

The HORNET BUZZ



WHAT'S YOUR WORD

By Amber Butters '19

National Honor Society was founded to recognize outstanding students, and improve their school environment. The members of NHS at Hillsdale High have gone above and beyond and introduced a new scholarship to their peers. This scholarship is run by students for students. The goal is to provide another way for students to afford college, and keep their focus on what matters. Our NHS members have volunteered to make and sell bracelets without any other incentive than to help their fellow students.

This year NHS took part in a scholarship program known as 'What's Your Word?'. This program was created by a Hillsdale High School alumnus. The goal is to give seniors another opportunity to fund their college experience and remind people of their goals in life. To reach these goals NHS members created bracelets that are made specially for you. Each bracelet takes two to three minutes to make and is inscribed with a word that means something significant to you. These bracelets are used to remind you of your goals, keep your perspective in check and put a smile on your face.

The money that is earned by making and selling these bracelets is put into a scholarship fund for seniors. To get the

scholarship, students must apply and fit the necessary guidelines. One student, Khyra Hickey '17 says, "One of my biggest college fears is not being able to pay tuition and having to leave my dream school." This fear is not uncommon among high school seniors. Introducing a new scholarship is one more way schools can help prepare their students for college.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

By Jacob McGowan '17

It is time for seniors to work on scholarship applications, and the booklet from The Hillsdale Community Foundation is the perfect place to start. Within the packet there are hundreds of opportunities that range from everyone to specific factors such as financial need, school, gender, future profession and so on. This booklet organizes the opportunities well and will point you in the right direction easily, it is highly advised to complete all that you can from this. Teachers, college students, and future corps students will provide you with much needed advice if you have any questions.

Every post high school institute whether it's a trade school, a technical school, a two year, or four university will have specific scholarships available for students attending. This ranges from sports, academics, and financial needs. A great way to be granted money with no debt is filling out the FAFSA your senior year, but make sure it is done as soon as possible. Your GPA and SAT scores directly correlate with the amount of money you can earn for college, every school is different but the better you do in high school the more money you will get. Do not get deterred from working towards scholarships because they are well worth it!

Most requirements for filling out scholarship applications involve writing essays. When it comes to writing them there is a few key points, be creative, avoid creating a sob story, tell a story about a lesson you have learned, and be honest. A great strategy to making a better story is writing about how you have overcome failure, focus on how you strive to succeed instead

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of the negative. Always brainstorm before you start typing your story, and remember, no story is perfect so make multiple drafts before submitting your final essay. Scholarships are the easiest way to get debt free money for college, fill out your applications now and have fun!

BPA WINNERS AT REGIONALS

By Shianna Keiser '17

Friday, January 16, BPA members participated in the regionals competition in Dearborn, Michigan. Many events were competed in, but only six people in single events could make it to state from the 600 people in the region. Only two teams in the group events could make it to state.

The champions of the day were: Breanna Bildner in Intermediate Word Processing Skills, Alexis Higgins in Digital Media Production, Sarah Shreffler in Parliamentary Procedures Concepts, and the Parliamentary Procedure Team of Taegan Hoffman, Kamren Johnson, Trevor Kornak, Maddie Moore, Anders Moore, Emma Shreffler, Sarah Shreffler, and Rachael Rufenacht. Second place winners were: Nick Foust in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, Max Hayes in Information Technology Concepts, Alexis Higgins in Graphic Design Promotion, Anders Moore in Extemporaneous Speech, and the Administrative Support Team of Abigail Baxter, Kennedy Beach, MaCayla Bisher, Chloe Page. Third place Winners: Max Hayes in Business Meeting Management, Taegan Hoffman in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts, Emily Kimball in Basic Office Systems, and Ella Lewis in Fundamental Desktop Publishing. Fourth place went to Anders Moore in Parliamentary Procedure Concepts and Sarah Shreffler in Fundamental Desktop Publishing. Fifth place went to Emma Shreffler in Advanced Word Processing Skills, Max Hayes in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Khyra Hickey in Graphic Design Promotion, Emily Kimball in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, and Cameron Welch in Digital Media Production. Last but certainly not least in sixth place are MaCayla Bisher in Graphic Design Promotion, Gaike Hite in Entrepreneurship, Janel Kast in Fundamentals of Web Design, Marshall Mapes in Management/Marketing/Human Resource Concepts and PC Servicing and Troubleshooting, Andrea Mesarosh in Fundamental Desktop Publishing, and Kristen Miller in Financial Math & Analysis.

