

The HORNET BUZZ




MAKING WAVES IN THE LITTLE MERMAID

By Peyton Drews '19

The final month of the show has proven to be its own challenge for the cast of *The Little Mermaid*. In the last week, the cast went off book, and are working to have their lines memorized. Fitting in the time to learn lines is difficult for any high schooler. Many cast members have other obligations, such as clubs, sports, and community activities. Sophomore Mel Foust participates in Theatre for Youth's *Mary Poppins Jr.* as a chimney sweep, in addition to her role as Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid*. Junior Hannah Ritchey says that the props are quite realistic. Obtaining nice quality props is often a hard feat for shows. Costumes are extravagant, Hannah Ritchey says. She says that her favorite prop is her shells, which adorn her costume as Ursula. Junior Makenna Dietz says her favorite song is "If only". This is her first play, in which she was casted as Ariel. She is very excited for her role.

As practices come to a close, the ticket booth opens. Presale tickets may be available, so be on the lookout. The

show will coincide with *Artrageous*, so a good day to come view the art exhibits in the upper middle school gymnasium would be any day that the show is being featured. The show takes place March 22nd and 23rd, Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 1:00 pm. The show and Art exhibits are featured at Davis Middle School. The *Artrageous* concert follows directly on Sunday, March 24th. The cast hopes to see you in the audience!

COME DOWN TO ARTRAGEOUS

By Corbin VanCamp '19

Artrageous is a weekend that shows off Hillsdale High School artistic talent. You can see what your peers have made and appreciate their hard work they have put into their art. If you can't make it to the first night, there are 3 dates and different times you can come see it. Some of the times will be during the time of the *Little Mermaid*. You can come during the intermission of the musical.

The dates will consist of: "The Little Mermaid," Friday March 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday March 23, at 1:00 in Davis Auditorium. The Art Gallery is Friday March 22, at 7:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Davis Upper Gym. You can go before *The Little Mermaid* or you can go during intermission, tickets are required. On Saturday night, March 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the HHS cafeteria you can see solos and readings at the Coffee Shop event. The last one will be Sunday March 24, at 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. in Hillsdale High School at all the musical talents at the festival of song.

It is \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior students for "The Little Mermaid." There is a variety of artwork to

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look at as well. Come celebrate student accomplishments and show your support. Any of those dates are the best time to come and look at them. We look forward to seeing you there.

NOTE: Official Artrageous Poster was created by Senior Sierra Kelly in first period Graphic Design class.

MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

By Breanna Bildner '19

Music makes up a good portion of the culture here at Hillsdale High School. Currently, students are preparing for the Artrageous Fine Arts Festival. The weekend includes two performances of *The Little Mermaid*, Coffee House performance, and to close the weekend, a concert showcasing the musical arts at Hillsdale. Students Brayden Good and Grace Olinger are two great examples of students working hard to prepare for the coming concert.

Brayden Good is a junior transfer student from Grand Rapids. Brayden is the first chair violinist for the orchestra. Outside of school Brayden also performs for weddings, special events, and her church worship band and youth band. When she graduates next year Brayden doesn't plan on playing for school, but would like to hopefully play in her free time.

Senior Grace Olinger plays three different instruments and sings too. She plays trumpet for Marching and Symphonic Band, bass for Jazz Band, drums for worship band, and sings in the upcoming show "The Little Mermaid". Grace also plans on either performing a solo or in an ensemble for the Coffee House event during Artrageous weekend. She plans on continuing her music at Huntington University in the fall while studying Agriculture Science.

Brayden and Grace are two of the many talented musicians here at Hillsdale High School. Our school is blessed to have all of these amazing music programs and opportunities available to them. You can see Brayden, Grace and the rest of the talented Hornets perform the weekend of March 22-24 the the Artrageous Fine Arts Festival. Help give them the support they deserve for all of their hard work.

MOST FUN MOMENTS OF THE YEAR

By Abi Piske '20

Each school year is packed full of exciting and enjoyable experiences. I asked Lydia Bonjerno and she gave me two responses. She is a sophomore member of jazz band, marching band, and symphonic band. Lydia said she really likes marching band and performing during halftime; as well as going to the Jazz Festival at University of Michigan with her friends. At the Jazz Fest the Jazz Band attended master classes as well as multiple performances by the University of Michigan bands.

