

The Columbus Log

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THESE ARE AWESOME PEOPLE! Masked or unmasked, this is our fan-

tastic *Log* staff. They each brought special talents and unique perspectives to every edition. **HUNTER** master-minded, sent out, and compiled fun surveys that were very popular; **DENALI** kept us on task and on deadline and wrote masterfully on a



variety of topics; **CHARLOTTE**, our zen master, kept our spirits light while researching and writing informative and entertaining articles; Master chef, **JAYDEN**, created *Rockin' Recipes* which were a highlight over both semesters this year; **KATE/NOVA**'s masterpieces about

current students and past students who are now faculty were delightful to read; and master of arts, **MICHAEL**, introduced fascinating and often overlooked student work in art, chemistry, and shop classes. Great work, team!

Editor's Note



It has been a strange year here at Columbus and *The Log* staff would like to thank you for reading our articles through it all. In this edition you will read about some amazing students in the *Student Spotlight*, discover a mouth-watering recipe in *Rockin' Recipes*, and hear some smart advice from Mr. Wolf and Mr. Iwanski in *Slice of Advice*. Also in this edition, read about what students thought about prom, where students go to watch fireworks, and learn what their favorite thing is to do over the summer. All that and more in the last edition of *The Log* for 2020/21. See you next year!

by Charlotte Schiferl

"Summertime is always the best of what might be." - Charles Bowden

Tell me...

...something exciting: We're almost done with school for the year.
-Hanna Jacobson

...your favorite memory from this year: When the Cross Country Team went to state with Andrew. -Charlotte Schiferl

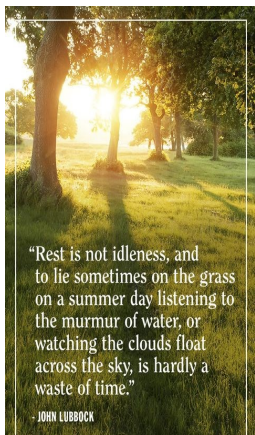
...something wonderful: The flowers are starting to bloom! -Jayden Pankratz

...your biggest goal: To get out of high school alive. -Declyn Tracy

...what you last ate: A Chips Ahoy cookie. -Josh Weiland



by Denali Volkman



"Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your inner voice." - Steve Jobs

AND THE SURVEY SAYS... Here's a review of all of our 2021 winners!

February Winners of Valentine Candy:

Jon Hafferman, Alyssa Rueth,
Tyler Linzmeier



March Winners of Easter Peeps and Friday "Goldfish"-Fry Goldfish:

Keller Bredemann, Kyle Johnson,
Sydney Litwaitis



April Winners of "Spring Break" Me Off a Piece of the Kit Kat Bars and Red Vines:

Cy Becker, Gage Stratman, Riley Smith



May Winners of "Taste the Rainbow"

Skittles and Hershey's Chocolates:
Emmitt Konieczny, Janelle Haupt,
Emma Dolgner



June Winners of 4th of July Pop Rocks and Popcorn:

Gage Young,
Trinity Linzmeier,
Ayden Hauke



"Successful people do what unsuccessful people are not willing to do."

Spectacular Sports

Columbus Dons Athletics saw great success in spite of challenges during this strange year. There was so much individual and team growth in each and every sport. We are so proud of our athletes and we can't wait to see what the coming years hold for all of them.

Tennis: The Girls Tennis team had lots of individual improvement and some wins at Sub-Sectionals. Maria Laura Garcia-Moya advanced to the Sectional Finals in the #2 singles spot.



Cross Country: The Cross Country team saw lots of growth and the breaking of a few Personal Records during the fall season. The highlight of the season was a trip to the State competition to support Andrew Scheer.

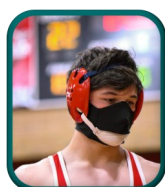
Volleyball: The Girl's Volleyball team had a shortened season due to COVID-19, but they were named Conference Champions and their overall record was 12-4.



Soccer: The Columbus Soccer team finished as Conference and Regional Champions for the fall season.



Football: The Spencer/Columbus Football team finished the season 3rd in their conference with a 5-2 record.



