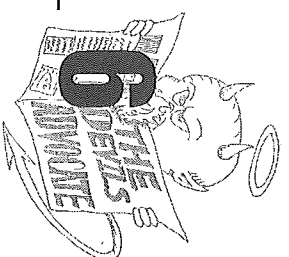


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Bowling

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He added that making spares are crucial to add that extra pin and that's why they practice it often.

For the boys, their biggest competition is Armada. "They have improved a lot since last year, and their talent level has greatly increased. They have some very talented freshmen," said Folske. Armada is not the only BWAC team that has freshmen that will make an impact.

"We have six new freshmen that have some experience. They have improved a lot from tryouts," said LaGrois.

These freshmen include Samuel Calderone, Ethan Jutila, Matthew

Graves, Brendan Ray, Jacob St. John and Anthony Zarkowski.

With any sport, there are challenges athletes faces.

"Bowling isn't a difficult sport to pick up. If you're willing to listen it's easy, but it takes practice like anything else," said Folske.

There are also challenges depending on where you bowl, too.

"There is pressure when bowling at certain allies. You have to change the way you bowl for certain lanes," said Commer.

Scheuer said, "The lane conditions change with each ball that is thrown. Oil gets carried down, and

posed the question: "How many times have you gone home and your computer doesn't work? You can do all you can, but it happens."

Ultimately, there are different variables that can cause a technical shut down like the school experienced a few weeks ago. "If we make our system better, our chances decrease and that's what we're going to do," explained Lamont.

The infrastructure construction is set to be done by the end of summer. "Once we get on track, we'll have a solid infrastructure," said Mr. Lamont. "When we do it, we want to make sure we do it right."

Mr. Lamont is emphasizing on doing it the right way. "Once the infrastructure is in place, we will have a good foundation to make things great."

Along with all the new technological advances being discussed, new science labs are set to be built. New science classrooms are going to be extended onto the cafeteria hallway west of the main gym. "Each teacher will have access to the new labs so we won't have to switch or take turns using the labs," said Dr. Olsen.

Science teachers are joining together to determine the design for the labs. At this point, they do not know any information about the lab designs. The new science wing is set to take up 8,000 square feet overall.

Recently, on December 5 architects and construction managers got together to establish what the science labs are going to contain. Another meeting was set for December 16 to figure out plans for later review in January. Dr. Olsen stated, "We're hoping by next school year this time, we'll be moved in."

One week ago, Mr. Schleder, science teacher, traveled to a couple of schools around the area to look at their up-to-date science labs. He ventured to L'Anse Cruese Central, Pankeow, Armada Academy, and Stony Creek High School along with Dr. Olsen, Mrs. Volpe, Mr. Roodbeen and the Curriculum Director, Anthony Birkmeier.

"We're sold on L'Anse Cruese Central at this point, but it's tentative to change," said Schleder. He added, "The rooms are going to be about 1,500 square feet."

the oil breaks down so that the ball hooks more." They have worked on different techniques to adapt to the different lanes and their characteristics.

LaGrois believes in positive energy for the team.

"Once we get down the whole team does. We need to focus on staying positive," said LaGrois.

He helps his team by giving them pep talks and cheering them on during their matches.

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focus on staying positive," said LaGrois. He helps his team by giving them pep talks and cheering them on during their matches. Even though it's an individual and a team sport, Scheuer would rather stay focused on the team. She said, "As a team, we need to stay positive and work together more as a team rather than individually."

Richmond is most likely going to feature two chem-like type labs with workspace available between the

rooms as well as two other general purpose rooms. The labs are going to contain science tables called pods which are equipped for performing multi-purpose labs. With space not being a problem anymore, each pod is going to be constructed and have a maximum limit of four students per pod.

"There will be seven pods total," said Schleder. One of the pods will be designed for any handicap kids.

The general rooms will have movable tables and water dispensers around the room. A water distillery may even be put in the rooms. Schleder, along with the other teachers, met with Mr. Birkmeier on December 6 to overview the blueprint and plans.

The new labs and rooms will provide more space and will allow teachers to do labs whenever they want instead of scheduling a time because they have to share the lab.

