

The Columbus Log

"It is only with the **heart** that one can see rightly;
what is essential is invisible to the eye."

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In this month's edition of the newspaper we:

Introduce the newest members of *The Log* staff;
Take a deeper look into the history of Valentine's Day;
Feature a new "Rockin' Recipe": Valentine themed, of course;
Say hello to new faculty members;
Find out what's happening in the chemistry lab;
Discover which *are* your favorite Valentine's candy and movie;
Get good advice from Mr. Iwanski and Mr. Wolf;
Read lovely poetry and a reimagined fairytale;
Talk "Hart to Hart" with the Hart's;
Look at how much Columbus has changed by asking teachers
whowere former students about their time at Columbus;
Discuss what's in a name;
Inform you of the month to come with "February at a Glance";
Update you on the basketball season;
Become better acquainted with a few students, and;
Share lots of other fun and informative ideas and information.

Read on!!

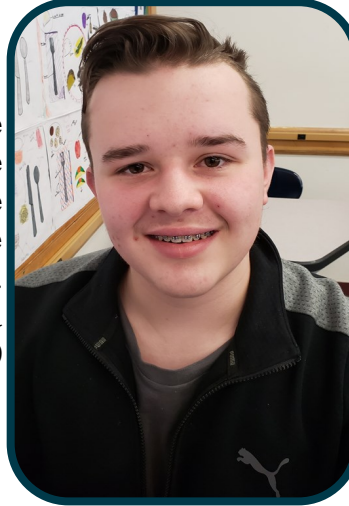
Meet our Staff

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



Charlotte Schiferl

I am a Freshman here at Columbus. I have lived in the same house my entire life. I love watching *Supernatural*. I would like to be a police officer in the K-9 unit.



Hunter Mayer

I'm a Freshman here at Columbus. I am very good at computer-related activities. I like gaming and coding. I plan on becoming a programmer in the future.



Nova Mitchell

I am a Sophomore here at Columbus. I have nine siblings. I love reading and art. In the future I want to be a forensic scientist.



Denali Volkman

I am a Sophomore here at Columbus. I like making clothes and sewing. In the future I hope to be an engineer or a psychologist.



Michael McQuillen

I am a Senior here at Columbus. My favorite color is crimson red. I like playing video games. I plan on going into media arts in the future.



Jayden Pankratz

I'm a Senior. I'm going to live in Washington, D.C. I love volunteering in the local community. I am going to be a federal agent in the future.

Special contributors to this edition: Maya Kuhn & Kelsey Moore

Faculty Advisors: Mr. Wolf: IT & Ms. Silva: Editorial

by Jayden Pankratz

"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for." - St. Therese of Lisieux

A Catholic History of Valentine's Day



"Will you be my Valentine?" This is a common question heard in February, but did you know that Valentine's Day is rooted in Catholicism? Historians believe that Valentine's Day was inspired by one of three "Saint Valentines."

The mystery about the true namesake of February 14th has been debated for decades, but each of the possible "Valentines" lived heroic lives and died as martyrs for their faith. One of the possible namesakes, Fr. Valentine was famous for secretly performing marriages when Emperor

Claudius II outlawed marriage during the third century in Rome.

He was eventually discovered and martyred. Another victim of Claudius II, Bishop Valentine of Terni, who died rather than deny his faith and the congregation he served, is thought to be the true namesake of Valentine's Day. The final martyred St. Valentine is famous for falling in love with the daughter of his own jailer and sending her love letters signed: "Your Valentine," which could explain the common anonymous signature used on the 14th.

No matter your opinion on the namesake of Valentine's Day, Catholics can be proud of the influence that one (or multiple!) of our heroes has had on secular culture.

by Denali Volkman

February at a Glance

Sunday, January 31~ Saturday, February 6: Catholic Schools Week

Monday, February 1: MCLA Meeting (Lunch Hours)

Wednesday, February 3: Science ACT Prep

Monday, February 8: **No School**

Tuesday, February 9: HS Mass

Wednesday, February 10: Math ACT Prep, Wisconsin Education Fair

Friday, February 12: Dress Down Day (Free Will Donation)

Sunday, February 14: Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15: MCLA Meeting (Lunch Hours)

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday, HS Mass

Friday, February 19: **No School**

Sunday, February 21: HS Student Council Meeting

Monday, February 22: MCLA Meeting (Lunch Hours)

