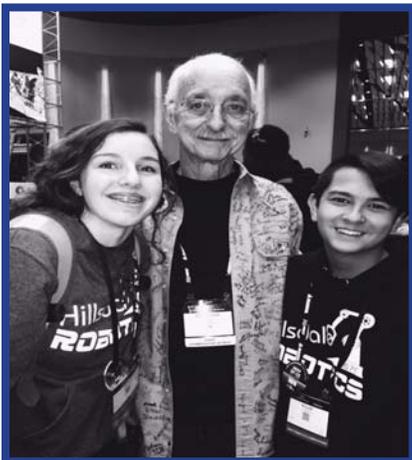


The HORNET BUZZ

ROBOTICS WORLD COMPETITION

By Makenna Dietz '20

Last year the robotics team was excited to make it to the playoff rounds at regional events, this year we were ecstatic to make it onto the playoffs at the world championship. Competing alongside 14 countries, we ended up in the fourth seed alliance who ended up becoming the second place team. There were two world events, one in Detroit, MI and one in Houston, TX. The event in Texas was held a week before the one in Michigan, which took

place at the Cobo Center and Ford Field. The points of each team are compared between the two events to determine the world champion for the First Robotics Competition.

At the Cobo Center, there were 6 different divisions, each being on their own field. About 68 teams were in each division and went through 114 qualification matches, each robot getting to play in 10 of those matches. On the first day, our team ended in 51st place in our pool. The next day we bounced up to the 18th place and by the end of our 10 matches, we were in 27th place. Some of the team members had to take stats for around 50 of these matches on the first day so the next day we could relax and watch the matches instead of an individual robot.

Although we were knocked out in the quarterfinals, we felt better about the fact that the team that beat us ended up beating all but one team. As this was our team's first year qualifying for the world championship, we were concerned with the lack of funds and possibly not being able to go. The community rallied together so that our team was able to attend. Martinrea covered our \$5,000 registration fee, Paragon gave us \$2,500, and our go fund me page went over our goal of \$2,700. Another team who we had not been in an alliance with donated money to the go fund me in order to help another team experience worlds. The overall support will also help us for next year's season, "Infinite Recharge" and the team looks forward to going to worlds for a second time.

MAIER, NEUMANN, & SPRINGER TOP IN THE NATION

Lara Neumann '19, placed third in Fundamental Accounting and she also earned a Precision Exam Certification in Accounting I. Lara had to take an accounting test that covered inventory costing methods, depreciation, and more. Also placing third in the nation for the Hornets was Sophomore Ella Springer. Ella designed a trading pin, a logo, and a poster to advertise the BPA confer-

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John Maier '21, earned fourth place in the extremely difficult Economic Research Project competition. John had to research monopolies, write a paper, and then present his findings to a panel of judges. His presentation was very entertaining and insightful.

BPA NATIONALS - WHO'S GOING

By Breanna Bildner '19

Business Professionals of America has had one amazing year this year. BPA is the largest club in the school with 75 members. They had amazing success at regionals with over half of the club qualify for state. At the State Leadership Conference BPA had five students qualify for nationals including three state champions. The national qualifiers include Lara Neumann, Sarah Korn, Grace Shreffler, Ella Springer, and John Maier.

Lara Neumann, Grace Shreffler, and Ella Springer were our three state champions. Lara placed in Fundamental Accounting, Grace in Intermediate Word Processing, and Ella in Graphic Design Promotion. Sarah placed 3rd in Intermediate Word Processing and John placed 5th in Economic Research Individual. There are also 5 students who received the Ambassador Torch Award and also qualified for nationals, but are not attending. Those students include Breanna Bildner, Emily Kimball, Ella Lewis, Hunter Sharp, and Sarah Shreffler.

We wish good luck to the 5 going to nationals in Anaheim, California. The National Leadership Conference is a huge conference with thousands of attendees. Making it to this level of competition is a huge accomplishment that shouldn't be taken lightly. Congratulations Lara, Sarah, Grace, Ella, and John! We know you will make Hillsdale High School proud.



TRADITION(S)!