With new labs, that will not be a problem anymore. Mr. Schleder said, "The labs are nice for the district because it puts students in more comfortably and makes them more enthusiastic about science."

Windows, walls, doors, and heaters are actually the first items on the list to be installed. Although air conditioning is not on the list of updates, the school is looking to be more energy efficient by replacing the items. Not only will the high school feature new additions, but the Middle School and the Lee School as well.

New bleachers and basketball hoops will be added to the Middle School gym, so they can be moved electronically. Partial replacements will be made to water fountains, the roof and restrooms.

A new security system will be placed at the entrance of every door in all three schools. Doors will have a card reader access system that only allows staff to come through and additional cameras around the campus. This will improve building security, allowing the staff to know who comes in and out as well as what time people come and go. The

Bond

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As of right now, Dr. Olsen does not know whether each student is going to be loaned a device or if each classroom will have them.

"Those policies will have to be reviewed. It will take a transition time. Hopefully, at some point we will be able to do homework on ipads/laptops," said Dr. Olsen.

One drawback is that technology can become outdated within a flick of a switch or can even break down. Dr. Olsen said, "We are going to allocate textbook money for technology upgrades as well as bond money. Any bond funds have to be paid off within six years before you could add replacements." No decisions have been directly made at this time, but Dr. Olsen said in order to avoid these kinds of problems, the school has to try to plan for them ahead of time.

"Everything we do today is reliant on technology," said Mr. Lamont, Richmond Technician. He explained, "Technology is the backbone to our learning environment."

The first thing the school needs to do is upgrade the infrastructure, said Mr. Lamont. Students need to have access to the internet and various technology sources during school. Mr. Lamont added, "The infrastructure is the single most important thing we do."

The core switch of the entire system will be upgraded to at least a 10 gig. In addition, all switches will be upgraded to one gig POE (Power Over Ethionet). The switches will be upgraded because they do not supply a great deal of power to the school. Mr. Lamont said these new upgrades will decrease power needs and the power bill, and in the end, will decrease costs as well.

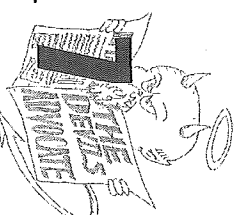
With the recent technology breakdown, servers would not work, the internet was down, and even some computers would not turn on. Is the bond going to help fix these problems?

The answer is yes and no. Lamont said, "These things happen. It's not because the system is old." He pro-

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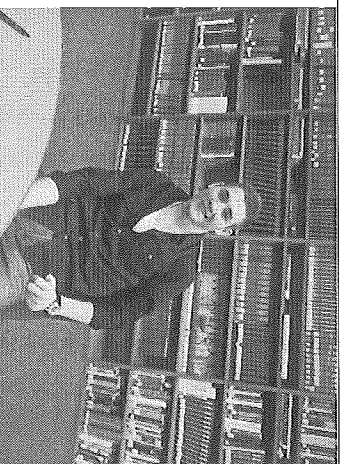
If you were going Christmas caroling, what song would most want to sing?

Staff



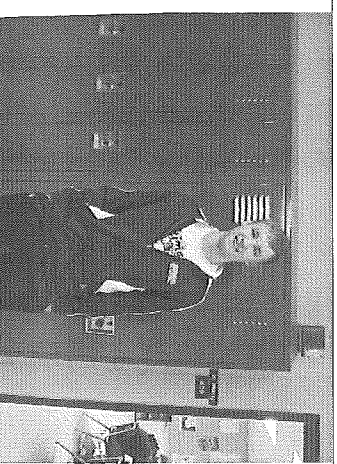
Mrs. Crump would like to deck the streets with Deck the Halls.

Senior



Gino Mini wants to bring a little heart to this winter wonderland with Feliz Navidad.

Junior



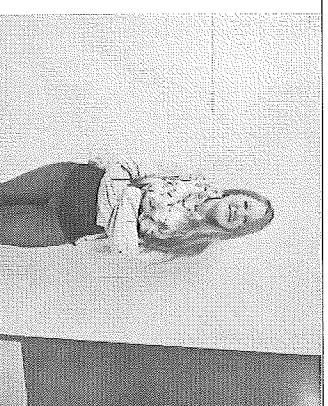
Kevin Maas is jingling all the way down the street with Jingle Bells.