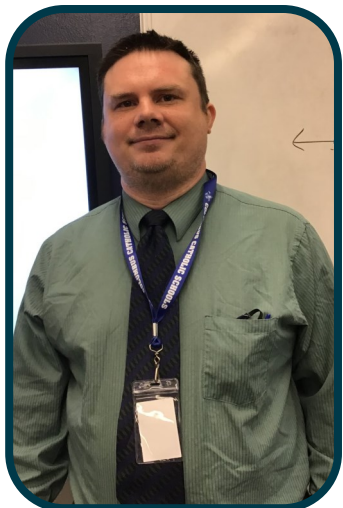
Tuesday, February 23: Class Meetings

Wednesday, February 24: English ACT Prep, Blood Drive



by Denali Volkman

FACULTY FOCUS



Mr. Shane Coombs

Where are you from?

Originally from Massachusetts, but I have lived in New Hampshire for the past several years.

Could you tell me about your family?

I have a wife and four kids. Kathryn is the oldest at four. There are also Adelaide and Hermione. Joshua, the only boy, is less than a year old.

What are you looking forward to most about teaching at Columbus?

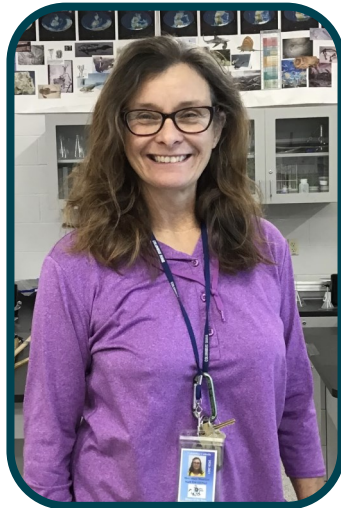
Getting to teach things I'm familiar with while being in a new place with new people. Being in a different part of the country, I'm interested in seeing what things are different and what are the same. I also hope to learn something new about myself during this experience.

What is your favorite memory from school?

In college, I returned late at night with some friends. We went into a room to watch the playoffs before the Red Sox won the World Series. It was a neat experience because several strangers, like a security guard, joined us and we all enjoyed the game together.

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

Space. I have disliked the idea of creatures lurking around in the dark ocean. Also, I have been interested in science fiction with space and things since I was young.



Ms. Mary Wendorf

Where did you attend college?

At Indiana State University in Terre Haute, the home of Larry Bird.

What interests you about teaching science?

Everything. My two favorite sciences, however, are biochemistry and genetics.

Do you have any kids?

I have one biological daughter and have hosted two boys and eight girls from various countries. The countries include Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Germany, and Lebanon.

What do you like to do during school breaks?

During breaks I like to visit my family. Some of my favorite activities to do outside of school, as well, are walking and hiking.

What do you look forward to most about being at Columbus this year?

I look forward to Physics Honors. The class is full of exceptional students who really want to learn.

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

Neither. I'm too claustrophobic.

by Kelsey Moore



Father Williams

Where are you from/born and raised?

"Born and raised in New Bern, North Carolina. That's where my dad's originally from and my mom met my dad down there. Then, in 2008 we moved to the Stanley Boyd area."

Did you always want to be a priest?

"It's always been something in the back of my head for a long time. I went from wanting to be an engineer, or working in politics, but the priesthood was always kinda in the back of my mind. I decided to give it a good look."

Who is your role model?/Who did you admire when you were growing up?

"The priest that baptized me, Monsignor Jones. He was the one that really made me start thinking about becoming a priest. He was such a great priest, too. He'd always talk about *when* I became a priest not *if*. Yeah, he was a great role model for me."

Where did you go to seminary?

"I went to college seminary at The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and then I went to major seminary at St. Francis de Sales down in Milwaukee."

Where and when were you ordained?

"Down in La Crosse, June 27, last year (2020)."

What was the scariest thing about becoming a priest?

"Probably preaching, and that's gone away over time. I was a deacon for a year before I became a priest. I could preach during that year and let the nerves kinda work themselves out."

What were you most excited about becoming a priest?

"I think just being with people in the most intimate moments of their life. When a baby's born, or First Communion, getting married, and then dying. Being a priest is being present at all those moments."

What is your favorite activity to do in your free time?

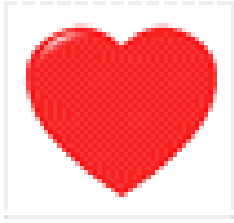
"I like to read and write, but also just spend time with brother priests or family members as well."