Members didn't just win awards in their events. They were given the opportunity to win a Diplomat Torch Award. The winners of the award from Hillsdale High School are Kennedy Beach, Breana Bildner, MaCayla Bisher, Braxten Boyd, Sarah Herring, Alexis Higgins, Gaike Hite, Taegan Hoffman, Moses Jenkins, Janel Kast, Shianna Keiser, Emily Kimball, Trevor Kornak, Ella Lewis, Dalton Lynn, Elayna Masters, Richard Anders Moore, Olivia Nolan, Chloe Page, Shannon Petersen, Emma Shreffler, Sarah Shreffler, and Joseph Wilcox. Over all regionals was a really successful day. We had winners/ state qualifiers in a multitude of events.

LAST SEMESTER SENIORS!

By Jasmine Wilson '17

The last semester for the class of 2017 is just around the corner. We all know by this point you are ready to graduate and move on to pursue a career. Make your the rest of your last year count. Do not stop now!

I interviewed Seniors MacKenzie Gingerich and Alivia Butterbaugh. I asked them, "What are you going to do to make your last semester count?" Alivia said, "I'm going to stay on task and use my time wisely. I'm going to focus more on work." MacKenzie said, "I'm going to stay busy and have fun enjoying the high school experience."

Put your mind to the test, go out and do everything you can to make your last semester worth it. Follow your dreams on finishing school and moving forward in life. Don't stop till you get where you want to go. You can do anything as long as



you put your mind to it!

We are so close to being done, so don't quit now. Keep your grades up and get involved! Prepare yourself for college and being on your own. Don't ruin the rest of your high school year making stupid mistakes. The last semester for the class of 2017 is just around the corner so make it worth it.

COLLEGE

By Ethan Bernard '17

All the seniors, I'm sure have senioritis. They're ready to move on to the next chapter of their lives and go to their University of choice. There are still so many things to think about before you actually go to college. You first have to pick a school that fits you and feels like home. Then if you want you can visit the colleges of your choice and get a tour from people at the college. If you have already chose what you want to study you can look up the programs at different colleges and choose the school with the best one.

Next, is applying to all the colleges you want. If you found a college that fits you and you think you might want to go there then you'll apply and eventually they'll send you a letter if you were accepted or not and hopefully you get accepted. Once you've been accepted you must choose out of the universities and commit and make your final decision on where you want to go.

Finally, you have to fill out all the paper work with your parents. You have to fill

it all out to try to get financial aid if you have the opportunity to get it. You also try to see if you can get scholarships to try and make college less expensive for you and your family. Once this is all done, all there is left to do is finish out your last days of high school and graduate.

THE BOLT STARTS HERE

By Danny Miller '17

The Hillsdale Robotics team is a group of intelligent individuals who know how machines work and how to build their own. Each year, the team designs, fabricates, and builds a robot to achieve the tasks given to them at a competition. They are the H.E.R.O.E.S. Hillsdale Engineering and Robotics Organization Engaging Students.

“Besides working on the actual robot, we also help our kids focus on marketing, fundraising, and strategy,” said coach Nick Tucker. “Our team is completely different from last year. We only have two returning veterans, but we feel strong going into the build season.”

The Robotics team is traveling to Battle Creek to compete on March 2, 3, and 4. They are also traveling to Mason High School on March 23, 24, and 25. This year, the team consists of only two returning veterans. Emma Hammel, and Max Hayes. Nonetheless, the team is going strong into competition and is fueled up and ready to go.