Wrestling: Joseph Neider, Junior Spencer/Columbus wrestler, was named second runner-up at Regionals and advanced to Sectionals.

Boys Basketball: The Columbus Catholic Boys Basketball team was first in the Cloverbelt East Conference with an overall record of 19-6.



Girls Basketball: The Girls Basketball team finished 4th in the league with a 8-6 record.



Good luck to all our Spring Sports teams as they continue their seasons! We wish the Boys Baseball team, the Girls Softball team, the Spencer/Columbus Golf team, and the Track and Field team health and many wins!

by Denali Volkman

"People are like Oreos; the good stuff is on the inside."

Student Spotlight

Adam Lease

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

A mansion and dogecoin

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

Elephant, fireworks, fishing rod

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

Unlimited money, trained pet monkey, unlimited wishes



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

Florida because of the warm weather

If you could have a song play every time you walk into a room, what would it be?

National anthem

If you could ask your favorite celebrity any question, what would you ask?

Jennifer Aniston, what is your net worth?

Student Spotlight

Sydney Litwaitis

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

I would take my whole family on a trip and then put the rest in my college fund. Also, donate some to different organizations.

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

My glasses, a pot with a lid, and a pocket knife.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

Cure all diseases and illnesses in the world. To be the smartest person in the world. And eat anything and everything I want and not gain weight.



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

Sicily, Italy because it is such a beautiful country, and I love the language and culture.

If you could have a song play every time you walk into a room, what would it be?

Bad Reputation by Joan Jett

Who is your favorite celebrity and if you could ask them any question, what would you ask?

My favorite celebrity is Andy Biersack and I've already met him but I asked him how he found the courage to sing with such a unique voice and how he shook off the hate of people.

by Nova Mitchell

"Art is too important not to share." - Romero Britto

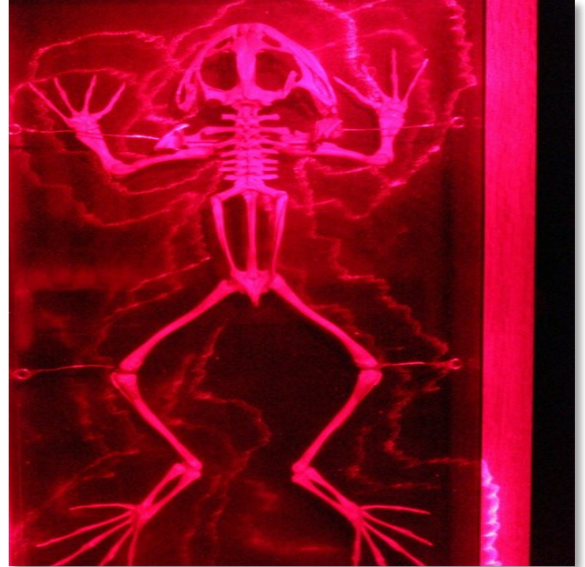
Picture Perfect

by Michael McQuillen

These photos were taken by students in the Multimedia Class
who were experimenting with special lighting effects.



Brianna Duda
Reflection



Catherine Kitzhaber
Zapped



Emma Eckelberg
Aliens

Hanna Jacobson
Glow in the Dark Shoe



Rockin' Recipes by Jayden Pankratz

Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie

Ingredients

Butter Pie Crust

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup butter, cubed and cold
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- 6-8 Tbsp ice water
- 2 tsp lemon zest, fresh

Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie Filling

- 3 cups strawberries, halved or quartered
- 2 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 3 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp lemon zest
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 Tbsp butter, cold and cubed
- 1 egg, for egg wash
- raw sugar, for sprinkling (optional)

Instructions

- In the bowl of a standing mixer (or in a large bowl if you are using a pastry cutter or fork), mix flour, salt, and lemon zest together.
- With your mixer on low (or with your pastry cutter), work the butter into the flour mixture (a little at a time) until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.
- Add in ice water, 1 Tbsp at a

time, until the dough just comes together (approx. 6 Tbsp).