Anything else that you wanted to mention that you want people to know about you?

"Anyone is always welcome to come visit me here in the office and I'm here to be here for you."

by Charlotte Schiferl

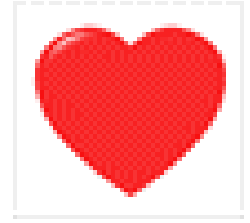
"True love is the best thing in the world, except for cough drops." - The Princess Bride



Hart



Hart



***You may know Mr. and Mrs. Hart who are both teachers here.
They met at Columbus and spent lots of time together as they were both first-year teachers.
They were married on April 12, 2008 and have four children: Lucy, Keegan, Liam, and Toby.
They will be celebrating their 13th wedding anniversary this April.***

1. Who said "I love you" first?

I'm not 100% sure since it feels like a really long time ago now, but I think it was Mr. Hart.

2. Who does more laundry at home?

I do most of the laundry, although Mr. Hart often helps fold clothes – which is very much appreciated since four kids make a LOT of dirty laundry. My guess is Mr. Hart will say the "laundry fairy" takes his dirty clothes away and brings them back clean.

3. Who was more nervous for the first date?

We were both nervous, but I seem to remember Mr. Hart was really nervous.

4. Did you fall in love at first sight?

I wouldn't say "love" at first sight, but I WOULD say that it didn't take very long before I felt like he was probably the person I was meant to spend the rest of my life with. We were engaged after only nine months of dating, and we were talking about marriage for at least a couple of months before that.

5. Who is the funny one?

Mr. Hart THINKS he is funny. :) And I think any of our students would agree that he IS the funny one. I tend to take things more seriously.

6. Who is the romantic one?

Definitely not Mr. Hart. The first date he asked me on was to grade papers and watch the Packers game together on a Sunday. :) Although he did also take me out for lunch.

1. Who said "I love you" first?

Me. I'm hoping she says it back someday. J/K. But honestly, I have no idea.

2. Who does more laundry at home?

She does more laundry for sure. I do more dishes though. We also have laundry folding dates sometimes, super romantic!!

3. Who was more nervous for the first date?

I think I was. I hosted her at my apartment and I was very self-conscious about the quantity of spoiled food in my apartment.

4. Did you fall in love at first sight?

Kind of. It was more "attraction at first sight" but dating the Theology teacher was super intimidating.

5. Who is the funny one?

Me for sure. I'm always laughing at my jokes!! I always thought she married me for either my sexy body or my awesome sense of humor. I'm still not sure which.

6. Who is the romantic one?

Hello, me of course. I once took her ice fishing for Valentine's Day. Nothing says romance better than the smell of two-cycle ice auger exhaust, a low-light ice fishing shack, some Doritos with a box of wine, with the crackle of a propane heater in the background. This is basically the plot of a Nicholas Sparks novel combined with a Hallmark movie.

by Jayden Pankratz

Then & Now

MR. DRAXLER: METALS TEACHER (GRADUATED: 1965)

Q: What are some traditions or

SUPERSTITIONS you had and have for the **First Day of School?**

A: Then: I could fail and be in a class that I don't like. There was no shop class.

Now: Now I can't fail and I am teaching the class that I like, because now there is a shop class.

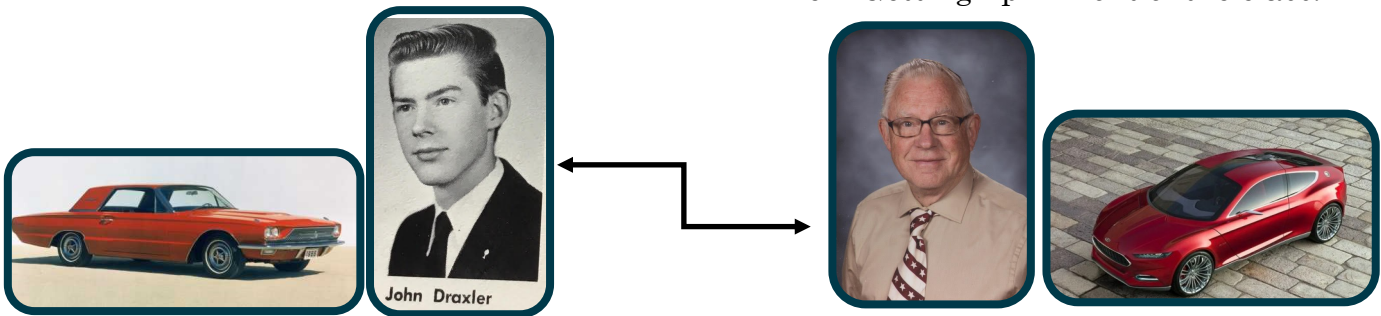
Q: What makes a "good day" at school?

