

They're fast, We're curious

They meet up for the cars and they come back for the connections. "NightLife Cruise" car meets steer people into lasting friendships.

Kmart, 7:00 p.m. The usually deserted parking lot came to life with loud music and even louder cars. When you heard "NightLife," a car meet company wouldn't have been the first thing that popped into mind. NightLife Cruise started car meets in June, and had over 400 people at their biggest meet.

For senior **Makayla Polzin**, it gave her an opportunity to meet new people.

"I used to be really quiet but everyone at the car meets are really open-minded and willing to be friends with anyone, so I met a lot of people," Polzin said. "I just got really into it and met my best friends there."

For others, the car meets allowed them to show off their cars and the work they put into them.

"Over the summer I lifted my truck," senior **Brody Rosol** said. "I had many friends come over and they brought their friends. It's just a fun experience to mess around with cars, break them and fix them."

Along with Rosol, senior **Grafton Keller** used this opportunity to display his car. He started learning how to fix cars when he realized the amount of money it would save him.

"Honestly, it all started out with childhood friends going into the garage and trying to do repairs ourselves," Keller said. "We were caught up in the idea of we'd save a lot of money if we just did it ourselves and it's fun at the same time. That's kind of how we got into it."



Senior Lorena Haber and Makayla Polzin pose in front of a 2013 Audi A5. They formed a friendship through their mutual interest in cars. "Lorena and I don't hang out that much, but you'll always know you have somebody to hang out with," Polzin said. "At the car meets I'll always know that she'll be there to hang out with me."

Standing in front of his 2018 Camaro, MOBBeauty Grafton Keller is a regular at the car meets. "It has definitely built a huge community in Grand Blanc for the car club and car community even though it just started this year," Keller said.



Ethan Vargo talks about the anticipation of the car meet before it happens. Vargo had an interest in cars from a young age so this was a way for him to enjoy that with friends. "When I was little, my dad and I would make mock trucks, so I just started working on them," he said.



B. ROSOL



PUT YOUR CELLY IN A CELL

Bags, boxes, and crates full of phones labeled "Phone Jail" became fixtures in classes as teachers upheld the "no phone policy" during class hours. out of 101 surveyed



While weighing the advantages and disadvantages of having cell phones in school, freshman Hunter German, explains his point of view. German was not able to have his phone on him at all during middle school, so the new freedom of high school is very different to him. "At lunch, if you want to entertain yourself because you're bored, [you can use your phone]," he said. "Also in the halls, crossing takes a little bit so you can listen to music to entertain yourself [while] crossing."

Teacher Amy Dunning, expresses her opinion about the cell phone policy. In the past, Dunning has taken phones away from her students, but this year has been different. "We want classrooms to be a place that is focused on learning," she said. "Not just students, but adults consistently check their phones if it is near them. It takes away from a safe, protective environment."



"Kids are getting distracted too easily. It should remain strictly no phones."

- Madison Chanev

Community Allies

All kinds of community members, from pro-golfers to non-country lovers, come out to support the Ally Golf Challenge by listening to music and watching golf.

The event that cancels school for a day, draws famous people in from across the country, and brings in money for athletic programs at school. Whether people came for golf or music, the community was connected for the weekend.

Though senior **Noah Campioni** was not a big fan of country music, he still took this opportunity to see everyone in the community come together to see the award-winning artist, Dierks Bentley.

"I knew some of his songs so I enjoyed the night and seeing him," Campioni said.

Kid Rock and other people who participated in the golf tournament also drew attention to the event.

"It was a lot of fun to watch the golfers because they're not professionals," junior **Zachary Roeder** said. "They are older golfers so it was interesting to watch them play."



Smiling with his trophy, Jerry Kelly is the winner of the Ally Challenge for the second year in a row. He walked away with a \$2,000,000 jackpot.



N. CAMPIONI



17th HOLE

The VAPE DEBATE

After Michigan became the first state to ban flavored vapes, teens are divided on if the decision is helpful or harmful.

Over 1,000 views on an Instagram story and countless reposts from other students, senior **Jack Kline** took it upon himself to draw attention to this dangerous activity: vaping.

"Almost every day now, there's something in the news about people dying from vaping," Kline said. "It's getting worse, but nobody wants to take a stand against it. I decided the only real way to open people's eyes is to help people quit and show that it's possible to get over an addiction."

According to senior **Ezekiel Hill**, he thought that it should be his own decision to vape or not.

"If they're smart enough, they will do their research about what they are about to put into their system," Hill said. "That is what I did."