- Turn dough out onto a floured surface, cut in half and form each into a ball, cover in plastic wrap and chill for at least 30 minutes.
- When you're ready to make your pie, preheat the oven to 425 degrees.
- Mix strawberries, rhubarb, granulated sugar, brown sugar, salt, and ground cinnamon together.
- Add in flour, cornstarch, lem-



on zest, lemon juice, and vanilla extract and mix together. Set aside.

- On a floured surface, roll out one ball of dough into a large circle, about 1/8" of an inch thick.
- Transfer your dough to a large pie plate (this works for a 9" or 10" deep-dish pie plate). To transfer the dough, loosely roll it around rolling pin and then unroll it over pie plate.
- Gently press the dough into the pie plate. Remove any excess pie dough on the edges of the pie (leaving about 1/2" of overhang).
- Pour strawberry-rhubarb filling into the dough.
- Place the 2 Tbsp of cubed butter around the pie.

- Next, roll out your second pie dough into a large circle, about 1/8" thick. Cut dough into strips, using a sharp knife or pizza cutter, about 1/2" wide. Depending upon the size of your pie plate, you will need 8-10 strips.
- Place 4-5 strips on your pie. Weave the remaining 4-5 strips in and out of the ones on your pie.
- Crimp the edges of the pie together. Brush the edges and the strips with your egg wash and sprinkle with raw sugar, if desired.
- Bake pie for 15 minutes.
- Turn the oven down to 375, cover the edge of the pie with a pie shield (this keeps the edges from browning too quickly) and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until the crust is golden and the filling is bubbling.
- Allow to cool before serving (the longer the pie cools, the thicker the filling will be).
- Serve with ice cream or whipped cream and enjoy!

During the summer you have many cookouts with your friends. You always have no idea what to make and you usually end up being late and bringing something store bought. This time however your relative has brought you a big bag of rhubarb and a large package of strawberries. You decide that it is time to finally bring something homemade, even if you are still late. You get out the recipe you got from your grandma many years ago. It turns out perfect and you take it to the party. It is the best dessert there; and there are no leftovers.

"The best thing about memories is making them."

Looking Back:

Senior Michael McQuillen takes a look at his and his classmates' years in Columbus Catholic Schools

The Seniors' time here is coming to a close. Looking back, they've had some fond memories being in the Columbus School System.

1st In first grade these kids put on a fantastic play called "The Irish Stew." From the King and Queen of Green to the stew chefs, the two homerooms each performed a play for their parents.



2nd Taking a bow from that we see the second graders preparing. They are getting ready for a special event in the Church, their First Communion. They received Christ in the Eucharist for the first time.

3rd After graduating from second grade they moved up to Our Lady of Peace. Third grade seemed like a big step, but their journey was just starting.

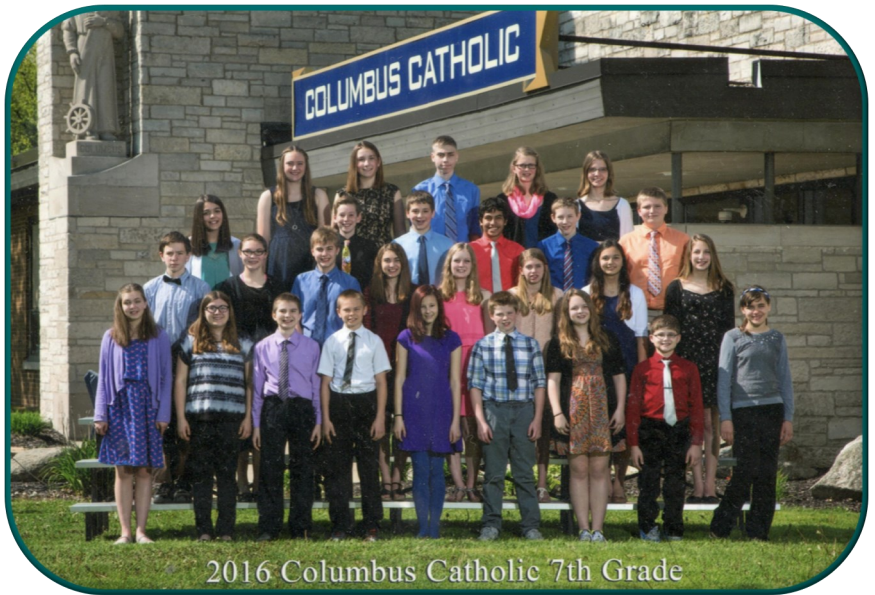
4th Out of the numbered events in fourth grade, a major event was Pioneer Day. Students spent an entire day experiencing the making of butter and straw dolls, and participating in other fun activities.

