

# The HORNET BUZZ

## ROBOTICS UPDATE

By Alexis Higgins '17

The Hillsdale Robotics team, The Hillsdale HEROES, took home 16th place out of 40 teams a couple of weekends ago. The second competition was last weekend in Mason, Michigan where they competed for their spot at State. The Robotics State Competition is held in University Center, Michigan. The Robotics competition implements different challenges and obstacles to guide their robots through. Currently, The Hillsdale HEROES had been working on numerous updates to their robot.

I talked to Emma Hammel '18 about her experience in Robotics. "Robotics is my life," said Emma. "Robotics is very time consuming, but it's been very rewarding for me. I've learned a lot of skills that I value. I've learned a lot of valuable skills that I could not have learned anywhere else to the same extent. There's a lot of hands on, so it's taught me a lot about communication, teamwork, and leadership."

Emma has a lot of confidence in her team, The Hillsdale HEROES, and believes that they have a great shot at making it to the State Competition. The competition lasted four days while they competed against 160 other teams throughout Michigan. The Michigan State Championship took place at Sagi-

naw Valley State University in University Center, Michigan. Congratulations to the Hillsdale Robotics Team for making 6th place! Go Hornets!

## BEHIND THE SCENES OF PROM

MaCayla Bisher '18'

What does prom mean to you? Are you the social jock or the lab master? Either way prom is the one day each year where every individual can be themselves. It all starts with finding the perfect date, the unique promposals, and trying to be the best dressed. So how does this all fit together this year you may ask; the junior class is putting together the best prom yet.

The theme this year is Enchanted Forest and will be at the Potter Center in Jackson. This theme provides the chance for a unique setting, and something a HHS prom may have never seen before. Junior student council says this is a bigger layout than most and we are trying to design a fun and exciting environment for the night. Lora Dietz is the Junior class advisor and has been helping to guide them with their pool of money toward decorations. Also the price of tickets has gone down significantly since last year, going from \$40 a person last year to only \$25 this year.

The junior class says they really want for everyone to have the opportunity to go to prom.

Prom day concludes with so many enjoyable and memorable moments. Leading up to the night on the dance floor the girls go to get their hair and nails done. Finding the perfect dress is also plays a factor into the night. The guys also get to go out and find the perfect tux and maybe even change up their hair style for the night. Overall the day of prom is supposed to be memorable and this year the junior class plans for it to be just that for you. Get enchanted, buy your tickets and we hope you have a night to remember.

## BPA STATE

By Emma Shreffler '17

Business Professionals of America is our school's most popular club. With over 60 members in our chapter, at regionals, 30 of us qualified to attend the State Leadership Conference. Held at the Amway Grand Plaza, in Grand Rapids, we travelled to the 45th Annual BPA SLC this past weekend. We competed, we bonded, and we learned so much. BPA State is an incredible experience, I recommend it to anyone given the opportunity to attend.

Olivia Bambacht and Shannon Petersen attended SLC as Voting Delegates. Chloe Page, Kennedy Beach, MaCayla Bisher, and Abby Baxter competed for the Administrative Support Team. MaCayla also competed in Graphic Design Promotion



# Enchanted Forest

HILLSDALE HIGH SCHOOL PROM

Saturday, April 22, 2018  
8 p.m.-11:00 p.m.  
The Potter Center  
(Jackson College Main Campus)  
2111 Emmons Road  
Jackson, Michigan 49201



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with Alexis Higgins. Alexis also competed and placed in Digital Media Production, Cameron Welch competed in this event too. Emily Kimball, Ella Lewis, Nick Foust, Andrea Mesarosh, and Sarah Shreffler competed in Fundamental Desktop Publishing. I competed in the Parliamentary Procedures Team event. My team included Sarah Shreffler, Taegan Hoffman, Trevor Kornak, Maddie Moore, Rachel Rufenacht, and Anders Moore. Anders also competed in Extemporaneous Speech. Kamren Johnson attended the conference for Human Resource Management, Janel Kast competed in the Fundamentals of Web Design, Breanna Builder in Intermediate Word Processing, and Gaige Hite qualified to compete in Entrepreneurship. Marshall Mapes and Max Hayes both competed in PC Servicing and Troubleshooting. Lastly, Kiersten James, Kristen Miller, Sarah Herring, and Vanessa Brown all attended for open events.