Sophomore



Haley Dziegelewski is also getting down with Jingle Bells.

Freshman



Morgan Teltow has sledding on her mind with Jingle Bells.

Staff Editorial: I'm dreaming of a white and safe Christmas

Winter is officially here as the first snowfall has covered the ground. The white covering of snow gives an enhanced look to the dead nature that surrounds us, but is there more bad than good when it comes to snow?

Most everybody enjoys making a snowman or a snow angel, but what most people do not enjoy are insurance bills for a damaged vehicle.

Michigan ranks fifth in the nation for car accident fatalities during the winter. It is no mistake either that Christmas and New Year's rate as the top two holidays for car accidents and fatalities. The first snow usually brings out the worst in our driving abilities. Cars in the ditches, sliding through an intersection or gliding off the expressway are all scary ways to cause some costly damage to your vehicle.

Many people either forget how difficult driving in winter conditions are or simply are not careful enough. But what is the reason behind poor driving in winter conditions?

Ignorance is probably the word that comes to mind when you think of most people driving. Drivers' inability to be cautious during hazardous conditions is the flaw most drivers have during the winter and why most accidents that could be prevented occur.

Driving recklessly in ice and snow is an accident waiting to happen; however, overly cautious driving can cause accidents, too.

Overly cautious drivers affect how others drive on the road which also leads to accidents.

Driving overly cautious can be bad for your own good. Those who panic and drive scared often end up in accidents as well.

For instance a driver going 35 mph in a 55 mph speed zone may cause for the oncoming driver to make a poor decision. If the driver naively tries to pass the vehicle, he or she may end up in the ditch.

Responsibility goes both ways, but if the speed limit says 55 mph it does not mean you have to go that speed or ride right on the end of another vehicle. Be cautious and courteous and give the driver some space.

So who is affected the most by winter conditions?

The worst part of winter driving is teenage drivers. New drivers struggle the most because of their inexperience. The first couple of months for new drivers driving without parental supervision serve as a learning phase. Everybody drives differently without a parent in the vehicle whether it is more reckless, or overly cautious.

Statistics prove that new drivers are more likely to have their first car accident within the first three months of being on the road. This is bad news for teens acquiring their license in the winter months.

The leading cause of death for teenagers' ages 15-20 are automobile fatalities as over 5,000 teenagers die every year.

So what can teenage drivers do to prevent from the possibility of a car accident in the dangerous weather of the winter months?

Well, having a parent drive you around is one option that is safe and reliable. Even though teens love the freedom of driving themselves, having a parent drive you during inclement weather would be a smart and responsible choice.

Is it just the Grinch stealing Christmas?

By: Austin Vannatter
Sports Editor

People fighting in the parking lot for a spot to park.

Moms and dads opening up more credit cards for money

Black Friday shopping for that certain present...on Thursday.

Has all of the traditional Christmas spirit gone away?

I believe all of the traditional values of Christmas are slowly fading away. From making Christmas cookies to decorating the Christmas tree to spending time with the family, the spirit is vanishing before our eyes.

People are more into trying to get the most bangs for their buck.

American citizens have been waking up early every year to go Black Friday shopping. Instead of being with their family they have been going out earlier on Thanksgiving and camping out in parking lots in tents.

People used to stay with their families during the holidays and not worry about all the sales, trying to impress people.

On Christmas Day people are stressed out about things that do not matter.

Christmas day is supposed to be a time of the year to spend time with family and friends.

People are stressed out about where to go for dinner, what to have for dinner, and making sure everything is clean in case people stop by to say Merry Christmas.

Seemingly gone are quality times with the family, relaxing and giving to those you love. Stress is the reason that Christmas spirit is slowly fading away in my opinion. Stress is a factor in almost everything in the Christmas season.

Let's take a look at a hypothetical situation from a hypothetical family that you may have seen...or unfortunately, experienced.

The mother leaves for early shopping sales and leaves the father to finish the holiday dinner.

The father doesn't know how to finish up the dinner and is too worried about the big game that is going on.

You know what's racing through his mind: Will the Lions lose again? Meanwhile, the turkey is being overcooked.