JOIN CLUBS AND SPORTS

By Ryan Stone '17

Hillsdale High School has many different clubs and sports for you to participate in. You should really join some type of club or do some type of sport. It will add a fun time into your day, and it is something that you chose to do so you will enjoy it. It could even introduce you to more people and you could make some new friends. You should try out a club or sport that you have never done before just to get the experience, and maybe you are really good at it but you just don't know because you have never tried.

There are sports offered for every season of the year. If you have a season that you don't have a sport in, you should try to get into a sport. If you are passionate about only one sport, you should try and do other sports because those other sports could help you get better in your main sport. If you like two different sports but they both go on at the same time, you can talk to the athletic director about doing both sports. If you do both sports though, you will have to sacrifice some time from each sport to be able to do the other.

Hillsdale High School offers a ton of different clubs. You are sure to be able to find a club that seems like you would enjoy. The clubs that the high school offers have a huge range of things to do, all way from robotics to the sewing club. You should join a club that you think you may not enjoy because you may like it in the long run and you would have never known if you didn't try it. If you join a club, there could be some strangers in it you may not know, then at the end of it, you could be best friends.

ABOUT THE INTERACT CLUB

Ella Lewis '19

We could all use a helping hand. The Interact Club this year is all about involvement, and the productivity students can manage for helping others. The club members of this year's Interact Club have helped out with various things. The club meets every Tuesday of every week at lunch time. The meeting discusses only what better ideas can be done to help better the community and school. What is so great about this club is the goals set. The members make sure they achieve these for the better of not only Hillsdale, but the world.

The Interact Club of Hillsdale students are led by Mrs. Cyndi Young, who leads the

club into doing great things. The club has worked concession stands, providing hats and gloves to the needy, rang the bell for the Salvation Army, helped at Johnny T's provide a Christmas for kids, and makes backpacks full of food for some preschoolers, as well as unloading these items from the truck. The club will continue to do more productive things over the years. The community will only get a little bit better with every bit of help.

The Interact Club is happy to help in any way possible! Kindness also goes along with the Interact Club. For that matter, doing things for the better of your community and people who could really use your help goes a long way to making everyone kind, and more caring about the world. For instance, being good to the community is making the world we live on, a better place to be! All of the members are kind to do little things for others and it is a great way to show a good example to others even outside of the club. This club is something all people can be involved in, even without being in the club.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

By Claire Felix '17

The women's basketball team has had a very new outlook on the game. This year, the Lady Hornets have had the privilege of being coached by Sue Pitts, former Hillsdale College women's basketball coach. There are also two assistant coaches, Erin Williamson and Megan Bailey. The practices, the drills, the game warm-up, everything is new and improved.

This season, the girls have had a rough start. They won against Hillsdale Academy and Waldron, but have struggled to pull a win on the other teams in the league. The Lady Hornets are almost halfway through their season, hoping to win against teams the second time around. The speed of the game is faster paced due to the new coaching style and the girls love it. The season has a lot to offer the girls, they hope to pull through in the second half of it.

The team plays almost every Tuesday

night and alternates Thursdays and Fridays with the boys team. The JV team starts at 5:30 and the varsity follows, usually around 7. Come support your Lady Hornets! Bring banners and streamers and cheer them on. Your enthusiasm and support is what keeps them playing hard. I hope to see you there!

STEPPING UP TO THE CHALLENGE

By MacKenzie Gingerich '17

The Hillsdale High competitive cheer team is a fairly new team. For the last three years, the coach Jessica Yearling, has been building up the program. The girls on the team have worked hard to get to where they are this season. With the girls at the top of their game, the season is no doubt to be the team's best. At this rate the girls are no doubt improving.

The meets consist of three rounds. Round one is centered around motions, precision, floor placement, and jumps. All of this judged by multiple judges. The round must be perfect and deduction free to get ahead in points. Round two is all based on tumbling, motions, and jumps. By this time the team should be up to three hundred points. Round three is the round where everything matters. From motions, to different variety of jumps, to intense stunts and tumbling.