By Muriel Mackie '20

All across the vast expanse of Hillsdale High, students mill about, each possessing their own background and history, familial traditions and customs bourn from years of practice or cultural identity, and personal histories which permeate through the generations and manifest themselves in a variety of ways. From characteristic takes on familiar celebrations, traditions invented with pure individually, or expressions of heritage, every student in HHS has their own menagerie of unique, colorful customs if only one would look.

Through the interesting and varying experiences of students, anyone can find that an average high school possibly assumed to hold nothing more than the most typical of backgrounds is actually teeming with vitality and personal connection. Kyra Lewis, a junior, remembered her family's tradition that when a child turns

seventeen they are allowed a single tattoo, one that Lewis says must "represent who you are as person", a tradition which encourages free expression and self discovery. Lauren Adams, another junior, recalled how every Mother's Day her home becomes the wide-spread meeting place for extended family and a large feast (not mother-exclusive, which adds to the fun). I myself, because of our family ties to Ireland and Scotland, always spent St. Patrick's Day not bedazzled in silver and green but sitting around the dinner table eating roast potatoes, cabbage, and corned beef, methodically obtaining the yearly lesson on none other than St. Patrick himself. The students of HHS are not simply going through the motions, absentmindedly joining the party without any idea what it means--their traditions and customs help to connect themselves, their family, and their heritage. Traditions are not exclusive to the elderly and those of a bygone time, and certainly not to the teenagers of Hillsdale High School. Perhaps an outsider would find the customs of these small town American students rather dull, maybe even predictable, but in reality they are just as extraordinary as anyone's, because who can judge a custom, and who can decide what brings a family or a person closer to themselves or their heritage? HHS holds a plethora of students, and each has their own distinctive rainbow of history, just like anyone else on this earth.

HILLSDALE'S BEST BEARDS

By Peyton Drews '19

We've all seen the magazines with the depictions of a perfect man. Manscaping and grooming is very apparent among the list of the "World's Sexiest Men." A man's facial hair is his pride and joy. The decorative feature of fuzz on a dudes face can determine a good date versus a sad and lame date. Here are some of the competitors for Hillsdale High School's Best Beard! Many guys at Hillsdale sport the goatee. The word "goatee" comes from

SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS, BUSINESS AND POWER

By Annie Hamaty '19

“It seems as though everyone is on their phones nowadays, that people aren’t connected anymore,” has said every person over forty ever. Social media has pros and cons, but a major benefit is for those who have built a platform of status, influence, and stardom. Alexis Ren, supermodel and Instagram extraordinaire, Shawn Mendes, once Vine star now pop music sensation, and one of the wealthiest families, the Kardashians, have all built a platform on social media, and there is no shame in that.



Social media allows normal people to connect to famous people, and for normal people to become famous people. But just how does this work? Influencers are sponsored by brands to discuss their “favorite” skincare (ahem, all of those Curology adds), how much they love audiobooks (we get it, you don’t actually read), and show clothing hauls from trendy stores. Brands may take their stars on lavish vacations to promote a new product they’re launching, but that doesn’t mean what the stars are doing is immoral, right? Think about it this way: social media is a business exchange between consumer and producer, and if you think the main reason a brand is partnering with an influencer is because of their millions of followers, you’re right.

There is nothing unjust about a company sponsoring a star to promote their product unless they don’t actually love the product. However, companies have been doing this for years. If you’ve taken SAT test prep, you probably know the persuasive term ‘ethos’, meaning a person credible (or famous) urging a viewer of a commercial to buy the product because they love it too! It’s simply business, and a good one it is. As of January 2019, Alexis Ren’s net worth was \$3 million. Not to mention other top influencers of 2018 such as Jake Paul, Andrew Bachelor, and Lele Pons (CBS News).

Many stars today have risen to power by navigating the turbulent tide of social media and riding the wave of online business, but have they gained the same credibility as Hollywood actors and Grammy Award-winning musicians? That’s up to you to decide. Social media influencers seemed to have chosen the correct career path in terms of monetary value and power and use common business concepts such as marketing and entrepreneurship, which reflect the classic silhouette of an American businessman. Who knows, maybe being a social media star is the new American dream.

the Greek god Pan, who was a god of mischief and partying. He was a satyr, a half goat, half human. Aidan Petersen (Grade 11) sports this style. In addition, Nathan Smith (Grade 12) sports the chivalrous goatee. Ryan Reniche follows suit, except he also has a mustache- a glamorous addition!