I also asked Alex Riley, a junior. His reply was one many of us can relate to I'm sure. He told me that his favorite part of the year was having so many snow days. He said it was nice to have a break from school to stay home, eat a bunch of food, and play video

games. I asked senior, Gary Ames, who's response cracked me up. His 'favorite' part of the year, was when his muffler fell out of his truck in the school parking lot. As for another Junior, I asked Katie Smith. Katie had a similar response to Alex, She said her favorite part of the year was getting to play with her dog over the snow days. I also asked Muriel Mackie, she told me that the 'Fat' Party was her favorite part of the year. The Fat Party is a day held by the cross country students where they all get together and "pig out" on junk food after going all sea-

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Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID
Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.
Davis Auditorium
\$8 Adults \$5 Students & Senior Citizens


Visual Arts Display
Friday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.
Davis Upper Gym

Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID
Saturday, March 23, 1:00 p.m.
Davis Auditorium
\$8 Adults \$5 Students & Senior Citizens

Visual Arts Display
Saturday, March 23, 12:30 p.m.
Davis Upper Gym

The Coffee House/Acoustic Buzz
Saturday, March 23, 6:00 p.m.
Hillsdale High School Cafeteria
featuring The Hillsdale High School
Jazz Band, solos, ensemble groups,
poetry readings, and short stories.

Festival of Song
Sunday, March 24, 3:00 p.m.
at DMS Auditorium
Hillsdale High School
Band, Choirs, and Orchestra



THE TERRIFYING REALITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE

By Editor Annie Hamaty '19

Imagine a planet where humans are responsible for the destruction of their habitat. But, you don't have to. This is the reality of living on planet Earth. On February 4, 11, and 18, Dr. Kenneth Hayes, professor of Physics at Hillsdale College, gave three lectures on climate change. The first explained the physics behind global warming, the second showed how climate change has affected the planet, and the third informed on what humans can do.



Global warming is the rise in the Earth's temperature which results in (but is not limited to) ocean and surface warming, Arctic sea loss (lost 75% volume from 1980-2016), and an acceleration of the Sixth Extinction. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) urges to reduce CO₂ emissions by 10% per year until 0 by 2040-2050. Easy right? No, this means lifestyle changes that everyone needs to abide by to reduce the impacts of climate change. A typical household in Hillsdale County emits 50.3 tons of CO₂ per year, resulting in 110,000 pounds per year and 300 pounds per day. In the average American household, their carbon footprint is 49.8 tons. How can this be? If you factor in transportation/travel, house, clothing, services, etc., it is not hard to meet the average CO₂ emission level. The Earth's climate is sensitive to greenhouse gas; in 2016, 70% of coral reefs were damaged which resulted in the longest bleaching to date. Per tank of gas is four square feet of ice lost, which results in the total volume of Arctic sea gone by September 2025. The Paris Climate Agreement was initiated in tandem with the United Nations to "undertake ambitious efforts to combat climate change", but in 2017, President Trump announced that the United States would withdraw from the agreement.

During the final lecture, Dr. Hayes said the major ways that humans can reduce the effects of climate change are to act, promoting action, and giving up fossil fuel technology with non-CO₂ emitting energy technology. Transportation is a major contributor to global warming, and flying, specifically, takes up 5% of the total global energy imbalance. You can reduce the amount of your carbon footprint by walking/riding your bike to school, carpooling, or purchasing an electric vehicle powered by SolarPV. Simple changes are as simple as switching to energy efficient light bulbs and washing clothes in cold water (not hot). The United States contributes to 27% of the total CO₂ emissions globally. If we want future generations to have the beautiful Earth there is today, we need to make an effort to preserve the planet. You have the numbers, you know how you can change, but you can't make a difference by turning a blind eye.

son while eating super healthy. Lastly I asked Makenna Dietz, who had a great answer. She told me that her best part of the year was when she found out she was cast as Ariel in the school's production of *The Little Mermaid*. She said this was a very new experience for her and she was so glad she got a good part out of it. Every school year is packed with exciting, fun, and memorable experiences, everyone has one, what's yours?

SAINT PATTY'S DAY

By MacKayla Gingerich '19

Saint Patrick's Day is the day of luck and of course green. Celebrations of this lucky day include parades, festivals, listening to Irish traditional music, and just wearing green. In the late 2000's, different landmarks were lit up green on this lucky day. In the early 20th century, it was an Irish tradition to wear the Saint Patrick's Day cross. This cross was made of paper, with different colored ribbon wrapped around it.

