

In Our Opinion

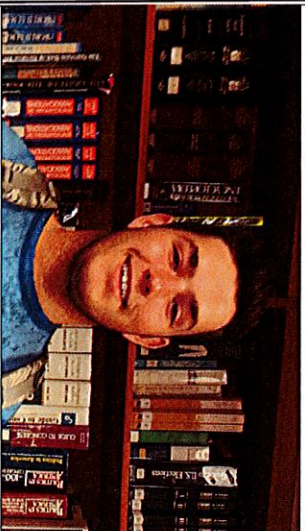


Question of the Week



What are your plans for after graduation?

Senior



Chad Kavanagh: "Becoming an electrician for DTE by going to trade school."

Senior

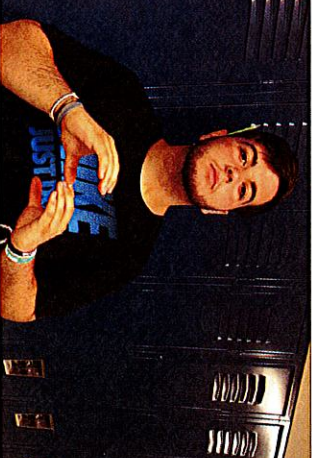


Spencer Trapiss: "Go to Central Michigan University for engineering."



Leslie Oceguedra: "Take a year off and travel, then go to SC4."

Senior



Jake Stewart: "Go to SC4 for my first two years."

Senior



Makenzy Gaigalas: "Going to CMU to study actuarial science."

Editorials

Don't Blink

By: Hailey Dziegelewski
News Co Editor

Dear underclassmen,
To start this letter off, I'd like to speak out to the incoming freshman, my youngest brother being one of them. The first day of school will be one you will never forget. Walking through those front double doors and seeing hallways packed with these larger kids whom most you don't have a clue who they are.

You'll have an idea where to go to your first class because of orientation but you'll still get lost until a teacher or friend asks if they can "help you find your way."

But all the confusion will eventually go away, as the little nervous butterflies in your stomach turn to excitement when you receive your first A.

My biggest advice would be to not be afraid to ask questions, keep your grades in check, make friends and most importantly enjoy every single day because they go fast.

To the sophomores and juniors, continue to keep that GPA up because you may not think it matters but as soon as you apply for scholarships you'll realize the importance. Prepare yourselves for the ACT/SAT because it is not an easy test.

Get involved is another important part of high school.

Go to sporting events, volunteer to help out, join a club, participate in performances and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. If you are scared to join a sport, don't be.

I found my life-long friends and discovered my interests through these two middle years of high school. Sopho-

more and junior year are the years where you find yourself.

An example for me would be when I discovered that dance was my true passion, math was my favorite subject, my best friends and that crime and investigations excite me.

Don't forget to do your absolute best because hard work will eventually pay off.

And to the upcoming seniors:

Walking through those double doors on the first day of your last year, the ones you were once terrified to walk through, is the most bittersweet moment.

You'll laugh with your friends about things you posted on social media freshman year or pictures you once posted or the way you did your hair.

You'll think about who you are going to miss when you leave, who you'll keep in touch with and who you'll never see again.

This year is full of lasts. Last first day, last school dance, last sporting game, last fire drill, last assembly, last essay and many more...

But it is also the year where you grow up. You think beyond just what you are wearing to school the next day. You plan what you're doing after you leave.

Picking a college and talking about going away is one of the toughest topics for students this age. However, it is something that has to be decided. If you follow my advice during sophomore or junior year then receiving scholarships and money towards college will be simple and hopefully make the decision easier.

I want to end this article by thanking Richmond High School for all they have done for me. Thank you for providing me with a great education, thank you for all the memories and thank you for always having another place to call home.

somewhere to go every Friday night, dressing up for spirit days for the games, and cheering at the games as loud as you could so you made sure the other teams heard you, was probably my favorite part of high school.

Whether it was basketball, football, or any other sport, you made sure you dressed to your full ability and were in that student section getting rowdy.

Aside from all of the outside events, I should probably talk about the other half of school.

When people say, "Your freshman year is your most important year", it is not a joke. Do not laugh and blow it off because it will only affect you in the long run.

Nobody understands how hard it is to get your GPA back up after it has been brought so far down where it's almost impossible to get it up.

I'm not saying you can't have fun in high school; you can have fun. Just make sure you are making grades and the school part a priority and not just a side class.

High school will be the best years of your life if you make it that way. You will find your life-long friends, and find out who you really are.

I have lost some friends but the ones I gained, I wouldn't trade for the world.

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The Best Four Years of my Life

By Emma Gillem
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If someone would have told me my freshman year that high school goes by in the blink of an eye, I would have laughed and shaken my head.

Where did the last four years of my life go? I still remember walking into high school my freshman year, worried about what the older classman thought of me and now, I am that older classman.

The start of senior year, I knew I was beginning my year of "lasts" but it didn't sink in until prom that everything was coming to an end.

No more first-first days of school, no more first dances, first high school games, nothing.

It's crazy to think I've been to all these games, baseball, softball, tennis, football, thinking it was never going to end, and here it is; it's come to an end.

Sporting events and dances have definitely been my favorite part of high school.

I went to all of the dances, freshmen through senior year and a majority of them were fun. Even if the songs weren't always easy to dance to, it was always easy to make the best of them.

On the other hand, always having

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