Recently, the Hillsdale team has been at the peak of their performance. The last competition the Hornets scored 5th out of 14th teams coming close to 4th. After being only a three year team this is a very big accomplishment. The team is very proud of their accomplishments, now to improve more! Thank you to everyone that supports our team! #Hungry4Fourth

WINTER SPORTS

By Sarah Herring '17

At HHS we have four different winter sports. There is girls and boys basketball, wrestling, competitive cheer, and polar bear. Any of the students here can be involved in these activities. All of these sports are competitive and require a lot of time outside of school for hard core practices.

One of the more popular sports is basketball. Trevor Kornak '17, a varsity basketball player has been in basketball since he was in the third grade. If someone wanted to try out for basketball he encourages them to, "Always work hard no matter what. There will be many rough patches but it's all worth it in the end." Some of the things that he likes about basketball are that it's competitive and he is pretty good at it. Some of the best qualities of a team player are not being selfish, caring about the wellbeing of your team, and having every player's back. The funniest moment for Trevor was when Kyle Baker shot his first three pointer. This season he felt most like a team when they beat Onsted in double overtime.

Mackenzie Gingerich '17, a cheerleader at HHS, was asked a few questions about cheer and what to expect. With graduation being right around the corner she said, "I will miss making new friends every season and doing something that I enjoy everyday." For people who want to try out for cheer but may feel too shy and worried about what they expect of them she said that, "...they should go out and try it. It makes amazing memories throughout high school and you meet new people. They expect you to lead the team in an encouraging way." She tried out for cheer because she had always wanted to be a cheerleader. It's a family thing and she is glad that she has been apart of it for all four years of high school. In her cheerleading career she is most proud of being a leader to a great group of hardworking girls and she loves making accomplishments with them. Over all, the Hillsdale High School sports program not only helps athletes give their best performance, but also to create great memories and long lasting friendships.

DON'T MISS ARTRAGEOUS

By Khyra Hickey '17

Mark your calendars for March 24-26, 2017. During those three days there will be concerts, a play, an art show, and other creative performances. This festival is

a favorite annual event of the community, students, and parents. Many love to attend the play that takes place every year. This year's play is the Canterville Ghost that will have you on the edge of your seat and sharing laughter. Many students will be in it and performing their artistic ability in theater.

On one of the days, the jazz band will be performing at the coffee cup night. This will take place in the high school cafeteria. Accompanying the jazz band will be some solos of students and poem reading. Also the Study Cup will be open and serving your caffeinated desires. The choirs, concert band, and orchestra will perform a concert on a separate night.

Amber Butters '19 says her favorite part of the festival, "Is the coffee cup, because it is fun to see all the different talents and seeing the capability of some students." She also says, "The art show is full of fantabulous art work and shows a lot of dedication and hard work." I also asked Claire Felix '17 her favorite part of Artrageous and she replied, "The play. I have attended the last couple of years and really enjoyed watching my classmates' potential and artistic ability in theater." Overall the Artrageous festival is a must attend and a great way to get to know your classmates and their artistic abilities through performance and visual proof.

TIMES SQUARE BEWARE

By Mikaylia Kramic '19

The music department (excluding the orchestra) is taking a trip to New York this April. Even though the trip is almost four months away, the students are already getting excited and planning their groups and room lists. The trip will last for six days altogether. However, two of those days are devoted to transportation there and back. Altogether there are only 47 spots for students, and six spots for chaperones on the bus.

To prepare for the costs of this endeavor, there have been two separate fundraisers. One included the selling, and making of apple pies, and one consisted

of selling blankets, sheets, and pillows. Although the fundraisers did not cover the entire cost of the vacation, the fundraisers provided a much needed discount to the students. The students that are participating have already turned in two payments to the directors. The next payment is expected in February, and will go towards making reservations at the numerous events the travellers will be attending.