The history of Saint Patrick's Day started in the late 4th century when Saint Patrick was kidnapped at the age of sixteen and taken to Ireland to be a slave. He escaped and spread Christianity all around Ireland. He died on March 17th, 461. There were many legends formed around him.

Immigrants, especially in the United States, transformed the holiday to celebrate Irish things. Saint Patrick's Day has changed a lot from where it began. It started from Saint Patrick spreading Christianity, to celebrating the Irish culture. Saint Patrick's Day is unique holiday, and fun to celebrate!

THE DANGERS OF PROCRASTINATION

By Cameron Stych '20

The end of the quarter is coming up hot on our tails. There's a couple of things to remember as exams are coming up - study, study, study. Don't pretend to take your work home Friday and then not study at all over the weekend. Find time throughout the days; even fifteen minutes of dedicated work time will go

a long way. One more very important thing to remember as well: DON'T PROCRASTINATE!

Doing projects and homework is yes, the last thing you want to do, but it's 100% easier to get it done in one go instead of stressing out over it for a while and then doing it 12 hours before it's supposed to be done. MacKayla Gingerich recalled procrastination to be, "A disease, or an addiction. Once you start, you can't stop." Bailey Morgret described her experience with procrastination, "I do it all the time. It stresses me out a lot, and I tell myself to change, but I never do." procrastinating is rough, but you have to make the steps forward to change the way you work around things! If you can do it now, utilize your time to the best of your abilities.

ROBOT MANIA

By Drew Pitts '20

One Sunday night in July 1969, one billion people huddled around their radios and TV screens in awe as we walked on the moon for the first time. In that moment, the world was united in celebration of human ingenuity and inspired by the possibility that by working together, we can quite literally reach the stars.

In this year's robotics competition, Destination Deep Space, there are two teams of three: the red alliance and the blue alliance; the goal is to get the most

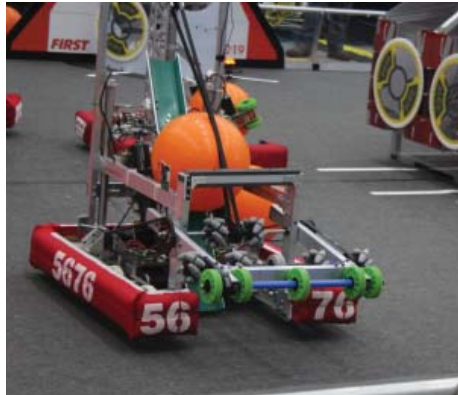
points possible in under two minutes and thirty seconds. To get the points needed there are three ways to do it. The first is through the cargo ship, the second is through the rocket, and finally through the hab platform. The Cargo Ship can hold up to eight hatch panels and eight cargo (kick balls) which come to a total of 40 possible points (cargo contains three points per ball and hatch is two points per panel). The Rocket can hold six hatch panels and six cargo, if one of the rockets complete we receive one ranking point which can be used to raise our team standings. The Hab has three tier levels, if you can maneuver your robot onto either one of the platforms you earn a certain amount of points. If you can climb on to the bottom left tier you receive three points, the middle right six points and on the top tier 12 points, the top tier is 19 inches tall so it's a challenge to be able to lift a 125 pound robot up upon it.

This year our very own team from Hillsdale, team number 5676 the H.E.R.O.E.S., are participating in the competition. The H.E.R.O.E.S. built a robot that will be focusing on the cargo ship and the lower rocket. Also the H.E.R.O.E.S will also be able to climb up to the very top tier of the hab platform. The drivers of the robot this season are senior Griffin Hoffman who will be the climb operator. Junior Drew Pitts is the second driver who controls delivering cargo and hatch panels to the cargo ship and to the rocket. The H.E.R.O.E.S competed last weekend at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek. March 7 and 8 the H.E.R.O.S. had a tournament at Lakeview Battle Creek and at the end of the Qualification rounds they ended up ranked 8th but had the 2nd most points of the tournament. The H.E.R.O.S. took 2nd in the finals and are now ranked 42nd out of 542 teams in the state.