5th Moving on to fifth grade, the students went to the Wisconsin Capitol. The field trip to the capitol was a learning experience about government. The daunting dome had these fifth graders in awe of its size.



"Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future." - Corrie Ten Boom

6th After three years at OLP the fifth graders moved onto sixth grade in the Middle School of Columbus. The responsibility needed seemed scary but they were excited to move up and rushed to grow up. Additionally, once every three years the Middle School did bridge building. Teams were devised and bridges of toothpicks built on budgets were produced and compared.



2016 Columbus Catholic 7th Grade

7th In seventh grade, Mr. Reigel was the history teacher until he had health problems arise. Panic ensued as multiple teachers substituted. It left students with an interesting year of history. They appreciated the substitutes they had, like Dr. Awesome.

8th Ending their Middle School experience, the eighth grade graduates went to Valley Fair. They spent the day wandering the park and having fun before leaving for the summer.

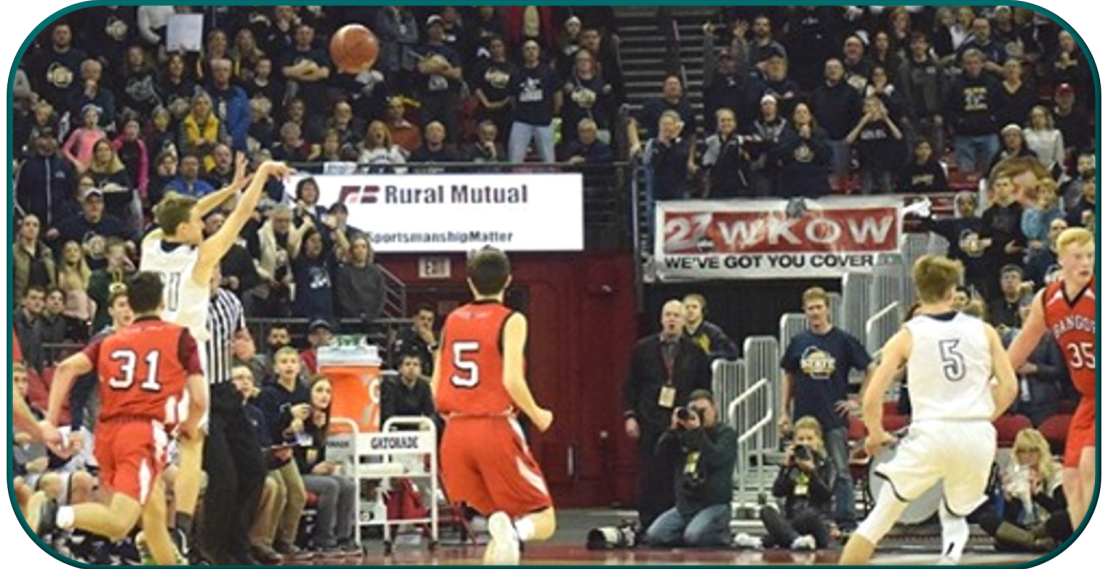


2017 Columbus Catholic 8th Grade

"Memories are links in a golden chain that bind us until we meet again." - Jacqueline Winspear

9th The following year started the beginning of the end of their life at Columbus schools as they started their Freshman year at the High School. They were able to participate in the school play, *Annie*.

10th A highlight in their Sophomore year was the Varsity Boys Basketball team making it to State. They played at the Kohl Center in Madison, WI. They won the exciting semi-final game but lost the final game.