The group will visit various attractions throughout New York. Some places include the 9/11 Memorial Museum, the Empire State Building, and a visit to Radio City Music Hall. They will also go to many eccentric places for their dining. This includes a stop in Little Italy to visit a popular restaurant called La Nonna. Another day features a meal at Guy's American Kitchen. This adventure will definitely be one to remember for all who participate!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By Sophia Chen '17

With the arrival of 2017, people have been looking in retrospection and re-evaluating some of their life choices. New Year's resolutions are the perfect opportunity for all those who have failed to start making the changes that they said they would make next week, next month, or perhaps when winter starts.

The most common New Year's resolutions that some find hard to stick to include getting in shape, eating healthier, better time management, or becoming more confident. These can be especially difficult for students and teachers. Making New Year's resolutions are beneficial because it promotes positive self reflection and change. Though it can be an uphill battle at times, it is important to remember to not to lose sight of your goals.

Some tips to think about when struggling to come up with or stick to your resolutions include: making sure that your goal is realistic and not completely out of reach. A good way to do this is to write them down. Focus on one change at a time instead of a large sum

of changes that you can accomplish easier and better.

SNOW DAY FUN

By Trevor Kornak '17

Every high school kid dreams of having a snow day. There's nothing better than getting the phone call from the principal stating that school will be cancelled. Sleeping in on a day you are supposed to wake up bright and early is one of the best feelings in the world. Many students enjoy waking up late and going sledding and snowboarding. If you get enough snow you can take out snowmobiles or four wheelers for a long ride on the trails.

Others prefer staying inside and just enjoying the heat and maybe drinking some hot chocolate. If you get a free day off of school you need to go out and do something fun with friends. Do not just sit inside and sleep all day. Snow days help get your mind off of possible stressful past weeks of school. Many students just need a little break in the middle of the week and there is nothing better for this than having a relaxing snow day.

Sarah Herring and Kristen Miller love going sledding for hours on snow days. They said they could stay at the hill all day long if it wasn't so cold. Others like Ethan Bernard would much rather chill inside and just relax and enjoy the perfect day off. In the end, no matter what your preference is, every kid appreciates a snow day.

FAVORITE PART OF WINTER

By Ashley Garfield-Giminez '17

Winter months are full of exciting adventures. You can go sledding, snowboarding, skiing, ice skating, build a snowman, make a snow angel or ride snowmobiles. If you aren't a big fan of the cold there are indoor activities such as making a gingerbread house or baking. Whether you love the outdoors or hate the cold, there are activities for everyone in the winter.

I asked Kyle Baker what his favorite parts of winter are and he said, "The beautiful views and cuddling with my girls." Kyle's favor-

ite indoor activity is eating and working on cars in the garage. His favorite outdoor activity is back road drifting in his truck.

I also interviewed Emma Shreffler. Her response was "I like the way the snow looks when the sun makes it sparkle but it hurts my eyes." Her favorite indoor activity is watching movies. She enjoys Polar Bear Club as an outdoor activity. Many people enjoy winter and many people hate it but no matter what you can always find something you enjoy doing during the winter.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN - HANDMADE

By Tristan Burcham '17

Hillsdale's community has a large amount of ice cream shops and coffee shops, but there hasn't been one quite like this one. Handmade Sandwiches and Beverages is the newest business in town and it is rising up pretty fast. They offer a large variety of sandwiches and they have a little selection for ice cream. The shop has been open for little over a month, located in the old Oakley's Deli near Hillsdale College.

The new shop was opened by Hillsdale High School alumni Derek Spiteri who's dad also owns a business which is Checker Records, one of the favorites for coffee in the small town of Hillsdale. I asked Derek what his favorite flavor ice cream was and he responded saying, "I really like the espresso oreo." They do not have that many flavors yet since they just opened, but I guarantee that once they get the business rolling they will have tons of flavors. The espresso oreo is just as it sounds it is basically cookies and cream ice cream with espresso in it.