A: Then: Math and science class because I got to play around in the lab.

Now: Seeing the kids being able to do something they like and enjoying it.

Q: Was and is there anything that you got/get embarrassed about doing?

A: Then: Getting up in front of the class.



MRS. VOLKMAN: LIT TEACHER (GRADUATED: 1997)

Q: What are some **TRADITIONS** or superstitions you had and have for the **First Day of School?**

A: Then: Going to my grandparents' house on the first day to take school pictures. **Now:** On the first day of school every year I take pictures of my daughters in front of the flagpole outside the front of the school.

Q: What makes a "good day" at school?

A: Then: Always getting stuff done, between homework, sports, work, and having fun with friends. **Now:** Getting through everything in class and having students be able to have a study time. Not being so overwhelmed that I can't spend time with my family.

Q: What was your favorite dish in the cafeteria?

A: Then: Ice cream cookie sandwich and a can of Coke.

Now: Chicken patty, pizza dippers, and **BREAKFAST!!!**





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Love is love no matter what.

Love has no limits.

by Charlotte Schifzrl

Cinderella Reimagined

A twist on the classic
fairy tale, brought to you by four stu-
dents in Ms. DeCaire's
7th Grade English class.

Once upon a time, there was a young woman named Elizabeth. One day, Elizabeth was picking berries in the forest, when she saw a witch who said, "Don't you know what you are doing? You are stealing the very berries that I live on. You shall now be cursed!"

"Please Ma'am, I-I really didn't know," screamed Elizabeth, but the witch took no mercy on her. She cast a spell of obedience on poor Elizabeth making her listen to everything she was told. At first, this spell wouldn't seem so bad at all, but it made her do anything someone told her to, even things that were illegal.

Ten years passed and Elizabeth had been living with her stepmother and stepsisters. Her stepmother and stepsisters were hideous, inside and out. They made her do all the cleaning, and she couldn't refuse because of the spell.

"Do this! Do that!" they were always saying to her. She had had enough of this, but she was too scared to stand up to them, for then she would face her biggest fear because of the spell. She just kept on listening to them and doing whatever they would say. Her whole family hated her, and she knew it. She just didn't have the courage to face her biggest fear.

One day, she decided to make a plan of how she was going to get rid of this terrible curse. DING! She had a great idea. If the witch was mad at her for picking berries in the forest, maybe something was different about those berries; something special. She went to the forest that day and ate seven berries. When she went back home, her step-mother told her to do the dishes. Elizabeth said no. Elizabeth, her stepmother, and stepsiblings were all shocked. The curse was gone.

