar to how the Slenderman game was created.



Powder Puff Flag Football
By: Alivia Foster

The annual Powder Puff football game will be held the evening of Rake 'n' Run, November 11th. Powder Puff is an event held by Project Graduation to raise money for the senior's all-nighter following their graduation in June. In this event, girls are on the field and the boys cheer them on from the sidelines. Kick-off will be at 6:30p.m.

Tickets for the football drop, in which cash prizes can be rewarded, can be purchased from Ms. Ward or Ms. Taylor. It costs \$5 to get into the game. Powder Puff socks are available for purchase for \$12 from Ms. Ward or Ms. Taylor, or during the night of the game.



Why Are They So Creepy, and How Do We Stay Safe? Clowns give off an unsettling vibe and are feared by many people as pranksters with iconic tricks. What sets the public off is what their intentions are, and what they are really hiding behind their painted faces. There are a number of ways to stay safe from anyone that poses a threat or sets off a suspicious feeling.

1. When you are out and about at night it is best to stay in lighted areas and to avoid walking by bushes and alleyways.
2. When you are out walking, walk with your arms resting at your side and try to make more eye contact. Although this may be uncomfortable, you will seem less vulnerable.
3. If someone were to grab you, you can break their grip by pulling against their weak points, one of them being the area between their finger and thumb.
4. If you are grabbed from behind it is best to use force with your legs to weaken their grasp on you.

Above All Just be glad that clowns stand out and make their presence known. The real monsters in this world are more deceitful, and blend in with society, like the devil himself.

Fun Facts

- The phobia of clowns is known as coulrophobia.
- The word "clown" first derived from Shakespeare's definition of a foolish person in one of his plays in the 1500s.
- John Wayne Gacy was known as the "Killer Clown" because he was a serial killer whose day job was as a hired birthday clown.
- Gacy was also known to paint peculiar pictures of clowns.
- The clown outburst may or may not be the workings of Stephen King in order to promote the remake of the movie *It*.

Haunted Houses
By: Riley Wilkins

Terrorified Forest:
Address: 145 Swarthout Rd, Pinckney, MI 48169

Take a stroll of horror in the Terrorified Forest for 40 plus minutes of over a mile of creepy goodness. You can also tour Bubble's Fun House for a good scare. For more information, check out their website:

<http://www.michiganhauntedhouses.com/halloween/terrorified-forest-mi.html>

Ward's Orchard Haunted Night Terror Thrill Park:

Address: 5565 Merritt Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48197
This attraction focuses on brave, courageous souls and survival. They build creepy scarecrows and spider egg sacks with love in order for you to get your good wholesome fright. There are a plethora of buildings to walk through here, from the Haunted Barn to the Splatter Town, whatever that is. Why don't you find out? For more information, check their website:

<http://www.hauntedhousemichigan.com/>

Erebus Haunted Attraction:
Address: 18 S Perry St, Pontiac, MI 48342

This haunted house is claimed to be a physically demanding environment, but that's just a warning. Walk through a whole building of extreme audio, moving floors, wet surfaces, and other cool effects. There are precautions for people that suffer from asthma, heart conditions, are prone to seizures, etc. For more information, check out their website:

<http://www.hauntedpontiac.com/>



2nd in the state!

Changes in the Program By: Annelise Esper

Although there is only a varsity football team this year, the lack of a JV team has brought the boys closer together and forced them to work harder this season. With the help of one of their new coaches, Coach Ryan Van Bergen, the boys have pushed themselves very hard through every practice (including Blue Lion), through every play, and through every struggle.

Even though their record is 2-7, they play with enough heart to match any skill level. Under the leadership of their captains Spencer Iaquinto, Austin Tanner, Bryan Pasciak, and Nate Ogden, the boys have become not only better teammates but better people as well. The seniors ended their season with a big win at their final pink out game against BD.



Running Up the Hill Made the Difference By: Jordan Craven

The Cross Country team, both boys and girls, have done a marvelous job this season. This year our Whitmore Lake Trojans won 9 team trophies and over 30 individual medals. Regionals was a success, sending Trey Cucurro '12, Colton Seigle '11, and Jordan Craven '10 to the State Championships at MIS this Saturday.

In Cross Country, we have three TCC meets to decide who is the best in our conference. The girl's team took third place, and the the boy's team won the league by a whopping 23 points. Also, congrats to Trey Cucuro for breaking the school record, running a 15:51 5k!



Indoor Track: Starting December 5, 2016 By: Noah Donneth

The 2016-2017 edition of the Northfield Wolves will commence on Monday, December 5, 2016. All athletes are welcome to participate. We will combine efforts with the Blue Lion Fitness group to provide speed, strength, and endurance training M, W, and F from 3-5pm. On Tuesday, we will be offering training for the jumps (high, long and pole vault) and on Thursday, we will be offering training for the throws (shot, discus, and hammer).