PREPARING FOR THE SAT

By Makenna Dietz '20

In the spring, juniors will take the SAT. Students regularly stress out about this test and spend time outside of school studying. In the fall, most Juniors were in test prep, which was focused on improving students' skills that the test examines. Mrs. English, Mrs. Duff and Mrs. Youngman all taught sections of this class to



groups who rotated classrooms every two weeks. In the class, teachers gave partial tests and went through them to give students strategies to find the right answers as well as created an account on Khan Academy.

The accounts made on Khan Academy are specialized for each student and are effective when it comes to helping prepare juniors for the SAT. College Board and Khan Academy are linked and create personalized daily practices which target to improve specific skills. Twenty hours practicing on your account can lead to an average of a 115-point increase according to Khan Academy. The point of making these accounts is to provide practice for students, and practicing at all will not hurt your score and will hopefully improve it.

Multiple students are preparing on Khan Academy while others have different approaches. Abi is doing the test packets received in test prep, Erin said "probably wait till the last minute then open the books and stress out", whereas Drew just mumbled and groaned when asked what he'd be doing to prepare for the SAT. Students are clearly not thrilled to think of taking this test in the spring, but it helps compare students nationwide when applying to colleges and universities. The good thing about taking the test is that it does not dictate your path if you do not do well. The test matters when first getting into college and if you did not do well enough to get into your dream college, then working hard at another college can get you there the next year.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING EARLY

By Erin Ruley '20

This year's 2019 girls soccer team has suffered a loss already from losing a great number of their seniors. This year's team consists of a young team without any seniors. One of the new team captains has taken action already in the off season. Junior, Kaelyn Breuklander, teamed up with coach, Sarah Walworth, to start planning out the season and to begin preparing for this spring. Conditioning has been open

to all girls interested in playing soccer since the fall sports ended. It is not mandatory but highly recommended for all the girls who are not actively in a sport during the winter. With this head start, Breuklander thinks the team will be more prepared this season.

The last few years have brought the Hornet Soccer program on the uprise and with hard work and dedication, this year will continue the trend. While talking to some of the girls I have found that many of have been looking forward to getting back on the field. During an interview with a team captain, Breuklander mentioned, "This coming season I'm super pumped. I can't wait to see what we'll achieve as a team, and how far we can push each other. We have an amazing group of girls, and new girls with different strengths bringing great things to the field." With positive attitudes like this combined with hard work at practice the team will go far this year.

The senior class of 2019 lacks in numbers of girl athletes. The worries about young teams will soon cease. Breuklander has high hopes for this season. "Although we may not have seniors this season, it honestly doesn't worry me much. It allows us to build the team next year even more since we won't have anyone graduating." This is exactly what the girls teams need at Hillsdale. Many of the team have been lacking a solid family-like team and this may be the cure.

SOCIAL MEDIA - PROS VS. CONS

By Tori Lucas '20

The more social media we have, the more we think we're connecting. In reality we are not Actually connected, we're really disconnecting from each other. Social media makes it where even when you go home your friends can still show you what they are doing by using Snapchat. The world has come to where we are on our phones more than going outside with friends and family.

On the other hand, social media keeps you connected with family and friends

that you don't see because of distance. Kids these days don't understand the importance about going outside and picking up a ball and walking to a friend's house to get a game started. Nowadays, teenagers send a text and say, "hey want to hang". Kids are all about their social media and keeping it updated with their life.

MOreover with social media, children are getting lazy and not being more active. Articles have shown that kids don't get good sleep anymore because they stay up too late texting friends. In a recent Daily Mail Article it says, "The studies consistently showed an association between bedtime media device use and shorter sleeps, poor sleep quality and excessive daytime sleepiness." All these kids are more into their phones then they are with family. Social media has also been used for bullying. When our parents were in school bullying might have been in person, but now kids hide behind their phone or computer screens. This in turn has made some become more bold in their bullying tactics. Teenagers need to know when to cut the social media off to help themselves.

PART TIME JOBS

By Hailley Perry '20

Has your parent ever asked you to buy your own stuff? Well you're in high school and they probably ask that a lot or tell you to buy your own gas. Get a job, most high school students have one, a variety of jobs are open to your age! Really want it but it's not needed? Get a job, make your parents proud of you. Most pay minimum wage but that's better than nothing.