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Catching Fire or catching ratings

By: Thomas Biafore
News Editor

It seems as though Catching Fire has launched an arrow into the hearts of thousands of adoring fans as the second installment of The Hunger Games saga has reached the big screen.

Just recently did this hit phenomenon flash across eyes of many hungry fans as they enjoyed watching their favorite heroine, Katniss Everdeen, fight her way through another set of obstacles more intense than she's ever faced before.

However, perhaps the true obstacle wasn't for Katniss Everdeen, but for the movie itself. After the first installment of The Hunger Games series reached theaters, many fans left the theater with a strong amount of displeasure that wasn't from consuming the stale popcorn.

The first movie in this series did not reach the mark many people were hoping it would. "I didn't like the shaky camera angles," one fan would say to the other. "I could have looked past that if it followed the book more," replied the other fan. With all the negativity surrounding the first installment, the second movie had a lot of problems to fix.

The movie, however, did just that. It fixed every problem that was tossed in its direction leav-

ing thousands of fans speechless. "It was better than the book," was all that ran through the mind of many people who saw this movie.

Being that most novels set the mark for a movie, this statement was shocking to many people. But it is more than a truthful statement; the movie phenomenon Catching Fire surpassed the excitement of the book and brought the slogan "more fun at MJR," to a whole new level.

What brought all this fun? The new characters. The second installment of this series introduced many new faces such as Wiress and Betee from District 3, Joanna and my personal favorite, Finnick, from District 4.

Every one of these characters had a strong background that brought amazing detail to the storyline. The performances of these new characters were astonishing. They brought a rich layer of emotion to the already emotional film Catching Fire.

Now onto the plot of the film. The plot itself was an action-filled rollercoaster that didn't even stop at the end of the film. Many fans were leaving the theater with the ever still image of their favorite scene still running through their minds. Many aspects of the book were brought to life through the attention-capturing plot: Katniss Everdeen must face her worst nightmare again. Back to her fears and the romance created by the Capitol. Back to the games.

This time though, she isn't alone. It isn't just her that is forced to re-live the nightmare. Every one of the tributes was once a victor of the

games. Although, this time the goal that is on everyone's mind is not to survive the games, but to start an uprising, an uprising that will change their worlds forever.

The uprising they face in the movie is fiction, yet it seems to have a non-fiction application to our world today. The uprisings that begin in this movie are to fix one cause only and that is injustice.

Do we not do the same thing today? Do we not rise up against injustice when we see it in our lives? People in this world are constantly standing up against anything that seems cruel or unfair. And if we're not standing up against the injustice we see, it's about time we start doing so.

We need to start standing up for what we believe is right and rebel against something we see as wrong. So many people in this world abuse power they are given, and it's time that we take a stand against it. It is time we create our own uprising against cruelty and injustices of the world, just like characters in Catching Fire did.

This movie was indeed better than the book. I would highly recommend taking the time and money to see this movie. Every aspect was brought to perfection. Every scene was so closely tied to the novel many people adore.

So go and catch some of the fire everyone is talking about.
Go see Catching Fire.

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As the father is stressing out over the dinner and game, you are trying to figure out what to get your parents.

Unfortunately, your parents have told you they don't want anything. You have no idea what to get them.

"Go to the store!" your dad yells.

Rolling of your eyes happens.

You don't budge.

"Go to the store before the family gets here to get the cranberry sauce, kid" your dad yells, including your middle name.

Once the middle name is busted out, you know you better go. Otherwise, it's not just the taters that are gonna be mashed.

You finally make it to the store where you almost got caught up in a fight for a parking spot, so you have to park in the back of the parking lot after swerving to avoid running over a can that fell out of someone's cart because it was more overstuffed than a butterball.

You make your way to the store after you walked through the blistering wind.

When you get inside you see nothing but madness.

Pandemonium is all you see.

After two hours of searching for cranberries and updating your Twitter about how you just want to eat and sleep, you found the perfect can of cranberries.

You make it back to your car and that's where you found your car door got dinged.

There goes the cranberry sauce after you flung it across the parking lot. Luckily, it didn't hit anyone.

Back to the store.