At the end of the conference, only one student from our school qualified for the National Leadership Conference. On Sunday, Alexis Higgins placed third in Digital Media Production. Regarding her accomplishment, she said, "I was really not expecting it. I'm so excited to represent Hillsdale High School in Orlando though." As an Ambassador Torch Award recipient, I will also be attending NLC. In May, Mrs. Eggleston and twelve qualifying middle school students will also be joining us in Orlando.

## NHS- MYINTENT UPDATES

By Claire Felix '17

The National Honor Society of 2016-2017 is slowly coming to an end. Our myIntent bracelet fundraiser was a huge hit and we decided to extend it to Davis. There were about 50 bracelets sold at the middle school. The word bracelets were big advertisement for our NHS club, especially to our younger generations. We hopefully inspired all students to do great things in their lives.

Our chapter just finished the last fundraiser of the year. We put decorated cups into each classroom for donations to the Humane Society. There was a great amount of money donated and the Humane Society will be thrilled. One of the first hour classes will have a donut party to celebrate their generous donations. Our chapter wants to thank each class for participating in our fundraiser.

National Honor Society is a fantastic club to be involved in. It broadens horizons and gives students the chance to get involved in their communities. These two fundraisers that we have chosen to do involved the entire high school and the myIntent bracelets were extended to Hillsdale College and Davis. We are finished with all of our fundraisers and our year of NHS is winding down. The new members will be inducted on March 27, 2017 and will have more fundraisers for the school.

## FMP

By McKenzie Firrone '18

The Freshmen Mentor Program is fairly new in the high school. Juniors and seniors will meet a few weeks before school starts to discuss what activities we will be doing and how to interact the best. Team building exercises are put into play at this meeting to get a feel on doing team work with our freshmen. There is roughly three mentors with about six freshmen in each group. In the beginning of the school year we met with the freshmen once every month to see how they are doing in their first year of high school. The mentors put together games to try

and connect with our freshmen. I interviewed Kennedy Beach on her role as a mentor of the Freshmen Mentor Program.

Q: What do you like best about the Freshmen Mentor Program?

A: Getting to know the freshmen.

Q: Have you got close with any of your freshmen? If so, who?

A: Yes, all of my six freshmen I have got close with.

Q: Do you believe the Freshmen Mentor Program is helpful for our freshmen?

A: Yeah, it helps them get to know our school and what it is like here.

Q: What is the most memorable moment that you encountered during the time with your freshmen?

A: Having a pizza party with them in one of our meetings.

The Freshmen Mentor Program is a great way for the freshmen to get involved. Getting to know people and finding the way around the high school might be tricky for some freshmen. This program will help the problems that may be encountered. That is why we try to connect and help them around for their first few months. At each meeting we try and get to know them a little more, we play team building games to help us get to know our freshman. The Freshmen Mentor Program is a great way to get involved and help experience freshmen year just a little bit better.

## HOW TO: BALANCE WORK AND SCHOOL

By Robert Skiba 17

Balancing work and high school is a hard but rewarding process. When I started working, I worked short shifts and not very many hours. It was really easy and simple to keep track of both. You have to be dedicated to get your school work done in the time teachers give you in class. Unless you are willing to give up on sleep. Then that is a whole new problem to deal with. Sleep is a very big part in both work and school. Your body needs enough energy to deal with work and school.



Some steps to help you balance work and school are get sleep, shut the TV off when you go to bed, and let your mind and body get into a deep sleep because your days are going to be very long and stressful. Also time management, Prioritizing your day is very important to keep your stress level down. It also may help you to keep a planner so you have a visual aid. Eating right also helps because if you're hungry you're angry and then you won't do well at either school or work.

As long as you keep a good attitude and don't let things bother you, you should do well at both.