11th Moving on to what started as a normal Junior school year and then took a turn for the worse as COVID-19 kicked them out of school on March 13, 2020. What seemed to initially be a short break turned into a storm of chaos as the schools scrambled to start virtual learning.

12th Now the Seniors only have one more year before leaving for the future. Momentous events occurred like the Senior Retreat. This trip was short-lived but fun while it lasted. The Seniors did reflections and inside and outside activities with the missionaries there. Our Seniors are now graduating and saying their farewells. Their life at Columbus is ending but their adventure into their future is about to begin.



Quarantine be like:

SUNDAY
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY



Being in person the entire school year wasn't always easy but we are grateful that, for the most part, we were all able to be here. There were, however, a few circumstances when students had to quarantine. The following are the stats on that.

High School: Sixty-seven students and 10 teachers were quarantined this year. There were 16 students and six staff members who had confirmed cases in the high school and middle school.

Elementary School: Four groups quarantined this year and eight confirmed cases.



by Charlotte Schiferl

If you have kept up with **The Log** then you know what happened at Columbus this school year, but let's review what happened here in the U.S. throughout the course of the school year:

August- On August 12th, lightning sparked, starting the Lake Fire in Los Angeles County, California. It would burn nearly 31,100 acres before being put out on October 5th.

The U.S. passed 170,000 COVID-19 deaths.

Thousands gathered in Washington, DC on August 28th to commemorate the Civil Rights March on Washington in 1963.

September- On September 18th, Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, died at age 87.

A Kentucky Grand Jury indicted one police officer on September 23rd, in the killing of Breonna Taylor.

The first presidential debate was held on September 29th and was filled with interruptions and shouting.

October- On October 2nd, President Trump and his wife, Melania, both tested positive for COVID-19. Record-breaking numbers reported in early voting ahead of the presidential election on November 3rd. Walter Wallace, Jr. was fatally shot in Philadelphia on October 27th, leading to protests.

November- The presidential election took place on November 3rd.

Texas became the first state to hit one million cases of COVID-19.

On November 7th, the 2020 presidential election was called for Joe Biden.

December- On December 14th, the electoral college confirmed Joe Biden's win in the presidential election. The U.S. passed 18 million COVID-19 cases.

There was a bombing on Christmas Day in Nashville, Tennessee.

January- A mob stormed the Capitol on January 6th in an effort to stop Congress from confirming Joe Biden as President-elect.

President Joe Biden's inauguration was held on January 20th.

Over 95,000 people died from COVID-19, making January the deadliest month of the pandemic in the U.S.

February- On February 7th, Super Bowl LV was won by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Texas was hit with a rare winter storm that left five million people without power for days.

The U.S. passed 500,000 COVID-19 deaths.

March- The CDC announced that fully vaccinated people could meet with other fully vaccinated people indoors without masks.

Eight people died in Atlanta on March 16th, after shootings at three spas.

March 13th marked one year since former President Trump declared COVID-19 a national emergency.

April- On April 11th, Daunte Wright was shot and killed by police in Brooklyn Center.

There was a shooting at Somers House Tavern in Kenosha, WI on April 18th, leaving three dead.

Derek Chauvin was convicted for the killing of George Floyd on April 20th.

May- As of May 6th, 107,346,533 people have been fully vaccinated in the U.S.

by Charlotte Schiferl

"Life is a collection of moments."