Being the newest business in town everyone will want to try it to see if it is good or not, the more business the longer the place will stay running. Being located near the college, they will be able to get all the college students in between classes to grab a quick bite or even dinner if they are out of class. If you have any spare time on your hands try and get out to the new business Handmade and get a quick bite to eat!

MUSIC FORTHOUGHT

By Alexis Higgins '17

Does music actually help you study? I like to think so, but what do scientists have to say about it? Some students excel when they listen to their playlists, and others have no luck with their studying. It's really all about the person themselves and their own study habits. Some kids can listen to upbeat music and some listen to only slow peaceful music. I asked a couple of students in the halls what they preferred to listen to while studying.

First, I spoke to Kayla Kane '17, she said, "I usually play today's hits or alternative. It can't be anything slow though or else I'll want to fall asleep. I also hate when music is super loud, I'll get a headache and not want to study any more. I pretty much like anything catchy." I also spoke to Cameron Welch '17 about his preference in music while studying. "I guess I just turn on something that fits my mood. I don't like to listen to anything with a lot of lyrics because it can be distracting. I like calm music, but again, I usually just turn on whatever genre fits my particular mood at the time."

There are a multitude of benefits when listening to music to help you study such as, it can have a calming effect on the brain during times of stress and listening to classical music can also improve logical skills as your brain begins to unwind with the music. Although there are benefits there is the chance it can become a big distraction.

PHOBIAS AT HHS!

By Briana Bradley '19

Everyone has something they fear, but most are too scared to share. Phobias can be abnormal or strange. A phobia is a fear of something that everyone experiences. So do not think you have something wrong with you if your fear is something unusual. Here are some phobias that affect Hillsdale High School students.

I interviewed Lizzy Reynolds and asked her what one of her fears is. She replied with, "The Ocean." I also

asked, "What brought you upon this fear?" She replied with, "I do not like sharks and the deep water. It just makes me nervous." I also interviewed Jasmine Wilson with the same questions. First I asked, "What is one of your fears?" Her response was, "Losing a loved one." Then I asked, "What brought you upon this fear?" She replied with, "It is hard for everyone to lose someone they love."

Whether it is being scared of the dark or talking in front of people, your phobia does not define who you are. Your fear could probably be overcome. Phobias come in all shapes and sizes, and everyone has one. It is important to know you are not alone or singled out just because of your fear. Embrace your fear even though you think it is weird.

SCHOOL LUNCH

By Alivia Butterbaugh '17

In comparison to schools around our county, our school lunch is not as bad as we think. Yes half the time it's cold or tasteless but hey, it's food, they could starve us. Well, not really according to the law. Many students either go out and eat or they bring a lunch to school with them. Not everybody has this opportunity. Every student's family is different. My family for one, since I was little, they always had me eat lunch at school whether it was good or not.

Pretty much every student looks forward to lunch time. To get away from thinking about school work. Or to hurry and finish/start that assignment for their third or fourth period. Either way we enjoy eating something while doing so. I have asked Taylor Ronk '17 how she feels about how school lunch tastes. "Umm well I think it can be okay sometimes but other times it doesn't look appealing." I also interviewed Todd Grubbs II '19 on what his opinion is on school lunch. "It is perfect the way it is and doesn't need to change."

Personally, I enjoy eating lunch here at our school but I would love it if we could have more choices. Instead of pretty much the same stuff just in different orders every day. Not that I don't enjoy what our school offers, just that a variety would be nice. I just want to put out there that our lunch lady's work hard and they do their best like doing things to make sure we eat healthy by having us get a fruit or vegetable.

BIG SCHOOL VS. LITTLE SCHOOL

By Sevanna Goodwin '17

You may be thinking, "Am I a person who will like a little or big school?" Well everyone is different. Big schools may have more sporting events, swimming and lacrosse are two sports that little schools don't have.