Tori Lucas works at Main Street Pizza in Jonesville. She works counter and tops the pizzas. It is like a family business because her mom and sister work there as well. Tori enjoys working at Main Street, she usually works with her mom during the school week., Feel free to stop by and pick up a pizza or the many other treats they provide. Like pizza and looking for a job? Stop in fill out an application and see how it goes! Kiersten James works at Camp Michindoh on the outskirts of Hillsdale. She-

and a few other students at Hillsdale High School do dishes, work with the dining room staff, and provide house-keeping in the cabins. Kiersten works in the dish-room with Kendra Truax and Ryan Potwin. They usually work about 20 hours a week depending on if they work the weekends. Interested in working here? Stop in, look around, and fill out an application, Kiersten recommends Camp Michindoh!

NON-SCHOOL SPORTS

By Bailey Morget '20

At Hillsdale High lots of school sports are provided. However a wide range of sports are not available for students. Hillsdale offers spring, fall, and winter sports. Students are able to choose what sports they would like to play. Some students would prefer to play sports that did not consist of trying out which would give the possibility to not be accepted.

Sports that are played outside of school are just as important as the students who play sports for the school. One student in particular Mckenna Dietz was involved in dance outside of school. When asked how she felt about performing a sport that the school did not provide she stated, "I liked it. Not being part of the school, you are able to see new faces and meet new people".

Outside of school sports can open athletes up to new opportunities; such as meeting new kids. When twenty random kids throughout the halls were asked if they were involved in out of school sports, thirteen of them stated that they did indeed play sports the school does not offer. This shows the importance of non-school sports to the children of Hillsdale High.

THE BIG MYTHS OF VIDEO GAMES

By Hanna Ritchey '19

When many kids ask their parents for a gaming console, a few typical responses may be, "video games will make you violent and/or antisocial!", and of course "Video games will make you lazy!" For years, gamers have been getting a bad rap because of the few band links. This article is here to help

debunk these harmful myths that affect present-day gamers, and may stop many from picking up a controller.

Video games will make you lazy! False. Some gamers can have lazy traits, but not all gamers can be, or become lazy. In fact, many gamers receive positive traits after playing video games. In video games, you're given a task/goal to achieve or you cannot progress to the next level, this can affect the work ethic of gamers in the work area. Studies show that people who play video games have more determination and generally have better work ethics than people who don't play video games. Video games will make you violent and/or antisocial! False and false. There's been no link from real life violence to video games. Studies have shown that the aggression you have while playing video games, motivates you to finish the level or take a break, and just that. The aggression you feel while playing a game, is the same thing you feel when you do a hard math problem. The stigma that video games make you antisocial, is not entirely the gamers fault. When someone tells their friend that they play video games, people immediately remember the stereotypes and myths of gamers and start to see you a bit differently. This makes gamers reach out for others who feel the same about games. Gamers make friends online, which doesn't make them antisocial at all.

Before you flat out say no to video games, you should look at the positives too. Video games are a great way to relieve stress and a fun hobby for you and your friends. With schools new interests in video games, more and more ESports clubs are being made. Video games are made for everyone, girls and boys, teens, kids, and adults. So maybe the next time you pass by your ESports club, stop inside and see what it's all about. Pick up a controller, sit back, and game on!

VIDEO GAME CLUB START UP

By Kiersten James '20

Many of you may be wondering what all of the announcements about this E-Sports league are for? Well there is a new club at Hillsdale High School where you get to play video games and help with coding games for potential scholarship opportunities. There are many members already and there is plenty of room for more. Anyone can join even if you have no experience with coding or gaming. Many people in the club don't have any experience and that is the best part about it because you get to learn with your teammates and have fun with it.

Many people may think that video gaming is bad for your brain and to a point yes that may be true if that is all that you do throughout the day but the truth is that it actually helps to stimulate the part of your brain that helps with problem solving. Video gaming is also a good way to relieve stress and help people with anxiety. I know many people who have anxiety and playing games helps them relax and calm them down and sometimes it even helps them to avoid having panic attacks. From my own personal experience, as a person who has anxiety it truly does help calm me down when I believe that I'm going to have a panic attack.

