

# The Columbus Log

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## MASK-ERADE

Check out a few of our favorite masks seen in the halls of Columbus:



## Editor's Note

We are pleased to *finally* bring you the Fall /Winter 2020/21 Edition of The Log. We hope you enjoy the articles — some serious, others informative, and quite a few light-hearted — that our staff has written. This edition covers the months of September through mid-January and provides a walk down memory lane for the semester.

If you are interested in writing, journalism, publications layout, photography, etc., this class might be for you. We are learning to use

Publisher and hope to get proficient enough to publish even more editions of the newspaper in 2021.

The class is laid-back, fun, looks good on your transcript/resume, hones your writing skills before going off to college or the work force, and Ms. Silva often brings treats (which we prefer to refer to as incentives and rewards; as opposed to bribery to take the class).

by Ms. Silva

# Meet our Staff

*"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."*



**Eva Schiferl**

I'm a Junior. I play on the varsity tennis team. I'm slow at everything I do. My favorite place to travel to is Connecticut.



**Maya Kuhn**

I'm a Junior. I play on the varsity tennis team. I have been taking horseback riding lessons for eight years and used to participate in showing horses.



**Kelsey Moore**

I'm a Senior. I play volleyball and basketball. My favorite subject in school is English and I look forward to going off to college next year.



**Orion Smith**

I'm a Senior. I work at Kohl's. This is my second year working on the school newspaper. My hair is no longer orange.



**Alliah Immerfall**

I'm a Junior. I play on the varsity tennis team. I'm ambidextrous. I like to travel; my most recent trip has been to Niagara Falls.



**Jayden Pankratz**

I'm a Senior. This is my second year writing articles for the school newspaper. I work in the after-school program at St. Johns. I'm going to live in Washington D.C.



**Patricia Silva**

I'm the teacher for Spanish I & II. I'm so glad to be back in school even if we have to wear masks. This is my second year on the school newspaper. I am also the yearbook advisor.



**Kyle Johnson**

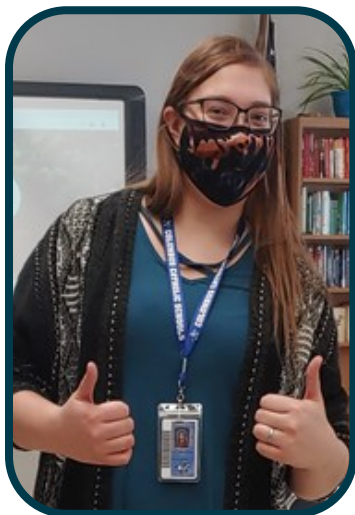
I'm a Senior. I enjoy being at home to play video games. I will go to college to become a history teacher. I'm a talented writer and this is my second year working on the school newspaper.



**Brandon Wolf**

I'm the Network Administrator at Columbus. I teach a few classes as well as help out with anything requiring IT knowledge. This is my second year working on designing and publishing the school newspaper.

## FACULTY FOCUS



**Ms. Stephanie DeCaire**

**How has your experience been since coming to Columbus?**

As a first-year teacher paired with a pandemic, I was a bit apprehensive as to what to expect. Despite those feelings, it has been a great experience! I have been blessed with faculty, families, and students that are welcoming and really do care about one another.

**What do you hope to accomplish with your students this year?**

In the perfect circumstances, it is my hope to accomplish a learning environment that respects, helps, and grows with one another. Yet, the words "uncertain circumstances" keep resurfacing in my mind with this question. I do not know what will be coming in the months that lie ahead. Things that I would normally want to "accomplish" have been put on hold. For now, it is my goal for students to understand that there is more to English than simply reading or writing.

**If money was no object, what would you have in your classroom?**

I would definitely have more books. There is always room on the bookshelf for more! :)

**What superhero best fits your personality?**

This is a tough question, I like to think I'd be Wonder Woman. I enjoy taking initiative as well as standing up for what I believe in. One thing that I would need some improvement on is finding where to purchase shield bracelets!

**What are the best things about being a teacher at Columbus?**

The people make Columbus feel like home.



**Mrs. Miranda Paulick-Reigel**

**Why did you want to come to Columbus?**

When I started subbing at Columbus, I immediately felt comfortable here. I like the family feel and love that faith is rooted in everything we do.

**Where did you go to college?**

I attended the University of Wisconsin La Crosse.

**Would you recommend this college to others?**

Yes, absolutely! La Crosse was the perfect big city, with a small-town feel. The education I received from UWL is one of my most prized and fulfilling experiences.

**What was your favorite subject in school?**

That's a tough one. I enjoyed almost all of the courses I took in college. Frankly, I love learning! However, I think the ones I would call my favorites are the ones that challenged my thinking and expanded my perspective.

A number of these courses were in the field of social sciences which study human societies and relationships.

**Do you have any pets?**

A golden doodle (mostly a retriever) named Alli, a Terrier mix named Oakley, and an orange and white cat named Cat. My husband is responsible for that one.

**If there were no repercussions, would you rather go to space or the bottom of the ocean.**

Space. The ocean would end, but space could carry on to a possible new life.

**Faculty Focus by Kelsey Moore & Maya Kuhn**

## FACULTY FOCUS



**Mr. Michael Lambrecht**

### **Why did you want to come to Columbus?**

I have known a number of people who worked at the school or were involved in the school. All of them have had great things to say about this school. I love the small school atmosphere, the dedicated teachers and families that make Columbus Catholic such a welcoming place.

### **Where did you go to college?**

I attended University of Wisconsin -River Falls to earn my Teaching Degree and University of Wisconsin-Superior to earn my administration degree.

### **Do you recommend that college?**

Both universities were great. I met a lot of friends that I still keep in touch with.

### **What was your favorite subject in school?**

I loved science class in school, which is why I went to college to be a science teacher. I then taught high school science for 18 years before taking a job here.

### **Do you have any pets?**

I do not have any pets right now, but we had a dog for many years that died a few years ago of old age.

### **Dogs or cats?**

Definitely Dogs.

### **Apple or Android?**

Android. It is a better, more advanced device.

### **Facebook or Instagram?**

I have both, but use Facebook the most.

### **Would you rather go to space or the bottom of the ocean... with no repercussion?**

There have been so few people who have been able to travel to either, but I would choose to go to space. As a kid, I found pictures of Earth from space to be very inspiring. I can only imagine how the astronauts of Apollo 8 felt looking back at Earth as they orbited the moon as seen in the Earthrise photo that was in every science book as a kid.

