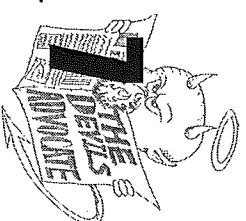


# In Our Opinion



*Question of the Week*

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**WHAT WERE YOU FOR HALLOWEEN?**

**Staff Editorial:**

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Every student knows starting off the school year strong is a very important thing to do. We're all coming back from three months of fun and stress-free times. Some of us may have relaxed and hung out with friends all summer.

Others may have worked and it seemed like you never got a break.

No matter what you did over the summer, you are now back in school, and if you get behind now, well, it's going to be a rough school year for you then.

For incoming freshman, this is going to be one of your most important years of high school. You might not know it yet, so know this: This is when things really start to matter.

Your parents are always stressing to you to do well in school and study and get grades.

And they're right. This is the time things really start to matter for you. Elementary school and middle school are supposed to prepare you for high school, get you ready for things you don't even know about yet.

When you get into high school, this is when your GPA starts. Every grade you've ever gotten before your first day as a freshman did not count. Now is when your grades matter.

So no matter what you did before high school or what kind of student you were, now is the time to be a good student, if you weren't before.

Freshman year sets the basis for your GPA. If you screw up now, it's going to hurt you later in high school.

Don't believe me? Ask some seniors walking amongst you in the halls. They'll tell you the same thing.

As for sophomores, well you made it one year, only three more to go! Seems like a long time huh? Well it's not.

Being a senior and realizing this is my last year of high school has made me realize that when all of the middle school teachers said it would fly by, well, they couldn't have been more right. It seems like just yesterday I was walking into this school for the first time.

Sophomores: You have one year down and three to go. Don't stop now. It is just as important for you to start the school year off strong as well.

A slow start will lead to a bad habit and you'll get behind in all of your classes. Just because you still have three years left doesn't mean you have a lot of time. Believe me, these three years are going to go by quicker than you think. Screw up now and it could hurt you the rest of your high school career.

Juniors: You've made it halfway through high school. Congratulations, you've made it to the most important year of high school.

Whatever you've done your first two years of high school, if you have screwed up in any way, now is a crucial time for you guys to fix it. You don't have as much time as you think.

Being a junior also means you will have the SAT this year. Sadly, this test will determine a lot for you.

This one test can have a major impact on what colleges you go to and if you receive any scholarship money. Don't shrug this test to the side, it's a bigger deal than you think.

Oh yeah, this is also the year colleges take an in depth look at your grades, so in other words, this year is very important for you juniors.

Lastly, seniors. We've all made it this far. We only have so much time left here.

Seniors: It seems like just yesterday we all walked into this school for the first time, wide-eyed and maybe even a little scared.

This is your last year to write your story and leave your mark on this school.

Some of you may already be experiencing senioritis, but it's important to shed away this lazy feeling you may be experiencing.

This is your last year, so don't let up now. Start the school year now with good habits and keep your grades up.

You know what they say. This is the beginning of lasts: last first day, last homecoming game and dance, last snowcoming game and dance, last prom, last year with your favorite teachers, last year with your friends that have been with you the entire time through high school, last year of high school.

We only have so much time left here together, so make the most of it seniors. One last time.



Mr. Roodbeen as a character from the show *Breaking Bad*.

## Senior



Kylie McCloskey as road kill.

## Junior



Riley Boyd and Jenna Stafford as sports accidents.

## Sophomore



Sammy Toia and Jeffery James as crayons.

## Freshman



Hailey Reed and Alexis Henderson as the Day of the Dead.

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### Letters

We invite readers to share their thoughts with us by writing to the Editor. See the drop off box in the library or you may email us at: mmurphy@richmond.k12.mi.us. Include your name, address, and grade level.

## Pitch Perfect 2

By: Cameron Barrett

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Pitch Perfect was sharp but Pitch Perfect 2 fell flat!

In my opinion, Pitch Perfect was better than Pitch Perfect 2.

Pitch perfect 2 seemed to have less action and didn't have a good plot to it. This causes it to not be as good as it could've been. Fat Amy was the funniest one out of everyone in the movie. Having the Acapella groups meet up a lot more and having to travel to different places helped make the movie flow better.

But Pitch Perfect had funnier actions and the characters were more interesting.

For the most part, they had some interesting dances with their singing. In this movie you had a better background of what was going on, how everyone ended up where at the college, and also how and why they all wanted to sing in the group.

It was really hard for Pitch Perfect 2 to live up to the expectations after watching Pitch Perfect.

Some song choices weren't that good, as they incorporated songs that weren't really that popular or good. Also adding Snoopy Dog just seemed a little out of place be-

cause they had him singing Christmas songs when it wasn't even around Christmas.

Putting a younger girl (Emily) in to the Acapella group just made her somewhat out of place. She was the youngest one and just didn't really seem to fit in with all the older girls.

Pitch Perfect 2, moreover, really didn't have a catchy beginning. It just started off with Amy ripping her pants at a competition and then getting in trouble for that incident.

I didn't really like the part when they went to the bonding camp.

I felt like that really had nothing to do with singing. If they all sang and practiced routines and did more things for the actual competition it would've been more interesting and would've made more sense.

They were there to "bond" to help them become closer. But they all live together and work with each other each day, so bonding wasn't really a necessity.

Another downfall is that the team isn't as close as they were before. They argue and divide themselves for no reason.

They'd only agree on certain things and would lie to each other about what they were doing.

When Becca went to get a job it was out of place. Because she goes to get a job, she doesn't get to spend as much time with the group.

She was always lying about where she was going. She missed major parts in the movie too, like when they let Emily join them.

Becca was more concerned about her job and her boyfriend. Although the job deals with singing it just didn't fit in because it made the group divided.

Some of the characters were mean and rude to others throughout the movie, which ruined more of the movie as well because it wasn't as funny.

If they weren't as mean to each other, and had more a comedy in it, it would've made it a better movie. The comedy just really didn't shine through the whole theme. The comedy parts, when they came, were funny, but they needed funnier parts and more of them.

At the end I didn't think they should've had all the Bella's in their routine. If they only took a few of the old Bella's it would've been better.

## The Walking Dead

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SJ: "The best part was at the end, when a parade of walkers away from camp. But suddenly a horn went off and the walkers came back."

Was this the best Season premier so far?

CP: "I don't think it is. I think my favorite Season premier was Season 5's."

SJ: "It's pretty good. But, I don't think it's my favorite. Season 4 or 5's premier were pretty

## Milliken's Mediocre Musings