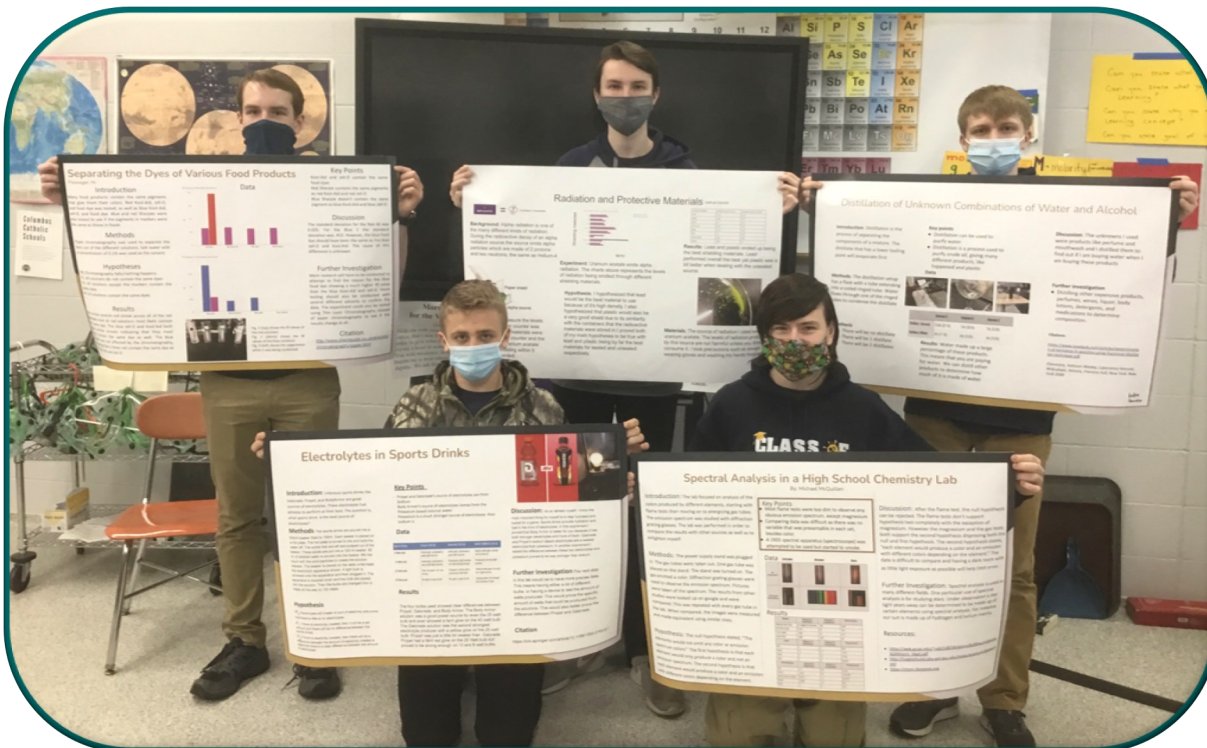
From then on, her stepmother and stepsisters treated her nicer. They now all helped, and Elizabeth wasn't even afraid of the witch anymore! They returned to the forest and made the witch leave. They also made her promise never to curse anyone with that spell again. Elizabeth grew very beautiful and lived happily ever after.

by Lucia Kimmert, Emma Multrær,
Delia Træder, and Katelijn Casperson

"I believe the science of chemistry alone almost proves the existence of an intelligent creator." - Thomas Edison

Chemistry Corner

The Chemistry II Honors class has been hard at work recently by staying up with labs, creating papers and posters for a symposium, and helping purchase scales for the lab.



Posters

The Chemistry II Honors class has been performing specific labs and writing papers on them and related material. Each of the five students — Mark Fieweger, Josh Scholin, Luke Jansen, Cole Timmler, and Michael McQuillen — were given their own lab study. Since October, they learned about anything related to their given study and have become experienced on their topics. They performed their labs several times. After doing so, they explained their labs to each other.

They then created detailed, professional posters on their labs which were presented for the Upper Peninsula of Michigan Junior Science and Humanities Symposium" on January 23rd.

by Michael McQuillen

Scales

Recently the Chemistry II Honors class participated in the School Pride Video Contest which was hosted by Forward Bank. For submitting a video, they were awarded \$1,000.00 for Columbus to use for its chemistry lab. Their video was posted on YouTube, as well. Its title is "Chem Video Final" and is posted on the channel named "Mary Wendorf."

The \$1,000.00 was used to purchase two new digital balances which are used for measuring the mass of objects. These balances are more accurate and measure up to three decimal places. They help when

performing labs in chemistry and physics. The older balances were less accurate and resulted in more errors in collected data. The new balances are essential and very welcome pieces of equipment for the lab.



"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are." - John Walters

Student Spotlight

Cierra Dieringer

What makes a good student?

What I think makes a good student is being able to connect with the teachers and students and also being able to talk to your teachers for help.

How would you describe your Sophomore year so far?

I would describe my Sophomore year as alright for me. To me, I think it is a lot harder than last year but I'm getting through it.

If you could hire anyone to be your teacher who would you hire and why?



If I were to hire anyone to be my teacher it would be Lizzy Gruenloh because she is easy to talk to and is patient.

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

The first thing I would change is the dress code.

What do you believe is your greatest achievement?

To me, my greatest achievement is being a state champion for pole bending in rodeo. I have for the past five years gotten something like that and it makes me feel good.

Student Spotlight

Derek Fieber

What makes a good student?

A good student is someone who works hard, is respectful of everyone around them, and tries their hardest.

How do you define peer pressure? Is it dangerous?

Peer pressure is when you are pushed to do something. You don't want to do it and it can be very dangerous.



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

Something that I'm looking forward to this year is basketball.

How would you describe your Junior year so far?