Faculty Focus by Kelsey Moore & Maya Kuhn

*"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."*

## **Student Spotlight**

### **Jade Kuhn**

**What makes good student?**

*I think what makes a good student is someone who is respectful to everyone and tries their hardest no matter what.*

**How do you define peer pressure and is it dangerous? Why?**

*I define peer pressure as being verbally forced to do something against your will. I think it is dangerous because it could have a negative impact on your life.*

**What is something you're looking forward to this year?**

*I am looking forward to seeing my friends and teachers and having the opportunity to still attend school during a global pandemic.*



**What do you like to do in your spare time and why?**

*I like to read and draw in my spare time. I like to read because it lets me imagine a whole new world of amazing characters and the universe they live in. I like to draw because it helps me relax and de-stress.*

**If you were the principal of Columbus what would be the first thing you would change? Why?**

*If I were principal of Columbus the first thing I would change would be a more flexible dress code and I would add air conditioning.*

## **Student Spotlight**

### **Seth Roewe**

**What makes a good student?**

*Someone who pays attention in class, takes good notes, is courteous and kind to fellow students, and helps if someone needs help.*

**If you were the principal and found yourself in charge of us, what would be the first thing you would do?**

*I would ask students to take a survey about what time they would like to have a study hall and what time of day they would want it and see if teachers can work with it.*



**If you had the power to hire anyone in the world to be your teacher, who would you hire and why?**

*I would hire Bill Nye because it would be easy to learn from him based on the videos I've seen.*

**What makes a good teacher principal?**

*Someone who is understanding and helps kids during and after school hours. Someone who has good knowledge of topics taught during school and someone who is a friendly and kind.*

*By MayaKuhn*

## Student Spotlight

### Zachary Zerudo

**If you were the principal, what would be the first thing you would do?**

*I would probably allow more joking around and goofing off.*

**What makes a good student?**

*Someone who helps out other classmates and is respectful and kind to everyone.*

**How do you define peer pressure? Is it dangerous? Why?**

*I see peer pressure as when a group of friends mentally pressure and trick someone in the group to do something they don't want to do. This can be dangerous and I've experienced this many times. We can end up mentally or physically hurt in the end.*



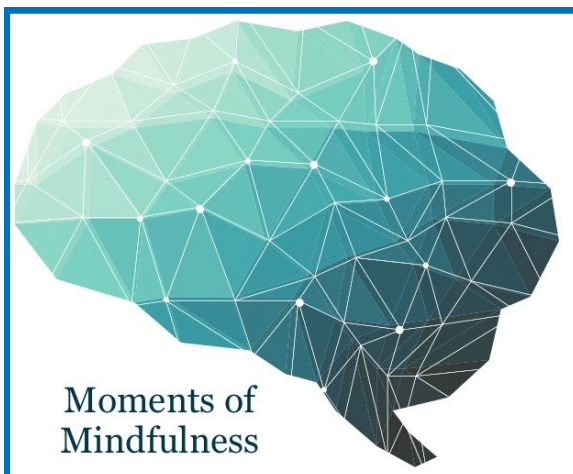
**If you had the power to hire anyone in the world to be your teacher, who would you hire and why?**

*I don't really know since I like most of the teachers here.*

**"There is a story behind every person. There is a reason why they are the way they are. Think about that, and respect them for who they are." What is your opinion on this quote?**

*I think that it is a wise quote that has been forgotten by our generation and even by me at times. I think this because we all say things that hurt people by accident and this happens more than ever, sadly.*

**Student Spotlights by Maya Kuhn**



Moments of Mindfulness

**What is Mindfulness?**

Mindfulness is a way of paying special attention to our thoughts, feelings, body, and environment. It involves being in the moment, aware of yourself and your surroundings.

**Why is Mindfulness Important?** As we move further into the school year, the list of upcoming assignments and tests only grows. This can make it easy to become overwhelmed. While mindfulness cannot eliminate having to write a large essay, it can help us manage our stress as we tackle our schoolwork head on.

**How to Practice Mindfulness?**

First, find a quiet place to lie down. Once you have found a comfortable position, close your eyes and start to practice deep breathing. Place a hand on your stomach to feel it rise as you

breathe in and fall as you breathe out.

As you inhale, try to imagine that your breaths coming in bring peace and calmness. As you exhale, imagine that you are expelling all of the tension and anxiety that you might have.

This can take as little as a few minutes. Once you feel fully relaxed, slowly begin to wake up your body. Wiggle your fingers and toes before you open your eyes. Sit up and notice that you may seem more ready to take on whatever challenges lie ahead.

**by Kelsey Moore**

*"To be saints is not a privilege for the few but a vocation for everyone." Pope Francis*

## Carlo Acutis: on the path toward Sainthood



Francis of Assisi, St. Dominic Savio, and St. Tarcisius. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia and suffered greatly. His doctor asked him if he was in pain but he

he was. His was Beatified on October 10, 2020.

Carlo is most known for the website that he created to catalog Eucharistic Miracles reported around Europe. He said many wise and profound things such as, "All people are born originals but many die as photocopies."

He also stated, "Our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven."

Carlo knew and understood that there is a greater place for us. "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan. I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God."

His mother said she has had dreams where Carlo has appeared to her and assured her that one day he would become a Saint.

Although you may not have heard this name before, it may soon be a household name in Catholic families. Carlo Acutis was a young boy who was very interested in being a Child of the Mother of God. He was very devoted to Mary and Jesus. He was said to have prayed multiple rosaries daily. When he was at his worst, suffering and ill due to leukemia, he offered up his pain for others who were suffering around the world.

This generous young man was born on May 3, 1991 in England. His parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, moved to Milan, Italy shortly after he was born. After his First Communion he was reported to have received the Eucharist as often as he could. He attended confession weekly. He called the Eucharist, "my highway to Heaven." He defended others and didn't take anything from bullies. He was always caring for and volunteering with the most vulnerable of people, children and the elderly. He followed the example of his role models: St.

responded that he was suffering for others. Carlo died, at the age of 15, on October 12, 2006. According to his wishes he is buried in Assisi, Italy.

In February 2013, an investigation was opened for his



candidacy to Sainthood. In May of 2013, Carlo became a Servant of God, the first step to Sainthood. In July 2018, he was named to be Venerable, meaning that he was heroic in virtue. On November 14, 2019, his miracle was approved by Pope Francis. On January 23, 2019, his body was exhumed in order to see if he was uncorrupted, which



*"Look, 2020, I just think I should start seeing other years."*



The **Class of 2020** has faced a lot of uncertainty through the years. They were born mainly in 2001 and 2002, in the midst of 9/11 and the start of the war with Iraq. The **Class of 2020** was going into elementary school when the Great Recession hit, leaving many parents in the U.S. without jobs.

Though the Columbus **Class of 2020** has faced many challenges, they are not letting it stop them. Columbus graduated twenty-six students in July. Of those twenty-six students, two are attending two-year colleges, twenty-two of them are going to a four-year college, one person is entering the workforce, and another person is going into the military.

The **Class of 2020** has so much to teach their future children and grandchildren. They have had to learn to stay positive. Nothing about their final semester was normal or easy but they pushed on, always looking for the silver lining. The **Class of 2020** has also learned to be adaptable. The spring semester did not go as planned but they went along with it and did their best to learn and make what they could of their Senior year.

