



# Polar Press



February 28, 2020

## Meet Bella!!

By: Samuel Smith

Man's best friend! What would we do without them? With their extravagant ability to calm people down, no matter what mood they are in, dogs are truly the best.

Recently, Mrs. Chris Smith introduced Margareta students to Bella, an 11 year old Goldendoodle, to help with anxiety that both students and teachers alike can use as a therapy measure. Having Bella around can be a good thing as it could potentially increase such things as social interaction and the gradual decrease of anxiety and anger issues exponentially. Bella spends most of her time with Assistant Principal Mr. Barrett, but will also make classroom visits and roam the halls.

The process for Bella to become a therapy dog included a 4 week training course in order for her to be certified. Her training was heavily based on things such as socialization, obedience, food distractions, human to canine interaction and much much more. After this was complete, her final evaluation took place inside of a nursing home, and she passed with flying colors!

Mrs. Smith commented that Bella enjoys working at the school, as she whines in delight as soon as she enters the building.

The prospect of a therapy dog being there for kids to help them cope with whatever experience they are currently facing is an excellent revelation to say the very least.

Stop in and see Bella!



# What's Happening at Margaretta??

## Impact Leadership

Impact Leadership 2020 is a leadership series that helped youth understand and appreciate the true art of Leadership. Students from Edison, Huron, Margaretta, Norwalk, Perkins, Sandusky St. Mary's, St. Paul and Vermilion participated in the series.

During each Wednesday session, students were put into groups of 8-10, with 2-3 mentors and a different "pillar" was discussed for the day. Some of the different pillars that were talked about were: Teamwork, Being Yourself, Confidence and Being a Hero. A discussion was led to understand how each pillar affects our lives and those around us.

Students also listened to guest or keynote speakers where they heard stories of information and inspiration to help with life situations and scenarios.



High School Mentors: Addison Foreman, Josie Stark, Spencer Flick & Dane Smith



7th Grade Student Participants: Alayna Biehl, Grace Bohn, Erica Miller, Logan Sessler, Rowdy Wiedenheft, Mjae Moore, Shayleigh Foreman

## State Testing Information

State testing season is right around the corner. Below is the scheduled dates for ALL testing being conducted in the spring:

March 31st- ELA Grades 6,7, 8 (Part 1)  
April 1st- ELA Grades 6,7,8 (Part 2)

April 2nd- ELA I Part 1 (Retakes Only)  
April 3rd- ELA I Part 2 (Retakes Only)

April 7th- ELA II (Part 1)  
April 8th-ELA II (Part 2)

April 9th-Make-up testing (Last day for ELA window)

April 21st- Science 8 (Part 1)  
April 22nd- Science 8 (Part 2)

April 23rd- Biology (Part 1)  
April 24th- Biology (Part 2)

April 27th- American History (Parts 1 & 2)  
April 28th- American Government (Parts 1 & 2)

April 29th- Math 6,7,8 (Part 1)  
April 30th- Math 6,7,8 (Part 2)  
May 1st- Make-up Testing

May 4th- Algebra (Part 1)  
May 5th- Algebra (Part 2)

May 6th- Geometry (Part 1)  
May 7th- Geometry (Part 2)  
May 8th- Make-up testing (Last day of testing for Math, Science & History)





# Grease Performance by Drama Club

# Senior Bios

By: Zoie Biecheler



## Jager Hacker

**Birthday:** 8/09/ 01

**Hobbies:** Hunting & Fishing

**Siblings:** 1

**Favorite Food:** Steak

**Favorite Subject:** History

**Favorite Sports Team:** Ohio State

**Favorite Person:** Mom

**Favorite Season:** Summer

**Favorite Color:** Red

**Favorite Book:** Any hunting book

**Favorite Band/ Artist:** Motley Crue

**Favorite Quote:** "Life's a garden, dig it"

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** Tractor

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite High School Memory:** Playing football

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** People that chew with their mouths open

**Biggest Fear:** Losing family



## Kade Gravenhorst   Brandon Eisenhauer

**Birthday:** 2/11/ 02

**Hobbies:** Football, Track, Lifting, Friends

**Siblings:** 3

**Favorite Food:** Prime Rib

**Favorite Subject:** Government

**Favorite Sports Team:** Dallas Cowboys

**Favorite Person:** Goo Breezy

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Favorite Color:** Green

**Favorite Book:** *I Survived* Series

**Favorite Band/ Artist:** L.A Capone

**Favorite Quote:** "I got hit by a Gue- Ben Ward "

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** Gameboy

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite High School Memory:** Playing four years of football

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Spawn Pecking

**Biggest Fear:** Twitch Drones

**Birthday:** 1/9/ 02

**Hobbies:** Hunting, Baseball & Friends

**Siblings:** 2

**Favorite Food:** Pizza

**Favorite Subject:** Science

**Favorite Sports Team:** Browns, Cavs & Indians

**Favorite Person:** Baker Mayfield

**Favorite Season:** Fall

**Favorite Color:** Green

**Favorite Book:** *Tuesdays With Morrie*

**Favorite Band/ Artist:** Post Malone & Juice Wrld

**Favorite Quote:** "That was legitness- Vine Kid "

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** Rock em Sock em Robots

**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas

**Favorite High School Memory:** Going to games & hanging with friends

**Biggest Pet Peeve:** When people are on their phones while you're trying to talk to them

**Biggest Fear:** Losing a family member or friend

# Senior Bios



## Samantha Thomas

**Birthday:** 2/19/ 02  
**Hobbies:** Basketball  
**Siblings:** 7  
**Favorite Food:** Chicken  
**Favorite Subject:** Medical

**Favorite Sports Team:** Indians  
**Favorite Person:** Dad  
**Favorite Season:** Fall  
**Favorite Color:** Mint green  
**Favorite Book:** *The Giver*  
**Favorite Band/ Artist:** Chris Brown  
**Favorite Quote:** "You only live once, make the most of it!"