Madness, 2.0.

There it is: the one can left. You sprint down the aisleway, pushing the old lady in the wheelie cart out of the way to grab the last can – expired and dented in four areas.

It's a rough can, but it'll have to do.

You're Thinking "Finally, I will be able to be home for the day, and get a nice dinner and be able to relax."

You have one hour before your family members arrive for the dinner.

You hope dad was able to finish the dinner in time.

Driving down your street you see flashing lights near your house.

When you get closer you see fire trucks and your dad and brother outside.

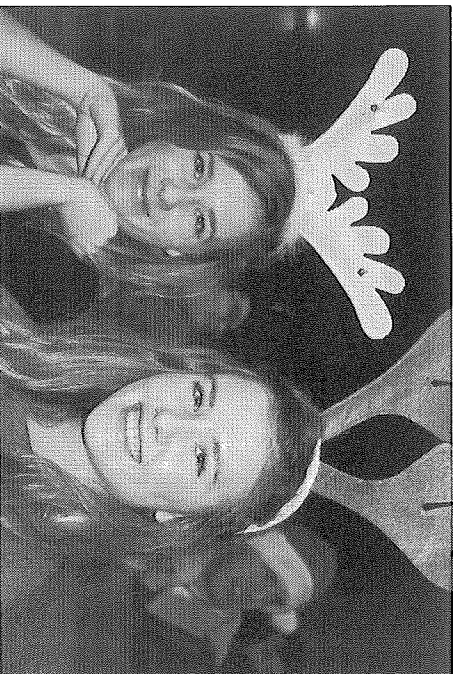
Dad has burned the house down cooking...

Okay, so maybe this is far-fetched.

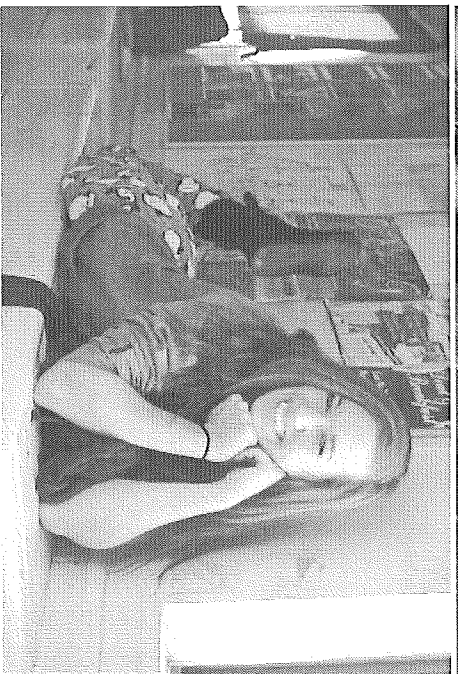
But, it is why it is so important to not take Christmas for granted, and not get consumed by the shopping, the worrying, and the over-stuffing of food.

Keeping traditional values during Christmas is important. They are so important to keep because they allow for people to be with their family and it is used for a time to relax.

17's Spoat*!f Week!



Check out Sarah (left) and Hannah (right) Budd sporting their reindeer antlers on Tuesday's spirit day.



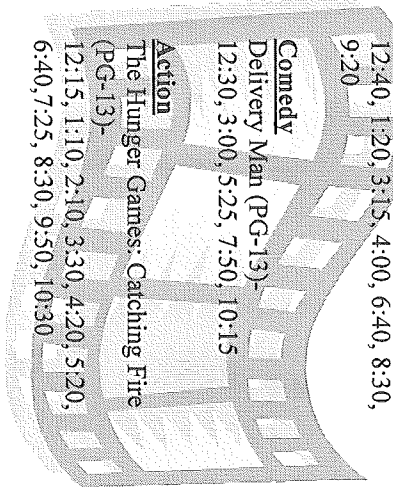
Cheezing from check to cheek Emily Swantek is rocking some Penguin pajamas on Monday's spirit day.



Although wearing tacky sweaters, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Volpe, Mr. Applegate, and Mrs. Woodruff are rocking those tacky sweaters on Wednesday's spirit day.