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## DONNIE-DO'S

10 things YOU should check off your bucket list  
BEFORE YOU GRADUATE:  
(Covid permitting):

### 1. Pull an all-nighter

The classic High School Experience. Everyone talks about them, and your teachers tell you about all the times they had to do it. Overall, it can be pretty fun. Bonus points if you do it with a group of friends

### 2. Bring fast food to school in the morning

Guaranteed to make your classmates jealous. And a great way to start your morning.

### 3. Stuff your locker with food

Everyone gets hungry at school: that is NOT a secret. You can hear the grumbling stomachs in the hallway.

So stocking your locker with food is a great way to suffer through the day.

Just make sure to lock your locker so no one helps themselves to your food.

### 4. Go try hard for Homecoming

Nothing is more boring than when people show up in sweatpants and sweatshirts.

Go try hard next Homecoming and encourage others to join you for more fun.

### 5. Go to the Homecoming Dance

While you're enjoying Homecoming, why not go to the dance?

Asking someone to go with you can be extra special as well.

### 6. Get doubles for lunch

Another option for your hunger. Speaking from experience, other schools don't offer the option.

### 7. Go to a sporting event

Do not leave high school without having the experience of screaming your lungs out at a bunch of sweaty

humans as they compete for glory.

### 8. Join a sport

Better yet, be a part of that sport.

### 9. Take an art class

Severely underrated. Art class provides not only good art experience but also SEVERAL important life lessons.

### 10. Go to Prom

Prom is slightly better than Homecoming and is also usually more fun, as long as YOU make the effort to have fun.

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by Orion Smith

*"Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine."*

# One Year Ago Today

*It's 2021 and everyone is looking forward to a better year than last. In January of 2020, who could have known how the whole year would play out? Here's a look back at the news from the first month of 2020. It seems like a lifetime ago.....*

**2020...meh.**

*I'm sure were all sick of hearing about it but last year was a very historic year for us. We are literally living in history. Covid-19 struck last year and while the virus stole the spotlight there were still many other things that happened last year that we should be aware of. From raging wildfires to an impeachment trial, we've seen it all. Let me take you on a trip to some of the things that happened in the first month alone of 2020.*

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Wales, Australia called its third state of emergency due to raging, uncontrollable wildfires. Many koalas, kangaroos, and other animals died in the fires.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Iranian General, Qasem Soleimani, was killed in a US drone strike. This started many World War III jokes and memes, but at the end of the day we were all scared to be drafted.

**January 7<sup>th</sup>:** If you can believe it, this date was the first time the World Health Organization was notified about the corona virus.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** A less important event in the grand scheme of things but still a moment in history: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle announced that they would be stepping down

from their duties as senior royals in Buckingham Palace.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** Iran retaliated against the US by launching ballistic missiles at two US military bases in Iraq, injuring American soldiers.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** A Ukrainian flight crashed in Tehran, Iran killing all 176 passengers on board; there is now a memorial for the flight attendants at the airport from which they departed.

**January 11<sup>th</sup>:** China recorded the first Covid-related death.

**January 16<sup>th</sup>:** The impeachment trial of Donald Trump began, for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** The first coronavirus case in the US was reported in Washington State: a man who happened to have just returned from China.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Wuhan, China went on an unprecedented lockdown, impacting 11 million residents.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>:** Kobe and Gigi Bryant, along with seven other passengers, died in a helicopter crash in Calabasas, California.

**January 31<sup>st</sup>:** Brexit happened. The United Kingdom finally withdrew from the European Union after deliberating for more than three years.

**by Orion Smith**

*"In pushing other species to extinction, humanity is busy sawing off the limb on which it perches." -Paul R. Ehrlich*

## Ten Animals That Could Be Extinct by the Time We Have Kids

### Amur Leopard

Only about THIRTY-FIVE exist in the world today because of loss of habitat and poachers.



### Hawksbill Turtle

This sea turtle is subject to accidental capture in fishing nets and their eggs are also eaten as a delicacy.



### Mountain Gorilla

Mountain Gorillas are continuous casualties of decade-long wars. There are only about 700 of them still in existence.



### Javan Rhinoceros

This type of Rhino has the smallest remaining population of any rhino species; only 35 still exist in the wild due to disease, lack of genetic diversity, and invasive species.



### Saola

Even though they were only discovered in 1992, they are still close to being wiped out due to poachers and habitat loss; their population is thought to be only about 750.



### South China Tiger

They are so close to extinction there may not be any left at all, thanks largely to the Chinese government's hunting "efforts."



### Vaquita

The Vaquita is a small porpoise on the brink of extinction, with less than 100 alive due to unnecessary capturing of marine animals during fishing.



### Sumatran Orangutan

With only a few thousand left in the wild, populations are declining rapidly due to hunting, fires, and planned construction.



### Sumatran Elephant

These Elephants live in the same area as the orangutans. Their numbers are below 3000 and, as you might imagine, they are going extinct due to being poached for their tusks.



### Pangolin

These anteater-like animals are some of the most poached and highly trafficked animals in the world mainly because their scales are used in folk medicine. Between 2011 and 2013, over 200,000 were killed.



by Orion Smith

## Teacher Obsession:

A specific theme or object that appears in a teacher's classroom more than once.

### Mrs. Brunson!

**What is your "teacher obsession"?**

I love Minions, because they're funny and cute. They remind me of a two-year-old because their behavior is crazy.

**When did you first realize you were obsessed with Minions?**

This started after I saw the first *Despicable Me* movie in theaters... that's some serious dedication).

**Roughly how much have you spent on this "Teacher Obsession"?**

Not that much; only about 100 dollars.

**We've seen the Minions in your classroom but do the Minions also claim a part of your house?**

No, not really.

**Out of all the Minions in your room, which one is your favorite?**

The stuffed one that sits on the window.

**If you had the option would you want to be a Minion?**

Yes, I would.

**Do you have anything else you would like the readers to know?**

Yes. I was devastated that they pushed the release for the new Minion's movie to next summer.

If you think you know me,  
name something I'm  
obsessed with.



by Orion Smith

If you think you know me,  
name something 'm  
obsessed with.



### Mrs. Silva!

**What is your "teacher obsession"?**

I llove llamas!

**When did you first realize you were obsessed with llamas?**

I've always loved llamas but I became obsessed with them after my trip to Peru in 2010. I got to pet llamas and play with llama babies, and I just became obsessed.

**Roughly how much have you spent on this "Teacher Obsession"?**

Roughly 100 dollars; probably more, but a lot of my llamas have been gifts!

**We've seen the llamas in your classroom.**

**Do the llamas also claim a part of your house?**

Yes, I have a beautiful llama blanket that Raella Schueller made. It's my go-to cuddle blanket. I also have pillows made of llama wool that are really soft.

**Out of all the llamas in your room, which one is your favorite?**

They're all my favorite. How can a mother choose between her children? But as much as I love all the llamas, I love the people who gave them to me more!

**If you had the option, would you want to be a llama?**

If I could live in Machu Picchu, yes.

**Do you have anything else you would like the readers to know?**

Yes. All my llamas have been named by my students.

