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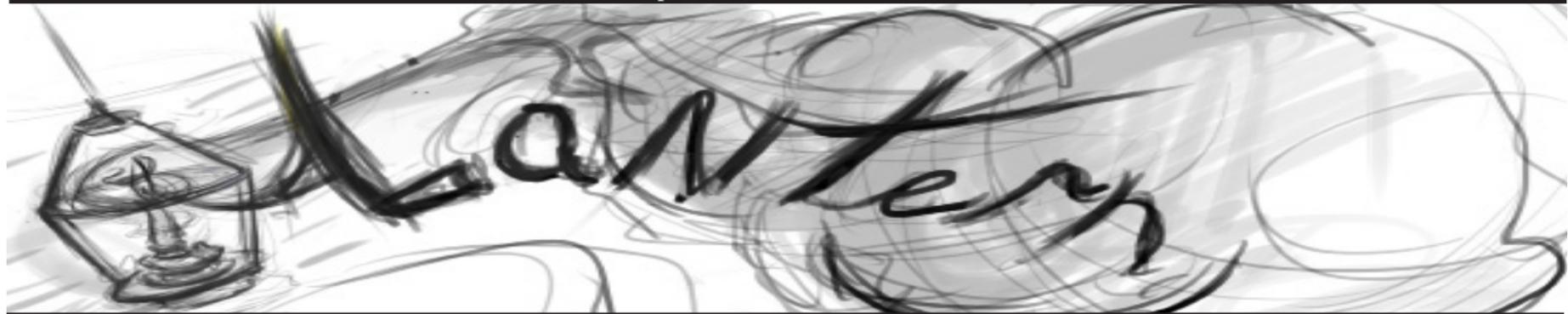
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## Coed Soccer Teams Battle for Best

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Journalist



Winter: a time of snowy days, puffy jackets, and indoor soccer! Coed indoor soccer has been a common trend in the Strongsville community for the past few years.

Coed soccer games take place on Saturday nights at NEO, a soccer facility in Parma. NEO offers many coed leagues in the winter including Coed open, Coed 30+ and Coed High School. The coed teams that are currently playing from the Strongsville Community include: Albanian Mafia, Coed Crocs, Foze N Friends, D4 Dragons, Soccer Studs, Pat N Pals, and Coed Cowboys.

The goal of the coed league is to have fun with friends while enjoying a friendly game of soccer. When asked why she joined the coed soccer team, Julia Ostrowski (Albanian Mafia) states, "Well, now that I'm a washed up soccer player, I thought that it was a good way to stay in shape and hang out with my friends."

The process of creating a team is an easy one, as explained by a member of the Albanian Mafia. Ray Kalaja says, "We had to gather our team, create our Twitter account, pay the money and show up."

Although the league is meant for leisurely fun, the tension between the teams make it one of the most competitive events of the season. When asked why coed soccer has become such a huge trend, Anna Mocho

(Crocs) states, "We have many competitive students who want to compete and win, as well as solid friendships that want to grow through the comradery of the team sport. It's fun to have competition and we know there will ultimately be a champion. Everyone wants it to be them."

Not only do the teams compete on the field, but also off. Half of the competition is created by the tension on Twitter. Once a team is created, a team twitter account usually follows and helps boost the competition amongst the teams.

An example of a big rivalry can be seen between the Crocs and the Albanian Mafia. The Crocs stated that their biggest rivalry will be Albanian Mafia "just because the beef has grown so intense."

It was also mentioned that "there are several players from the Strongsville girls soccer team on both teams and it will probably be the game of the year. We hope to see a big crowd at NEO that night."

The Mafia agrees by saying, "Crocs. Crocs. Crocs. It's going to be the game to see. The biggest rivalry in the league, it will be a clash of titans."

Coed soccer is a huge part of Strongsville's winter community. Although the tensions are high and rivalries intense, friendships grow and memories are mad. Coed soccer is not something to miss!



## SHS's Srinivasan and Nayagam Present at Seattle Space Conference

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Journalist

Seniors Suraj Srinivasan and Satya Nayagam attended a national research conference for the American Society for Gravitational and Space Research in Seattle, Washington to present their experiments they had been working on Oct. 25-28. Satya participated in an individual presentation as well as a group project which included Suraj and two other students.

For the individual project, Satya worked on a project called "Supercritical Water Mixture in Microgravity." He worked alongside researchers at NASA Glenn as well as researchers from CNES, a French Space Agency in Bordeaux, France. Satya presented the data from their experiment to scientists and researchers from all over the country to illustrate the science behind supercritical water oxidation, a water recovery process used to clean industrial wastes from polluted



water. Clean water is important in space because it is crucial for astronauts to live and work.

Researchers from NASA, as well as researchers from top tier universities such as Cornell, Princeton, San Diego State, and MIT were in attendance of the presentation.

Satya also was the leader of the group that presented later at this conference. Last year, Satya, Suraj, and two other students won the Ken Souza Memorial Student Spaceflight Competition for their experiment, "Investigation of Longitudinal Oscillations on Flame Speed in Microgravity". Microgravity is when the pull of gravity is not very strong. When something is in microgravity, it is easier to move heavy objects. The winner of this competition was allowed to fly their microgravity experiment into space. Since winning, the group has

been preparing to develop and fly their experiment in space. Satya says, "In regards to preparing for our microgravity flight, we front loaded ground testing in normal gravity." Suraj continued, "Once we get the flight data, we can correlate it with ground testing data on the back end to see if the effect we observed holds true in microgravity."

At the conference in Seattle, the group was able to present their progression in their experiment and explore new opportunities for flying their experiment on the International Space Station.

Suraj said, "We hope that our experience can inspire the younger generation of students to conduct research starting in high school. It is a gratifying experience to be able to work with industry professional at such a young age."



## Cleaning For A Cause

Malini Gaddamanugu  
Journalist

The Mini River Sweep which was held at Strongsville High School on Nov 17 displayed community togetherness. The River Sweep's main goal was to clean up any litter around certain areas of the high school and create a better environment overall. Science teachers, Alex Boron and Carolyn Bajakzousian were asked about the importance of the River Sweep.

Boron said, "it is important, especially for kids this age, to understand that the environment is something that we need to take care of especially our own city..." The teacher's hope to inspire the students to get everyone involved and created bigger projects to help keep the environment clean. Although it was only an hour, many people participated and huge progress was made from

picking up trash and harmful substances. To add onto this, Bajakzousian also mentioned that it was a great way to give back to the school since they do so much for the students. Science Club plans on doing more activities like this with the goal of making the community better. According to Boron, they also plan on participating in the real River Sweep held in May which is sponsored by companies in the Greater Cleveland area. She hopes that more kids are involved in community events like this to make the idea of community service more popular.

