

The Columbus Log

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

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In October 1859, Mary, the mother of Jesus, appeared to Adele Brise, in the town that was known at the time as Robinsonville, Wisconsin. Today the town is called Champion. Mary instructed Adele to teach the children in the area their catechism and about their faith and its sacraments. Adele's father later built a chapel on the apparition site where Adele had also begun her teaching.



On October 8, 1871, a drought caused a fire that spread through the area, threatening the chapel. Local families went to the shrine and prayed the rosary. Their prayers were answered when it began to rain and the shrine was saved. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops declared Champion a 'National Shrine' by formal decree on August 15, 2016. This made it the first and only Catholic shrine in the U.S. with a Church-approved Marian Apparition Site.

Editor's Note

This May is bittersweet as we prepare for the end of the year. This year has had its difficulties but we have succeeded and are coming to a close. In this edition of *The Columbus Log*, we view the history of a miracle in our own state, the history of Cinco de Mayo, too, and a glimpse of May events. Next we speak with a few teachers about what events are coming up for them. Following we shine on the Student Spotlight and slide into some smooth limericks. Then we composed a collection of photos of students and their mothers. We go on to mention amazing teachers being given awesome awards. The page turner of profound pictures are presented after that. There then is a review of a restaurant and a real rockin' recipe. A page for Prom is shown with questions for the event. Mr. Draxler's classes are covered by Metal and Material. We slow to a close with a slice of advice and a survey to end things.

by Michael McQuillen

"May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive." - Fennel Hudson

History of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo, also known as Battle of Puebla Day, is not actually Mexican Independence Day, contrary to popular belief. In 1861, England, Spain, and France sent troops to Mexico to demand

repayment of its debt to them. England and Spain withdrew their troops by 1862 but France remained, hoping to claim part of Mexico as their own.

On May 5, 1862 French general, Charles de Lorencez, gathered his army before the city of Puebla and launched an attack. The battle lasted almost an entire day before the French finally retreated after losing nearly 500 sol-



diers. This battle set the tone for the rest of the war and improved the Mexican resistance against France.

In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla, although other

parts of the country also celebrate it. It is not a federal holiday so banks, offices, and stores stay open. Celebrations include military parades, recreations of the Battle of Puebla, and other festive events. In the U.S., Cinco de Mayo is a celebration of Mexican-American culture and heritage with celebrations that include Mexican food, music, and dancing.

by Charlotte Schiferl



May at a Glance

Saturday, May 1: Prom

Sunday, May 2: Student Council Meeting

Monday, May 3: MCLA Meeting

Tuesday, May 4: AP Calculus Exam, Class Meetings, Yearbook Meeting

Wednesday, May 5: AP English Exam

Thursday, May 6: APUSH Exam, Current Events County Board Meeting

Friday, May 7: Dress Down Day

Monday, May 10: MCLA Meeting

Tuesday, May 11: Senior Farewell Mass, Senior Pictures

Monday, May 17: MCLA Meeting

Tuesday - Thursday, May 18 -20: In-Class Senior Final Exams

Wednesday, May 19: Baccalaureate Mass

Thursday, May 20: Senior Locker Clean-Out, Senior Picnic, Graduation Practice

Friday, May 21: End of Year School Mass

Saturday, May 22: Project Graduation

Monday, May 24: MCLA Meeting

Wednesday - Friday, May 26-28: Final Exams

by Michael McQuillen

"Retirement is not the end of the road. It is the beginning of the open highway."

Mrs. Mary Hein is retiring at the end of this school year. We asked her a few questions about her teaching career.



1. Why did you become a teacher?

When my girls were young I worked at a church daycare with 2-3 year-olds. I found I really liked teaching. So I became a substitute teacher in Arizona for one year. I still liked it so when we moved back to Wisconsin I attended UW-Stevens Point to get my science teaching certification.

2. Have you always known that you wanted to be a teacher?

No, see above.

3. How long have you been teaching?

This is my 21st year.

4. How long have you been teaching at Columbus?

This is my 21st year.

5. What is your favorite memory of teaching?

Many good memories but my Marine Biology trips (three total) to the Bahamas were the highlight of my teaching career.

6. What is your favorite class to teach?

College biology. The students are very focused and there are many interesting labs.

7. What's your favorite lab?

DNA recombinant lab in the college bio class.

8. What are you going to do in your retirement?

Travel, hiking, biking, reading, and visiting with family and maybe a part-time job like substitute teaching. I also want to improve my Spanish and take some coding classes to learn more about computer apps.