# Remembrance of Tammy Reigel

**No** amount of words can describe how special Ms. Reigel is to all of us. She was a friend, family member, and teacher. As we all know she was a kind, giving, talented, and faithful person. She used her beautiful and angelic singing voice to the best of her abilities and I'm sure that she is singing with all the angels in Heaven. We were all at a loss for words when we heard the news of her passing, but Ms. Reigel will always be with us.

Even though she's gone I know that she will continue to guide and walk beside us every step of the way. I remember my family and I were in church one weekend and I noticed that there was a different singer in the choir. The second she started singing, I had this strong feeling in me that she was going to be someone very special in my life and in the lives of those around me. I asked myself, "Is she going to be our new choir teacher?" Sure enough, when the school year started as I walked into her classroom I saw before me the woman who had been singing in the choir.

In the eyes of her mother, Mrs. Susan Reigel who works in the CCS cafeteria, I saw raw and beautiful emotions

when speaking of her daughter. I asked Mrs. Reigel how she would like her daughter to be remembered and she answered by saying, "I want her to be remembered by how much she helped and loved other people. She loved and adored kids, too. The very special connection she had to the Blessed Virgin Mary showed in everything she did and she never lost faith or hope. She always remained strong and



devout." When I asked, "How would you describe your daughter?" Mrs. Reigel's mother replied very lovingly and tenderly by saying, "Precious. She is so precious to me and to the people around her. She knew how to work hard, and she was very smart. She always figured out a way to do things and never let a challenge bring her down. She absolutely loved to help and teach kids. It was one of her favorite things to do."

The last question I asked

Mrs. Reigel was, "What were some of your favorite memories you have with your daughter?" She smiled and replied, "She was always brave. Not once while she was sick did she complain. All of the nurses adored taking care of her because they said she was always very kind and patient. The nurses never wanted to leave her room and they wanted to hide out there just to be with her."

Ms. Reigel also loved to cook and spent countless hours doing so. When she was little and it was time for bed her mother would read to her and tuck her in. Ms. Reigel didn't want her mother to leave so she grabbed onto her mother's pajamas to keep her from leaving. As a kid, during the times when the puddles would freeze, Ms. Reigel would jump and stomp as hard as she could on them just to hear the ice crack. Ms. Reigel called herself the "cracker-ice girl."

We all need to cherish the time we have with the people we love and Ms. Reigel's mother surely did so. I could tell that every word she spoke came from the deepest parts of her heart. That special mother-daughter bond will never be broken. It will only continue to grow and flourish.

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*"Simply holding on to that tangible link between a mother and a daughter. A bond like no other. Irreplaceable. Unwavering. Old as time itself. There truly was nothing like the love of a mother. Unconditional. Solid. Indefinable and limitless. Capable of surviving anything. Able to triumph over the impossible." - Maya Banks*

Next, I asked Ms. Wojcik a few questions. "How would you describe Ms. Reigel?"

She responded with, "Ms. Reigel was a fun loving, bubbly, and kind personality who was always encouraging others to find their voice and to laugh along the way." I believe that we all need to take time from our day to praise God for all the wonderful people and blessings we have in our lives.

I asked, "Where did Ms. Reigel attend college and do you know of any of her accomplishments?"

Ms. Wojcik stated, "Ms. Reigel went to Holy Family College, formerly Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI. She studied Music Education where she deepened a love for Handbells, being on stage, in the pit or behind the scenes. After graduation, Ms. Reigel worked on campus as an Events Coordinator till accepting a choir position with Columbus Catholic Middle and High School."

I asked, "How do you think

other people would describe Ms. Reigel?"

Ms. Wojcik answered, "Others may describe Ms. Reigel as being passionate about baking, having a wanderlust to explore, highly competitive over board/card games, and chatting up the latest book finished or stared."



*"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."*

*-William James*

"What do you believe Mrs. Reigel's legacy is?" I asked.

Ms. Wojcik replied, "No matter what the roller coaster of life threw at Ms. Reigel she tackled every day with poise, grace and passion. She always had a smile on her face, faith in her heart, and service towards others."

My last question to Ms. Wojcik was, "What is a fun memory you have with Mrs. Reigel? Her response made me smile.

"An ongoing memory that

took off with Ms. Reigel was playing Pterodactyl Tag. We joked about life being more interesting with a prehistoric friend in tow - so the Pteri Twins and Ptolmy were born - thus Pterodactyl adventures ensued :)

We would swap pictures of grand Pteri adventures, she-nanigans, long nights, fun

food creations, or the random oddities of daily life. Sometimes a picture is worth more than a million years of a dinosaur's journey (or a small plastic toy)."

*"Close friends are truly life's treasures. Sometimes they know us better than we know ourselves. With gentle honesty, they are there to guide and support us, to share our laughter and our tears. Their presence reminds us that we are never really alone."*

*-Vincent Van Gogh*

*by Maya Kuhn*



In the news last year, a high school student from Reidsville, North Carolina, texted his sister that he had no friends and sat alone at lunch every day. His sister decided to tweet about him and the next day, two Senior boys decided to sit next to him at lunch. They showed acts of kindness and caring that went viral.

Here at Columbus our atmosphere is full of joyful, busy students who love to learn and have fun with their friends. A student sitting alone at lunch may happen from time to time here but there always seem to be some wonderful kids who are so nice and will sit by them and make friends at lunch. Even in Study Hall, if a student is sitting alone at a table there will be that humble student who decides to make their day by sitting by them (socially distanced, of course).

To be honest, making friends can be hard at first, but don't worry; there are friends out there who will come over and invite you to sit by them. From personal experience at my old school, I once sat down at a table during lunch and all the other girls sat at a different table so I decided to ask them if I could sit by them and they said yes. From then on I sat with them and they still are to this day my friends.

When I came to Columbus as a freshman I didn't know if I would make friends or if people

would even like me. I was the shortest person in the high school at the time (still am) and I went into my first class worried. During that class, three girls sat at a table and one chair was left so I politely asked them if I could sit there and they said yes. I became friends with them and one of the girls is now my teammate on the tennis team.

That same day, I didn't know where my classes were and Derek Fieber helped me get to my classes since I had a lot of classes with him. I thanked him for showing me around. At lunch, two girls helped me get my books into my locker and went to lunch with me, which I was thankful for because I didn't want to eat alone. I thank all of them for being nice and kind to me.

Wikihow experts say there are three methods to make your school a better place.

- 1.The first method is helping other students by standing up to bullies, trying to resolve conflicts between others, and spreading a positive attitude.

- 2.The second method is participating in school by running for student government, supporting a sport at school, or participating in the arts.

- 3.The last method involves the faculty and staff who can help make the school better by speaking positively about what's going on at school and by giving the students the ability to make meaningful changes.

If anyone is sitting alone, be a kind person and go sit by them. That will change the mood of their day and you also will feel better. I joined Columbus as a freshman and now I'm a junior, but in all my time here I haven't seen anyone sitting alone at lunch. Our atmosphere here allows the new people that come in to make friends quickly.