My Junior year so far has been very fun and exciting.

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

If I was the principal of Columbus I would first change the dress code.

by Maya Kuhn

"I think there's just one kind of folks. Folks." -Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird

Student Spotlight

Maeleigh Anderson

Where would your dream Valentines Day date be?

Somewhere on a beach at night, eating popcorn and talking.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Costa Rica because of the pine-apples and coffee.

If you won a million dollars, what would you spend it on?

I would invest, build a house, and donate.



If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you take with you?

A fire starter, a knife, and a blanket.

If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?

Peace, to always have long hair, and to have free food all the time.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Mind reading so that I could know what people are really thinking.

Student Spotlight

Jadon Nienast

Where would your dream Valentines Day date be?

Mexico on the beach because its nice and warm.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

Wisconsin because of the snow and skiing and summer lake days.

If you won a million dollars, what would you spend it on?

Pay debt, buy a boat, and put it in the bank.



If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you take with you?

Water, food, and a friend.

If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?

World peace, an end to world hunger, and a trillion dollars.

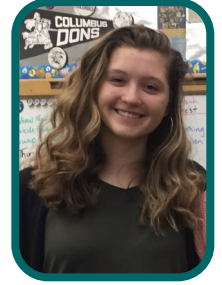
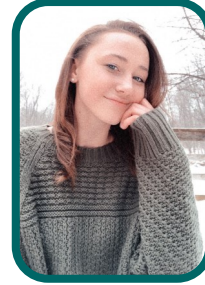
If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Telepathy because I would want to know what everybody is thinking.

by Nova Mitchell

"If I'm gonna tell a real story, I'm gonna start with my name." - Kendrick Lamar

Seeing Triple



With an influx of students this year, a variety of new names can be heard in the hallway. "Emma" was the second most popular girl's name in 2004 and 2005, so it makes sense that there are multiple "Emma's" here at Columbus. *The Log* sat down with the three "Emma's" this month: Emma Alcott, Emma Dolgner, and Emma Eckelberg (left to right.) We learned more about each of them, and now you can, too.

Do you like your name? Why or why not?

Emma Alcott: No, because it's very common and yes, because it is easy to spell.

Emma Dolgner: No, because a lot of people are named Emma.

Emma Eckelberg: Yes, because it is short and no one messes it up.

Do you know why your parents chose your name?

Emma Alcott: They chose "Emma" because they liked the name and to honor my grandmas because Emma means "grandma."

Emma Dolgner: They chose it because it was unpopular at the time.

Emma Eckelberg: I do not.

What is your middle name? Do you like that more?

Emma Alcott: May. No, because it is boring.

Emma Dolgner: Rene. Yes, because it's my grandma's name.

Emma Eckelberg: Nicole. Yes, I do.

If you could change your name, what would you pick?

Emma Alcott: I would change my name to Natalie.

Emma Dolgner: I would change it to Megan.

Emma Eckelberg: I wouldn't change it.

by Denali Volkman

"Good food is good mood."

Rockin' Recipes

You remember cookies with Hershey kisses from Christmas. You also love Valentine's Day. How can you make your favorite cookies more festive for this upcoming holiday? You see a red velvet cake mix and remember how to make cake mix cookies (the recipe is quite simple). You know that Hershey kisses will look (and taste) good in the middle of these cookies. You quickly mix the batter together and throw the cookies in the oven. You take them out after they bake and add the kisses to them. You taste them. Ah, true love!

Ingredients

1 (15.25 ounce) box red velvet cake mix
2 eggs
1/3 cup oil
1/2 cup sugar or red sprinkles
30 Hershey's Hugs or Kisses

Instructions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Mix the cake mix, eggs, and vegetable oil until well combined.
Roll the dough into 1 inch balls.
Roll the balls in sugar and place on cookie sheet.
Bake for 7-9 minutes or until set.
Take out of oven and let cool for 5 minutes.
Put an unwrapped Hershey's Hug or Kiss into the center of each cookie.
Do not move cookies until completely cooled and the chocolate has hardened.



by Jayden Pankratz

"Champions play as they practice." - Mike Krzyzewski



Spectacular Sports



The **Boys Varsity Basketball** team is having a great season with a current overall record of 12-5 and a Cloverbelt Conference record of 8-1. **They are in 1st place in the conference.**



Go Dons, Go!