Mr. Ron Jevaltas and Mrs. Roberta Jevaltas are also retiring at the end of this school year after long and distinguished careers at Columbus Catholic High School. We thank them and Mrs. Hein for all they have done for countless students and for the school itself.



*"We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when,
but I know we'll meet again, some sunny day."*

- Vera Lynn (We'll Meet Again)

by Charlotte Schiferl

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." - Carl Sandburg

Baby on the Way

You may know Mrs. Paulick-Reigel from the variety of classes she teaches (such as Health, Face, and Med Terms) or you may recognize her smiling face from the hallway.

However you know her, all students will agree that Mrs.

Paulick-Reigel is an asset to the Columbus family and a wonderful teacher. At *The Columbus Log*, we were so elated to hear about her exciting news: she and her husband are expecting a baby this year! We were interested in hearing her answers to some burning questions about her pregnancy and the baby, and we think you will be too.



When is your due date?

Our due date is September 21st.

Are you going to find out the gender of the baby? What do you hope it will be?

Yes! We are going to find out the gender, I wouldn't be able to wait until September. My husband is hoping for a boy, of course.

I get excited thinking about either!

Do you think you'll send your child to Columbus?

I love the faith-based, personal, and family atmosphere Columbus has to offer, and want that kind of educational experience for our child.

Do you have any name ideas yet?

We do have name ideas, but it's too early for me to share :)

Would you say that you're more nervous or excited?

I am so excited to meet our baby, but I am nervous about everything that comes with that.

Have you gotten any funny, helpful, or interesting advice about motherhood or pregnancy?

The most common advice we've gotten is that we'll need to find what works for us, even if it's crazy, not recommended, or ridiculous. That we need to do whatever we need to do to meet our baby's needs. I find it kind of funny that we've heard that same exact advice from multiple couples.

by Denali Volkman

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

Student Spotlight

Jon Hafferman

If you were an object, what would you be?

A smartphone because then I would be able to know the answer to everything.

If you could be invisible for 10 minutes, right now, what would you do?

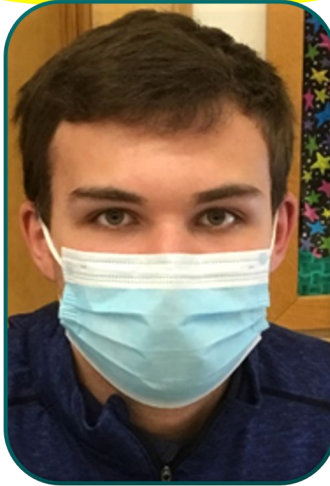
Go in the areas of the school where students can't go.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

Go to a good college.

World peace and end to world conflict.

End to world discrimination.



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

Speed because then I could get things done faster and pass people who are slow.

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

The song called *Maybe* by Jon Bellion.

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

I would ask James Corden what it was like coming to America and whether he likes it better in the US or Europe and how he became a good comedian.

Student Spotlight

Maria Laura Garcia-Moya

If you were an object, what would you be?

A violin because I play violin.

If you could be invisible for 10 minutes, right now, what would you do?

Scare my family and friends for fun.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

An end to COVID; harmony and respect for everyone; and a vacation to Rome, Italy with my whole family.



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

Telepathy.

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

The Imperial March by John Williams from *Star Wars*.

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

I would ask Tom Holland if he is good at accents.

by Nova Mitchell

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." - Albert Einstein

National Limericks Day is May 12th. Limericks are poems in which the first two lines rhyme with the fifth line, and the third and fourth lines rhyme with each other.

A BIG thank you to Mrs. Hart for sharing two original limericks with us:

The Man

Have you heard of the
man who's named Jesus?
And how His resurrection
frees us?
He died for our sin
He will come again
So live as He loves and
leads us.

Mr. Hart

There once was a teacher
named Mr. Hart
He wasn't all that loud
from the start
But as class went on
With a subject so fond
Even walls couldn't keep
his voice apart.




And some more limericks dedicated to Columbus staff:

One Saturday morning at three
A cheese-monger's shop in Paree
Collapsed to the ground
With a thunderous sound
Leaving only a pile of de brie.



An oyster from Kalamazoo
Confessed he was feeling quite blue.
For he said, "As a rule,
When the weather turns cool,
I invariably get in a stew."