But keep in mind all the steps and ideas I gave you earlier. Honestly, it comes down to what you can handle and how much stress you can take. Only you know what you can handle but remember that school is more important than work and you having a job is not worth hurting your education.

## BOWLING SEASON RECAP

By Julissa Torres '18

The 2016-2017 bowling teams were ones to keep your eye on. The boy's team was extremely successful in their championship matches and throughout the entire season. The girl's team was just as successful but did not make it to the state championship match. The men's bowling team was undefeated in the regular season, and the women's team was so close to being undefeated only losing two matches the entire season. Both teams were definitely underestimated.

There were two bowling members that I talked to and asked how their season went for them. Junior, Scott Hasen said, "It was a great season. We had an undefeated season and bowled a 279 at our Baker tournament and finished in 2nd place. We also finished 3rd at the Adrian Madison Baker tournament." Briana Bradley '19 replied, "We were not undefeated like last year but as a team we had a stronger bond. When one of us would fall, we had each other to pick it up and keep moving forward." Both of these members had great things to say about their teams. Other members that need to be given credit are Tyler Brown '17, Donovan Miller '17, and Gavin Ruh '18. All three of them finished on the 1st team all conference, and Gavin Ruh bowled a perfect game at the league tournament.

The bowling teams do not get enough credit for all of the things that they accomplish. Going undefeated is a big deal, and they brought a whole new outlook on their teams. The following years should be interesting, and they need the support from their fellow Hornets. Although they are losing key seniors, they will still be successful in the following years. Come support your Hornet bowlers next year and congratulations to this year's teams.

## YOU GOT SERVED!

By Shaelyn Bautista '18

The tennis team is coached by Scott Robare. This is going to be his last year as coach and the girls want to make it a great season. This year's team is composed of four singles and four doubles. The captains this year are seniors Claire Conrad and Taylor McClintic. I interviewed Claire Conrad to ask about her upcoming season.

Q: What will be different about this season than last season?

A: "We are going to miss our first doubles players from last year, but our singles should make it far in the league."

Q: What does it mean to be a captain to you?

A: "To me it means leading the team in a positive direction and always motivating them to do their best."

Q: What do you do to train during the off season?

A: "I play at Hillsdale College twice a week with some of the girls that are on the team there."

Claire has been a member of the varsity tennis team since her freshmen year.

She is very excited for her final year. The team has improved a lot and have been working hard at practice. Their first scrimmage is March 24, at MSU. Their first home match will be against Adrian on April 11th, and they ask for a lot of support.

## GOLF SEASON PREVIEW!

By Braxten Boyd '18

Coming off a season where the team qualified for the State Tournament for the first time in over 30 years. The team did lose their top 2 guys, in Joe Phillip and Michael Condon, but still have Jake Langston and Braxten Boyd who were putting up better scores near the end of last season. They've added transfer, Gavin Ruh, who looks to up scores right there with Langston and Boyd. The team, also has a lot of young talent in their Sophomores and Freshman.

The team under Marc Wilson, has never won a league title, and the team is looking like one of the front runners for the league title. Marc has also never had a team or individual go to state until last year, and he hopes to add another State qualifying team to his resume. I asked Jake Langston about the upcoming season and he stated, "It's hard to come back off, arguably, one of the best seasons ever for HHS, and expect us to do it again but, our goal is to do exactly that!" Jake also stated some of the team goals are to win a league title, win an invitational, and win 2 Jamborees.

The Hornets are ready for a great season and are prepared to have a target on their back after qualifying for State last year. I questioned Gavin Ruh about his new team. He replied, "I love my new team. They all seem laid back but serious as well and that's a great mix." Then when he was asked about his new coach, he said, "Coach Wilson is a great guy and is very easy to get along with. He makes things fun so far and I love that. I'm excited for this season with my new teammates." The golf team looks ready for another great season.

## 21-1 HORNETS BASKETBALL RECAP

By Spencer Eves '19

The Hornets had a fabulous season with many accomplishments. They finished the season 21-1 losing in the district semifinals to Onsted. The Hornets' greatest accomplishment was finishing the regular season undefeated. This is only the third time in school history that it has ever happened. Also only 12 other schools in the state of Michigan went undefeated this season out of 1200. Impressive!