NAME	FAVORITE CAF- ETERIA LUNCH	CLASS WHERE YOU LEARNED THE MOST	FAVORITE MEMORY
Michael McQuillen	Pizza dippers	Psychology	Doing the lip sync
Kellen Delaney	Make your own sub	World History	Doing color games with friends and soccer
Ayden Hauke	Chicken patty	Study Hall	Mrs. Volkman's Lit
T. J. Shrader	Teriyaki chicken	Mrs. Volkman's Lit	Messing with Mr. Lambrecht, Mrs. Volkman, & Mrs. Hattamer
Nora Bauer	Pizza dippers	Art	Bonfires at Syd's
Wyatt Drexler	Chicken patty	Calculus	State Basketball Sophomore year
Noah Eckelberg	Hamburgers	History	Track meets
Kevin Fischer	Meatloaf	Holocaust/Genocide Studies	Early morning breakfast in the back of Ayden's truck before finals
Carlos Hackel	Teriyaki chicken	Military History	Performing at the Eau Claire Jazz Festival every year
Ashley Herman	Grilled cheese and tomato soup	Psychology	Kellen presenting the wrong presentation topic three times in a row in Religion class
Eden Jacobson	Teriyaki chicken	Mrs. Volkman's Lit	Football games
Tyler Linzmeier	Salisbury steak	Spanish	Spanish class
Erynn Meece	Yogurt with fruit	Lit	Going to watch the boys at State my Sophomore year
Orion Smith	Pizza	Art	Homecoming
Gage Stratman	Meatball sub	Study Hall	State basketball
Austin Grubofski	Sandwich and soup	History	Football Sophomore year
Cole Heinzen	Salisbury steak	Math	Being with my friends
Emmalee Jicinsky	Chicken patty	Anatomy	The last hour of dancing at all the school dances
Meghan Kibbel	Chicken patty	Theology	Transferring in from Marshfield; being welcomed in and meeting all of my friends
Catherine Kitzhaber	Sandwich	Consumer Math	Homecoming
Kyle Johnson	Pizza dippers	Consumer Math	Talking to classmates
Adam Lease	Build a sub	Theology	Wings nights with the boys
Sydney Mauritz	French toast	English	Playing sports
Max McGiveron	Peanut butter sand- wich	Holocaust/Genocide Studies	Winning against Amherst in football
Jadon Nienast	Chicken wrap	Religion	State basketball
Jayden Pankratz	Teriyaki chicken	Mrs. Volkman's Lit	Track meets
Alyssa Rueth	Breakfast for lunch	Psychology	Junior year Homecoming
Will Schlafke	Hamburger	Wood Shop	Beating Manawa in football
Sydney Litwaitis	Meatloaf	English	Homecoming week
Kelsey Moore	French toast	APUSH	Mr. Schneider dancing during Chemistry
Helen Voss	French toast	Calculus	Homecoming

by Jayden Pankratz

"And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." - Sillers & Sanders

Preguntas de Prom

Thank you to the many of you who answered questions we posed about the memories you made at Prom.



On May 1st of 2021, Columbus Catholic High School had its first prom since 2019. Ninety-eight of our Columbus students attended along with 23 guests invited by our students.

A survey about Prom was sent out the day after this exciting event and there were 72 responses. Of the 72, 86.1% of students said that they attended. Out of 65 responses, 30.8% said that they had the catered dinner that was provided for each class, while 53.8% said that they had dinner with friends, and 15.4% claimed that they had other dinner plans.



When it came to the favorite song to dance to, *Dancing Queen*, *YMCA*, *The Wobble*, *The Cha Cha Slide* and the *Cupid Shuffle* were mentioned the most. When asked what type of songs people liked the most, 58 said they liked upbeat and seven liked the slow-dance type of song.

Eight people went to Prom alone, three went with one friend, 16 went with a date, and 39 went with a friend

group. Fifty-two people went to Mass and 14 did not. Five students said that they went to Mass with their date, five students said they went with their families, and nine people said they went with friends.



For those who attended, I am sure we all had fun.
I hope I am not the only one hoping for more school dances to come!

by Nova Mitchell

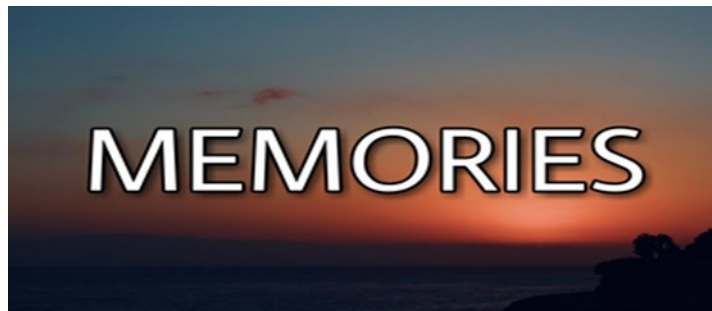
"Writing, to me, is simply thinking through my fingers." Isaac Asimov



by Alliah Immerfall

What does this mean?
It means being good friends
On good terms
It means not backstabbing anyone
Or being rude to someone
No more wars equal
Less deaths
Leaders stand strong
But polite
Not letting their inner ego shine through
Doing what is right for the people
To be an ally
To not upset anyone
Getting along would help
People within their own country
Would know the world could be a safer place