A crafty young bard named McMahon
Whose poetry never would scan
Once said, with a pause,   
"It's probably because
I'm always trying to cram
as many additional syllables
into the last line as I possibly can."

Dedicated to Mrs. Paulick-Reigel

Dedicated to Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Volkman,
& Mr. Jevaltas

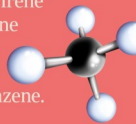
Dedicated to Mrs. Hein and Mrs. Wendorf

Dedicated to Ms. Wojcik

An amoeba named Max and his brother
Were sharing a drink with each other;
In the midst of their quaffing,
They split themselves laughing,
And each of them now is a mother.



There once was a girl named Irene
Who lived on distilled kerosene
But she started absorbing
A new hydrocarbon
And since then has never benzene.



There once was a lady named Ferris
Whom nothing could ever embarrass.
"Til the bath salts one day,
in the tub where she lay,
turned out to be Plaster of Paris.



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"There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money, either." - Robert Graves

Is Algebra fruitless endeavor?
It seems they've been trying for ever
To find x, y, and z
And it's quite clear to me:
If they've not found them yet
then they'll never.



Dedicated to Mrs. Fleischmann & Mr. Coombs

There once was a runner named Dwight
Who could speed even faster than light.
He set out one day
In a relative way
And returned on the previous night.



Dedicated to Ms. Wojcik

A forgetful old gasman named Dieter,
Who went poking around his gas heater,
Touched a leak with his light;
He blew out of sight—
And, as everyone who knows anything
about poetry can tell you,
he also ruined the meter.



Dedicated to Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Volkman, & Mr. Jevaltas

A rather disgruntled young Viking
Found plunder was not to his liking
When they yelled "All ashore,"
He just threw down his oar
And announced, "I'm not striking,
I'm striking!"



Dedicated to Mr. Prusinsky & Mr. Hart

A tutor who tooted a flute
Tried to teach two young tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
"Is it harder to toot, or . . .
To tutor two tooters to toot?"



Dedicated to Mr. Zimmerman


Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)



There's a crafty composer
from Bonn
Creating from dusk until
dawn
Symphonic productions
And joyful eruptions
Well after his hearing was gone

Dedicated to Mrs. Brunson

My soul magnifies the Lord
For mercy on me he poured
His people he lifts
And gives us good gifts
Just as he spoke in his word

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Luke 1:39-56



Dedicated to Mrs. Hart & Mr. Iwanski

literary limericks HAMLET

There once was a melancholy
Dane,
Who discovered his father
was slain.
He's surrounded by lies,
Then everyone dies
And the body count is pretty
insane.



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Dedicated to Mrs. Volkman

"A mother is your first friend, your best friend, your forever friend."

In honor of Mother's Day on May 9th, we asked for photos of students and their mothers.
We are so happy to share the beautiful photos we received.

THEN



Ashley & Becca Herman



Meghan, Laura, & Jenna Kibbel



Josh Scholin & Jaye Stricker



Mira Torbey & Rana Nasser

"All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." - Abraham Lincoln."

AT THE SAME AGE

*Mandy Volkman
—Kindergarten*



*Denali Volkman
—Kindergarten*



*Kenai Volkman
—Kindergarten*



*Alexis & Autumn Vine
Teenagers*



Amanda & Emma Alcott—Toddlers



"Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother."

NOT SO LONG AGO



Dakota,
Maverick, &
Theeranart
Hannasch



River Griepentrog
& Nadeen Gardner



Mandy Volkman &
Anne Nikolai



Jennifer
& Nevada
Plechaty



Kelly &
Mattea
Schlafke

"A mother is the one who fills your heart in the first place." - Amy Tan



Katie & Kathren Howlett



NOW

Jennifer Pec & Hunter Mayer



Sydney & Crystal Litwaitis



Kelsey & Debbie Moore

"A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go."