Many dudes covet the title of Best Beard! The competition for this prestigious recognition rivals even the most brutal of hardships. For example, some would say that the methods for Best Beard! are unethical, almost to the degree of Miss America pageants. However, between the listed and unlisted competitors, one rose to the challenge. Gavin LaFollette (Grade 11) displays a sporting beard. Congruent on both sides, the beard hairs stand on the edge of chic. Such a beard rivals celebrity Chris Hemsworth, or anybody on the show Duck Dynasty. This is why, Gavin LaFollette wins Hillsdale High School’s first Best Beard! competition!

FASHION AT SCHOOL

By Emily Kimball '19

Waking up in the morning and getting ready for school is one of the worst things for a teenager. School is often a stressor and a place they aren’t excited to go to. The getting up, getting ready, and going are not in your control. However, what you wear to school IS in your control. Being a public school, Hillsdale High School does not require its students to wear uniforms. There is a dress code, but for the most part, students are free to wear whatever they want. On a normal day, you see over 2,000 pieces of clothing, and each one is different. Often, students show their personal style in what they wear. For others, their clothing is all about comfort.

I asked some students how they decide what to wear to school on

a normal day. Junior Abi Piske said, "I try on a bunch of stuff to see what's cute because I feel like I wear the same thing all the time. I check the weather too, to make sure it makes sense. Also, I'm limited to whatever is clean." I also asked junior Drew Pitts the same question. Drew replied, "For me, I'm one of those people that just go into my clothing storage containers and find a sweatshirt and pair of pants, matching optional."

Nonetheless, clothing is required. Expressing yourself through your clothing changes this uncontrollable thing into something that's fun and exciting. When you go to the store and see a shirt that you have to have, it makes you excited about wearing it. For others, they shop for the softest clothing or even the cheapest. Not everyone loves fashion and style, but everyone still expresses themselves in their clothes one way or another.

IMPACT OF EXAM WEEK

By Bailey Morgret '20

Exam week has a different impact on every student. To most exam week can be considered one of the most stressful weeks in the year. Each student is focused on studying and making sure they will receive the grade they want. Though, studying can lead to loss of sleep and other unhealthy habits. Exam week is toward the end of the term. Some students rely on their exam grade to boost them up enough to pass the class. When Kayden Vick, a senior, was asked on his feelings during exam week he proclaimed, "I get super stressed out because I feel like there is a lot of pressure on me." This shows that even seniors feel the pressure too.

Exam week stresses many students out. After the week though, they can feel relief that it is finally over. Students will lose sleep just to make sure they get a passing grade. I feel like during exam week lunch games, or such things like that would help relieve some of the tension students face.

HOW STRESSED ARE HILLSDALE STUDENTS?

By Hanna Ritchey '20

"I'm so stressed," is a phrase most teenagers use in this day and age. Some parents severely underestimate the amount of stress their kids are put under, from school, to their social life, even at home stress. The stress high school students go through is rough, it may not be as bad as having to pay taxes or paying for a mortgage, but stress is stress nonetheless. To dumb down high school students stress with adult stress is unjust and out right not fair. High school is an extremely crucial time for kids and it shouldn't be overlooked.

I randomly polled students of different grades asking the same question, "During the school year how stressed are you on a scale of 1-10?" and on average people answered with an 8. Ten out of the fourteen people I asked also had jobs. Studies have shown that high schoolers have the same amount of stress as 1950 asylum patients. In my opinion, what parents don't understand about high schooler stress, is that we actually do have something to stress about. When you're a 9th grader, if you don't do well in your classes you can't really advance to 10th grade properly, you'll lack vital information that should help you in your 10th grade classes. The same goes for 11th grade, which could actually ruin your future. When you get to 11th grade, you have to take the SAT, which all of your high school career is supposed to ready you for. 11th graders stress about the SAT because it really does decide your future, then 12th graders stress not only because

they wonder if they got into their dream college/university, but if they can even really afford it.