Natalie Hampton, whose quote begins this article, is known for being the creator of the app, *Sit*

*with Us*. This app helps kids who eat lunch alone find a safe place to eat with friends. One time she invited a girl to sit with her at lunch and that girl became her best friend. Without knowing it at the time, Natalie saved her friend's life. Her friend had been contemplating suicide because she felt alone and as though no one cared.

Natalie's own story is also moving. She was getting bullied during her middle/high school years. She sat alone at lunch. Other students were mean to her - both verbally and physically. The school administration didn't do anything about it. They thought that she did something to make the other students dislike her. Natalie started developing anxiety. She was depressed and hated going to school. She wanted to drop out. Finally, she changed schools. At her new school, she met students who were kind and included her. Having friends and feeling like a part of her school changed her life. She graduated and is now happily attending Stanford University and will graduate in 2022.

We need to share kindness because when we do, great things can happen. In school, be thoughtful of others and you will make friends. Being able to sit by friends at the lunch table makes it a safe and fun place. It will continue to be that for all Columbus students when we act with kindness and say, "Yes, you can definitely sit with us at our table." Treat others like you want to be treated.

by Alliah Immerfall

# Rockin' Recipes

## Caramel Apple Cupcakes

It is September 22nd, the first day of Fall, and you want to make something to celebrate. You think of what fall flavors there are; the finest one that comes to your mind is pumpkin spice but that seems too basic for you. Then it hits you: caramel apples. However caramel apples take way too long to make and are very sticky and messy. "I'll make caramel apple cupcakes," you think. "Perfect." You get all the ingredients and bake them to perfection. You decorate them like you are in a cooking show. You bring them into class and everyone loves them.

### Ingredients (cupcakes)

- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup room temperature butter
- ¼ cup oil
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ packed brown sugar

- ¾ vanilla
- 3 tablespoons sour cream
- 2 eggs
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 cup finely chopped apple

### Ingredients (frosting)

- 1 ¼ cup room temperature butter
- 5 cups powdered sugar
- 4-6 tablespoons caramel sauce
- Pinch of cinnamon

### Garnishes

- Caramel sauce
- Sliced apples



### Directions (cupcakes)

1. Preheat oven to 350° and put cupcake liners in a muffin tin.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt, and whisk together. Set aside.
3. Beat butter, oil, and sugars together until fluffy.
4. Add vanilla and sour cream. Mix. Add eggs one at a time.
5. Add half of the dry ingredients, mix. Add the milk, mix. Add the rest of the
6. dry ingredients, mix. Fold in chopped apple. Do not over mix.
7. Fill the cupcake liners and bake until a toothpick comes out clean (15-18 minutes).

### Directions (frosting)

1. Add butter to bowl and beat until fluffy.
2. Carefully add powdered sugar 1 cup at a time. Add pinch of cinnamon.
3. Add 4-6 tablespoons of caramel sauce. Pipe frosting on cooled cupcakes and garnish with more caramel sauce and apple slices.

## Breakfast Rollups

You wake up from your daily 3 p.m. nap and want something to eat. You open your freezer and see the same old pepperoni pizzas that you have been periodically eating over the week. You don't want another pizza so you decide to make something else. Opening your fridge, you see tortilla shells, eggs, shredded cheese, peppers, onions, tomatoes, and an avocado. You grab a skillet and put butter in it. After the butter melts you add some chopped up onions and peppers and cook until soft. You add eggs and cook until scrambled. You take a tortilla, add eggs and sprinkle on tomato, avocado, and shredded cheese. This is easy and delicious!



### Ingredients

- 2 tortillas
- 3 eggs
- ½ of an onion
- ¼ of a pepper
- ½ of a tomato
- ½ of an avocado
- 1 cup of shredded cheese
- Butter for cooking

### Directions

Melt butter in a pan; Cook onions and peppers until soft; add eggs and cook until scrambled; Add eggs to tortilla; Sprinkle with tomatoes, avocado, and cheese;

**Enjoy!!!**

Recipes by Jayden Pankratz

*"All of those cars were once just a dream in somebody's head."*

## Beauty and the BeatER

Each car in the Columbus parking lot either falls along the line of a beauty or a beater. Here are two students whose cars fall into each category. Do you have a beauty or beater car and want to let the world know about it? Contact a member of The Columbus Log and we will include it in a future issue!

### Beauty:

**Katie Weiler**

**Model:** Dodge 1500

**Year:** 2017

**Name:** Ram

**Mileage:** 23,000

**Color:** Red

**Favorite feature:** Radio

**Least favorite feature:** Tires

**Favorite passenger:** Laura

**Why is it a beauty?**

Because it is a Ram



### BeatER:

**Cole Timmler**

**Model:** Chrysler Concorde

**Year:** 2002

**Name:** Beige Betty

**Mileage:** 75,000

**Color:** Beige

**Favorite features:**

Heated seats & sunroof

**Least favorite feature:**

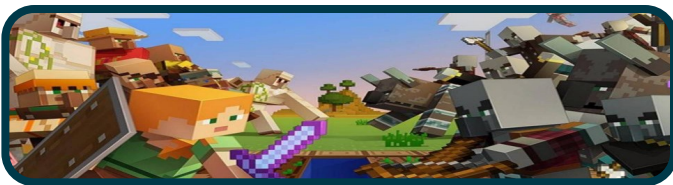
It looks like a boat with wheels

**Favorite passenger:** Blake

**Why is it a beater? :**

Because the previous owner decided to run a red light

## A Cultured Columbus: Minecraft



Minecraft is something I'm sure a large portion of you have heard of, being one of the most popular games of all time. It has a thriving online community made up of nearly 112 million players per month. Minecraft was released on May 17, 2009. This sets it apart from most games, which usually fall off in popularity as time goes along, and eventually become more niche. This success is due very much to a devoted player base, countless playstyles, and developers that still care for the game. Many games of this age tend to fall off their developer's interest, but Mojang has put a lot of effort in keeping the game updated and expanding cross-play compatible.

Minecraft's freshness is definitely one of its up-sides. Every time I ever find myself playing it, I am calmed down and much more relaxed than before. Single player is a very soothing experience, and I usually try to play it whenever I have had a bad day. The soft, gentle

music serenades the player in the background as they traverse the bright deserts, wander the quiet forests, trade in the tiny villages, scale massive mountain ranges, ford the winding rivers, spelunk the dark mines, and much more. There are so many things to do in this game, and the constant updates improve the scale and quality of experience every time.

As far as the online experience, there are endless opportunities. There are millions of servers to join, all with their own quirks or rules specific to the server. All players have an opportunity to create realms, personal subscription based servers that allow players to play online with a small group of friends or family. They are perfect for family play.