Maribeth &
Jayden Pankratz

Alliah &
Audrey Immerfall

NOW



Deb & Lizzy Gruenloh



Ayden Hauke & Laura Dassow-Larson



Joann & Seth Roewe

"We are born of love; love is our mother." - Rumi

NOW



Emily & Tracy Boyer

Terri & Sam Wilczek



*María Laura &
Argelia García-Moya*



Sheamus & Krísta Hoglund

"Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing." - Albert Schweitzer

Congratulations to Mrs. Fleischmann and Mrs. Nielsen



The Diocese of La Crosse has awarded our own Mrs. Ruth Fleischmann the High School Educator of the Year Award. The diocese operates 66 schools across 19 counties. Mrs. Fleischmann is the chair of the math department at Columbus. During her 27 years here she has taught classes in the math, English, theology, and history departments and has served as a class adviser, Student Council adviser, National Honor Society adviser, and musical assistant director. This year Mrs. Fleischmann has also been named as a Crystal Apple Teacher of Distinction by the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Diocese of LaCrosse has awarded our own Mrs. Kris Nielsen the Support Staff of the Year Award. Mrs. Nielsen graduated from UW-Madison in 1990. She has been working at Columbus schools since 2003 and has been at the high school as the Admissions Director for two years. Prior to working at Columbus she was a stay-at-home mom and a client service analyst for catalog marketing. Mrs. Nielsen's favorite thing about Columbus is that it is like a big family.



by Nova Mitchell

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

Picture Perfect

by Michael McQuillen



Brianna Duda
Sunshine



Catherine Kitzhaber
Snow Bubbles

Emma Eckelberg
Witchcraft



Ms. Wojcik
Teradaktil Sublimation

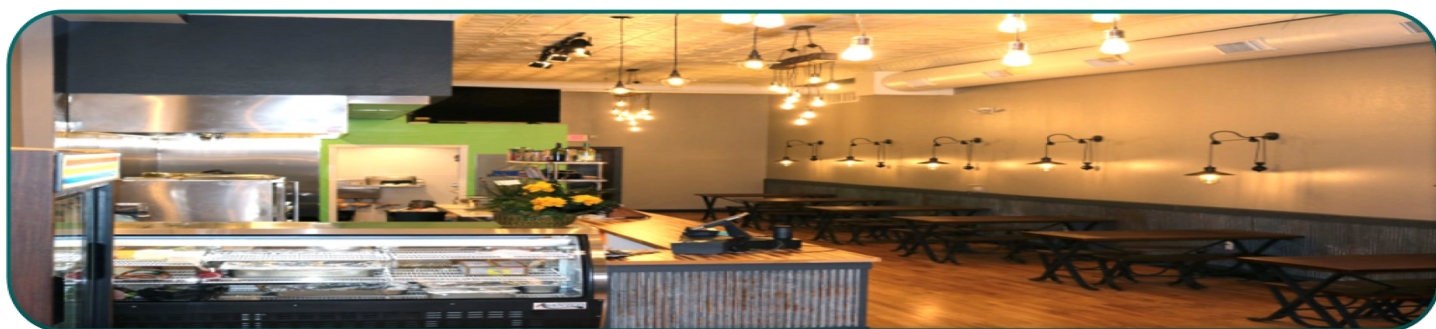
Hanna Jacobson
Henry



"Good food is good mood." - John Walters

Quick Critique

by Denali Volkman



Mojo's Pasta House & Cajun Cook Shack is another fairly new place in town with great food and friendly service. On the corner of Central Avenue & 2nd Street, it is owned and run by the Olson family who always make you feel welcome and at home. They offer pastas, sandwiches, soups, bowls, and their own signature creations. Quite a few of the dishes have a Cajun kick to them. Did we mention they have delectable desserts? Mojo's will also accommodate any special diet. The portions are generous and can easily feed two people. Denali recommends the Pasta Marinara, Jayden loves the Pasta Carbonara, and Ms. Silva is obsessed with the French Quarter Bowl. Check out their specialty store right next door. Amazing! We rate Mojo's five out of five stars.

Rockin' Recipes by Jayden Pankratz

Pico de Gallo

As the weather gets warmer and you are grilling out more, you want something fun easy, and most importantly quick, to dip your tortilla chips into. You know that everyone loves Pico de Gallo and it is really easy to make. You gather your ingredients and chop them up; then throw them all into a bowl and mix it up. You contemplate adding mashed avocado and decide to split the recipe in half and do both.

tomatoes	onion	cilantro
jalapeño or serrano peppers	salt & pepper	
lime juice	avocados & garlic (optional)	

CHOP tomatoes, onions, cilantro, and jalapeños. MIX vegetables, lime juice, and salt to a large bowl. LET SIT at room temperature for at least 30 minutes. SEASON TO TASTE with salt, pepper, or lime juice. EAT!



storage and less liquid. 2. Letting it sit at room temperature allows for better melding of flavors. 3. Add mashed avocado and minced garlic to turn this into an easy and delicious guacamole.