High schoolers are also still figuring out who they are, what they want to do in life, where they want to be in life, it's a very complicated time for kids and teens. Between homework, sports, a job, a social life, and chores at home, there really isn't a time for kids to destress. Teens constantly have to deal with their future depending on a class being an A+ or a C-. The next time someone tries to tell you "You're just a kid, what do you have to stress about?" tell them the truth.

ROUNDING OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

By Hailley Perry '20

It's coming close to the end of the school year and we all are probably exhausted, tired, and just ready for it to be over. Only a few weeks left to push, and it's coming fast, but let's look back on the year. When we started out we were pumped for the start of the year, new freshmen, sophomores finally understanding how high school works, juniors realizing it's gonna be a super packed year where it all counts, and seniors, their last year to make memories here. Teachers teaching the same old, same old to new students, and still getting excited about it or faking it. Another whole year of turning our focusing to learning for the future.

This school had a bunch of good memories, a few might not have been good, but we are making the best of it. Maybe you tried something new, joined a club, played a sport, maybe even got a good grade, we all had something good happen to us this year. The juniors took the SAT, it was very stressful and even made people go to bed way earlier than they usually do, it may have been hard but they pushed through!

While it comes to an end we say goodbye to another school year, we are finally able to breathe. Leaving may be harder for others, for most it will become a faint memory in a review town, but the love will always remain. This is where we became hornets, we will always be a hornet in our hearts, but our college will give us a different mascot. While the seniors leave, remember it never rains in the heart of a hornet.

ADVICE TO UNDER-CLASSMEN

By Erin Ruley '20

Coming into high school starts a new chapter of life. Starting something new can be scary due to the fear of the unknown. With a little help from upperclassmen that have already gone through these struggles, high school will not seem like a hard task but more like part of your lifestyle.

In English 9 Mrs. English begins the class asking her students what their biggest fears of high school are. Some of the repeated fears include: not getting to class on time, having too much homework, and mean upperclassmen. In the last few weeks of their freshman year, the same students are given back the papers with their fears from the beginning of the year and they realize that they were worried about nothing. With hard work during the day excessive homework is not a problem, seven minutes between classes in plenty enough time to get to class on time, and most upperclassmen at least talk to a few freshmen. Hillsdale High School is different than the movies and many of the schools in the area. Freshmen often take classes with seniors. Some of the schools sports do not have freshman teams so teams are mixed with sophomores and freshman. Freshmen are not isolated in this school because we work together.

Some important things for underclassmen to remember are join clubs,

do you best, and do not stress. By joining clubs the fear of being alone is masked. There are plenty of clubs for different interests and within them are people with similar interests. If you try your best in school no one can stop you. Even if that means you still do not make as good as grades as the person sitting next to you, just do the best you can. Keep up the hard work because there is another chapter waiting for you after high school. Stressing does not help at all. Once you are smothered from stress it is hard to separate yourself from it. It is much harder to avoid stress than it is to stay away from it, but the longer you keep stress at a minimum, the easier it is to focus on the good in life.

NETFLIX SHOWS TAKING WAY

By Cameron Stych '20

Umbrella Academy, written by well known MCR band member Gerard Way, came to Netflix on February 15, 2019. In the show, in the year 1989, 43 women who had not been pregnant at the beginning of the day ended up giving birth around midday. Seven are adopted and/or bought by an eccentric billionaire, and the kids have special abilities they use to fight off criminals. The show has a 76% on rotten tomatoes. "I really like the show," Kayden Vick says. "It has a lot of representation."

One Day at a Time, is a show that revolves around a Cuban family living in an apartment complex run by a rich Canadian man. The mother, Lydia, is an ex army vet, who takes care of her kids, Alex and Elena, alongside her Cuban refugee mother, Lydia. "The show really resonates with me because it's so relatable," says Bailey Morgret. The show has a 98% on rotten tomatoes.