Another awesome accomplishment for the Hornets was winning their league, the LCAA. In the words of Coach Felix, "League championships are underrated." Hillsdale beat Onsted in double overtime, which was the closest game of the year, and that win set up the rest of the season to reclaim the league championship. On top of this the Hornets set a team record of most charges in a season with 32. Ethan Bernard led the Hornets with 11 charges, one away from breaking the individual record.

Hillsdale had three guys winning all-league honors; Bryce Drews, Ethan Bernard, and Spencer Eves. Drews and Bernard were both first team and Eves was honorable mention. Bryce Drews led the league in scoring and Ethan was third. Eves was second in the league in free throw percentage. Drews was the voted MVP by his teammates, and it was well deserved leading the team in points, assists, rebounds, and steals.

## 4-PEAT?

By Taegan Hoffman '18

The Hillsdale High School Hornets track team has had back-to-back-to-back State Championships. Hillsdale High School's track team is in their prime winning three state championships in three years. The Hillsdale Hornets look to get their fourth state championship this coming season. This season will the 4x4 Team still be state champions? Are The Hornets ready?

The Hillsdale Track Team knows that a fourth championship won't be easy. The team will have to work as hard or harder than they usually do. The Hornets are working hard to earn a near impossible goal of four state championships in a row. This year Deven Vandusen will lead the sprinters of HHS Track, Spencer Eves, Reese Nemeth, and Nathan Gimenez will lead the field events, and Daniel Miller, along with myself, Taegan Hoffman, will lead the distance runners. Wish the Hornets the best of luck as they attempt this challenge.

The Hillsdale High School Track team knows the road this season will be hard and challenging but, they're up for the challenge. This year to prepare for the state meet, Hillsdale track will participate in bigger meets, such as the Golden Triangle meet hosted in Saline. Of which is usually composed of Class A and large Class B schools. Even though they have lost most of the runners from when they won their first championship, they continue to work hard and gain runners from their great middle school track program. The Hornets know they have a target on their back as the team to beat at the state meet. Is it possible to win four state championships in a row?

## NEW YEAR NEW SEASON

By Kennedy Beach '17

The Hillsdale High School girls Soccer team hasn't been the best the past years. Mainly due to the fact there are not many girls that come out for this sport. This season we have 22 girls, most we have ever had, last year we only had 14. Through practice and hard work the girls plan to have a better season than in the past. The soccer team has a long road ahead but a bright future also.

Varsity soccer coach, Katie Klco, says that her expectations for the season are for the girls to improve and learn from their mistakes. She hopes that each game gets better than the last. Coach Klco thinks the 22 girls that came out for the team this year is awesome! She states that we have girls from all experience levels.

Some have not played at all while other girls have played since they have been 6 years old. Coach says that she was nervous at first because of the range of experience but the athletes without experience have gained so much in just a short period of time and they are truly ready for the first game. Also, she is pleased by the number. Klco hopes is to have this program grow big enough to have a JV and Varsity team in the future. Coach Klco's opinion on what is going to be different this season than last, "Many things will be different this season compared to last". She always says "we are not the team that played last year." Coach says that we have different girls, we have new skills, etc. she expects everything to be different. She even says our team has more unity than in the past years.

The Girls Soccer team started practice at the field of dreams Monday, March 20, 2017. The girls have been conditioning since the beginning of February, so they are in shape just ready to start kicking the balls on the field. The girls prepare for their first game March 28 away at Lenawee. The girls have a lot to learn before their first game, but they all have good faith that they can do it. This game should be a learning experience and a good game for the Hillsdale High School Varsity Soccer team.

## BENEFITS OF DOING MISSIONS WORK

By Claire Conrad '17

It is super important to set a part of your life to do some sort of missions work. It gives you an amazing feeling knowing you are helping and caring for somebody in need. There are many people and children in this world, and in America who are in desperate need for some food and shelter. I think that us, who are fortunately lucky and blessed to be born in a safe and healthy home, need to help those who are not. It makes you feel so happy and so full of joy just knowing you are doing good for those who just aren't as lucky.