Quick Tips: 1. Remove the tomato seeds for better

"But in real life, happily-ever-after is just the beginning. It's where life starts." Kay Hooper



The Beginning of a Happily Ever After

Prom season is upon us and the preparations for Columbus' first school dance since Homecoming 2019 are underway. Set for May 1st, this year's prom will be themed: "Happily Ever After." Girls have been shopping for dresses and comparing options for months now. We've already witnessed a few "prom-posals." All in all, this year's prom is shaping up to be an exciting event. We sat down with Ms. Thompson, the prom coordinator, to learn more about Prom 2021.

We know the theme is "Happily Ever After." How was that decided?

The theme was selected by the prom committee last year. Because we didn't have the event, we are using the same theme and decorations this year.

Are the decorations that we'll see at prom the ones we would've seen last year?

Yes, but we have added to it because our lobby and gym space is much larger than the space at Hotel Marshfield.

Could you explain a little bit more about why there are two courts this year at Prom?

Normally the Juniors are the focus of the Prom, including the members of the court. We have two courts this year so last year's Juniors (now Seniors) and this year's Juniors are recognized.

How is the music that is played at prom chosen?

Our playlist is based on suggestions from students. Once a song title is submitted, we review the lyrics for anything inappropriate then Father Barry and, if necessary, Father Roberson have the final say.

Have there been any challenges planning this year's prom?

Normally I plan some aspects of the Prom a year in advance so the short time window for planning now has been a challenge. We've had a few minor glitches but I think we're all sorted now!

Do you think change in venue to the high school gym will affect the prom in any way?

The gym is just much larger so it calls for more and different types of decorations. Hopefully this will be a good change to allow everyone to spread out and have plenty of space.

by Denali Volkman

"Life is a journey, not a destination." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Metals And Materials

A summary of the High School classes taught by Mr. Draxler

Drafting

In this class you learn how to design and print 3D objects. This is done in a CAD (Computer Aided Design) program called Fusion 360. Starting off you learn to make simple items like dice and you leave knowing how to make a ranged selection of items. Current items being designed include X Wings, Gear Boxes, Masks, and other fun gadgets.



Electronics

In this class you are learn about electricity and how electronics work, including batteries and wiring. Recently this class worked on solar panels and how they function.



Automotive

Here you learn about how different vehicles work and get hands-on experience. You also learn about the features a car may include and how that might affect pricing. Currently a '62 Ford Thunderbird is being worked on in the shop.



Metals

This class teaches you how to effectively work metals. Here you will learn how to use different tools like welders and drills. This class is producing several objects like helmets and ovens.



by Michael McQuillen

"Senioritis: a supposed affliction of students in their final year of high school or college, characterized by a decline in motivation or performance." - Oxford Dictionary

A Slice of Advice

Our

Monthly Advice Column
from the wise & wonderful,
savvy and sage,
astute and astounding
Messieurs Wolf & Iwanski

"I'm a senior who is struggling mightily with 'senioritis.' Any helpful tips to help me persevere through these last weeks of school?"

Mr. Wolf: 'Senioritis' hit me hard in both high school and in college. If you aren't doing alright in your classes then make sure you focus on that. Otherwise, if you are doing fine then just enjoy the last parts of school you have left. Hang out with your friends as much as you can. Talk to teachers who have helped you get to where you are. Be thankful for your experience here, for both the good and the bad.



Mr. Iwanski: After basketball season had ended my senior year of high school, I just wanted to be done with school and move on to the next chapter of my life. I told this to our basketball team's chaplain, Fr. Logan. His words still echo in my mind to this day: "Don't wish your life away." Every so often I'll think about that when I want something in my present moment to just be done and I want a future plan to start taking shape. So, I have to remind myself that the present moment is exactly where God has me now, and I think you should remember that, too. Stay in the present moment. Enjoy the remaining time you have left with your classmates. To wrap things up, I'll share a quote by another wise man named Andy Bernard (a character in *The Office*) who said, "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them."

If you have a question you would like answered by the wise and wonderful team of *Iwanski & Wolf*, please submit it in the *Slice of Advice* container in Mr. Iwanski's classroom.