J. KLINE

E. HILL

OPEN UP TO Yourself

Finding where they fit in, what they consider to be their "second home", students explain the places that they are able to be their best.

"I started to get bored with the piano and in the 6th grade, orchestra was an option. It was then that I started to look forward to the orchestra and chose to play the viola."



ELIZABETH BASSIN



ANDRIANA WELTMAN

"I can express myself through music. I don't make music, but when I listen to music, it helps me concentrate and focus. It makes it easier for me to do things."



MARISSA KING

"Taekwondo has given me a lot more confidence in myself as a person and my abilities. It also makes me feel a lot safer when I walk in the streets."



AMBER WOOLCOTT

"Drama has definitely been the biggest thing that has helped me open up. It doesn't make me scared to do anything or of people judging me. It makes me able to bring joy to other people which brings joy to me."

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Haunt It If You've Got It



J. Jones

Wearing a long black cloak with a scary look on his face, senior Maverick Perdue scares everyone walking by. "I'm going to see if I can be in it and scare people," sophomore Trevor Prince said. "But a lot of seniors want to do it since it is their last year."



"My favorite part is the reactions of the people who go through the haunted house." — Olivia Dellorso

Walk through an eerie "Kill Room" down the hallways of your own school while the drama team has spent weeks creating the perfect scare.

After the success of the 2018 first annual haunted house, the drama team decided to scare the heck out of people again.

"Well we did it last year just for fun," sophomore Olivia Dellorso said. "And it was bringing in a lot of people, so we did it again and extended it to three days."

"It's just a big fun project," Dellorso said. "It's like doing another show."

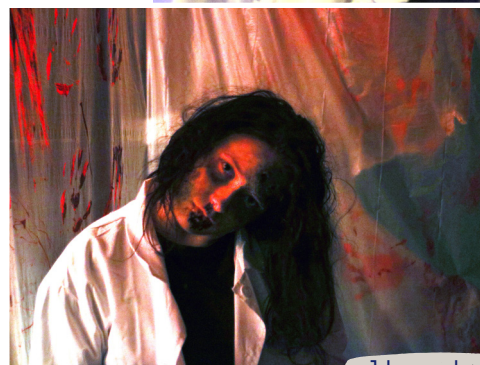
While the process was difficult, sophomore Trevor Prince opened up about how the haunted house made it fun for all ages to enjoy, and how the whole experience revolves around the thrill of performing and putting on a show.

"My favorite part is probably the actual performance nights," Prince said.

"We get to hand out candy to the little kids and then when the high schoolers come up, we get to scare them!"

The drama students put a lot of hard work and effort into their work of art, all for the community to enjoy.

"The success of the haunted house is because people really like the thrill," Prince said. "It's not the scariest thing, but people come to experience it because they like going to haunted houses to get scared."



J. Leonard

Elizabeth Magnee designed a work of art on her face to enhance the experience in the haunted theater. Magnee made it look like she had a cut on her face using special effects makeup. "There was actors downstairs, actors through the halls and actors on the stage itself," Olivia Dellorso said.

AGENTS OF SHIELD

A life-sized Captain America shield that runs off of magnets, built in a friend's garage.

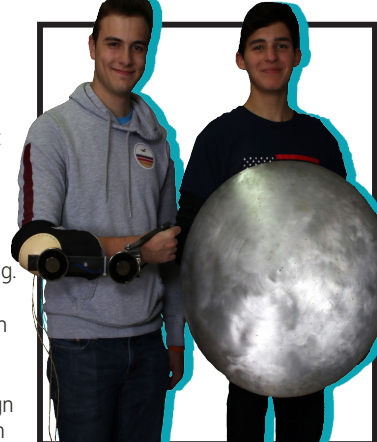
An extra 20 pounds around the waist all for a halloween costume is a lot. Senior Jack Berry and sophomore Keegan Compton created an interactive Captain America shield that worked just like in the movies.

"It goes on your arm and you hold onto the handle," Berry said. "We used electronic magnets so when you hit the button it becomes magnetized so I had to do the wiring for that."

"I had to weld metal together for the actual part that goes around the arm," Berry said.

Berry and Compton's creation could lift up to 40 pounds, which was more than enough for the shield Compton's making.

"I bought a sled in the shape of the shield and spray painted the design on to it," Compton said.



JACK BERRY AND KEEGAN COMPTON

OPEN UP TO Yourself

Students relate about what they do outside of school and what makes them, who they are.