The Great British Baking Show -- does it really need an explanation? Once a year, twelve above average bakers are picked randomly from the

United Kingdom to bake for Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry, two esteemed bakers. They compete for 10 weeks for the title of Great Britain's best baker. While it originally came out in 2010, the show is still madly popular.

"It's interesting and very British, haha," says MacKayla Gingerich. The show has a 96% on rotten tomatoes.

THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING A PART-TIME JOB

By Kiersten James '20

Many people don't think that they could handle having a part-time job while being in school. Well the reality of this is that most businesses who hire high school students are flexible with school and sports schedules. There are many places that do hire students at about the age of 15 or older. Many students in our hive have part time jobs at places such as Coneys and Swirls, The Udder Side (in Jonesville), Burger King, McDonalds, Kroger, Wendys, Arbys, Market House, Walmart, Camp Michindoh, or other businesses in the area. If you don't have a part time job and have been thinking about getting one just talk to some of your fellow hornets to get their experiences and maybe you'll just have to go and get one afterwards.

Kendra Truax works as a dishwasher at Camp Michindoh and says, "How has my work experience been at Camp Michindoh? Honestly it's been one of the greatest experiences that I've ever had, and I'm glad I could be working there. Ever since I first got hired, I have made such great friends with my co-workers, and the bosses there. Everyone is so nice, thoughtful, funny, and caring people. Not only to their fellow workers but also to the guests that we have come in as well. We all work together to get our work done and it's almost as if we've

formed a little work family and I've definitely improved at my job with their help." John Storm works as a courtesy clerk at Kroger and says about his job experience, "Kroger has a lot of great benefits and lots of room to grow. My job consists of, bagging groceries for customers, making sure the lobby is full of carts, taking care of items that are labeled as 'go backs', cleaning bathrooms, cleaning the break room, cleaning the bottle return room, and taking care of both the inside and outside trashes. Most of my co-workers are cool and my bosses help us grow throughout the company. My experience working at Kroger has been altogether enjoyable."

These are just two of the many people in our hive that have a part-time job and would love to tell anyone about their experiences with working at our local businesses. So with summer coming up quickly talk to some of your fellow hornets and figure out which of our local businesses would fit you and go help them and yourself out. Having a part-time job during the summer is a great way to earn some extra cash and take some of that upcoming spare time off your hands. You will also have the opportunity to meet new people either being your co-workers or the people in the community based on where you decide to apply for. So do yourself a favor and get a headstart on this summer and talk to your fellow hornets and get some part-time job experience of your own.

GIRLS TENNIS

TEAMS OR FAMILIES?

By Abi Piske '20

When you join a sports team you sign up for more than just physical activity. As a member of a team, you get close through both wins and losses. Winning with your team brings so much positive energy and improves moods between all the players; losses show a chance to grow closer and learn to work better with your team. A team is a family, you have to be ready to support your team no matter what; that and making sure that you do not give up when a member of the team is having an off day. One student I asked was junior, Katie Smith. Katie is a member of the tennis' third doubles team, she said, "Tennis is a family because we come together and help each other grow not only as tennis players but as better people. Even though we though we have our issues and arguments, at the end of the day we are still a team."

I also asked Bailey Morgret, a junior on the girls track team. Bailey is a part of the school's high jump team. When asked, Bailey told me that, "Track is like a family because even though you are in an individual event you know that you have the whole team behind you and supporting you every step of the way."

I also asked Erik Hecklinger. Erik is a sophomore and a member of the school's varsity baseball team. Erik said, "Baseball is like a family because whenever you are going through a batting slump or you had a fielding error immediately after you make that error everyone brings you up." He also said, "The best part is when you make a good play and your teammates cheer you on and make you feel good about yourself and then everyone

feeds on that excitement."

GOLF GRIND

By Drew Pitts '19

Golf is a unique sport where instead of having to hit someone to get a touchdown or having to turn left so many times to get to the finish line, instead you have to hit a little ball that is about one inch in diameter to a hole and to putt the ball into the hole. Unlike many other sports such as football where the higher scores win, in the golf you want to get the lowest scores.