There will be an informational meeting held in Mr. O'Connell's room (B106) on Wednesday, November 30th during B and C lunches.



State Champs By: Solstice Peltier

The Equestrian Team worked really hard this year, and they did very well at all of their shows. They held first place the whole time at districts, which was held at Milford High School for three weekends, and also got first at regionals, held at the Shiawassee fairgrounds for three days. This took them to states at the Midland fairgrounds for four days, where they got second place, 15 points behind first.

The team consisted of five girls this year- senior Annoura Miller who has been riding for 11 years, junior Emerald Cole who has been riding for 7 years, junior Megan Prast who has been riding for six years, junior Samantha Maulbetsch who has been riding for five years, and sophomore Haley Stockwell who has also been riding for five years. Maulbetsch attends Livingston Christian School and Stockwell is homeschooled.

The coaches, Robert Head and Audrey Blaszczyk, hold their practices at Double H Equestrian Center on 9 Mile.

Sideline Cheerleading By: Valerie Lee

The combining of Whitmore Lake cheerleaders has not only made them stronger and better but has made the family larger. The girls take the sideline and cheer on our fellow football players at home games and away games. The girls pump up the fans of Whitmore Lake with their amazing cheers.

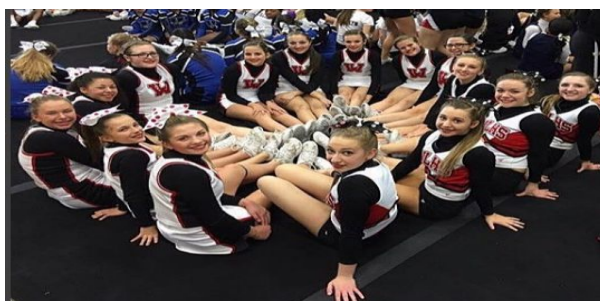


It's Our Time to Shine, We're More Than Ready! -Competitive Cheer By: Solstice Peltier

For any girl grades 7-12, there will be tryouts for the Whitmore Lake Competitive Cheer varsity, junior varsity, and middle school teams.

Tryouts will be held **Monday, November 7th** and **Tuesday, November 8th** from 4:30-6:30. Both days are mandatory and try-outs will be held in the multipurpose room above the gym.

There are no specific skills required; jumps, flexibility, and gymnastics will be assessed. If you have any questions, there are information packets in the office, or you can ask me, Solstice Peltier.



Off to a Great Start By: Tara Russell

The Whitmore Lake Volleyball team has had a very successful season. Varsity went undefeated until a very challenging match on October 20th against the Madison Trojans. Varsity tried their hardest to keep their undefeated title and claim the title league championship. Varsity now holds a record of 12-2 in TCC.

While JV has had a great season of wins, there were a few losses. JV holds a record of 11-3 in the TCC. JV has put up quite a fight following after their varsity team and working to follow in their steps. For districts a few lucky JV girls have been pulled up to play with Varsity.

The last home game was on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 against Summerfield at 5pm. Since this was the last game, the seven seniors on the Varsity team were recognized. The seniors are Alivia Foster, Mary Ramirez, Audrey Lama, Annelise Esper, Tara Russell, Brionna Taylor and Lauren Connelly. The lady Trojans won in the double header battle, defeating the bulldogs.

This week the Trojans take on districts. On Monday the 31st the girls conquered the first district match against Frankel Jewish Academy. Varsity took another district win on Wednesday, November 2nd against Detroit Academy. On Thursday, November 3rd they are up against Saint Catherine's

Academy for District Championships. Varsity is determined to win districts and put their names on the board and hopefully be on their next step to Regionals.

Both teams are very thankful for and overwhelmed with the support of parents, friends, family and the students from all grades for coming out to watch and cheer them on through each set. Tune in on the latest matches.



A big shout out to Mrs. Lovely for helping the Trojournal staff this week! Thank you.



Bring your rakes on November 11!

Rake 'n' Run
By: Alivia Foster

It's annual Rake 'n' Run time! Rake 'n' Run is a community service project sponsored by National Honor Society. This event is one in which the school piles on designated buses with their class to rake the leaves of the elderly and the disabled in the greater Whitmore Lake community.

Last year, we raked the yards of fifty houses! Students will have their class sponsors with them whom they should seek for more information. After the first half of houses are raked, each grade will have lunch. The 7th and 8th grade will have pizza back at school. The freshmen will eat at McDonald's. Sophomores will find lunch at Arby's. The juniors will enjoy Burger King. Seniors' lunch schedule is undetermined, but will be announced when final decisions are made.

Make sure to bring money for lunch, your rake, and dress warmly in layers. Don't forget your hat and gloves! Students with questions should see their class sponsor, Ms. Henry or Ms. Huddleston.