Boron explained how, "Science Club wants to bring it to Strongsville where we can make it a bigger thing where a lot of kids will want go and sign up and then make it a community service type of event." One of the most important goals of this activity was to

increase participation in the long term. Therefore Bajakzousian talked about how she wants to plant trees like, "fruit trees to create an orchard here in the future, so as years go by we would end up with a big growth of fruit trees which would be pretty cool." Participating in this activity showed an extreme amount of careness to the school.

Activities like the River Sweep can have a lasting impact on society, something anyone can be part of, and is the perfect example of a selfless act. Boron said, "It's also something that just makes you feel good when you go and do something for the community it makes it feel like you have contributed and especially to help with the environment that's even better." Hopefully, we can look forward to seeing more activities like the River Sweep in Strongsville High School that will help better the community.

# News

## StuCo Leadership Conference 2017

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**L**eadership: the act of motivating a group to act toward achieving a common goal. Leadership is a valuable skill in nearly all circumstances, and the leadership of the student council is a very important aspect in our school.

A leadership conference was hosted at Strongsville High School, on November 30th, bringing delegates from several schools came together to learn more about leadership and participate in leadership building activities. Schools such as Medina, Euclid, and Solon participated, with about ten students from each in attendance.

The leadership conference is significant because it recognizes the student council's leadership in their schools. Quoted from our school's Student Council Advisor, Vickie Kellar, the goal of the conference is "to help foster leadership and promote students efforts to enact real tangible change in their schools and their communities."

This leadership conference is an old tradition, but this is Strongsville's first time hosting it in years. The school's rotate hosts, and after at least 7 years, it just happened to be our turn. The Effective Leadership Academy (ELA) led in the morning, beginning with a woman

named Flo, telling her enlightening story of how her personal tragedies shaped her into a leader. Flo has visited more than 135 schools, impacting more than 20,000 students with her joy and advice about hard times.

In the afternoon, Strongsville's own student council led the conference. Many large group activities took place, each of which was focused on taking initiative and working with others. The students eventually broke into small groups to discuss student council activities. Later, each school made a poster representing them and what they learned from the conference.

The leadership conference was also a great opportunity for students from different schools to mingle and learn about one another. A student who attended the conference, Joanne Munshower, described the conference as "a very important and beneficial opportunity for the students of Strongsville. We can learn off each other, bounce ideas back and forth, and truly I will use the skills I have learned from this conference and apply them to all aspects of my life."

## Hoag: Strongsville Light Wizard

Jacob Taylor  
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**A**lmost everyone in Strongsville and neighbor cities know about THE house in Chandler Commons with the biggest light display around. Dan Hoag is the man responsible for this. His house is the one everyone knows and attracts every holiday season.

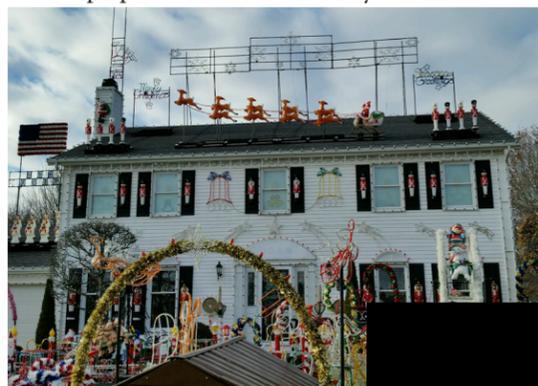
For most people the light display has been around for as long as they can remember but most people do not know when he started the winter wonderland. In an interview Mr. Hoag explained that "I started putting the lights up in 1988. I never actually meant to start this, it happened by accident. I was trying to win the neighborhood Christmas light contest and lost, well I got aggravated and sort of went big the next time around."

The background to this site is comical but the prep work for it is hard. Anyone

can swing by and see hundreds of decorations covering his house in a blanket of lights and just know that this did not happen overnight. Hoag said it usually depends on the year. This year he started way back in August to get it ready for the holiday season. With all this hard work, there has to be a reason he puts all his effort into something for everybody to enjoy.

The meaning is heartwarming, "I put up all these lights every year to give adults and parents the feeling inside that they had around Christmas when they were little."

No matter the reason for his dedication to the lights, people will always flock to his house during the holiday season to be in awe and surround themselves in bright lights and colors to be able to enjoy what the holiday season feels like.



## A Christmas Story House Review

Nicole Ganiere  
Journalist

**J**oy, excitement, and laughter. These are the only feelings one may have when stepping foot onto the property of The Christmas Story house. All of the significant scenes from the movie come flooding back to one's memory as the sight of the leg lamp, family town car, and most vibrate house colors come into view. Cleveland is the home of the little house that so many people travel to, just to catch a glimpse of this amazing artifact.

The gift shop was filled with many bunny dressed Ralphies and leg lamps, making it was difficult to not be in the Christmas spirit. The employees there not only love *A Christmas Story*, but loved their jobs as well. One employee, Sarah, said that, "We definitely have a fun and friendly environment to work in! So many wonderful employees and guests!"

Sarah stated there were no cons that come with working at the most popular house in Cleveland, "NONE!! It's A Christmas Story House, how could it not be a blast to work here?!" She said this with such genuity.

Lantern member Angie Baisnab, who has never seen the movie before, she said, "you can definitely tell there are some die hard fans for this movie and their dedica-

tion to standing in line in the cold for sure shows that." The true leg lamp they used in the movie is beloved by all to lay eyes on, unless you were one of the Parker's neighbors. The tour itself only costs \$11 and last around 45 minutes. The tour guides were very open to helping their customers capture the best picture possible to complete their time in the house. They explain which parts of the movie took place in each room you are standing in. Who knows? You might have been standing in the same exact spot that the various actors may have stood in when filming one of America's favorite movies.

If you even slightly know the movie or have ever heard of the name, *A Christmas Story*, I would highly recommend taking a trip to Cleveland to see the house. Everyone, fans or not, will enjoy the experience of seeing this artifact and will be blown away by the grandness of the information this house and the workers have to offer. It was a true 10/10 experience and I would of course go back if ever asked to. You do not want to miss seeing one of Cleveland's best tours. Take the advantage of living so close and bring some friends with you to enjoy the feeling of Christmas and happiness as it takes over you as you experience, *A Christmas Story House*.