**MONTHLY
"MUST-SEES"**

Kid Friendly
Frozen (PG)-
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9:20
Comedy
Delivery Man (PG-13)-
12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15
Action
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
(PG-13)-
12:15, 1:10, 2:10, 3:30, 4:20, 5:20,
6:40, 7:25, 8:30, 9:50, 10:30



Source: www.movies.com

Would you rather?

Would you rather receive cash or a gift for Christmas?
"I'd rather get cash so that I could buy the appropriate gift for myself," said Ryan Brincefield, junior.
Would you rather have a snowy Christmas or a warm Christmas?
Kayde Hambaum, Senior, would rather have a snowy Christmas to get her in the Christmas spirit.
Would you rather watch Elf or The Polar Express?
Karlee Kaltz, sophomore, would definitely rather watch Elf.

I Bet You Didn't Know...

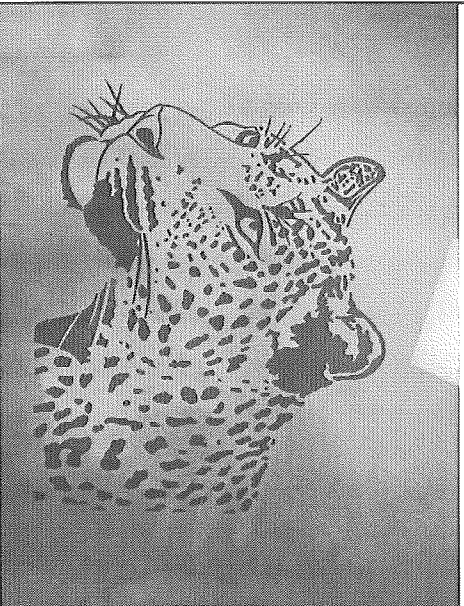


Which RHS staff member do you think this is?

- A) Mrs. Wolfe
- B) Mrs. Germain
- C) Mrs. Michon
- D) Mrs. Underwood

Answer: A Mrs. Wolfe

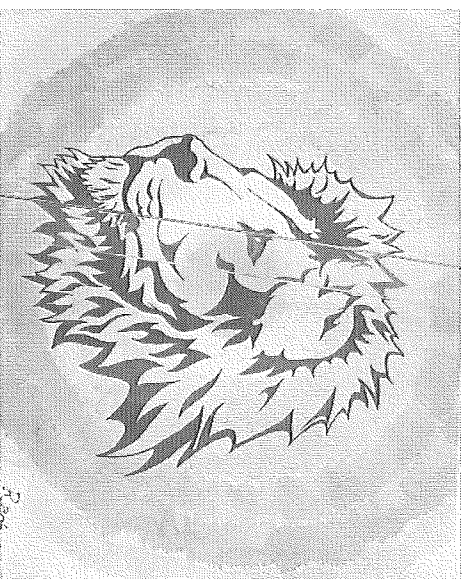
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Casey Malburg
12th grade

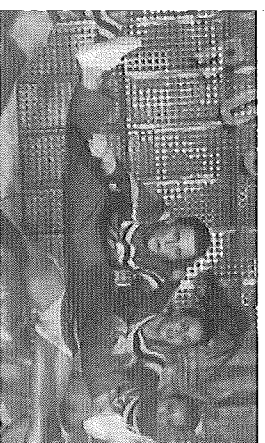


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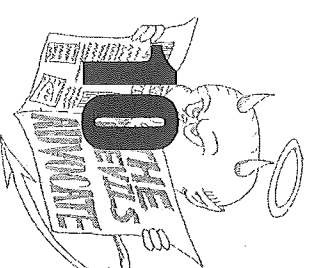
Carley Carroll
10th grade

TALENT SPOTLIGHT



Want to learn backflips, stunts, herkies, and pikes? Ask Jonah Vandenburg, junior, to teach you. Jonah has been cheering for two years, and although he does not cheer at Richmond anymore, he joined the Elite Cheer Michigan team in Chesterfield this year. The team's name is Venom. Vandenburg gains a great amount of attention from the coaches for being the only boy on the team, which has helped him grow as a cheerleader. His favorite part about cheering is the tumbling. Vandenburg and his team compete twice a month and plan on attending worlds this year. He plans on continuing cheer for the rest of high school.