The game starts with your options. Before you even begin a single player game, you have to create a world. The options for this are multiple. First is difficulty, where there are options between peaceful, easy, normal, or hard. Each offers different experiences, each varying in difficulty. For example, in peaceful there are no hostile creatures, and in hard mode zombies will break your door down if it's wood and completely slaughter you in close quarters.

by Kyle Johnson

**Mr. Wolf - IT**

**Was it different preparing for the school year during Covid?**

*It was pretty much the same. I had to take into account the possibility of going virtual and prepare for having some virtual students*

**This isn't Covid-related but I've heard a lot of people wondering why we have security cameras in the hallways now?**  
*Columbus received a safety grant last year for protection against intruders in order to secure the school. The cameras would be used to help police in the event of an intruder.*

**What is your favorite part of your job?**  
*Seeing all my work pay off and make a difference. Seeing everything run smoothly.*

## Behind the Scenes:

These two staff members got our school ready for a COVID year.

**Tell us a little about yourself. Why Columbus?**

*I went to UW Stout for four years which led to an internship at Marshfield Clinic for two summers. That led to a fulltime job at the clinic as a Network Engineer. It was a high-profile job with half-million dollar devices. It was rewarding but stressful. I worked every night on top of eight-hour day shifts. I got burnt out. Our first child, Lincoln, was on the way and I didn't want to be working all the time. Columbus is much less stressful and I do not work as many hours. Also I work with a lot of great people.*

**Have the new Covid procedures affected your work at all? If yes, how?**

*Not too much other than handing out student devices at the beginning of the year and the training for staff. There was a lot more training on virtual learning over the summer.*

**If you could tell someone anything about your job, what would it be?**  
*It's a lot easier than it looks. I think anyone can do it*



**Mr. Rick Dunow - Maintenance**

**Was it different preparing for the school year with Covid?**

*It was a lot different. I had to do normal work with lockers and stuff like that. There were no guidelines for which cleaning supplies we needed and how to order them. There was a shortage of cleaning supplies because not just our school needed them but other schools and businesses need them too. We purchased all the stands for the wipes but we cannot keep them stocked with wipes because there is such a demand for them. In the summer, I get a lot of help. This last summer Mr. Iwanski, Mr. Prusinski, and Judy Schmitt*



*helped with painting, floors, and rebuilding lockers. This year we had to look at every locker. They had*

*to be re-combined, fixed, cleaned, etc. We had to clean the whole building basically.*

**How has Covid affected your work?**

*We have to be conscious all the time about wearing a mask whenever we are around other people. We have to wear gloves even more than before. The rooms get sprayed and disinfected every Wednesday morning so I have to gauge how long the disinfectant will take to dry before teachers and students arrive. Push bars on doors and doorknobs need to be constantly cleaned. Even the wipe stations have to be disinfected.*

**If you could tell someone anything about your job, what would it be?**

*You have to be a jack of all trades. There isn't just one thing I do. I do a lot of things: plumbing, heating, electrical, cleaning, working with chemicals – how to mix them, etc. With Covid there are a lot of new products and machines. We have a new backpack machine that carries the sanitizer that we use to spray the rooms. I have to know which sanitizers to use and how long they will last between applications.*

**What is your favorite part of your job?**

*Working with the students and teachers. Everyone here is so friendly. Getting to know the students. When the students are in high school I get to know them better.*

**What's your least favorite part of your job?**

*Getting up at four in the morning. And SNOW. On snow days I still have to come to school even when everyone else gets to stay home. I have to get ready for the next day.*

**What's one thing students could do better to make your job easier?**

*Students could and should pick up after themselves. Particularly in the lunchroom. You come in and it's clean. You should leave it clean. Push in chairs. Locker rooms: especially the boys, take your clothes and shoes home. In the bleachers when you go to a sporting event, they are clean when you arrive. Leave them clean. Lastly, talk to the maintenance people. Say hi. We aren't that scary.*

*by Eva Schiferl*

*"Tennis is mostly mental. You win or lose the match before you even go out there." - Venus Williams*

# TENNIS



Our tennis team is very fortunate to have a wonderful season this year. Northern The team has surely grown throughout the years. Due to COVID-19, the way we handle the tennis balls is different. Every person receives two tennis balls and that is what we use for the entire match.

Our coach stated, "They work hard, give their best effort, and most of all, have fun! Each year I just hope that we enjoy our time together and learn a sport that we can play for a lifetime. If we win, that's just a bonus! We play in the Great Northern Conference with lots of bigger schools. It's not unusual for us to travel two hours to play a match."



Luckily, the tennis players are already social distanced so we don't have to worry about maintaining six feet of space. On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, we were invited by our coach, Ms. Tracey Thompson, to watch the Women's U.S. Open Final. It was a lot of fun and hopefully we can do it again next year! The Columbus Catholic Dons Varsity Tennis Team is very blessed to have such a wonderful, caring, and astonishing tennis coach.

She works very hard to schedule practices and matches. She also works diligently to get all the tennis team girls into shape. The tennis team would be lost without Coach Thompson. She truly holds the entire team together.

We've enjoyed meeting teams from other schools but our favorite team to play is Assumption. We're pretty evenly matched and they're just nice, friendly girls to be around. We always have a shorter season compared to other sports because the weather has such a big impact on us. Right now we know we have two more weeks then we'll see what WIAA decides after that."

by Maya Kuhn

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## Tennis Interview

We interviewed Senior, Helen Voss, and asked her these questions about being a member of the Tennis Team:

**1. What are some reasons why you like being on a team sport?**

*I enjoy the relationships I get to have among my teammates. We can always count on each other. I also enjoy all the memories we made, especially going out to eat at noodles after our matches.*

**2. What was a memorable experience/ memory you have from playing tennis?**

*The most memorable experience was when we got to play on the grass tennis courts against Assumption my Junior year.*

**3. What is one thing you'll miss about tennis?**

*I'll miss all the amazing teammates and the constant encouragement we give to each other.*

**4. How has COVID-19 affected tennis?**

*COVID-19 has caused us to take extra precautions like temperature checks before going on the bus, practice, etc. Due to COVID-19 we also haven't been able to go out to eat as a team after our matches and make these memories.*

**5. Where was your favorite place to play tennis?**

*My favorite place to play tennis was against Assumption on the grass tennis courts.*

Seniors: Catherine Kitzhaber, Helen Voss

by Maya Kuhn



We interviewed Senior, Kelsey Moore, and asked her these questions about being a member of the Volleyball Team:

**1. Have you received any advice from your coach that will stick with you?**

*Every year our coach tells us a story about two puppies. There is a happy puppy and an angry puppy. They each go into a room filled with mirrors and when the happy puppy sees more happy puppies he becomes happier. When the angry puppy goes into the room and sees more angry puppies he becomes angrier. The*

*moral of the story is that when you have a positive attitude other people will feed off of that and be more happy. This has taught me to be more positive and have a better attitude, as well.*

**2. What was your favorite place to play volleyball?**

*My favorite place to play was at UW Stout for the Menomonee Sprawl Tournament. It was fun because there were many different courts to play on and we also got to play many great teams.*

**3. How has COVID-19 affected volleyball?**

*We have to wear masks when we play and we also have to use hand sanitizer after the games. Laura Kibbel is the COVID-19 coach and helps with rules and also helps take temps before games.*

**4. What is your favorite memory from playing volleyball?**

*My favorite memory from playing volleyball is when we went to watch other teams play at the State Tournament. It was nice to witness high-intensity games and be in a great atmosphere. It was also relaxing to spend quality time together as a team.*

**5. What are some reasons why you like being in a team sport?**

*It's nice to have supportive people around you, everyone is uplifting to each other and it's nice to have people encouraging you. Through playing with each other we are able to form strong and lasting friendships.*

Seniors: Megan Kibbel, Erynn Meece, Emmalee Jicinsky, Kelsey Moore

by Maya Kuhn

## Volleyball Interview with Coach Kat Egle

I began by asking her what her first opinion was of all the new changes.