## Muslim Student Association

Bilal Haider  
Journalist

**T**he Muslim Student Association, a new club at Strongsville High School, is holding a coat drive to benefit Syrian refugees starting on Dec 4 through Dec 15.

Co-founder Shahzeb Malik says, "The purpose of the Muslim Student Association is to firstly bring the younger Muslim community in Strongsville High together, secondly to give back to the community, in any way, in the form of our relocated Syrian Refugee donation drive. Also to establish good relations between both Muslims and non-Muslims."

Finally, Shahzeb encourages his members to try to be their personal bests. He believes that it is "very necessary for anyone who wants to succeed in this country must put forth their personal best." He goes on to say that, "being great in your respective religion, being great people and

great students are some values we like to hold in our group and are also very important in this school."

The club is open to both Muslims and non-Muslims. The next meeting is Dec. 13 in room 804 until 2:50pm as they will be talking about their ongoing donation drive. They use remind, email, and Snapchat group chats to communicate. Carol McKnight is the advisor of the club and meetings are typically two Wednesdays a month, after school until three, as well as a prayer and service on Fridays. Meetings are held in room 804.

# News

## Chamber Scholarship Dance

The Chamber of Commerce raises money at the 50th annual scholarship dance

**Kristyn Kasler**  
Journalist

The Chamber of Commerce put on their annual scholarship dance on Dec. 1. "It is held at Michaud's Catering and Event Center," says a representative of Michaud's, "The event is in its fiftieth year." This event awards more scholarship money than any other local organization with \$40,000 awarded and separated into 20 \$2,000 scholarships.

This is the largest holiday party in Strongsville. There are more than one thousand people in attendance each year. Anyone can support the holiday scholarship dance through a donation.

"Dance tickets can be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce," says the Michauds Representative. The tickets sell for fifty dollars individually or five hundred dollars for a table of ten.

Businesses can choose to sponsor this event by signing up and making a donation. Sponsors will be displayed on the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. They will also be displayed on the Chamber of Commerce facebook page, website and print ads.

Along with that, sponsors can also see their ads on the Chamber's digital sign on the corner of route 82 and route 42. The event is black tie optional and all proceeds go to help Strongsville students!

The students can apply for the scholarship on the Commerce website from Jan. 1 through March 1. Applications are reviewed and approximately forty nine students are given a face to face interview. Twenty 2,000 dollar scholarships are awarded.



Photo of Chamber Members



Photo of the Chamber Dance



Photo of Chamber Dinner

## Cram Jam Midterm Prep

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Journalist

Cram Jam, a midterm preparation event, will be hosted by National Honor Society in the cafeteria Jan. 3-4 right after school until 4pm. There is a tutor for every subject that holds a midterm, from Algebra I to AP European History. The cafeteria will be organized based on subject. For example, if help is needed in math, there is a section for math classes. There is no sign-up to go to Cram Jam; walk-ins are welcome.

Student tutors from NHS and several teachers are available to help students study. Teachers also have study guides that they have provided for convenience, which can be referenced even after Cram Jam. Tracy Davidson, a guidance counselor, confirms

that "sometimes kids come to just sit at a table and study together."

According to Lyssa Stonitsch, advisor for NHS, Cram Jam started three years ago, after Davidson "decided to come up with an idea because Medina High school ... had it."

NHS then became involved, providing tutors for the event. It was originally targeted to those students who may need help in certain subjects. The attendance was exceptional at the first event, with more than 400 students showing up to study.

Davidson and NHS continued the event again last year, this time advertising it to the general student body.

Free cookies and hot cocoa will also be provided.



## Care Club Kids Night: Rugrat Roundup

**Drew Dzurko**  
Journalist

CARE Club will be hosting its first "Rugrat Roundup" in the cafeteria of Strongsville High School on Dec. 15, from 5-9 pm to kick off the new club and raise funds for future projects.

Co-Founders Nicole Ganiere and Angie Baishnab came up with the idea of a babysitting night in order for Strongsville parents to have a safe, fun place to take their kids while they are finishing some last minute holiday shopping. They also wanted students to gain babysitting experience, showcase their caring nature and allow some of the younger children in Strongsville to become familiar with the high school.

This event is geared towards children between the ages of 3 and 9, and will include pizza donated by a local Strongsville business, along with cookies, chips, drinks and popcorn for later in the night. While kids are enjoying their snacks, there will also be plenty of fun activities for them to participate in!

According to Nicole, they are "going to have the kids make some handcrafted ornaments, there will be a photobooth set up for them, and they will also be

watching the movie Polar Express later in the evening."

Quite a few volunteers will be needed to help make this babysitting night successful and fun, so Nicole and Angie are looking for high school students with "great standards and values, who are caring and nice, and obviously have a great background".

They will be giving CARE Club and National Honor Society members first priority for signing up to volunteer, and service hours will be awarded for assisting with this event. Although babysitting experience is not required, it is preferred! However, Nicole and Angie do understand that not everyone has had the opportunity to babysit before, so they want to make sure that

chances are fair for everyone interested in helping with the event and will be using more than just that bit of criteria to decide who will be volunteering. If you would like to volunteer, contact Nicole Ganiere, Angie Baishnab, or Ms. Erste.

Both students and parents will be able to learn more and sign up for the event on the CARE club website, [www.careclubstrongsville.weebly.com](http://www.careclubstrongsville.weebly.com), that will be advertised on flyers throughout Strongsville and on the marquee sign at the corner of Pearl and Royalton. CARE club members will also have access to the link and will be able to share that with prospective volunteers.



Care Club shirts available for purchase

## SHS Wind Ensemble Performs in District 4 Honors Band

**Lillian Schwab**  
Journalist

Select students from the Strongsville High School wind ensemble recently performed at Cleveland State University at a three day event called the District 4 OMEA Honors Band. The event took place over Nov. 9 through Nov. 11. The Strongsville High School band teacher, Brian King, selected seven students to participate. One student from each section of our school's wind ensemble was selected to attend the event. Participants included: Band President Lorenzo Rivera along with students Sheryl Chan, Sean Bauman, Joey Weyler, Robby Barno, Adam Mayo, and Jimmy Foley. Students from several other schools around Northeast Ohio were selected to attend the honors band event as well.

Once the students arrived at the event, they were given two practice days, sixteen hours of practice in all. After the two days of practicing, students came together and performed the songs that they had been taught by guest conductors Captain Simon

from the U.S. Air Force Band and Dr. Browning from Cleveland State University. The students were divided into two groups based off of their playing skills. The students in the "upper" group were the ones who were given an opportunity to perform with Captain Simon. "This program is seen as an honor to be a part of and many students make it their goal to make the cut for it," says SHS band president Lorenzo Rivera. This was Lorenzo's second year participating in the event. Lorenzo is also an alto-saxophone player in the SHS wind ensemble as well as his section leader.