In little schools the classrooms are smaller and have less kids. Big schools the classrooms are bigger and there are more kids. Bigger schools have a lower graduation rates than smaller schools. In smaller schools some people can be the star of a sports team, but in a bigger school you have to tryout and have a chance to get cut from the team.

Researchers say that more people tend to go to smaller schools because they have more one on one experience with teacher and students. If you are a person who is shy and not a big crowd person than a small school is for you, but it's your choice. Big schools have a lot to offer for outgoing and self confident people.

CELL PHONES IN THE CLASSROOM

By Taylor Ronk '17

Cell Phones have created the biggest issue in classes. Some teachers are more strict than others but to all teachers they can be a major distraction. From new coming freshmen to the almost gone seniors there's a range of how much they use their phone. To get the view from teachers and from students I asked a couple so you can hear what they have to say about the issue.

First I went to the most laid back teacher everyone knows Mr. Patterson or as you may know him as Chip. I asked him, how do you think the use of cellphones affects the learning experience in the class? He said, "There can be beneficial moments but it's ruining the students' education." I also asked him, "What's your personal opinion about cell phones during class? He said, "Anyone who has one should be mature enough to know when the right time is to use them." For a different opinion I also asked Mrs. Spencer she said "Cell phones in the classroom can be beneficial when used for quick research but often times they end up distracting the students." For the second question she said, "Cell phones should be put away unless it's for class work or in case of an emergency." So overall teachers view cell phones as a negative in the class when they are used inappropriately.

Next I asked a senior and a freshman what their view was on the matter to get the range between how they look at things. I asked Cameron Welch '17 for the first question he said, "They can be very useful for studying." For the second question he said, "You shouldn't use them if the teacher is talking but it's okay any other time as long as you're paying attention."

For a freshman's view on the matter I asked Bailey Morgret '20 for the first question she said, "They're very distracting when the teacher is talking." For the second question she said "It's okay as long as you're doing something productive." Both Cameron and Bailey viewed cell phones in the class the same.

Overall some teachers and students view cell phones pretty much the same. Being a senior myself I have saw that seniors use their phones more often then freshman. Having cell phones out in class when the teacher is talking can be very distracting but also very disrespectful towards the teacher. For the best outcome to keep your phone away unless you're asked to look something up or if it's for an emergency.

SCHOOL DANCES

By Lindsey Russell '17

The school dance, a high school girls most stressful thought. All the questions, "Are you going?" "Who are you taking?" "What are you going to wear?" Well it's not just about the glitz and the fashion, it's about having fun and making memories. Most girls seem to believe that they have to wear the best dress with the perfect shoes, more like dress to impress. But that's not exactly the case here. Dances usually last about two to three hours, depending on the day. So for starters, don't wear heels, they're more of a hassle to take care of, especially if you plan to dance the night away. Also strapless dresses aren't the easiest either, mainly if you like to dance to the beat. That's just a couple tips before your adventure to the mall to buy the perfect dress. Dances are also a fun way to make new friends as well. The more friends, the more memories.

Homecoming is taking place on Friday, February 3rd in the Hillsdale High School's cafeteria. There will be tons of upbeat tunes to dance your heart out to and of course, your closest friends to share the fun. Always be safe and prepared for the dance, don't go unprepared. The dance is a tradition to all schools. Instead of sitting at home on a friday night, why not go hang out with your friends and have fun. It beats laying in bed binge watching Gilmore Girls on Netflix, that's for sure. Sure, not everyone goes to the dance, but that shouldn't stop you from having a good time. Yeah, you don't have to dance with anyone, it's easier that way. Go to as many dances as you can, otherwise you'll look back and realize you didn't enjoy your high school experience. Go to the dance, wear your perfect dress, share the fun, and make memories.

Upcoming Events

01/20/2017 Half Day

**01/31/2017 Order Yearbook
(cheaper price)**

02/03/2017 Homecoming

02/14/2017 PT Conferences

02/17/2017 No School

02/20/2017 No School

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