Coding is a great way to work with a partner and create a game for the gamers on the team to test out and give you feedback on. We are still in the process of getting things set up to start playing games and coding but for now we are just getting to know everyone on the team. It is an all around great opportunity for anyone who loves playing or creating games and loves to be around other people who love it too. If you are interested in joining the E-Sports league then I suggest that you talk to Ms. Sutliff about joining. I hope to see more faces on the team and get to know you.

SPRING BREAK PLANS

By Ella Lewis '19

Spring break is just around the corner! Students can hardly wait for spring break to start and to enjoy Easter with family and friends. I interviewed some students and asked them where they were headed for spring break, or if not headed anywhere what will they be doing on their time off? The winter has been brutally long and I think we are all in need for some sun and some warmer air. As I interviewed students, I asked them who they are going to be spending time with during the break, how they will spend it, where they may go, and what they will be doing!

I interviewed Abi Piske and asked her what her plans were? Abi replied that she is going to Chicago with Melanie Foust to explore Chicago, and also go to an Olivia O'Brien concert with Mel. Abi is very excited for her trip. Abi is also going to hangout with family during the break. She is going to stay the night in Chicago. Exploring the city sounds like a blast. I also interviewed Annie Hamaty and she said she's just going to enjoy her break at home and taking it easy, which most people will do as well.

All of the cold bitter winter days are soon to be over. I have seen so many students work so hard this year and most definitely deserve a wonderful spring break. No matter where you go during the break, it is important to take the time to enjoy it. Whether it's going somewhere tropical for some sun on your skin, maybe exploring somewhere you've never been, or just kicking back to relax at home. Spring break is just around the corner, and I'm pretty sure everyone at Hillsdale High School is sick with spring fever!

WHAT IS A CAMPUS SECRET YOU'RE WILLING TO SPILL?

By Kayden Vick '19

There are some weird things about high school that some people wouldn't expect. Cameron Stych says "Some people like school and it's a weird thing because most people only like

it to hang out with their friends. It's like one of those unpopular opinion memes." Cameron likes school because he thinks it is a good place to spread his creativity. His favorite class is Art where he really gets the chance to let his artistic ability shine. In the past couple of months there are students who have been caught leaving school to go get lunch from somewhere else. This is against the rules as we are a closed campus now. Most students use the argument that "the school lunch sucks and I'm not going to pay that much for crappy food I don't even like." This is a big event going on in the school right now and teachers are watching doors like hawks making it a little harder for kids to leave.

There are a lot of secrets on this campus that can't be covered in the newspaper, because they will cause a lot of change and promote more strict rules. These secrets should be kept secrets so we will have more freedom while we are in school.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS ?

By Kylee Hassenzahl '21

Do you remember two months ago when it was the first of January? I remember it because that's the day everyone starts their goal that they've set for their, "New Year's Resolution." I've been curious to know if anyone has been keeping up with it and how they have progressed if so.

I have decided to interview my friend, Grace Shreffler. I asked her how she kept up with her goal and how she stays in the right mindset? She responded with, "I keep up with my new years resolution goals by just thinking about how good it is to always push yourself to be better."

I then asked her how she has progressed. She said, "My goal was to workout more and I have been doing really well. It's an attitude thing."

As you can see setting goals in your life can change a lot of things and

make your life better. A goal will help you strive to do good things in life. The term "New Year's Resolution" is a very good way to incorporate goals into peoples' lifestyles.

BPA STATES

By Emily Kimball '19

The Business Professionals are gearing up to head to Grand Rapids to the State Leadership Conference. The students will be staying in the Amway Grand Plaza in downtown Grand Rapids, MI. While there, the students will attend sessions, have a formal dinner, dance, and compete against tons of other Business Professionals in the events they've been studying and practicing for since October. Hillsdale's BPA club is taking 45 students to compete and attend this State Leadership Conference.

I interviewed Sarah Shreffler, who has been in BPA 4 years and this will be her 3rd State Leadership Conference. I asked Sarah what she is most excited about going to state. She replied, "I'm excited to see how I can push myself and make it in my event. I will be competing in Fundamental Desktop Publishing and Parliamentary Procedure Team." I then questioned Sarah about what she'll miss most about BPA, since she's a senior and this is her last year. She answered, "I'll miss competing alongside my friends and working the different events that BPA hosts, like the Daddy-Daughter Dance and the Mother-Son Night."