When asked what he enjoys most about the honors band he said, "I enjoyed getting to know other students who share the same interest as me and I loved meeting so many new people. It was also cool that I had the opportunity to play with renowned conductors." Lorenzo believes that SHS should continue to partake in the honors band event and continue to honor the school's musicians who care so much about what they do.

# Sports

## Gymnastics

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Journalist

Gymnastics increases strength and flexibility, encourages hard work and disciplines the athletes. Our Lady Mustangs gymnastics team is led by Junior Saaya Morton, and they are hoping for big things this season.

"I expect us to make it out of sectionals and hopefully out of districts if all of us are prepared," Morton explains about the upcoming season. With the hard work and determination being put in by the girls both at, and outside of practice, they are

projected to achieve their goal.

Morton says, "We practice twice a week with our coach, but everyone practices individually almost every day." Most of their hard work is accomplished by putting in effort by themselves.

"Team bonding outside of practice and team dinners are my favorite parts of the season," Morton explains. The relationships built from team bonding are always said to be the best relationships.

The Lady Mustangs are in for another exciting season! Come support the girls in action at their first meet on Dec. 15 in Elyria.

## Hockey

**Connor Hennessey**  
Journalist

The boy's hockey team is bouncing back this year even after losing valuable seniors last year. This year's team will be looked upon to be lead by Junior, Logan Schramm, and Seniors, Kyle Mattson and Josh Grady. This team is filled with talented, determined and driven players.

The mustangs are already off to a great start as their current record is 5-2 and they finished third in the Thanksgiving tournament. The team's main goal this year is to win the Baron Cup, as they came up short on that goal last year. They play in a very tough division, but another one of their goals this year is to win it.

Junior, Logan Schramm believes that their biggest competition will come from Shaker Heights and Rocky River.

What the team wants most is to make it to states and win it all! Schramm says, "All I want in the next two years is to lead this team to win a state championship." The team's schedule is located on the athletics page of the high school's website. Home games are played at OBM Arena in Strongsville and admission for students is free with a student ID! Make sure to support the Mustangs this year as they hope to make it to states and win a championship.

## Dance Team's New Coach

**Munira Odettallah**  
Journalist

The Strongsville High School dance team has recently welcomed new coach Mackenzie Cunningham. A Strongsville alumna, she was a member of the school's dance team, and "wanted to give back to the team that contributed positively to my high school experience."

Cunningham is currently working as a Speech-Language Pathologist at the Strongsville Early Learning Preschool. Additionally, she has been dancing for twenty-two years, and within that time has taught at local dance studios, coached for Parma Senior High School's flag team and pom squad, and has even danced professionally as a Cleveland Cavalier Girl.

Cunningham plans to use her extensive experience to promote

teamwork amongst the dancers, strengthen the "dancers' ability to dance as a team with a high level of synchronization," and support student involvement through fundraisers. The dance team has already become more involved with the community, and recently spent time teaching twenty seven dancers, ranging in age from preschool to eighth grade. These dancers compose the Junior Dance Team, and will perform with the SHS team for the varsity home basketball game on Dec. 22nd.

The team has taken great strides this year.

Cunningham stated, "My experiences with the dancers on this team have been great! The dancers have been very welcoming, dedicated, respectful, and creative."



## Boys Basketball Gains Joe Guilfoyle as New Head Coach

**Shahzeb Malik**  
Journalist

The Strongsville Boys Basketball program has gone through yet another culture shock, this time with newly hired varsity coach Joe Guilfoyle leading the charge. He has implemented three-hour practices, requires players to turn in a copy of their class schedules, and demands excellence out of every single one of their players, from the Freshman team all the way up to Varsity.

Varsity Head Coach, Joe Guilfoyle, attended Saint Joseph High School, now Villa-Angela High School on the East Side. He says he has "fallen in love with Strongsville," and thinks it is a "great basketball community."

Coach's goals this year are to "just play with maximum effort, to play smart and do the best they can in this conference."

He believes highly in his players, knowing that "the effort the kids are giving every night in practice will translate to how they perform on the court."

To complete this narrative, Coach Guilfoyle wishes to give some advice to those who may be struggling, whether it be with academics or athletics, "When things aren't going your way you have got to concentrate more, you have to be all in mentally and physically in what you are doing, and if you can look in the mirror and say, "I have given everything I've got" then you will be happy with that result."

Junior Jamar Benson, a varsity player, says that he really likes the community and that the basketball team has "opened up many new opportunities for meeting new people as well as making friendships."

He likes the "humor they all have, and the connection they all share both on and off the court." Jamar wants the team to "have a better record than last year and I know that if we all play to our full potential, we can beat anyone in this conference."

Jamar also says, "Shoutout to Kevin Lawler, Shaun Csire,

Jalen Garner, Omari Peek, Jose Monterrosa, Joe Lake, Bernie McGivern and Sami Farraj. Those are the brothers right there; gotta give love to everyone."

Catch the Strongsville Boys Basketball team tearing it up this year, with our boys taking on Mentor High School at home at 7:30 pm, Friday, Dec. 8th!



Photo via Smore



## Lady Mustangs Basketball to Florida

**Lindsey Rebholz**  
Journalist

This winter, the Girls Varsity Basketball team is packing their bags and hitting the road for Disney World in Orlando, Florida! The Disney trip has developed into a tradition for the girls' program, allowing the girls to go every two years, giving them something to work for, as well as promoting team bonding. While the team is in Florida, they will be participating in a tournament with teams from all over the nation, giving them the opportunity to experience new competition.

The competition is fierce, but nothing the Lady Mustangs can not handle. Senior team member, Abigail Moore, states, "We all think this team is in the best shape it has been in a while and we are really excited for the season, especially this tournament. We decided it would be a great idea to continue the tradition started two years ago and we decided we could prove ourselves to others outside of the state." Along

with crushing the tournament, the girls plan on spending quality time together, enjoying the activities Orlando has to offer! Make us proud Mustangs!

Photo via Disney



# Editorial

## Editorial: Vaping at SHS

### The Lantern Editorial Staff

The most controversial topic at SHS, vaping, may prove to start as a hobby, but end as a habit. Vaping is the act of inhaling vapor with the use of an electronic device such as a classic vape, JUUL, e-cigarette and more. Within the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year, the amount of students caught vaping has increased tremendously. This activity has infiltrated the learning environment, whether it is occurring in the media center, classrooms, hallway or even the bathroom.