We all have our own opinions
Some we say out loud
Others we should keep to ourselves
We should not be attacking someone
For what they believe or what they may look like
Equality should be an answer
Friends not enemies
Kill them with kindness
Be the bigger and better person
But don't stand alone
We can do this better together
No arguing allowed
Sure it can be hard to achieve
But nothing is impossible
If we work together
And not give up.



by Autumn Vine

Rainbow hues or black and white depend on vividness,
A cold, lonely winter longing for the socialness of summer
Often found on long walks, during meals with friends, or just before I fall asleep

Found inside my head while reminiscing
Hidden somewhere new

Felt in books or in music, read and heard in times passed
Smelled in baking cookies, fresh rain, chlorine, and my mother's pillow

Strongest in my mind, but tingles through my limbs and into my heart
Present in all emotions: love, joy, sadness, and heartbreak

Read in history books and poems alike,
Always connecting and making more

A Slice of Advice

Our Monthly Advice Column from the wise & wonderful, savvy and sage, astute and astounding Messieurs Wolf & Iwanski whom we thank from the bottom of our hearts for their profound words of wisdom in this column.



Mr. Wolf: Advice for Seniors: I would advise you to take a different approach to graduation than what I did. I saw graduation of high school as a completion of myself, who I was, where my faith was, and what I was going to become. It turned out, like a lot of times in my life, I was wrong for being so prideful. Instead, let graduation serve as a milestone on your journey through this life. You are not completed in who you are, where your faith is, or even what you are going to become. Let God constantly change you. It's not always going to be comfortable, the change may not be easy, you may even get made fun of; however, if you keep God in your life He will push you in the right direction. Try as best as you can to pray often, go to Mass weekly, and get to confession when you can. God bless you on your journey and always remember you have friends here at Columbus!

Advice for over the summer:

Get a job and gain some responsibility through it. Don't waste your money like I did and, well, still do sometimes. Save it for the future but also be charitable with it. Enjoy your free time with your family and friends. Get outside and enjoy the weather, sunshine or rain. Stare at the starry night sky and look for shooting stars. Get to Mass weekly and remember to pray during good times or bad. God bless you on your summer vacation!

Mr. Iwanski: Advice for Seniors: 1) In everything you do, never stop searching for the Truth. This advice was given to me by a teacher at Columbus when I graduated, and it changed everything for me. In your search for the Truth, you'll inevitably end up finding a Person. 2) Fall in love with Him, and it changes everything. This advice was given to me by a wise priest in seminary, and it holds true as well. The more you fall in love with God, the more you'll realize that everything is a gift. 3) Your life is not about you. St. Pope John Paul II said it best when he said, "Young people know that their life has meaning to the extent that it becomes a gift for others." 4) Forgiveness. This is possibly the hardest of them all to achieve. Your lives will have their fair share of people who hurt you in either words or actions. Forgive them. It'll make a world of difference (and you'll be happier, too!). If Jesus can forgive those who crucified Him, you can forgive those who have hurt you, too. May God guide you on your journey!

Advice for over the summer: Don't be lazy! The summer is the best time to improve yourself: read a book to grow in knowledge, work out to improve your skills, take up a new hobby or interest (learn to play the guitar, practice speaking a different language, etc.), spend time with family and friends, and, ultimately, spend some time in prayer each day.