"I look up to all the alumni and choreographers at my dance studio because they are really good, and I hope to be like them some day."



GILLIAN LEONARD



SAMANTHA JACQUES

"Working on cars is something I do with my dad and boyfriend," Jacques said. "It's been a fun experience for me. It makes me feel like I can be useful to them if they ever needed help, and while it's hard, getting your hands dirty can be a new experience."



ELIZABETH POND

"Whenever I play music, I'm in a different world, and playing 'Sign of the Times,' by Harry Styles just makes me happy."



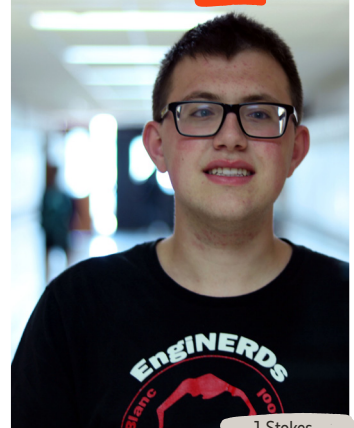
JACKSON WILLIAMS

"My dad got hurt his junior season and he didn't get a chance to play his senior year," junior Jackson Williams said. "I want to play my senior year to live up to his name."

TRIALS for Triumph

Everyone has their goals. But do the tribulations of the ninth grade transcend to seniorhood?

12TH GRADE



J. Stokes

take sat

"I only took the SAT one time. I also took the National Merit version once."

get assignments in on time

"My challenges in high school were doing my assignments. That has been my biggest problem throughout high school. But this year has been easier."

double majors

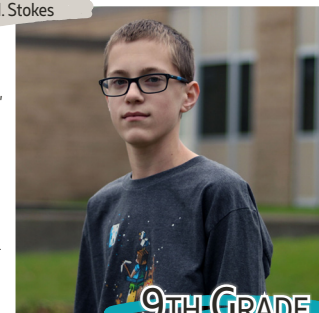
"Getting college credit will allow me to get ahead in my majors, which will allow me to possibly double major, which is good."

get college credit

"I want to get as much college credit as I can by the end of this year. I am taking college level probability and statistics and differential equations. I am currently on track to getting credit for both."

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N. Stokes



9TH GRADE

do all assignments

"My main goal is to stay up to date with my homework and not fall behind."

develop a lunch group

"I figured I'd cross to lunch to see who is there, and I was like 'Hey look, it's my friends!'"

do well in biology

"I didn't do as well as I hoped to on the first test, so I want to get a solid A in Biology."

How does social media affect you? How has it helped you open up to everyone around you?

Seniors Logan Bales, Layne Pickard, and junior Jacob Hoffman, were shocked to see a Tik Tok they made when they were bored on the bus ride home became famous.

"I wasn't expecting it, it was just something stupid," Bales said.

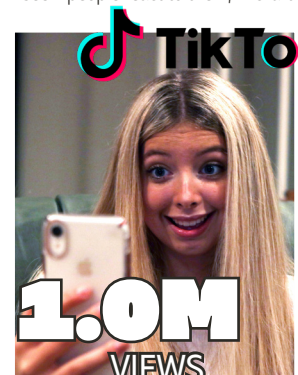
"We did something random to see how people would react and it just took off," Hoffman said.

Their Tik Tok had 91.6k views and 16.5 likes as of 10-30-19

"Now, we don't make as many Tik Toks, but when we are bored, we make them to see if people react to them," Pickard said.



16.5k LIKES



1.0M VIEWS

Making fun of makeup artist, James Charles, was one way sophomore Emily Rossello became famous on the app Tik Tok.

"I got it first just to look at it because I thought the [Tik Toks] were funny, but then I wanted to be funny so I started making them," Rossello said.

Rossello's famous Tik Tok had 1.0 million views as of 10-30-19

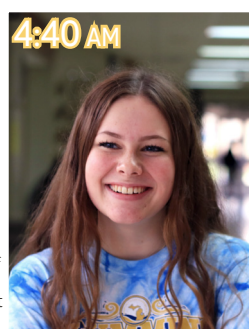
"People actually wanted to be in my Tik Toks," Rossello said.

BEHIND THE SCENES OF FAME

EARLY Birds vs NIGHT Owls

Getting back into the grind of school, doing nightly homework, and practice for after school sports, takes a toll on everyone's sleep schedules, for better or for worse.