No matter how cool it may seem to “blow o’s” or achieve a perfect “ghost”, vaping has more serious consequences than one might believe. First of all, the majority of vaping devices contain levels of nicotine comparable to cigarettes. For example, a single JUULpod is equivalent to one pack of cigarettes. Nicotine, in any form, is a highly addictive substance. In addition, the use of nicotine as a teenager may detrimentally affect brain development, according to the U.S. Surgeon General’s report on e-cigarettes’ effects on youths. Even if you do not necessarily care about these injurious health

effects of vaping, you are also harming those around you by continuing to vape. Like cigarettes, a byproduct of vaping is exposing others to “secondhand vape” (yes, this is real), which occurs after one exhales the chemical-filled vapor and it is breathed by another bystander. These health risks are supplemented with the legal factors of vaping.

In order to buy and use a vape, one must be at least eighteen years old. Also, it is against state law to use a vaping device at public schools. These two laws, if broken, can result in varying fines and blemishes on one’s permanent record, making the act necessary to be banned by administration. However, if you’re of legal age and not at school, feel free to vape as you please, but understand why it is necessary to keep it away from SHS.

Mark Smithberger, SHS principal, recently voiced administration’s disapproval of vaping. He describes the motive behind bringing awareness to vaping and the consequences of taking part in it by explaining, “I want you to be safe. I want you to be lawful. I’m not trying to step on your ability to be independent or to express yourself, but I take my responsibility very seriously.

I want our students to be healthy, and I want to promote that. We create limits so you can be safe.” It would be irresponsible and simply unethical for administration not to punish vaping, so the consequences of performing such acts (between a two hour detention and a three day suspension) are warranted.

Truthfully, vaping will most likely classify as a temporary fad. Many trends arise in pop culture and typically do not stay in the mainstream for long. For example, “planking” was a culturally accepted phenomenon in pop culture, but eventually died down. Now, anyone caught planking seems like a fool; however, just a few years earlier, planking was in the norm. Other pointless trends that came and went include fidget spinners, overuse of the phrase “YOLO”, the Kylie Jenner lip challenge, dabbing, and water bottle flipping. They all seem pretty ridiculous now, right? Hopefully vaping will follow the same trend as past fads, especially because unlike planking and other passing movements, vaping may cause serious repercussions in one’s well being. Smoking regular cigarettes is culturally viewed as disgusting, which suggests that the opinion of vaping will soon

meet these standards as well, since it has similar effects. This is not the 1960s anymore; it isn’t cool to hang around smoking in the school bathrooms, and quite honestly, it makes SHS look trashy.

It is time to consider all of the negative aspects of vaping and realize that it is best to quit now. Feeling cool on a snapchat story in the midst of a cloud of vapor is the temporary gain, but in the long run, vaping causes more harm than fun. The first step students can take is putting away our cameras. The moment vaping stops being viewed as a show, the

less students will engage in the activity because their audience is limited. Next, try to personally stop the vaping in your friend group. If all of your friends understand the risks of vaping and decide to stop, it won’t seem as cool anymore to do it. Finally, we all just need to understand as a whole that vaping simply just is not worth the health and legal effects, and quite frankly, it is unnecessary to partake in at school. It is disruptive to those around you, let alone a risk. Open your eyes and put away your JUULs because the temporary pleasure is not worth a damaged life.

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## The Key to Proper Netiquette: Emailing in a Professional World

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Columnist

In the past, I have had to write emails to teachers, friends, respected adults and many more people, and I have always questioned myself on whether what I said was good enough. Over the years, I realized that the overall tone of the language used in emails can really change how a person responds and helps with whatever cause or need is being brought to light in the email.

Carol McKnight, an English teacher who teaches Business English, teaches a lesson which focuses on emailing etiquette. McKnight suggests starting off in a positive tone and then moving to whatever you would like to discuss.

McKnight does a project where she gives students an email that needs corrected, whether it be from the email’s word choice and tone, to the structural components that are not correct on the email. The students then go on to correct, analyze, and evaluate the email to really understand what should have been used instead.

The project enables students to see what an email should look like for its value of tone and language to enable the skill to automatically kick into gear, whenever the skill may be needed.

Mary Erste, English Teacher, agreeing with McKnight, suggested that students need to move away from using text message language in an email, moving to using professional language. She encourages addressing the recipient and using a subject line.

Professional language also involves being direct and right to the point, and not using language that is distracting, so that the idea that is getting across to the reader is not seen as something else, only what is meant.

When writing emails, McKnight suggests that a student read over the email to see “how the email that is to be sent sounds, because if someone feels a certain way when they are writing their email, about that grade or about not understanding a problem, the emotion comes out in the email” when a person reads it.

That affects the way a person perceives and responds to an email, for the better or for worse. I hope by writing this article it helps students to pause and think before they hit that send button.

## Netflix: What are You Doing?!

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Pain, heartbreak and desolation are all words to describe the overwhelming feeling after Netflix stopped streaming dozens of America’s most beloved television shows. Netflix has continuously added and deleted shows in the past; however, the most recent cancellations have caused mass backlash from dedicated fans.

The most popular of the deleted shows include: *How I Met Your Mother*, *One Tree Hill*, *Malcolm in the Middle*, *Friday Night Lights*, *30 Rock*, *Jessie*, *Prison Break* and several seasons of *Family Guy* and *Bones*. These beloved shows were erased during Oct and Nov 2017. This wound is deepened with the loss of *It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia* to depart in December.

According to a poll of 115 Netflix users taken on Twitter by The Lantern, most people are saddest about the loss of *How I Met Your Mother*, as 43% of voters chose the show as their most missed. *One Tree Hill* ranked second at 40% of voters who deem it as the hardest goodbye from Netflix. The third is *It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia* at 16%. Finally, the fourth hardest goodbye for fervent Netflix watchers is *30 Rock*, with a respectable 2% of voters.

Lindsey Rebholz, a senior and

dedicated *How I Met Your Mother* fan, describes this distressing loss as “losing a child. The day it was taken off, I dressed in all black and mourned all day weeping softly”.

These recent alterations in Netflix content may force students to find new ways to entertain themselves. These loyal viewers will have to seek new means of enjoyment and, admittedly, procrastination. These shows have served as sources for mindless relaxation and the means by which students bond with one another.