The **Girls Varsity Basketball** team has a 10-9 overall and 9-5 Cloverbelt Conference record and is currently in 3rd place in the conference. **Thank you, Derek Dieringer for awesome photos!**



"Essentially, what photography is, is life lit up." - Sam Abell

Picture Perfect

Photos by the Multimedia Class



Photographer:

Emma Eckleberg

Caption: Just because I have direction doesn't mean I know where I'm going.

Photographer:

Hanna Jacobson

Caption: Jelly Vibes :)



Photographer:

Brianna Duda

Caption: Myself & Me

Photographer:

Catherine Kitzhaber

Caption: There were 13 in the bed and the little one said...



**These are actual articles
taken verbatim from
the October 1960 edition of
The Log.**

Rules to Avoid Red, Red Face

A girl may be pretty, a boy may be handsome, but if their manners are under par, what does a fine superficial appearance matter? It isn't sissified to have good manners; on the contrary, it shows how grown up a person can be.

Sometimes not knowing the rules of proper etiquette can be very embarrassing. Here are a few pertaining to dances which might help you!

1. Don't Say No

Girls nowadays seem to like to dance with their own rather than with the opposite sex. They promise dances so far ahead that when a boy finally does get up enough courage to ask a girl to dance, she replies with the disheartening, "I've got the next five promised." The poor boy is stopped before he even gets a chance. You can't

blame the lads for being scared off.

2. High and Dry

Boys forget that girls don't like to be left stranded in the middle of the dance floor when a number is finished. Remember, fellows, to walk her back to the place where you found her. Don't forget a pleasant "Thank you."

3. Forgotten Words

Bumping another couple while you're dancing is sometimes unavoidable. A "Pardon me, please," is bound to boost the rating on your good manners chart.

4. Two to One

Two girls, one boy. Sounds nice. Let's see. Two girls are dancing and a boy wants to dance with one of them, so he cuts in, thrilling one and stranding the other. Doesn't sound too nice anymore. Always remember that two to two makes a better ratio. Boys, if you want to cut in on two girls dancing, bring a partner for the other girl.

These are just simple rules to help avoid the red face that spells embarrassment.

Boys Voice Opinions On Girls' Fashions

The approach of summer brings to mind swimming, tennis, and dating. These thrills tend to carry the feminine gender to seventh heaven, but, girls, while you're in orbit over your Romeo, make sure you don't embarrass him by your dress. Don't think the boys haven't opinions on the latest modes or don't know if their date is wearing them. But they want their girl friends to be decently and modestly clothed. Appropriateness, too, counts strongly with them. As one senior said:

"It wouldn't be so bad if they wore the right clothes at the right time, but clothes like short shorts, and Bermuda shorts should be definitely out at any social function. For around the house, it is a different story.

"The short skirts and dresses the girls are now wearing make it look as if a girl has no clothes of her own, so she has to wear her little sister's. It seems that either the knees are getting lower or the dresses higher."

The same opinion is reflected in the comment of another senior boy: "There is nothing that makes a girl look cheaper than a dress two or three inches above the knees. If a girl would only realize what this looks like, she'd never wear this type of dress."

The subject of Bermuda shorts is enlarged upon in the comment of a junior boy: "Summer is a fine time for tan

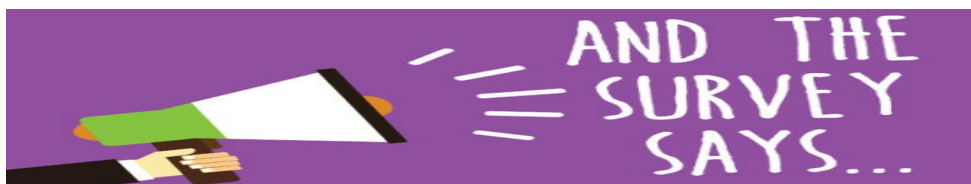
legs. But getting tan legs should not mean that short, tight, sexy Bermudas must be worn. A girl who wears these is only looking for attention, and is cheapening her character in so doing."

Every girl must be guided in her choice of clothes by the standards and principles based on God's own law. Therefore, "low-cut necklines front and back are out," says a junior boy. He continues, "Half naked girls should stay off our streets, out of our parks, and away from the youth center."

Perhaps a senior summed up the feelings of many boys when he said: "A girl does not realize that a boy is easily aroused by things that may seem very innocent to her. Occasions of immodest dress arise more often during the spring and summer, and girls should make sure that their formals, dresses, and sports wear will not be sources of temptation to a boy. Whether immodest dress is the fashion of the day or not, a Catholic girl has an obligation to dress modestly."