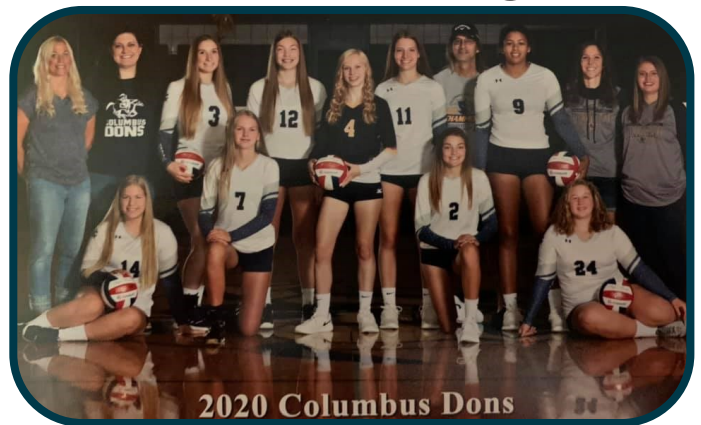
"I knew the season wasn't going to be normal. We are just hoping to start and finish our season."

**What are your plans for the start of the season with all of the new changes?**

"It will be different having our first week after school instead of during the day. We won't have a lot of time before we start playing a lot of games. My plan is still to do as much as we can and still include team bonding and mental toughness into our training."

**How do you feel about some of the other sports not being able to play at all this year?**

"I feel terrible for the kids that aren't offered sports right now. The kids need activities. Sports sometimes are the motivation a kid needs to get good grades. Everyone needs some sense of normalcy. It was such a bummer to not have our spring sports last year, especially for the seniors."



**When the players start the season what are your goals for the team?**

"We are going to take one day at a time and live in the moment. We have no idea if we will get to finish our season and I want us to be thankful for the time we get to spend right now as a team. We are blessed for each day we get to play a fun sport with our friends. We cannot take life for granted and we will enjoy our time in the present. We have no control over the future and worrying doesn't solve anything. We just need to trust in God."

by Alliah Immerfall

# Cross Country

This year we were faced with a few new challenges due to Covid, of course. Let me explain the challenges we've overcome; not as a team, but as a family. First off, we aren't allowed to use the weight room, so to make up for it we were all charged with bringing sticks at least the size of our shoulders to practice so we could use them for stretches. It's definitely an experience walking around the school with oversized sticks while everyone stares at us. In the future, we will attach gallon milk jugs filled with water to the ends of the sticks to use as recycled weights.

Our meets are less and the harriers fewer. Last year we had about a hundred some people per race. This year we are only allowed to invite certain schools from certain divisions, so we now have about half that number.

We have to wear masks for the first 200 meters of the race. It's not the whole race so it isn't that bad. However, you usually start the race sprinting to get ahead, so inhaling your mask while you run isn't the most exciting experience.

This year, our lanes are spread out. Prior to the pandemic it was a custom to shake your opponents' hands and wish them well for the coming race. Now, if we even get too close we risk getting disqualified. This has definitely made the start of the race very interesting.

At the finish line – or as I like to think of it, the place you go to collapse from exhaustion (just kidding!) – you



can't collapse this year. There are assigned boxes at the finish line that you must go to after you finish a race and you're not supposed to leave that spot until you put your mask on. Only the runners and the coaches are allowed back there; no one else.

Yes, Cross Country has changed. But honestly, this sport wouldn't be the same without a little chaos in the mix and I think you'll find that all the runners agree. Speaking about this season, Ms. Wojcik, our fearless coach, said, "Although we're small in number, we're big in heart. We mind our space, and cover our face; otherwise we do not race."

*by Orion Smith*

## CC Interview: Orion Smith

We interviewed Senior, Orion Smith, and asked him these questions about being a member of the Cross Country Team:

### 1. What was a memorable moment you've had during Cross Country?

*"It's not really one memorable moment, but every time a hurdle fell down while we were using them to stretch, Coach Travis would yell, 'PUSHUPS!'"*

### 2. How long have you been doing cross country?

*"I have been doing cross country for Columbus for four years. I did another year in elementary school back in Washington."*

### 3. How has COVID-19 affected cross country?

*"Our usual meets used to consist of about 10 or more different schools,. This year it's like five or less, and usually a team ends up dropping out before we race."*

### 4. Have you received any advice from your coach that will stick with you for the rest of your life?

*"No goose left behind! If you know you know."*

### 5. Where was your favorite distance to run and why?

*"My favorite distance to run was nine miles. It was a VERY hilly course, but now that we don't do that course anymore, I'll take any course with a few hills."*

*by Maya Kuhn*

## Football During Covid?

### Interview with Coach K

**What does football season look like this year?**

"We're running a seven-game schedule followed by two weeks of playoffs."

**Are we still going to have a junior varsity team along with regular varsity team?**

"Yes."

**How many players will be from Columbus?**

"15 CCHS players and a total of 60 players."



**Will travel be restricted? What will the buses look like?**

"We will still be taking buses, but this year we will be taking multiple buses and the players will be socially distanced on the bus."

**How will the season look for the spectators?**

"Each player will get two to four tickets, depending on the host school."

**What else looks different?**

"Each team will use their own ball (which will be cleaned regularly) and the teams will use sanitizer between plays."

**Any last words?**

"We're just excited to have a season. We're happy that in this area we are able to offer our boys the opportunity to play."

by Orion Smith

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## Football Interview: Gage Stratman

We interviewed Senior, Gage Stratman, and asked him these questions about being a member of the Football Team:

**1. How has COVID-19 affected football?**

*We have to wear masks every day for practice and games. We sanitize the balls, equipment, and every player's hands as often as possible.*

**2. What advice have you received from your coach that will stick with you?**

*Do your job to the fullest and trust that your teammate is going to do theirs.*

**3. What is one of your favorite memories from playing football?**

*One of my favorite memories was my entire Sophomore season. That team was really good and every practice was fun. I enjoyed smack talking Ethan and other Seniors while going head to head with*

*them in practice. That year we made it to the state semifinals and that was one of the most memorable games I've ever played in.*

**4. What are some reasons why you like being on a team sport?**

*I like the teamwork and sportsmanship that playing on a team builds, and the friendships that I've made with my teammates. I enjoy the competitive nature that you can express every day against and with your teammates. They're there to push you and make you better.*

**5. What is one thing you'll miss about football?**

*My teammates from Spencer who I've played with for the past six years.*

by Maya Kuhn

*"Playing soccer with your feet is one thing, but playing football with your heart is another."*

# Columbus Soccer

## An update on the 2020 season

Soccer this year got delayed by three weeks, so that's a big difference from previous years. Due to the pandemic, we have decided to wear masks during practices and games. All players get their temps checked before arriving to the field.