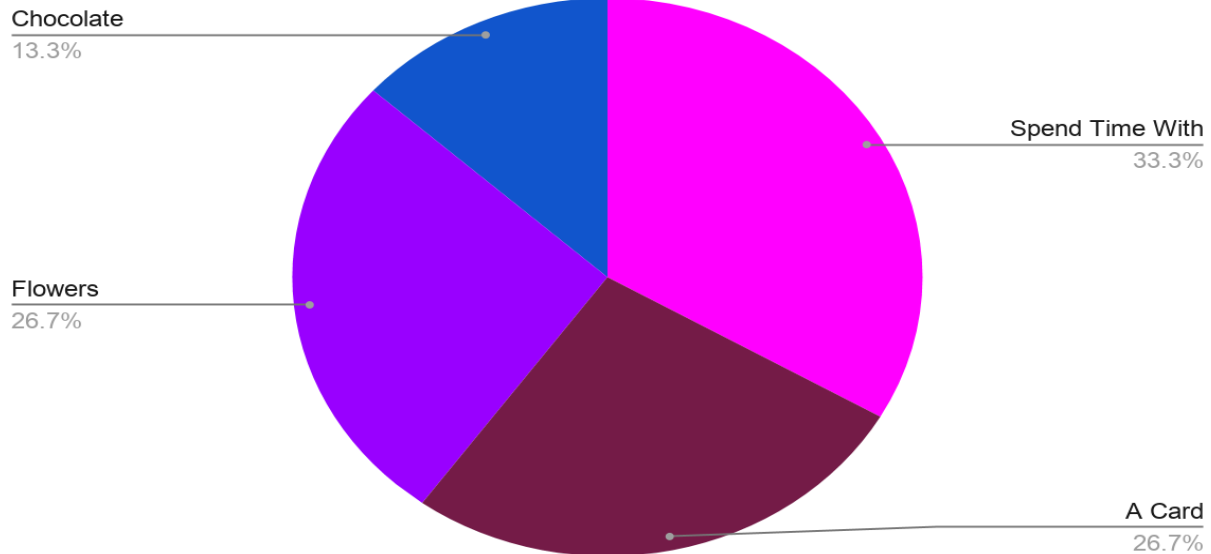
by Hunter Mayer

"The greatest tragedies were written by the Greeks and Shakespeare. Neither knew chocolate." - Sandra Boynton

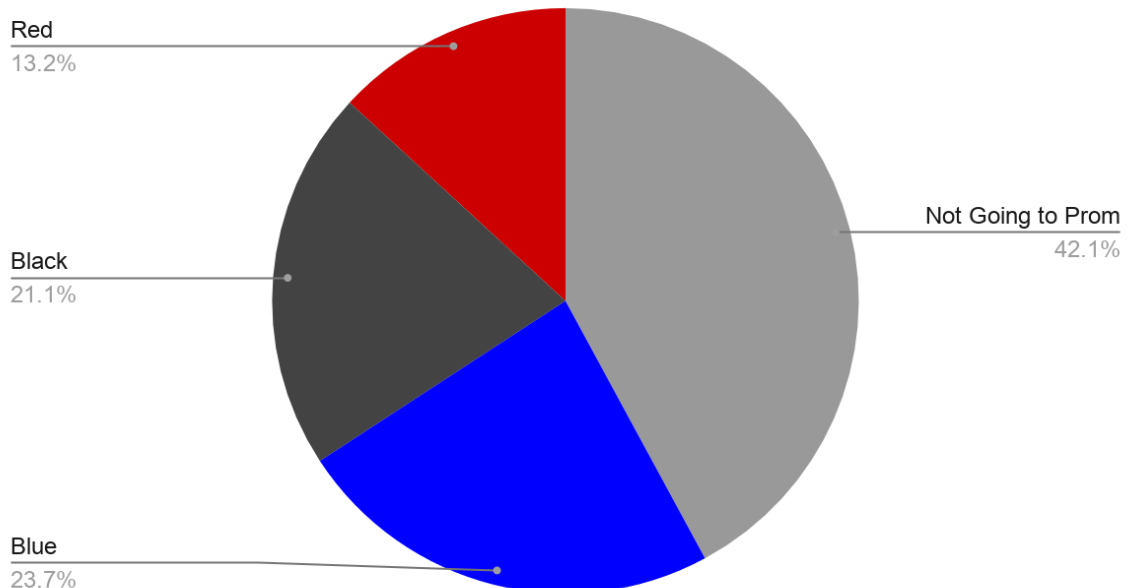
AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

by Hunter Mayer

Top Things People are Doing for Their Moms on Mothers Day



Top Colors People Will Wear to Prom



Winners of the random drawing for participants in this survey: Emmitt Konieczny, Janelle Haupt, and Emma Dolgner. They won chocolates and Skittles. CONGRATULATIONS!!