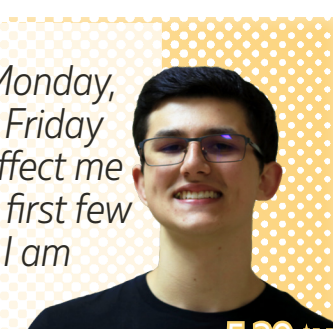
While trying to balance swim and school, sophomore Sarah Hartwell tried to find time to sleep. Hartwell got up at 4:40 a.m. every day for swim practice. "Waking up early doesn't really affect my mood but it really affects how I do at school," she said. "If I have a test, I am really tired the next day," Hartwell said.



S. Hartwell

"Waking up for powerlifting on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings does affect me in school. For the first few hours of the day, I am really tired."

— Jacob Simons



5:30 AM



12:30 AM

"I'm not able to focus in class because I'm too tired."

— Eddy Wang



A. Erlenbeck

1:00 AM

Whether it's studying for an English test or doing math homework, sophomore Abigail Erlenbeck stays up late to get last minute work done. Erlenbeck had dance almost every night, which made it hard to go to bed early. "I procrastinate doing my homework until really late," Erlenbeck said.

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OUR HOOP DREAMS

Boys' and Girls' Basketball work together to help the community come together for the new basketball season.

The feeling of spirit erupted through the stands as junior Peter LaRose scores his second shot in the GB Unified game.

"[The fans] were cheering my name. I felt good making the baskets," LaRose said.

Coach Mike Thomas wanted Bobcat Madness to be an event for everyone. The Pom team had a performance and also did face-painting. There were bounce houses for the kids who attended, as well as a youth basketball camp.

"It was just to get people excited for winter sports around the community and the school," Coach Thomas said. "We had an autograph session over

with the players. We also had a youth camp going on in the main gym for about an hour. You could come over there and learn some basketball."

The youth basketball players had the opportunity to pair up with a high school student on the Boys' or Girls' Varsity team.

"I volunteered to do the three point contest because I like to shoot and work with the kids who volunteered to do the events," junior Micah Johnson said. "I was excited because the event was created to be fun and entertaining for the kids, and I was happy to be playing with my team."

Freshman Robert Taylor won the contest with his partner, winning T-shirts from clothing companies Wealthy and Dreams to Reality.

"I did the 3-point competition with a youth camp kid, we ended up winning it, too," Taylor said. "It was cool seeing the smile on his face."

Participating in the 3-point contest, freshman Riley Place presented the skills that helped her make Varsity. Her favorite shot is the 3-point, a shot she worked on the court to perfect. "The thing that got me into basketball was my dad," Place said. "He's a big sports guy, and ever since I was little, I have been in a gym."



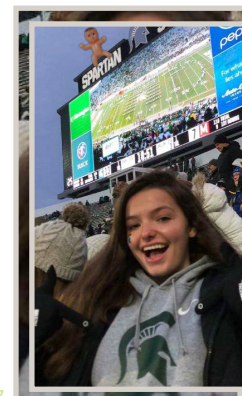
Feeling a rush of pride, junior Andre Ridley raises a youth camper to help him make a basket. Ridley helped the youth campers show off their own talents and make them feel like they were part of the team. "It felt very natural [for some kids], it just took a minute for them to get the hang of how to play," Ridley said. "Some of them popped out with their skills when I helped them."

AN AMAZING VICTORY

MSU

"I don't feel bad that we lost. I'm a Michigan State fan, and I'll always root for them, but they haven't played good this year at all. They are better than us, and there is no argument there."

- Jenna Sanborn



Almost every year since October 12, 1898, the Wolverines and Spartans have competed to win the Paul Bunyan Trophy. This November, the Wolverines brought the trophy home to Ann Arbor.

U of M

"After the game, I felt thrilled. It was really impressive to see how Michigan has grown throughout the season. We worked very hard, and deserved this win."

- Javeah Boldt



10 Miles of Perseverance

Leading up to the football state championship, 11 members of the Football and Cross Country teams run to Ford Field.

fast facts

The whole team ran around almost 11 miles, the length of 193.6 football fields.

The temperature was below 38 degrees.

The run took an hour and a half

Although a snow day was promised on November 16, a group of athletes tried to keep warm as they participated in a yearly ten-mile run.

"A team from Mackinac ran the ball down, which was passed to Grand Blanc from Holly, and their football coach asked for our players to participate," sophomore Hunter Ames said.

Many of the participants said that the run was quite difficult. The boys were running in the cold on a dirt road.

"I prepared by going on the track the day of and ran 7 miles, full on sprint," junior Cadeyn Merrell said. "Physically I feel like I'm in better shape just from that mile."