The team looks good this season. We have a nice mix of upper and lower classmen. We should compete for the Conference Championship once again, as well as for an 8th consecutive Regional Title.

Our season did get shortened. Since we started late, we lost out on two weeks of games. Burnett Bus is still transporting us to games, but we will be sitting one player to a seat and wearing masks.

Players to watch this season are Wyatt Drexler as goalie and Kellen Delaney as forward. They both mean a lot to the team and we need them to perform at their best to succeed. The team will also be relying on a number of first-year starters. They are key to our success.

Coaching this team is always fun as I watch the newer players get better every practice. By the

end of the season, players have upped their game and are contributing in different ways.



## Soccer Interview: Kellen Delaney

We interviewed Senior, Kellen Delaney, and asked him these questions about being a member of the Soccer Team:

### 1. How has COVID-19 affected soccer?

*We have to play with masks on. Because of COVID-19, we've basically had half of our games canceled and we've had a half season.*

### 2. What are some reasons why you like being on a team sport?

*I like working together as a team. I like playing with all of my friends and having the opportunity to play on a team sport is great.*

### 3. What was a memorable moment you've had during soccer?

*When I scored the last goal to go to State.*

### 4. What is one thing you'll miss about soccer?

*I will miss all of my teammates. They all work really hard.*

**5. Where was your favorite place to play soccer?**  
*PCYS Contest was amazing and a lot of fun.*

by Maya Kuhn



## *Blast from the Past*

Articles taken from previous editions of the Columbus newspaper.

### **Height Problems? Try This Game**

Sword-dancing is a national art in Mexico and is rapidly growing in this country. Few people ever live to become experts in the pastime, but millions attempt this sport annually. The recreation is recommended only for people in debt up to their necks or persons with incurable diseases.

The three things necessary for this sport are: 1) one razor-sharp sword; 2) the ability to move quickly; 3) a pair of crutches.

In order to begin, you should find a soundproof room with a hospital nearby, if possible, or a first-aid kit with plenty of bandages and the equipment needed to administer a blood transfusion. An extra person is recommended in case the participant is physically unable to walk to the first-aid kit. Thus you see you must be quite wealthy to indulge in this activity.

On the first lesson, you must get the feel of the sword and have confidence in your family doctor. As you start to dance, you should at the same time begin to wave the sword briskly under your feet, lifting each foot out of the way of the sword. Heavy shoes can cause embarrassing moments.

As the second lesson begins, you gradually notice a decrease in your former height, but you begin to build up confidence and start to swing the sword quite fast. This you soon regret.

At the third and final lesson you suddenly feel small and unimportant and slowly you become sick of this sport, but after several months recuperating in the hospital, you finally realize the fun in it, so you take your wheel chair and try again.

Taken from the May 1961 issue of The Log.

### **Teenagers' Thanksgiving**

*Treasures of the teenage world  
That fill our every day -  
Dear Lord, we take them one and all  
And never THANK YOU say.*

*There are tennis shoes and Brylcreem,  
Chocolate candy bars;  
Teachers, priests, and root beer stands,  
Rings and shiny cars.*

*Sun glasses, cute corsages,  
Friends forever true;  
Fattening banana splits  
Topped with lots of goo.*

*Paper backs and television,  
Coke and credit cards;  
Coaches, purses, basketball,  
Cookouts in the yard.*

*Argyles, juicy hamburgers,  
Chemistry and trig,  
Bubble bath and hot dogs,  
Sweaters - baggy, big.*

*Radio music, bobby socks,  
Telephones, good grades;  
Luscious pizzas, movies gay,  
Smiles that never fade.*

*The Holy Mass and rosary,  
Freedom's flag unfurled;  
The love and warmth of a family,  
Life in a Christian world.*

*These and all the gifts you give  
Are in our hearts today;  
Dear Lord, we take them one and all  
And now, our THANK YOU say.*

- Karen Connaughty '63  
- Carol Wipfli '63

Taken from the November 20, 1961  
issue of the Log.

## What is behind the door...?

In the guest locker room in the basement, is a big door, sitting quietly in the silence. Many have inquired, what is behind the door? The answer is simple; a large network of tunnels. They seem to be barren, simple utility networks, but when the caretaker is not down there, perhaps something else inhabits them? That is the very mystery I have come to figure out.

I, Kyle Edward Johnson, have spent the last two weeks asking about the moist, dank corners of the barren halls, the naked lights and pale shadows, trying to find out more about whatever nightmarish being could be found in the basement. One shudders to imagine the inhuman thoughts that would fill the void of whatever inhabits those corridors, what dreams of chronic and sustained cruelty could lie in patient wait for the curious, ignorant, or ex-



ploratory.

It appears the school is trying to cover something up. I asked for permission to explore the tunnels, and I was told, "No, what are you talking about, are you getting enough sleep? Kyle, you are concerning me, do you want to go back to counseling?" Clearly, by keeping me out, they are showing that there is definitely something going on there. But, without permission, I cannot investigate further. One can only dream, no, have a nightmare about what calls those tunnels home. What is down there? I don't know. One can only guess. Just remember, next time you hear an unexplained noise, or the floor shakes a bit, assume it's something supernatural, because anything more reasonable is boring.

by Kyle Johnson

## Tell Me Something...

...weird: "Turtles can breathe through their butts."  
~ Catherine Kitzhaber

...happy: "Every day I get to wake up and see all of my best friends. I get to be with my family and go on fun adventures with them. I get to be on a fun tennis team with some of the girls from Columbus and we get to laugh and cry tears of happiness during practice. Being me makes me happy. I get to be my own individual person who has the ability to do great things. I am happy."

~ Maya Kuhn

...sad: "One day someone that you called your friend could be someone you call a stranger."  
~ Brianna Duda

...good: "If you want a happy life, tie it to a goal, not people or things."

~ Albert Einstein (Emma Alcott)

by Alliah Immerfall

## Fantasies Beyond Belief by Gus Schultz

At the time of its birth,  
A new franchise began in Middle-Earth.

It all started with a Hobbit,  
And this made quite a profit.  
One ring that was hard to part with  
And three rings made by an Elven blacksmith.

Seven dwarf lords received very powerful rings.

Nine men became fallen kings.  
People today still read these books.

But many still overlook  
The hearts of many who still cherish them.

Though fans will stay with these stories in whatever outcome.