Lara Neumann is a new member to BPA this year and a foreign exchange student from Germany. She was one of two foreign exchange students that joined BPA this year. I asked Lara why she joined BPA. She replied, "I got the chance to meet a lot of people and it sounded interesting." I also asked her what she likes most about BPA so far. She responded, "I enjoyed going to Jackson College and competing in my event and hanging out with the people there. I'm really excited for States!" The BPA members, Mrs. Eggleston, Mrs. Cornett,

and Ms. Sutliff have done a lot of preparation for this event. Wish them all luck as they go and represent Hillsdale High School.

QUIZ BOWL ON A QUIZ ROLL

By Muriel Mackie '20

Tension stretches in a quiet room. Fingers poised stricken raised, shoulders hunched forward in concentration, not a sound is heard but the sudden report of a buzzer and the sharp tone of a student: "The Merchant of Venice," "183," "Ernest Hemingway." And then, for absolutely no reason, the students, a close-knit group of both veterans and neophytes, burst out laughing, and the taunt atmosphere evaporates. This is Quiz Bowl, a weird yet wonderful blend of rapid-fire knowledge and dumb luck. Between studious studying, (occasional) off-topic conversations, and good-natured but fierce competition, these kids work hard to garner knowledge and take down the opposition.

Earlier this 2018-2019 year, the Quiz Bowl team made Hillsdale High proud as they competed in competitions across Michigan and even past state lines, taking home victories as well as losses but continually striving to put their best foot forward. Sam Webb, a senior on the team, took top 20th scorer at a state-wide competition at Hudson High School in Ohio, and at Leslie High School, the varsity team won in all brackets, successfully triumphing over their rivals. But what can be said for the team now, after the season has ended? What do the past accomplishments show, and what does the prospective team of next year hope to see? Ashley Rushing, a sophomore, says that "we hope to win," and Lauren Jenkins, a freshman, says "We hope for more members...more money [laughter]."

Overall, the students are hopeful for the next year, an optimistic view upheld by their brightly shining track record and an unconquerable fighting spirit. These students are ready

for whatever the next year might bring, both for competitive reasons, but also because of their genuine enjoyment and love for the team.

FAREWELL MR. BOSWELL

By Lydia Lee '20

Mr. Boswell has been teaching the students at Hillsdale High School for many years, each student he has blessed in some way. Although, this year it was brought to everyone's attention that Mr. Boswell would be leaving us. This upset many students of both the Chorale and Choir as he has been teaching most of us since grade 6.

During the month of December, Mr. Boswell shared with us his decision to retire a year early. He planned on leaving us next year and pondered it greatly before telling his fellow staff and beloved students. With the sounds of groans and pleads for him to stay one more year, Mr. Boswell held strong with his suggestion.

Boswell's fellow staff was happy for him, while throwing in a few jokes "time for one last road trip tour." Students who seemed upset at the time, such as Annie Hamaty and Emily Kimball, were very grateful to have had him as their mentor all these years. They were happy for him and wished him a happy retirement. While both girls are seniors, it was only necessary to ask if they wished the school got another great Choir Director like Mr. Boswell. They gleamed happily as they agreed and hoped we will be blessed with another great teacher.

It is with great honor and sadness to say goodbye to Mr. Boswell. Maybe he will attend church again with a past president or travel the country with his beloved wife. The opportunities are endless and with that, all of Hillsdale Community Schools must say farewell to their fellow staff member and mentor.



When asked what the best part about teaching at HHS and DMS was?

Mr. Boswell said,

"The wonderful students and colleagues."

BY THE NUMBERS

BOSWELL

26

26 years
teaching at
HHS & DMS

29

29 years
teaching
music

200

Taught over 200 Regional
Honors Choir Students

70

70 State
Honors
Choir
Singers

30

Teacher of 30
ALL-STATE
Honors Choir
Singers

13

ARTRAGEOUS!
Turns 13 this
month!

17

The Holiday
Collage Concert
celebrated is 17th
Anniversary in
2018.

BA

Bachelor of Music
Education from
Sam Houston State
University in
Huntsville, Texas

MA

Master of Music
in Choral
Conducting from
Michigan State
University

*Provided travel opportunities for music students. Toronto, St. Paul, MN, Washington D.C. twice, and New York City three times!

*Collaborated with the Hillsdale Arts Chorale, the Jackson Symphony, and high school choirs from around the state for Masterworks Concerts.

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