Each person followed a truck, running for one mile, then handing the ball off to a teammate. In the end, the ball would end up at Ford Field for the Detroit Lions.

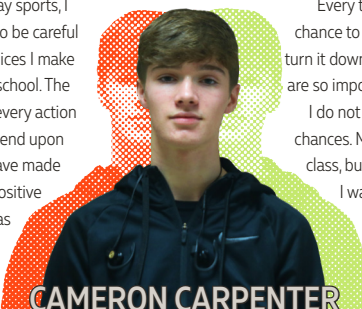
"I felt like it would be an honorable thing to carry the game ball, and hopefully one day I will get to use that ball in the future," junior Chrisjh McElwee said.



Members of the Football and Cross Country team join together to take part in carrying a football from Mackinaw all the way to Detroit. "It showed that I could achieve my goals," Merrell said. "I didn't think I could run that mile and I did."

Biggest Regrets vs. Best Decisions

"Because I play sports, I always need to be careful about the choices I make in and out of school. The outcomes of every action I make all depend upon my future. I have made many good, positive choices such as denying peer pressure from my friends."



CAMERON CARPENTER

Every time I am given a chance to drink or smoke, I turn it down because sports are so important to me, and I do not want to ruin any chances. Many people skip class, but I don't because I want to have good grades and get into a good college."

"One of my biggest regrets is not spending enough time with the people I care about, and not being there for others when times were tough. Not too long ago, my past girlfriend was coming home from a birthday party and got into a car accident. Unfortunately, she did not make it. After this incident, I cut off my close friends and wasn't there for them. I was in a bad state where I would get into fights with others around me."



BRAYLON SEATON

Boxing helped me overcome my grief, and I grew closer with my friends and family, especially my cousins. They helped through so much, and I try to see them whenever we are available. If I ever had the chance to go back and say something to my past girlfriend, I would tell her how much I love her. She was one of my closest friends, and we had known each other since before fifth grade. I guarantee that if she was still with us today, we would still be together."

May 6 changed senior Carolanne Bronson's perspective on life. Going from full-time student to full-time parent presented more obstacles to her daily schedule.

"Balancing out school and homework was the hardest thing I have ever done," Bronson said.

While struggling to fight disappointment from loved ones, Carolanne and her boyfriend still happily celebrated the birth of her six-month-old baby boy.

"After having Dylan, I don't think I could ever go back," Bronson said. "Caleb's parents were disappointed, but they were always supportive. They said they would help us figure it out."

Even though Bronson admitted that it wasn't an easy decision, she knew that her child was not going to be a regret in her life story.



CAROLANNE BRONSON

THE BABY SHOWER

More than 600 miniature babies are popping up around East and West Campus in the most unexpected places.

Inspired by a Youtube video about small plastic babies, sophomores Sidney Santana and Lydia Minzey wanted to try something new at our school.

"I thought the Youtube video was kind of funny and I was like, we could do that here. I wanted to see how people react," Minzey said.

After purchasing some babies, and hiding them around the school, they have spent over \$60 on the babies. Santana and Minzey planned to keep hiding them



There are six tiny babies hidden on this week's page. See if you can find them.

until people were no longer amused.

"It makes being at school fun, and seeing people search for babies is pretty hilarious," Santana said.

They have mainly been hiding them through the 100 and 200 wings, but you could find them in almost any place, from lockers to water fountains.

"Mr. Paris wants it to become legendary," Minzey said.

The English teacher, who thought it was funny and wanted to encourage the joke, donated \$6 to the cause.

"We have a bunch [of babies] that are special and they've been painted so they look different than the originals. If you give it to Mr. Paris in room 119, he will give you a bag of chips," Santana said.

To Infinity and Beyond

Disney fans can now purchase Disney's streaming service to watch their favorite old and new movies and shows.

"Disney was a big part of my childhood. Everything surrounding me was Disney, every movie and TV show was Disney, so I like to look back at them now."



DYLAN MOREL



JOSHUA DUCHARME

"Since I already have Hulu, Netflix, HBO Go, and other things, I don't know why I would want to buy another streaming service. It just sounds like [Disney] wanting extra money."



ALAINA SCHULTZ

"I have always loved Disney. I go to Disney World all the time and I love all the old shows."



MIA CHRISTENSON

"Disney Plus only has children shows and movies, and superhero stuff that I don't really like. But, if I am with people who want to watch a Disney movie, I will watch it."

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