There are many ways to get involved in missions work. Volunteer at your local

shelters, donate your old clothes and any canned foods, or spend it in another country helping the less fortunate. When you volunteer at shelters, such as the salvation army, you can personally help and care for someone or a family. Another thing you can do for your local shelters is give then any of your used clothes or any canned goods you aren't going to use, that can really benefit in helping families in need. Also, if you ever have an opportunity, travel to different country and work with children in an orphanage or help build new houses and buildings for families.

I had the privilege to go on two missions trips to Romania in the summers of 2014 and 2015. I spent my time there as a counselor at a little girl's camp and I also helped and worked in the kitchen and with some of the cleaning. It was an experience that I will never forget, I learned a ton of history about the country and of Europe, learned part of a new language, and tried things I have never done before. I would do it all over again if I could, it was an unforgettable couple of weeks.

## OLIVIA NOLAN'S STORY

By Halie Foulk '18

Olivia Nolan is a senior here at HHS and is involved in different programs. Olivia is in student council, National Honor Society, volleyball, and basketball. Let's hear her story!



Olivia Nolan has been in many advanced classes throughout her high school career. Freshman year Olivia took Advanced Algebra, Biology two, English 10, and was a member on Student Council. Nolan's Sophomore year she took Advanced Geometry, Chemistry, English 11, English 12, and was Secretary

of Student Council. Junior year Olivia took Anatomy and Physiology, AP Environmental Science, Pre Calculus, and was President of her class, as well as organized prom. During Junior year she was also a state qualifier for BPA and a member of the Freshman Mentor Program. In her Senior year she is taking AP English, Dual enrolling at Hillsdale College in Western Theological Traditions, and intro to Psychology. As well as being President of Student Council and organizing after prom. President of Freshman Mentor program, Vice President of National Honor Society, and is graduating second in her class with a 4.03 GPA as Co-Valedictorian. Olivia has also been a four year Varsity Basketball player, and three year Varsity Volleyball player.

Olivia Nolan is still undecided on where she is attending college, but she would like to study pre-med or biochemistry with an end goal of pediatrics. Overall, Nolan has enjoyed high school and has tried getting involved in as much as she can. She will miss sports and her teammates the most when she leaves. Olivia has taken high school very seriously and is looking forward to what her future has in store.

## MEET JACOB MCGOWAN

By Madison Jones '18

Everybody has their own story. I'm going to tell you about Jacob McGowan's story. Jacob is currently in his senior year at Hillsdale High School. He participates in the high school band, including symphonic and marching, the tennis team, and in his spare time, Jacob be a t b o x -



es. He has been beatboxing for three years, and is extremely talented at it. When I asked Jacob what had inspired

him to start beatboxing, he replied, "I watched a video online, and I thought that it was the most incredible thing I'd ever seen." For only beatboxing for three years, Jacob has shown his dedication through this talent.

Outside of school hours and classrooms, Jacob participates in many activities such as Robotics, Future Corps, and has helped out with the girls tennis team for the last two years. In Robotics, Jacob is on the drive team with Emma Hammel, and they control the robot. In Future Corps, he also helps students in high school learn more about colleges, and sign up for colleges. He also plays for the boys varsity tennis team.

Lastly, Jacob plans on going to Ferris State to major in professional tennis management. I also asked Jacob if he plans on pursuing further into beatboxing. He replied, "I plan to continue to beatbox for as long as I can. I would like to go to competitions if I have the opportunity to." When I asked Jacob what his most memorable moment so far of his high school career, he said, "I would have to say the collage concert this year." He also told me that it was hard to pick one memorable moment from his high school career, but the collage concert was the one he loved doing. Jacob McGowan is a very talented and dedicated student at Hillsdale High School, and I believe he will go far in the years to come.

## THE STORY OF CHRIS BOWERS

By Bryce Drews '18

Chris Bowers has come a long way since his freshman year in high school. Chris started off high school playing basketball with all the older kids in the gym during lunch. As a freshman, he was competing with the juniors and seniors at lunch. From freshman to sophomore year, Chris' basketball skills increased a decent amount. A thought that always lingers in his mind is playing on the Varsity Basketball team for Coach Felix.