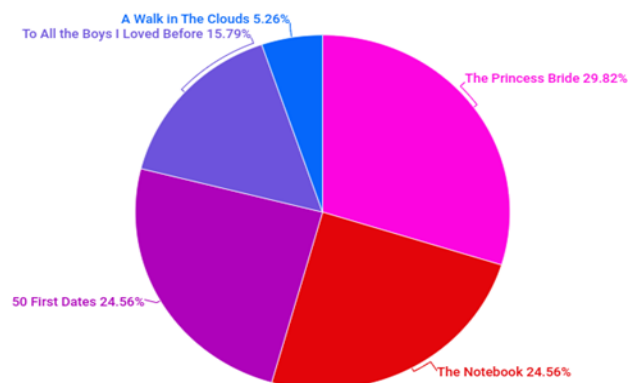
-Carol Wipfli '63

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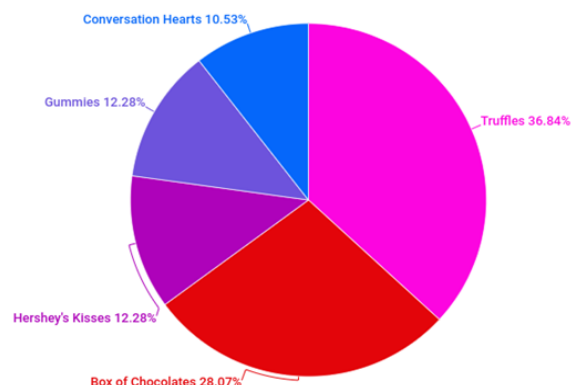
In our random drawing of survey participants, the candy winners are Tyler Linzmeier, Alyssa Rueth, and Jon Hafferman. Congratulations! **Survey by Hunter Mayer**

Top 5 Valentines Movies



These are the top 5 results from the "Favorite Valentine/Romance Movie" survey we put out.

Top 5 Valentines Candy



These are the top 5 results from the "Favorite Valentine Candy" survey we put out.

A Slice of Advice

What is the best way to keep my Lenten commitment?

Mr. Wolf: Have someone else join you in whatever you are committing to. Make time to talk about your struggles/successes with your commitment together. God made us for fraternity with others and will bless you on your journey when you take up a cross together.

Mr. Iwanski: The best way to keep your Lenten commitment has three parts: 1) actually make a commitment for Lent ; 2) spend time in prayer; 3) have an accountability partner. Many people fail right out of the gate during the Lenten season because they forget to even make a commitment for Lent. So, make a commitment! Hopefully you've chosen something that will help you grow into the Saint that God is calling you to be, so you're going to need the grace of God to keep that commitment. Pray for that grace. Finally, just like it's hard to lift weights in the morning in the summer by yourself (or anytime, if you're me...), find someone who will be there to encourage you, support you, and challenge you this Lenten season.

How do I know if someone likes me for Valentine's Day?

Mr. Wolf: Ugh.... I am a guy, I barely notice when my shoe is untied. However, I have been told that when a person goes out of their way to spend time with you/talk to you they like you. Or when they laugh at a joke you say that is not funny then they may like you... or just pity you.

Mr. Iwanski: Well...being a guy, I don't notice the "signals" being sent regarding these lovey dovey things too much. When I was in college, a young woman who I had been chatting with in class for a few months came up to me one day and said, "Hey, I'm single now." My response: "Ok, cool. Good for you." *I walked away* Only later did I realize that she was interested in dating me... In my 'too- numerous-to-count' pursuits of high school relationships, I would say some ways to tell if someone is interested in you for Valentine's Day are: they send you text messages, snap chats, etc. asking about your day, they laugh at pretty much everything you say, they twirl their hair when they're around you (I wouldn't know what that's like), or they say things like, "I wish someone would be my Valentine!!" in a loud voice right next to you. All of these things are possible indicators that someone wants to be your Valentine. Last piece of advice: Ladies, you're going to have to be really obvious if you want a guy to be your Valentine (or they won't get it). Fellas, actually pay attention... and if you're interested in a nice lady, get the courage to tell them!



**The Wise & Wonderful team of
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**is here to answer questions you may have.
Leave your question in the Slice of Advice container
in Mr. Iwanski's room.**

by Hunter Mayer