Features and News



Walkin' in a Pinterest Wonderland

By: Amanda Vinson
Features Editor

"Tis the Season...for pinning? Pinterest, a social website which acts as a virtual pin board where users can "pin" things that interests them, is nothing new to students.

In fact, Anna LaTorre, senior, has exceeded her number of re-pins, which is a thousand re-pins, or shares of other people's ideas and uploads.

LaTorre fills up her Pinterest boards with fashion, health and fitness tips, and inspiring quotes. "I go on it every day. I'm kind of addicted," LaTorre said.

The site launched in March of 2012. Within ten months of the website being up, 13 million users had signed up.

Today, Pinterest has over 70 million users – including some highly addicted Richmond students and even teachers.

Since there are so many elements to Pinterest, anyone can find something that interests them.

"I like to use Pinterest for recipes, hairstyles and do-it-yourself projects that I find," said Natasha Woodruff, senior.

"I've made desserts, cookies and I learned how to fish-tail braid."

Woodruff likes the way the website is organized so that users have different pinning boards for different topics. "I get a lot of ideas on there, so it helps me keep my ideas more organized," she said.

Casey Malburg, senior, thinks the most interesting part of Pinterest is "Life Hacks". She said, "They're just tips to make your life easier, or fix the little problems in life."

Malburg explained she uses "Life Hacks" for advice to become a better runner. "It said to breathe out when your left foot hits the ground, so I've been trying to do that and apply the other tips I get to my life too," she said.

Regardless of their differing interests, students on Pinterest have benefited from this website in unique ways.

"I especially like Pinterest because it's not celebrity-based. A while ago, Emily Swantek and I made cut-off tie die t-shirts that we saw on the website. It was a lot of fun and they came out looking pretty cool," said Woodruff.

Malburg and LaTorre have even added to the website themselves. "We painted shoes and described how to make them step-by-step," explained LaTorre.

They were surprised by the positive feedback they got from other Pinterest users. "People actually re-pinned our shoes, and a few people told us they thought it was a good idea," LaTorre said.

Mrs. Schoenberg, a substitute teacher, has even found a way to use Pinterest to her advantage in her personal business. "I participate in craft shows, which is where I sell crafts that I've made. A lot of my ideas come from Pinterest or at least start from something I saw on there," she said.

Her crafts range from home decor made out of horse shoes to holiday crafts like snowman spoons. "I have eight Christmas

trees in my house, decorated all with things I've made," she said.

Although she admitted that she spends a little bit too much time on the website, Mrs. Schoenberg believes it is a great tool that everybody should use to their advantage.

"I've found that the website enhances creativity, especially among teenagers," she said.

So maybe, it's the season for pinning.

After all, according to Malburg, "it's a positive website with no negative things. It's a great, creative way to express yourself."

Black Friday Ends, Christmas Begins

By: Xavier Nuckles
Opinion Editor

Thanksgiving just filled you up a few weeks ago.

And then people crammed stores and malls on Black Friday and shopped online for Cyber Monday.

Now, is the time of year when stores are packed again with long lines: Christmas.

As many do, you may also wait until the last minute to do your Christmas shopping. Sometimes you go on a Christmas Eve hunt for the gifts you put off getting early. Christmas is coming up fast in the next week.

You may not want to wait too long, however, or Santa may not be able to fill your order. Junior Hunter Barjaktarovich, learned his lesson from this: "I went Black Friday shopping for Christmas. I stood in line for 45 minutes, walked in and then walked out. There was nothing good left to buy, so we stood in line for nothing. The store was crazily packed though."

Many new hot items are coming out in the stores and malls. Technology wise, many new devices and gaming consoles have just come out for the Christmas season.

Microsoft just released the Xbox One and Sony just released the PlayStation 4. Nintendo released 3DS. A variety of video games are coming out with these as well.

Barjaktarovich said, "I just got the new PS4 as an early Christmas present. I like it a lot; it's got good graphics, and it runs really fast for games. Apple has just released their new set of phones: the iPhone 5S, 5C, and the new iPad Mini and iPad. They're the latest phones offered up by Apple.

And with a variety of games and features to follow these, they are scarce on the shelves for Christmas. All new items are coming out.