Chris would always go to the big basketball games that took place in The Hive. He would sit near the student

section with a buddy of his. Watching The basketball team win games in front of the big crowds motivated Chris to be the best ball player he could be. Chris told himself he would be a part of the team some day.

Chris ended up making the Varsity Basketball Team his junior and senior year. Although he did not play much at all in the games, Chris enjoyed being apart of the team. Many of you know Chris for his dazzling dribble moves and sweet passes. Chris is a fan favorite on the basketball team, ranging from radio announcers, to Coach Felix himself. If you happen to walk past Chris in the halls or see him around, congratulate him on the wonderful basketball career he has had.

## WHO IS MARSHALL MAPES?

By Elayna Masters '18

We have many graduating Seniors this year, who will be off to college in the fall. Many of us, especially underclassmen, don't know a lot about these Seniors. I personally have taken some time to get to know one of the Top Seniors in HHS; Marshall Mapes. Drum Major, Tuba Player, BPA Member, and Honor Roll student!

In his freetime Marshall loves to listen to music and audio books. Whenever he has free time he'll always be listening to something. It is his 'Preferred Medium'. After high school, Marshall plans on going to either the University of Michigan or Michigan State. He plans to study Pre-Law at these schools. Marshall then plans to go to Georgetown University, Washington D.C., for a Law Degree. He plans on studying Law and Political Science for 7 years. Marshall says that Political Science is one of his top interests, so, "Vote For Congressman Mapes, Year 20XX".

In an interview I asked Marshall if he would continue music. "Most definitely! Music is such an important part of my life that I can't imagine just giving it up! Both Michigan and Michigan State have pretty good Marching Bands, but georgetown's Band is practically non-

existent. The next question is one we all struggle to answer: 'Who Are You?' "Who am I? I'm just a guy who's trying to learn as much as possible. I love to debate on issues in politics and religion, which I guess you could say makes me real fun at Parties. (Not Really LOL) I try not to take too many things too seriously, for life is short enough without us shortening it with stress. In the words of Langston Hughes 'Life is fine as wine! Life is fine'". Introducing to you, Marshall Mapes.

## KALEB HOOTMAN'S STORY

By Abi Arnold '18

Kaleb Hootman's time as a Hillsdale High Schooler is coming to an end. The days are slowly winding down, and graduation will be upon us before we even know it. So it's only fair to share his story and future plans with rest of you. Kaleb is well liked, respected, and extremely friendly. He has left his mark, here's his story.

One question I had for Kaleb was, what is your favorite thing about yourself? In response, he said, "I get along with everyone and try to make the best of each situation that I'm in." A hidden talent of his he says is, "I can put my foot behind my head." During school his favorite subject is lunch. In his free time he said he tends to "Drift and have fun with his buddies." Even with all these things taking up Kaleb's time, he still manages to have a job at Mcdonald's.

Kaleb Hootman was raised right here in our little town. He even lives in a house not to far away from the high school. Kaleb's future plans for after high school are to go to Jackson and get his welding certificate along with a basic fabrication certificate. Then continue on his path of welding. This is only part of Kaleb Hootman's story, I'm sure there is much more to tell, but we are definitely happy to have him be part of ours here at Hillsdale High School.



## GROWING AS A STUDENT: KRISTEN MILLER

By Emily Pachoud '18

Kristen Miller is a great role model for soon-to-be high schoolers and current underclassmen. She has always been an incredibly hard worker, and she's been very involved in the school and community. In eighth grade, she was already coming to the high school for math and English classes, which made freshman year less stressful. She said, "I was already familiar with the building and teachers. It was a pretty smooth transition for me." Freshman year went well overall for Kristen, because she got involved right away and did not slack off. She then dual enrolled junior year and part of her senior year at Hillsdale College. She said, "It helped me to see what college is really like and helped me develop better studying habits. It was definitely one of the highlights of my high school experience." She has also participated in various sports. She ran cross country freshman through junior year, played soccer freshman year, and ran track junior year.