Netflix has a constant cycle of content being added and deleted off of the server. The company releases a list of shows and movies that will be added and taken off of the website each month. The deletions are spaced out over the course of the month which allows watchers to binge watch their favorite shows for the final time.

The Netflix Help Center illustrates the reasons shows are taken off of the server. Once the contract between Netflix and whichever company holds the rights for a particular show or movie has reached its expiration, Netflix must decide if the contract should be renewed. The company decides by first ensuring that the license to own

the content is capable of being renewed. Next, Netflix evaluates the popularity of the show or movie amongst users and decides if the cost to renew the contract is worth the money. Finally, the company considers other miscellaneous factors, such as the season, to make their final decision.

Though many of the recently deleted shows seemed quite popular among fans, other factors may have contributed to their cancellation on Netflix. This gaping hole in the souls of dedicated fans who have recently suffered from the loss of their favorite TV shows may have the opportunity to expand their horizons and explore Netflix’s new additions to combat the pain left from the departure. Though some classics are gone, they are being replaced with hopeful new “Netflix Originals” and, perhaps, your new favorite television show.



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# Reviews

## Top 10 Christmas TV Episodes

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### 10. Saturday Night Live - "Alec Baldwin, Luciano Pavarotti, and Vanessa L. Williams" Season 24 Episode 9

There are hundreds of episodes of Saturday night live, so naturally some stand out among the rest. In this holiday Christmas special hosted by Alec Baldwin, now known for his popular impression of Donald Trump, the cast fills this classic episode with hilarious satire, original skits, and memorable songs. This special is bound to make your holiday season more joyous.

### 9. Parks and Recreation - "Citizen Knope" Season 4 Episode 10

In this episode we see the gang of Parks members in turmoil. Ben is searching for a job, Leslie's campaign is going through a rough patch and she is having a tough time with her suspension from work. Meanwhile, the rest of the "Parks and Rec" staff frantically attempt to boost her mood by giving her a holiday season to remember. It builds to a satisfying payoff that leaves a smile on your face.

### 8. It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia - "A Very Sunny Christmas" Season 6 Episode 13

"It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia" is a show about a group of narcissistic people who own a bar in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is a show full of dark, adult themes, but it's funny nonetheless. After years of being mistreated by their father, Dennis and Dee set to teach him a lesson, showing him the spirit of giving rather than taking. Mac and Charlie visit Mac's mom and discover that Christmas was not as happy as they remembered it being.

### 7. The Office - "A Benihana Christmas" Season 3 Episode 10

The employees can't decide which party to attend in a competition between two opposing party planning committees. Meanwhile, Michael sends out a Christmas card that puts him in hot water with his girlfriend, Carol. It's an hour special of the show, and delivers on all fronts. The early seasons of the office are the show's strongest and this is no exception. "A benihana Christmas" is full of heart, humor, and humanity.

### 6. Arrested Development - "Afternoon Delight" Season 2 Episode 6

In one of the most acclaimed episodes of "Arrested Development," The Bluth's throw a company Christmas party that, of course, misfires. There is Karaoke, a banana stand, and plenty of misunderstandings. The show is almost completely based on awkward and arbitrary situations inside of one immature family. But the upbeat pace keeps the spirit of the season alive in this 44 minute special.

### 5. Friends - "The One with the Holiday Armadillo" Season 7 Episode 10

"This one" sees some one on one between Ross and his son, Ben. He wants to teach Ben about true Jewish heritage because he feels he's only exposed to Christmas traditions at his mother's. There is controversy among the friend group over who Monica's roommate should be, but it doesn't detract from the heart Ross brings to this killer Christmas episode of "Friends."

### 4. Community - "Regional Holiday Music" Season 3 Episode 10

"Community" just screams fun. You won't need to watch all of "Community" to enjoy this episode. In a show full of references and images, they finally do glee, and it works. "Regional Holiday Music" weaves its musical numbers perfectly into the overall story. Watching the study group break into song and dance uncontrollably is hysterical. It is a must watch.

### 3. Friends - "The One with the Routine" Season 6 Episode 10

"This one" is split into three parts. Chandler, Joey and Phoebe search for their hidden Christmas gifts that Monica bought for them. Joey gives it everything he's got to get his midnight kiss on the set of "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve". Finally the Gellers are attempting to resurrect their high school dance routine. It's straight up gladdening! The reason "Friends" works so well is the cast. You feel like you can walk a day in their shoes because you are. The characters are authentic and relatable.

### 2. A Charlie Brown Christmas

It's hard to find something about Christmas that's more uplifting and spirited than the Charlie Brown Christmas special. That's especially important because Christmas is the time to be uplifting and full of spirit. You will find it playing in almost every household on Christmas day, and that is no mistake. It may not be part of a television show, but it deserves its well earned spot at number 2. It works for parents and children alike. Making it one of, if not THE BEST family Christmas specials available.

### 1. The Office - "Christmas Party" Season 2 Episode 10

Only being the 16th episode of the entire show, "Christmas Party" shows exactly what "The Office" is all about. Michael changes up the secret santa gift exchange drastically by allowing everyone to "Yankee swap" each other's gifts. It's hilarious at every turn making it refreshing television. I found "Christmas party" to be surprisingly touching and emotional for a comedy. The Office shows its characters making mistakes, grounding them in reality. But unlike most shows, they learn from their mistakes. It makes you feel like you're watching real people. This is, without a doubt, one of the best crafted television episodes of all time. "Christmas Party" is a perfect representation of this, making this episode an absolute must for your holiday viewing pleasure.

## Wahlburgers

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*Journalists*

Imagine a burger that tastes as good as Mark Wahlberg looks. Although the service did not live up to their expectations, Julia and Cammy were very satisfied with their patties when they visited Wahlburgers in downtown Cleveland this month.

Upon arrival, they struggled to open the heavy doors, but were impressed by the contemporary atmosphere of the restaurant. Bright green chairs lined the aisles while street signs directed customers to the bathroom. The music choice was impeccable, including classics such as "Soak Up the Sun" by Sheryl Crow and "Pocketful of Sunshine" by Natasha Bedingfield.

Once inside, however, very little attention was shed upon them at first. Although it took a minute to get seated, the waiter made an impression when he almost immediately brought out waters, as if he had read their



Cammy and Julia enjoying their juicy burgers and the outside of the Wahlburgers restaurant



minds. Their orders were then taken and their eyes lit up once the food was in sight. Julia and Cammy both ordered the Our Burger, but special requests for no tomatoes and sauce on the side were not fulfilled.