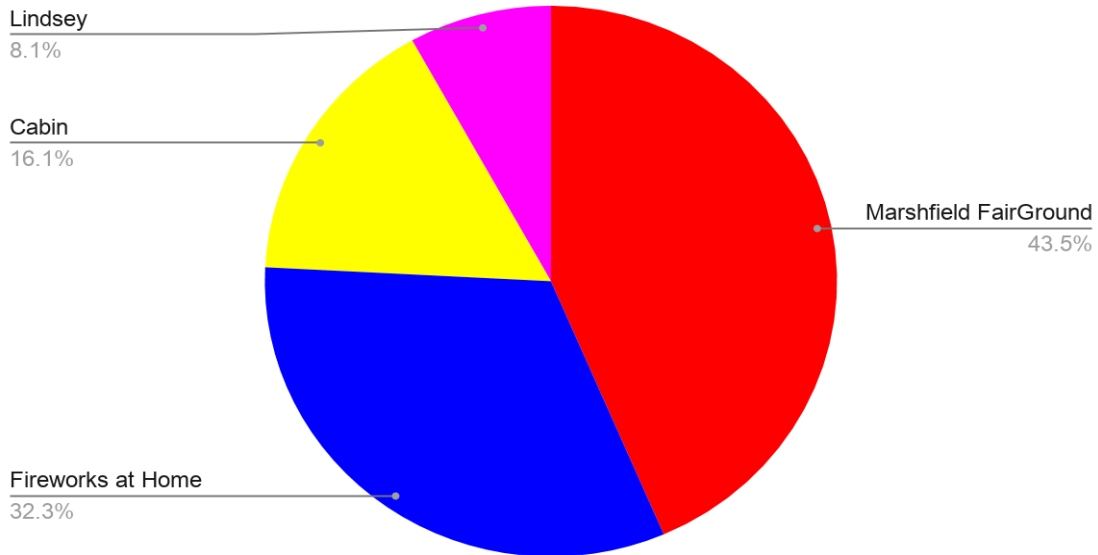
by Hunter Mayer

"Don't let anyone ever dull your sparkle."

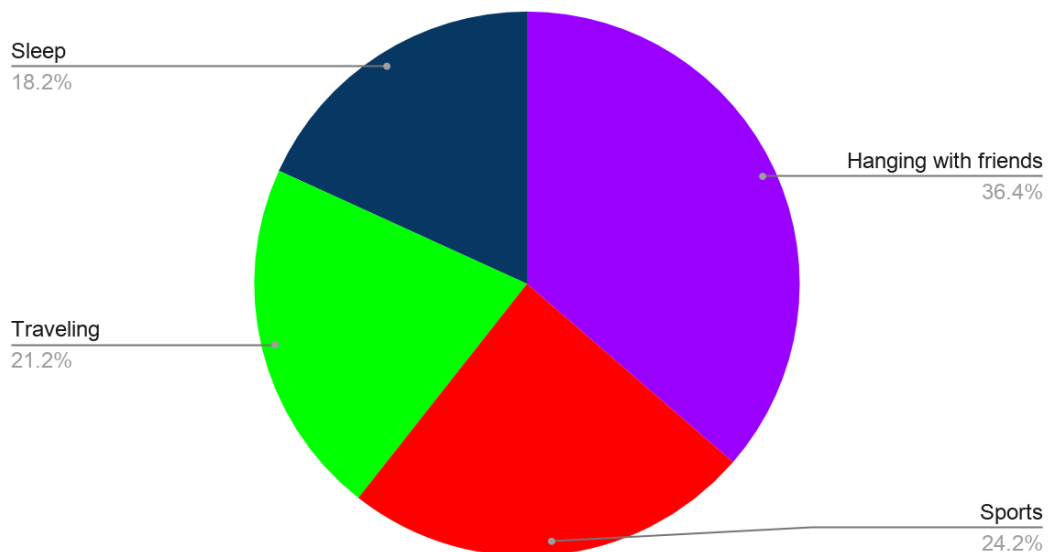
AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

by Hunter Mayer

Favorite places to Watch Fireworks



Favorite Activities to do Over the Summer



Winners of the random drawing for participants in this survey: Gage Young, Trinity Linzmeier, and Ayden Hauke. In honor of the 4th of July, they won Pop Rocks and Popcorn. CONGRATULATIONS!!