Throughout high school, Kristen did not waste any time getting involved. She was on Student Council freshman and sophomore year, part of the Freshman Mentor Program junior year, in Envirothon and Future Corps her junior and senior year, part of NHS this year, and BPA all four years. Outside of school, she is very involved at her church, the HUB. She volunteers in the children's ministry,



this year and last year as a middle school youth leader, and has been a part of the high school youth group for four years. She has also helped in service projects for local people in need of help, including raking leaves, cleaning out houses, and picking up trash along the road. When asked what inspired her to become so involved in her school and community, she answered, "I love contributing to things beyond myself, and being involved in the school and the community allows me to do that. Being shown love from Jesus Christ himself inspires me to strive to help other people and show that love to them."

According to Kristen, her senior year has been the most enjoyable year for her. She has taken the things she has learned throughout high school and applied them to better herself academically and personally. In high school she says that the most important thing she has learned is, "There are going to be groups and tasks that you don't have a lot of skill in or just aren't your thing, and there are going to be others that you excel in, but you can't let the bad experiences stop you from trying out another. If you don't fit into one niche, that does not mean you won't fit into another. You just have to find where you fit." Kristen has remained dedicated and determined through her high school career, and it has paid off, for this fall she plans on attending Michigan Tech to study environmental engineering. When asked what advice she would give to underclassmen, Kristen said, "There's a lot of advice I would give, but [the] main things are to get involved in some way, find a club or some way you can help in the community that you're passionate about, and do it. Also, keep a good balance of social and academic life. Don't overbook yourself to where you're struggling to keep up, that's important."

## SCHOOL WIFI, WAS IT WORTH IT?

By Lauren Baker '18

In the last couple of months a lot of work has been done to the school internet. Wifi has been installed in every classroom, the gym, and the cafeteria. There is a protected network with a password and a guest network for visitors. The protected network is called HillsdaleCS, and can be accessed with your school login password. The guest network can be accessed by anyone and does not require a password. The wifi does block social media, but can be useful for other purposes. Another addition to school internet is new computers in the mobile lab. The new computers are faster and easier to use than the previous set.

I asked Emma Shreffler how she likes the new wifi and mobile labs. She responded with, "It's [the wifi] super beneficial for project based classes. It's way better than having the chrome labs and old mobile labs. Using our phones and new laptops has been nice. The internet works very quickly so we get our work done sooner." Many people like the way the new wifi works and find it to be very helpful. Some have an issue with the social media being blocked. Kennedy Beach said she doesn't like the wifi as much because her favorite apps are blocked. During lunch she likes to get on her Twitter and Instagram feeds, but she has to do that without the wifi which can lead to slow internet.

The wifi, overall, has benefited the school and most people enjoy the things it does. The new laptops are a completely positive addition. Nothing negative about the laptops has been said, and the students can access the internet faster and more efficiently. The time and money was worth it to add the new technology. Installing wifi and receiving new laptops has been a great decision by the school.

## LAW OF ATTRACTION: FACT OR FICTION

By Ashley Garfield-Giminez '17

The law of attraction is the belief that the universe creates and provides for you that which your thoughts are focused on. If you think positive, positive things will happen but if you think negative, you will receive negative things in life. If you are running a little late to school and you think the whole time, "I'm going to be late," then you will hit every red light and traffic jam on the way and you will be late. If you believe that you will be on time then the lights will be green and the traffic will be light. There is a documentary/movie that tells about the law of attraction. It is called "The Secret" because the law of attraction is believed to be the secret to life.

I believe there is no true telling if it is real. It is all on your view of life. If you are a pessimistic person, no matter what happens to you, bad or good, you will always find the negative in it. Same as if you are an optimistic person. You could be involved in a car crash and still see the good in something about it and be thankful. It's all on your view of life.

There is no scientific evidence that the law of attraction is fact or fiction. Along with the law of attraction, comes taking control. If you don't like your life or something about it you have the opportunity to change it. You are the artist of your own life, and you can change the painting to be the way you want it. You can think positive and see the good in everything, and the law of attraction works or you can take life as it is.