Regardless, the Our Burger did not disappoint. When describing her burger, Cammy said it was "Crispy on the outside, but juicy on the inside. It was the perfect balance." Julia described her meal as "One of the best burgers I've ever had!" They also

split a basket of fries. This three dollar purchase took their lingering hunger and diminished it; a girthy amount of fries given for such a low price.

Wahlburgers thoroughly impressed Julia and Cammy with their food. The reputation following the name was fully met, providing them with the fresh, juicy burgers they are known to have. When it comes to burger joints, Wahlburgers screams "YES!" to Cleveland locals.

## Wonder

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*Journalist*

August Putman, a ten-year old boy, faces the struggle of severe facial defects upon entering elementary school for the first time. Auggie has become used to being different and standing out; suddenly becoming involved in the community and having friends is difficult for him. Throughout the movie, embracing differences and accepting yourself, physically and mentally, is a strong theme. Julia Roberts, the mother of August, tutors him until fifth grade. Being the new kid is difficult enough, and having facial deformities where children and adults stop and stare surely does not help. This is a regular occurrence for Auggie, and sadly, it is easy for him to notice when people try to hide their expressions. He can tell how they are feeling so looking down at their shoes is a way he can make

a first impression. Auggie has a lot of support from his father and mother, played by Owen Wilson and Julia Roberts. They are there for him even when he pushes them away. Based on a true story, Wonder is told through different perspectives of Auggie's family and friends.

Auggie wears an astronaut space helmet given to him by his best friend's sister, Miranda, where he finds comfort in hiding his face. The life in the household is described by Auggie's sister Via as "Mom and Dad are the planets orbiting the sun. The rest of our family and friends are asteroids and comets floating around the planets orbiting the sun." The sun, of course, is Auggie.

A big transition occurs with Auggie because he has always received the most attention and everything has been about him. He has had twenty-seven surgeries since birth, but he resolves and realizes the happiness in making friends and accepting himself. Auggie's mom starts to

let go of Auggie and focus on her master's thesis, Via loses her best friend, but gains a boyfriend and her friend back, and Auggie's friends are now genuine.

Wonder is such a heartwarming story that makes the viewer appreciate the importance of sticking together when times are difficult and accepting who you are no matter the physical qualities you display.



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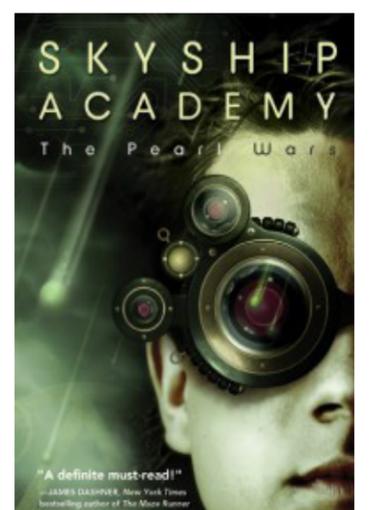
## Skyship Academy: The Pearl Wars

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*Journalist*

Nick James grew up in a small island town where his love for storytelling was born. His adoration for fast-paced literature drove him to write his debut novel Skyship Academy, which is a science fiction adventure. Set in the near apocalyptic future, humans are divided into three groups, and the only way they gather power is from mysterious, green pearls that fall from the sky. Aboard hulking Skyships in the stratosphere lives Jesse Fisher, a loner and loser. To his shock, he was mysteriously found in the rubble of the Scarlet Bombings. Now, to figure out his past he

must warp his fragile future and align himself with his greatest enemy. Therefore, if you're on the hunt for complex characters, plot twists, and action, then this is the book for you! James' active writing pace is like a breath of fresh air. The two narrators, Jesse Fisher and Cassius Stevenson, come alive.

The world James has created for Skyship Academy is intricate. Any new fact only adds to the lore. Since there are three books that make up the Skyship Academy series, there is a plethora of lore to be figured out. In conclusion, I highly recommend *Skyship Academy: The Pearl Wars*, as it is one of my favorite books of all time!



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"The One with the Holiday Armadillo" (Credit to IMDb)



The Office "Christmas Party" (Credit to Bustle.com)



"Citizen Knope" (Credit to wegottthiscovered.com)

# Arts & Entertainment

## Christmas: How Early is Too Early?

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Columnist

Picture this: it's Halloween. You and your friends are trick-or-treating and having a great time. All of a sudden, among all the skeletons, jack-o-lanterns, and other spooky decorations, you see a house that looks like something Santa defecated on. Lights upon lights, ornaments everywhere, you name it, this house has it. I experienced this exact trauma on the day of Halloween in 2015 as a wee eighth grader, and I still haven't emotionally recovered from it. Ever since that one fateful day, I've been passionate about this cause: THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER IS TOO EARLY TO DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS. A ton of people like to start decorating as soon as humanly possible to maximize on their Christmas spirit, but most of the time, the earlier you start decorating, the faster your holiday spirit tends to wear out. If you've been looking at all the lights outside

your house, the wreaths and tinsel inside, and your Christmas tree for almost a month and a half, the novelty of Christmas starts to wear out. The Christmas season starts to become boring just because you've been seeing evidence of the upcoming holiday for so long.

When asked about the ideal time to start decorating for Christmas, sophomore Carragin Mackenzie spilled some wisdom. She said "I always wait till after Thanksgiving. I think that if you do it right away, you could get tired of Christmas decoration, or the holiday spirit. But I always wait till Thanksgiving, usually right after dinner."

Not only does the Christmas spirit tend to wear off if you start celebrating too early, but the logistics of juggling both Thanksgiving and Christmas at the same time becomes extremely difficult. Unnecessarily prepping for

Christmas way before the holiday season even starts is rough on people, both physically and mentally. While emotionally preparing to see weird members of your family you don't even know, as well as cooking for what seems like a million people, you're just making it harder on yourself by taking on the monumental task that is Christmas. When asked about their holiday timeline preferences, sophomore Camden Czech said "Preparing for two holidays is too much work, so I usually try to focus on one holiday at a time, and wait to decorate for Christmas."

Thanksgiving is already a mentally tolling holiday as it is, and your time and resources should be spent focusing on Thanksgiving, not Christmas, at that time. Starting Christmas celebrations too early can also be a cause of decline in holiday spirit, as well as logistically difficult. But if you want to start decorating that early, go ahead. I can't stop you.

side that is used to haul the unruly youngsters away to be eaten. In recent years, Krampus has found himself to be somewhat of a pop culture icon, in a strange and slightly unexpected turn of events. The devil-like creature and the tales surrounding him inspired the 2015 horror-comedy film Krampus, and the figure has become increasingly popular in the United States, with Krampus parades spanning various cities across the country. So, as Krampusnacht draws closer and closer, don't be alarmed if a goat-devil hybrid shows up at your door—just accept the coal and hope that you never see him again.