Saddle Up For College

By: Angela Meyers

The FAFSA coming out on October 1st kicked off the start of college month. Seniors are filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid before November 1st to be eligible for "free money" from the federal government!

In the new college planning class taught by Ms. Ward, Seniors get an hour each day to work on college and scholarship applications and essays. On Fridays in October from 3rd through 5th hour, there were experts from various colleges in the media center to help students with applications and essays.

There is a poster in the A100 hallway called the College Corral. When students apply to a college, they receive a hat to stick on their cowboy or cowgirl. When they fill out the FAFSA, they receive their boots. Lastly, they are given a lasso after completing a scholarship application.

Another cool thing that happens in College Planning are personal visits from Admissions Counselors. Some of the colleges that have come to visit so far are University of Michigan Dearborn, Michigan Tech, Central Michigan, Adrian College, Spring Arbor, Saginaw Valley, and the University of Michigan. These visits allow students to ask specific questions such as those about the average class size and housing options, giving them the necessary information to compare and contrast their options before making that big decision.

The class of 2017 visited Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University on October 12. They sat in on admissions presentations, got to ask current students questions, eat in a dining facility, and take walking tours of both campuses.

Quiz Bowl Tryouts:

By: Christina Smith

New and veteran Quiz Bowlers have been diligently practicing since early October, and they are ready and excited for their first meet on November 9. Other home meets this season are on November 16, December 7 and December 14.

Varsity would love to go to the state tournament in East Lansing. With all the veteran players, their chances should be very high.

The JV team has 6 new members and 2 veterans, but expect to win many of their games as well.

Junior Varsity:
Abigail Fraga
Caitlin Garrett
Marissa Kyle
Kohl Majesky
Claire Schwennesen
Matthew Schwennesen
Christina Smith
Carissa Stanley

Varsity:
Gabrielle Angel
Mallory Bolda
Danielle Corrie
Hunter Fanson
Justin Florkowski
Cole Griffin
Caleb Henning
Lydia Rogers
Laura Sanderson

College Month Celebration Day is Friday, November 18, for all seniors!

Recognitions, prizes and refreshments will take place after lunch to celebrate the hard work of the Class of 2017.

We would like to thank Mrs. DeKeyser for a tremendous job of organizing all of the volunteers and college representatives that came into help the seniors this month. Your work behind the scenes was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all of the teaching staff for the inspirational stories and advice offered to the Class of 2017.



College Deadlines Met

By: Krissy Lovely

Seniors, your FAFSA, college and scholarship applications were due by October 31st! The seniors used the month of October to finalize their applications and received help from teachers and community volunteers, as well as college representatives.

Seniors filled out everything they could on their FAFSA to get the most out of it. FAFSA is for federal grants, work-study funds, low-interest student loans, and even grants offered by our state.

By October 31st, 88% of the Class of 2017 completed a college application. 56% of the seniors completed a scholarship application and 64% completed their FAFSA. These percentages beat last year's numbers. Great job, seniors!

School Store Public Service Announcement

By: Noah Donneth

Winter is coming, so we are selling comfortable and warm hoodies and long sleeve sweatshirts for \$20 and \$15. We also are selling T-shirts for \$10 in case you need an extra workout shirt for Blue Lion.

Lastly, we have printed clothing for different sports such as Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Sideline Cheerleading, Basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Competitive Cheerleading, and Equestrian.

So come on down to the school store today and get some swag to support your Whitmore Lake Trojans!

SENIORS: YOU CAN ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH ON MAIN STREET AT LUNCH!



6th & 7th Grade Volleyball @ Whiteford

By Mr. Lanew

Edited by Aidan Jaski-Kuehnel

Whitmore Lake's sixth and seventh graders went into the Bobcat's lair and notched their first victory. Early in the first set it looked as if their goal was going to be out of reach and bad things were happening. The Trojans were already down 4 - 10. It took nearly a full rotation for the Trojans to get warmed up, but the girls started rolling. Emma Cloutier put in three serves to begin the comeback. Lily Wilson followed up with three serves, with Adriana Canter adding five more in her rotation before Lauren Pricy finished out a seven point run for Whitmore Lake, putting the Trojans on top 22 - 16. The teams traded points until Kendall Everard served up the glory run for Whitmore Lake, winning the set 25 - 17. In the second set, Whitmore Lake took the lead on the first point scored, and never relinquished it. They kept the lead going, defeating the Bobcats 25 - 15 in the second set, bringing them their first win of the season.