## SNAP AND GONE?

By MacKenzie Gingerich '17

In 2017 much of our technology is evolved. We are able to snap a picture and send a short message to our friends. I'm sure all of you know this app called Snapchat. Many people connect with their friends this way, maybe even depend on it. What would happen if Snapchat no longer existed? I went out and interviewed an avid Snapchat user to see what her reaction would be.

Shianna Kieser '17 connects with her

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many internet friends. I questioned on how she would feel if she wasn't able to connect with them via Snapchat? She responded, "It would definitely be weird without Snapchat. I wouldn't be able to talk to all of my friends." I pressed further asking what she would do without these friends? "I wouldn't be able to talk about the many fandoms I am in. I would feel lost without my internet friends and my friends from school." With this information it shows how important this app is to people our age. It helps us connect to people around the world and creating friendships. As for me, Snapchat is great way for me to connect to my family that lives further away from me. Snapchat is not crucial to civilization, but it definitely helps the world connect. So Snapchat away!

## SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

By; Shianna Keiser '17

Although the spring choir concert is months away, students are talking about it. Students are planning their solos and ensembles with friends. The seniors in chorale have had ideas for the theme of the concert. Past years have been pop music, musical, and a mixture of both.

This year, the seniors are hoping for a pop music theme. A group of girl chorale seniors, including myself, have came up with the idea to do "The Bella's Final" for Pitch Perfect 2. I asked MacKenzie Gingerich '17 what she wanted out of her last high school concert, "I want it to be a lasting memory and to stay with me throughout my years. Chorale was/is

a big part of my high school career. I want the concert to reflect that." I also asked her what she wanted the music to be like this year, "I want pop music for my last concert."

There isn't a set date for this concert yet, but when the date is announced show up and find out what type of music we will sing. Also if you are in choir and have ideas of music don't be afraid to tell Mr. Boswell, he will consider the music.

## DECISION DAY!

By Jasmine Wilson '17  
Decision day is a big day for seniors and their parents. It's when they let everyone know what college they are going to and what they want to do with their lives. For decision day, future corps. team finds out everything they need to know from the seniors. Decision Day is on May 2nd, during 2b. At that time everyone will get released from class and head to the gym.

Everyone gets called out and they say what college they are going to, sometimes it's more than one person going. Some seniors do not go to college right after school. They go into the work Force, military, or trade school. Often the places send things like a shirt, hat or a bag for the seniors that are attending their school.

At the end of the decision day and finding out where everyone is going, they have food in the courtyard for the seniors and their parents. It's a lot of fun and cool for the school to know where and what their seniors are doing after they finish high school. It's a big celebration for the seniors and their parents to show that they are moving on to bigger better things! Everyone come out and show your support to the seniors!

Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
SAT TESTING - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PSAT TESTING - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**ALL Sophomores & Juniors:**

Report to School at 7:45 am for PSAT & SAT testing.

Sophomores dismissed approximately 11:45 a.m.  
Juniors dismissed approximately 1:30 p.m.

***No School for Freshmen and Seniors.***

*Bus transportation will be run on the regular schedule in the am for Sophomores and Juniors. Sophomores will be provided transportation home at the conclusion of their testing.*

Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
ACT WorkKeys - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PSAT Testing - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**ALL Freshmen & Juniors:**

Report to School at 7:45am for WorkKeys and PSAT testing

***SENIORS & SOPHOMORES***

*have a half day of school and are to report to 3<sup>rd</sup> period at 11:50  
Lunch is Available for all students at 11:20*

*Bus transportation will be run on the regular schedule in the am Freshmen and Juniors. Any Sophomore or Senior needing transportation on April 13<sup>th</sup> may do so by contacting the Transportation Department for arrangements at 517-439-9506.*

Thursday, April 13, 2017

**ALL STUDENTS ARE TO REPORT TO SCHOOL FOR A REGULAR SCHEDULED DAY**

**All Juniors:** Report to the school at 7:45 am for M-STEP testing.  
Testing will be held in the Gymnasium from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 14, 2017  
**NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS - GOOD FRIDAY**

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