## The Night Before Krampus

Bailey Klingbeil  
Columnist

Every year, as fall comes to a close and impassioned protests of the Starbucks holiday cup ring loud and clear all over the country, just about everyone turns their attention to what can be considered the most popular holiday of all time: Christmas. However, with Christmas paraphernalia spread as far as the eyes can see, some lesser-known holidays and their mascots get swept under the rug. For example, how many people have heard

of Krampusnacht? Most likely no one outside of eastern Europe, where the peculiar holiday is celebrated on December 5. Krampusnacht refers to a half-demon, half-goat being named Krampus, who acts in a way reminiscent to Santa Claus, but pertaining to bad children. The night before the Feast of St. Nicholas (which takes place on December 6), Krampus appears on the streets, eager to hand out coal to the naughty children, and in some folklore, carrying a bag on his



## The Nerd's Corner

The Best Places to Study in Strongsville

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Columnist

It's the most wonderful time of the year! That is, for everyone except students with upcoming midterms and finals. The stress of midterms has the reputation of bringing out the best and the worst in students. It is truly amazing how much information we can pack into our brains in such little time leading into an exam!

The key to succeeding on midterm exams is having a well-scheduled study plan for the weeks leading up to the exam. Once you have prioritized which exams need the most preparation, set aside a few days to start studying so you do not suddenly have an entire semester of material to review the night before the test.

Picking a location at which to study can be another complication for those intending to be productive with their scheduled study time. It is common for students to be unable to focus at home, so they often branch out to other hot study spots throughout the community. Popular locations to study in Strongsville include: Market District, the library, and Panera. Market District and Panera are popular spots due to the obvious social and food factors, whereas the library is silent, and not open 24 hours.

However, do not underestimate the power of going to the library during midterm week! Having a quiet place to focus and study for exams may be exactly what you need to succeed. Angela

Brkic, senior, loves to study at the library. She says "I like to go to the library because I feel like when I see other people working around me, it makes me want to work too. When I'm at home I always get distracted."

Finding the motivation within yourself to actually study can be a challenge, but the results of putting in effort for exams will have beautiful effects on your grades. Maybe you will find motivation by planning to study with a group of friends.

That being said, it is vital to note the importance of choosing a study group that intends to actually be productive together and not waste valuable study time. There never seems to be enough time to study during exam week,

## Camryn's Five Favorite Winter Activities

Camryn Larissey  
Columnist

Though winter is a season that comes with intense cold (especially in Ohio), I still find myself looking forward to it. I tend to try and find the good that comes with the bad weather because winter, though difficult at times, has its better points.

### 1. *Sitting by the fire with a good book and hot chocolate/coffee*

There is something about sitting in front of a warm, crackling fire with a steady stream of giant snowflakes falling outside the window that makes the experience all the better. Depending on my mood and the time of day, I add a warm drink into the mix, as well, and I may even light a Christmas-y smelling candle. This is generally how my snow days and Saturdays go.

### 2. *The cute clothes of winter*

I believe that my cutest clothes revolve around fall and winter. Sweaters, Uggs, mittens, hats, scarves, leg warmers, leggings, etc. My favorite go-to combo is probably a sweatshirt, leggings, and uggs. The clothes that are associated with winter just seems so cozy.

### 3. *Starbucks drinks*

I know it's cliché, but we all know that Starbucks has the best drinks for cold and snowy weather. Their Pumpkin Spice Latte is probably the main reason I look

forward to fall, and the Peppermint Latte is definitely up there as a winter favorite, too. They make the chilly weather seem warmer and more enjoyable.

### 4. *The beautiful snow*

The beauty comes when chunky snowflakes fall at a steady rhythm, gracefully to the ground. The way in which it falls is so elegantly and pretty, that I'm smiling even writing about it. The icicles also add to winter's beauty and are a great compliment to the snow. There are also the decorations, more specifically the lights. They add to the magic by bouncing off the snow and lighting up the night, which I find incredible.

### 5. *Christmas Shopping*

Though sometimes I find it extremely stressful, I tend to enjoy Christmas shopping. I don't necessarily enjoy it because I want to buy people gifts, but more because of how pretty the decorations in all the stores look. Don't get me wrong, there is something enjoyable about seeing the looks of gratitude on everyone's face when I give them their gift, but I enjoy the lights, decorations, and experiences that come with shopping more. I enjoy going to Crocker Park to shop the most because it tends to be the best decorated (and Barnes & Noble is there, which is a plus).

So, though there are many things that make winter a burden, it has many plus sides that make it a wonderful season. I hope this will warm you up inside with the cold that will be coming outside.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

END OF THE FIRST QUARTER



so be smart and plan to study ahead of time (maybe with some friends at Market District)! Deciding where, when, and who

you study with can have an enormous impact on how well you perform on a midterm exam...so chose wisely, and good luck!



Morgan Hyun: Nerd's Corner Columnist

# Arts & Entertainment

## Autumn Wind

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Columnist

Does Autumn ever call to you, as it does to me at the end of every summer? Do the longer nights embrace you in their infinite slumber, drifting you along into nothingness? Is your mind often consumed with longing of warm sweaters and hot drinks that shield you from my inevitable chill? I make you shiver, but still you smile, cuddling up next to your loved one and tugging your hat further down over your ears.

Everyone notices the bold colors, like the fire on the leaves

that opposes the cooling temperatures to burn loud and bright. But no one seems to see what I can. The calm grey waiting for its moment to swirl in front of the sun, the brooding peach undertone of flowers coming near the end of their time, the golden glaze proudly shimmering through frost-tinted windows in the form of scented candles. I've swirled above rooftops, mingling with the smoke from fireplaces nestled in the center of the homes; I've brushed along the ground, listening to the laughter of each blade of grass as it swishes against its siblings; I've kissed your cheek and the tip

of your nose, making your skin blush and mirror the aesthetic of the season. I can't help but flood your vicinity when you exhale to counter the warmth of the air from your lungs and welcome it as a part of me. As an extension of myself.

I've recently discovered the importance of embracing every soul on Earth: even those who try to resist can't ignore how light and graceful they feel after I've grazed over their shoulders and ruffled their hair.

I am the Autumn wind, and remember, I'm only ever a breath away.

Drawing by Tori Weaver



## Search for Holiday Joy

Nicole Ganiere  
Columnist

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## Comics by Sarah

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