The Hillsdale Hornet golf team played their first golf match of the season at Green Meadows Golf Course located in Ida, Michigan. The golf team played a round of golf called the stableford golf system which is a round of golf where you get points for how well you play. For this system if you shoot a bogey which is one over par you get one point, if you get a par you receive two points, for a birdie you get three points, for an eagle you get four points and for a Albatross you get a whopping five points. At this golf match the varsity golf team of Mitch Blank (senior), Sam Vondra (senior), Corbyn Beach (sophomore), Adam Felix (sophomore), Sam Beach (junior), Carson Lopresto (freshman) each played at this match. Mitch shot an amazing 78, Vondra shot a 95, Sam Beach shot a 103, Corbyn Beach 94, Adam Felix 97 and Carson LoPresto shot a 102. For the first match of the season those scores are quite impressive.

As the 2019 golf season continues, the hornet varsity golf members will be playing a league event at Hudson Thursday, May 2, at 3:30 pm, the hornets will also be participating in the all day Western invite at Auburn Hills golf course on Friday, May 3. On Thursday May 7 the team will

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be playing in the Onsted Invite which is also a all day event at the Grande located in Jackson, Michigan. Good Luck Hornets!!

THE HEART OF ART

Tori Lucas '20

The love of art comes in different ways to people. Art shows creativity of each individual person and who they are and what they are feeling. Paintings either show pain, sadness, anger, or happiness. Everyone makes things in away that makes it unique with emotion. As children, when we made our little stick people as a drawing or a square with a triangle on top to show a house. We were all so happy looking at that those pictures because we put in a lot of work back then. Sometimes we drew our dogs and they were one big circle and a little circle with long ears and little stick legs. When the teacher said, "draw what you're feeling," most of the time it was happy but sometimes we were having a bad day and just didn't want to be at school. We just thought drawing was for fun and it got out what we were feeling that day.

Now, as high school students, we show our emotions more because now we know how to show it in more of a creative way. We went from our stick people to actually making the person's body and detail. Everything that we draw has more wow factors in them. When a teacher says, "make it this way but use your wow factor." Sometimes it's hard to come up with your own ideas while drawing because you want it to come out perfect and creative. We went from creating little pictures to creating a big painting with a more creative twist and more emotion.

BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS TAKE A TRIP TO NEW YORK

By Corbin VanCamp '19

The band and choir students took a trip to New York last week. They left Thursday night, April 25, and came back Monday, April 29. They took a bus all the way there; it took a total of 11 hours, one hour for rest stops. The students really enjoyed their experience. This was a interesting experience for some students and a new one as well.

They arrived in New Jersey and had a tour guide. They went to many different places including: Liberty Park, Battery Park, and down to Manhattan. They also went up to the Empire State Building and got to the 86th floor. One of the students who went was Spencer Parker and he told about what he thought of his experience there, "It went great, I had a wonderful time. My favorite part would probably be the Broadway shows."

They stayed at the LA QUINTA CLIFTON hotel and went on a lot of tours in many different areas. With having a long ride back as well. Students had an fun but exhausting trip. One of the tours they went on was the Grand Central Tour. In conclusion the students had a great time from what we hear.

FAVORITE TEACHER AT HHS

By Kayden Vick '19

There are a lot of good teachers in Hillsdale High School. One that comes to mind for Ella Lewis is Mindy Eggleston. She is a great teacher who really cares about the students' future. She always

does her best for her students. She makes sure they understand what is going on and explains things perfectly.

For Peyton Drews his favorite would be Jerry Curby because he's "cool". He likes him partly because he can be intense sometimes. Other times he has a very good sense of humor and knows how to make anyone laugh. He is laid back most of the time and always has a great time with his students.

Mackayla Gingerich thinks that Lahryn Spencer was her favorite teacher. She was a very caring and kind teacher to all of her students. She taught very well and was nice no matter what. She gave up teaching here and went to online teaching so she could spend more time with her kids.

THINKING CREATIVELY

By Lydia Lee '20

Being creative is an essential outlet for our emotional and psychological wellbeing. When given a project or hobby, humans develop a sense of purpose above and beyond regular responsibilities. Researchers have found that being creative heightens ones mood, alleviates anxiety, boosts brain function, and so much more.