Toys R Us is also exhibiting a variety of new toys such as the Razor Crazy Scooter, new Nerf Toys and an odd gag gift called Unicorn Meat.

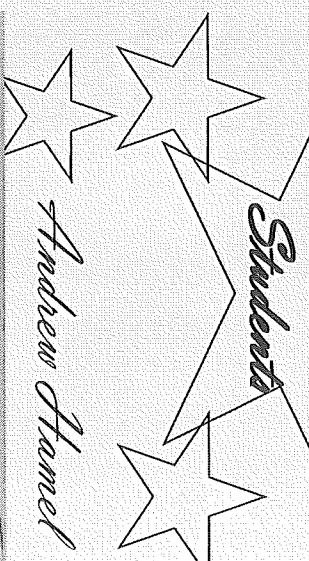
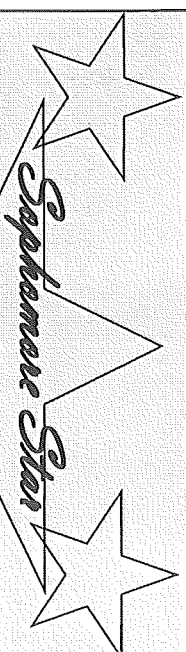
Unicorn Meat is actually a unicorn doll inside of a can labeled, Unicorn Meat. It's supposed to be a funny gag gift for parents to give to kids.

People around the world are making their wish lists to Santa for the season and are shopping for others too, for the traditional gift exchange that occurs every year.

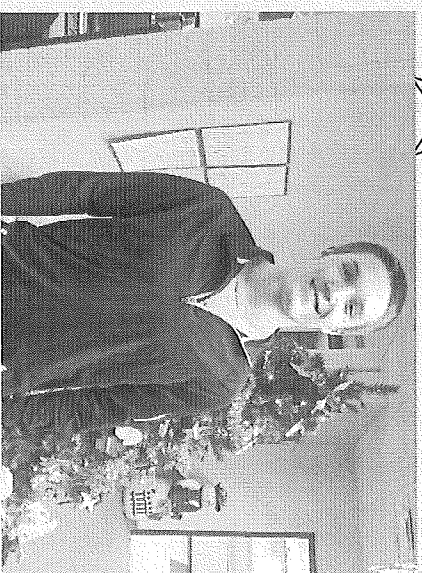
Students at RHS are also making their Christmas lists and doing their Christmas shopping.

Sophomore Brandon Kuncce said, "I did my shopping for my family for Christmas on Black Friday at Target and Wal-Mart. What I want for Christmas though, is a new car and some clothes from Dick's Sporting Goods. I probably won't get it because cars are expensive to buy."

He bought a TV and almost bought an Xbox One in the sales of Black Friday. Black Friday is often a great place to get good deals for your Christmas Shopping.
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Andrew Hamel



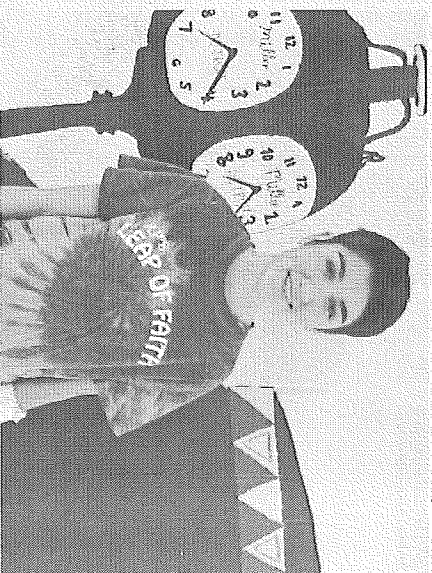
Favorite subject: Biology

Favorite activity outside of school: Basketball

Role Model: Dad

Plans after high school: Go to college

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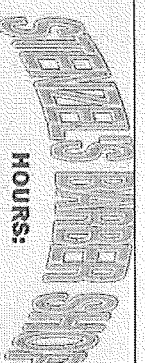


Favorite subject: Science

Favorite activity outside of school: Tennis

Role Models: My sisters

Plans after high school: Go to college for photography



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