8th Grade Volleyball @ Whiteford

By Mr. Lanew

Edited by Aidan Jaski-Kuehnel

Whitmore Lake's eighth grade girls played their best and most complete match of the season. The girls were positive, full of energy, and were looking good in warm-ups until Alexa Conley tripped over the "Bobcat Ghost" and fell crashing to the floor. The eighth grade had the same plan as the sixth and seventh graders-serve well, move their feet, and keep communication high. The first set was underway and Whitmore Lake took a 13 - 14 lead over the Bobcats. Whiteford was eventually able to reclaim the lead 20 - 18. The Bobcats dug in their claws to stop the Trojans first set victory, winning 25 - 23. Whitmore Lake would need to concentrate and focus to avoid a second set slump. Whiteford fought through a tough trojan team to gain a 20-19 lead, just before Whitmore tied it back up. Whiteford's ace server finished off the set, defeating the Trojans 25 - 20. Although their fate was decided, the eighth graders were determined to put something in the win column. Behind the serve of Conley, Whitmore Lake jumped to a 2 - 9 lead. The Bobcats fought back, reaching a close score of 17 - 18, before Whitmore got back in control, pushing the score 20 - 23. They finished off the set 22 - 25. The eighth graders' record is now 0 - 8(0 - 5 TCC).



Photo: Maddie Clay, Legacy Pirorowski, Alexa Conly, Samantha Ogden, Leigha Byrd, Gaby Cerny, and Emily Redman. Not pictured: Kayla Sack

Park Dedication

By: Alexandra Kandikova and Angela Meyers

For as long as every resident of Whitmore Lake can remember, the area next to the post office downtown has been nothing more than a sea of grass and weeds. The area used to be known as the "Van Curler Property." During the years 1911 to 1913, the University of Michigan football team actually used the area for their practices.

Now it has become something more, something that will bring the community together even more than the Fourth of July Fireworks or a home football game. On October 23, 2016 Northfield township signed the final papers to establish the area as an official community park.

This momentous occasion follows in line with fall, the season of change.



Top 10 Children's Halloween Costumes

By: Kiara Johnson

Every year new trends are set, different celebrities obsessed over, and different costumes made popular. This year the top ten children's costumes went back to the classics while adding some new trendy outfits as well.

10:Wonder Woman The countdown begins with the timeless Wonder Woman. With the red, white, and blue bodysuit and the golden headband, children everywhere are going to be flying from house to house this Halloween.

9:Princess From Cinderella and her glass slippers to Belle and her ferocious beast, little girls and boys across the country are dressing up like princesses this year.

8:Animal With all of the new animated movies out this past year, I'm not surprised to say that an animal costume has made the list. I'll warn you now. While you're out on Halloween night, be watching for not only ghosts and demons, but lions and tigers and bears as well.

7:Batman Suiing up in number seven is the infamous Batman. With fans of the new movies and television series, the dark knight will be knocking on doorsteps across the nation.

6:Star Wars With all of the hype of the new movie, book, and t.v. show, anything and everything Star Wars is trending. This doesn't exclude the now hundreds of Star Wars themed costumes.

5:Witch Talk about going back to the classics, who hasn't been a witch at least once in their lifetime? This year they are coming back with a bang and in a more modernized way. Instead of the dark purples and blacks that we all grew up with, some new witch costumes are colorful with stripes and even glitter.

4:Frozen Although the original film is about three years old, many children will be little Olafs, Annas, and Elsas this year. Depending on if you want a carrot nose or the power to freeze over the world, the Frozen line of costumes will have the perfect fit for you.

3:Iron Man Coming in strong in third place, the Tin Man is another classic costume with a modernized edge.

2:Zombie Make sure to keep your brains in a safe place this Halloween night because coming in number two is the notorious zombie. Girls and boys everywhere will be limping with fake blood and torn clothes through every neighborhood.

1:Spider Man For the moment you've all been waiting for, the number one children's costume of 2016 is Spiderman. I can't blame the kids. I mean, who wouldn't want to shoot across the city from building to building? Just keep a heads up for any children "hanging around" this Halloween.

Trunk or Treat

By: Valerie Lee

Our community supports our children! This event ensured a safe and friendly environment for children of all ages to celebrate Halloween, our community, and a new park dedication on our lake.

The children in costumes traveled from trunk to trunk and received treats. Then they were able to peruse the tent filled with activities such as pumpkin painting and coloring. The puppy adoption booth was a highlight and won the cutest attraction award from most of the children.

The annual Trunk or Treat took place on October 23rd on Main Street next to the Post Office. Big supporters from the community were the firefighters and police, Marco's Pizza, Living Waters Church, Costco and Kiwanis to name just a few. Captain Joe's made amazing barbeque chicken. Hot apple cider and hot chocolate were provided at no charge from Living Waters Church.

The event was a great success for our whole community.



Middle School Halloween Dance

By: Alexandra Kandikova

The 7th & 8th grade Student Council organized a fun Halloween dance after school on October 31st. The dance featured slow dancing and many interesting costumes, such as "The Trashcan Man" and a jellyfish. Rumor has it that Mr. La New got his groove on.



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