Creative expression does not always require creating a meaningful art piece, music therapy is also a helpful alternative to medicine when dealing with anxiety, depression, or trauma of any kind. Writing little excerpts of one's day or even planting a garden helps apply problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Creative expression not only helps with mental health and problem-solving skills, it can help increase your immune system and

prevent disease through cognitive function and reducing stress.

While being creative has many benefits, there is a lot of myths and stigma towards the thought of being creative. When people believe they aren't naturally drawn to a certain art form, they aren't creative. Others believe that some are born creative while others aren't, it is just a matter of taking risks and chances. The goal of being creative is never to have amassing a drawer of doodles, the goal is to have a dedication to a sort of practice.

PROM AND AFTER PROM FUN!

By MacKayla Gingerich '19

This year's prom was a blast. It was held at the Wedding Barn in Allen. The theme this year was very rustic, with string lights along the ceiling, mason jars with flowers at every table, and of course, the beautiful wood that was used to build the barn. Prom was from 8 o'clock PM to 11 o'clock PM. Before prom, most people went to get their pictures done at the parks in Hillsdale, like Stocks Park and Lewis Emery Park. After they got their pictures, everyone went out to eat. Kayden Vick '19, Cameron Stych '20, and their group went to Ichiban Japanese Restaurant in Jackson, and Lydia Lee '20, and TJ McLavey '19 went to Steak 'N' Shake in Battle Creek.

During prom, everyone danced with their friends or their significant other. There were snacks like cookies, pinwheels, and sandwiches. Many of the songs were by popular artists like; Drake, Post Malone, Billy Ray Cyrus, Ariana Grande, and Cardi B. If you didn't want to dance, you could go up to the second floor and sit at a table

with your friends and talk about how great prom is.

For after prom, we went to Airway Fun Center in Portage, Michigan. It was from 11 o'clock PM to 4 o'clock AM. There was pizza and donuts for the morning. Also, there were plenty of activities to keep you busy through the night. Students enjoyed bowling, an arcade, laser tag, mini golf, go karts and many more. Prom 2019 was a blast and everyone made amazing memories!

WHAT HAPPENED WITH YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

By Kylee Hassenzahl '21

Having goals in your life is a really important step to becoming successful. A main part of having goals is, what you do with them and how you achieve them.

In my last paper about new year's resolutions, I interviewed my friend Grace Shreffler. We explained and talked about her goal and how she was going to achieve it. I decided to interview her again and see if she has stuck with the process. I asked her if she had stayed on track and accomplished any of her goals. She then responded with, "Yes I have accomplished one of my goals. I have been working out almost every night even if it's just a couple sit ups I have stuck with my goal and have not given up."

Grace is a perfect example of having the right mindset. She was positive and believed in herself that she could accomplish something, so she did. Sometimes it's hard for people to keep working on things and not give up.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NOTICES

- Attention all Sophomores and Juniors -- If you are interested in becoming an **FMP Mentor**, please see Ms. Postle or Mr. Potter for an application. The applications are due May 17.
- Any high school student who is interested in participating in the **iChallengeU** summer program, please see Mrs. Cornett for an application. The dates are July 8-19. Students will have an opportunity to work in a factory, a bank, or at the hospital and earn college credits, as well as, to compete for scholarship money.
- The last day to order a HHS **yearbook** will be Friday, May 17. Books will arrive at the school around the first of September. This year's cover should be very cool as it features a "heat-sensitive" photograph that appears when students place their hand on the book. You can pay for your yearbook in room 110A or go online to jostens.com.
- The **last day** of school for seniors will be Thursday, May 30. On that day, seniors will practice for graduation and take a bus ride to Gier Elementary to celebrate with the children and teachers.
- **Class night** for seniors will be held at 7 p.m. in the gym on Thursday, May 30.
- **Freshmen Orientation** will be held on Friday, May 31. Ms. Postle, Ms. Milnes, and Mr. Potter are planning a "carnival" type event.
- **Graduation** will be on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the high school gym.