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** Stuffed Bear  
**Favorite Holiday:** Halloween  
**Favorite High School Memory:** All of us falling down after tripping each other  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** Getting left on read  
**Biggest Fear:** Spiders



## Roger Ring

**Birthday:** 10/31/ 01  
**Hobbies:** Riding dirt bikes  
**Siblings:** None  
**Favorite Food:** Pizza  
**Favorite Subject:** Diesel Tech

**Favorite Sports Team:** Browns  
**Favorite Person:** None  
**Favorite Season:** Summer  
**Favorite Color:** Blue  
**Favorite Book:** None  
**Favorite Band/ Artist:** Guns & Roses  
**Favorite Quote:** None

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** None  
**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas  
**Favorite High School Memory:** None  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** None  
**Biggest Fear:** Heights



## Kyle Bogard

**Birthday:** 1/17/ 02  
**Hobbies :**Gaming & Music  
**Siblings:** None  
**Favorite Food:** Chicken Lo Mein  
**Favorite Subject:** Science

**Favorite Sports Team:** Cloud 9 Gaming team  
**Favorite Person:** None  
**Favorite Season:** Winter  
**Favorite Color:** Purple  
**Favorite Book:** *Not a Drop to Drink*  
**Favorite Band/ Artist:** Metallica & AC/DC  
**Favorite Quote:** None

**Favorite Childhood Toy:** Nintendo DS  
**Favorite Holiday:** Christmas  
**Favorite High School Memory:** Sophomore Year  
**Biggest Pet Peeve:** None  
**Biggest Fear:** Being alone

# **Polar Bears Swim/Dive**

**By: Alyssa McFarlin**

## **Sectionals, Districts, and State**

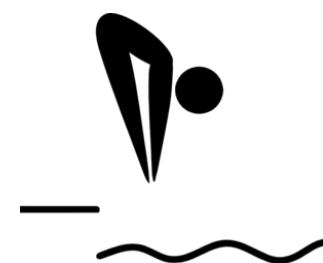
Margareta made its way through Sectionals with outstanding results. The girls 200 Medley, 200 Free Relay and 400 Relay broke their records.

Lily Green broke the Fly record and Josie Stark broke the Breaststroke record.

At the District meet, the team continued to do well. Team members are Gaby Mann, Miranda Cruz, Breanna Pullano, Lily Green, Isabella Reidy, Colby Hoover, Nathan Miller, Trenton Miller, Ryan Coffman, and Troy Miller.

At the State Swimming & Dive competition, Kenna Stimmel finished 14th overall and Anna Gasser finished 20th. Great Job Girls!

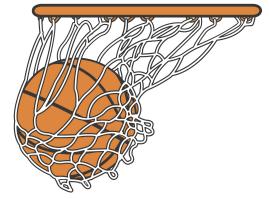
At the State swimming finals, Lily Green finished 23rd in the girls 50 meter freestyle. Congratulations Lily!





# Lady Bears Basketball

By Zoie Biecheler Credited: Sandusky Register & Max Preps



## Lady Bears VS Willard Flashes

During the thirteenth game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Willard Flashes. The Lady Bears clawed the Flashes with a score of 65-61.

## Lady Bears VS Tri-Village

The Lady Bears faced Tri-Village in the Country Classic on 1/18/2020. The Lady Bears won against the non-conference team, 62-59.

## Lady Bears VS Perkins Pirates

In the fifteenth game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Perkins Pirates. The Lady Bears outscored the Lady Pirates by 48 points. The Lady Bears won, 85-37.

## Lady Bears VS Edison Chargers

During the sixteenth game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Edison Chargers at the Thunder-dome. The Lady Bears won the game at the Thunder-Dome, 75-36.

## Lady Bears VS Port Clinton Redskins

During the Seventeenth game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Port Clinton Redskins at the Iceberg. This game was a very special night for the Lady Bears considering it was their Senior Night. The Bears have 5 senior girls on the team that were celebrated that night: Cassidy Cheek(23), Taylor Malson(4), Jayden Morre(14), Katie Mullens(5) and Cassidy Smith-Fields(34). During this game Taylor Malson scored her 1000 points. The Bears beat the Port Clinton Redskins at the Iceberg, 86-30.



## Lady Bears VS Perrysburg

In the eighteenth game of the season, the Lady Bears had a close game against Perrysburg. The Bears beat Perrysburg 67-66.

## Lady Bears VS Seneca East Tigers

During the nineteenth game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Tigers from Seneca East. The Lady Tigers gave the Lady Bears a run for their money on the evening. The Bears and Tigers were neck and neck up until the end of the 4th quarter when Taylor Malson hit a 3 pointer at the buzzer to claim the victory for the Lady Bears.

## Lady Bears VS Oak Harbor Rockets

In the final game of the season, the Lady Bears faced the Willard Flashes. In the second quarter, Taylor Malson had two triples and Ellianna Schaefer added another before halftime to give the Bears a 30-14 lead at the half.

After halftime, the Lady Bears slowed down their momentum, scoring 28 points between the 3rd and 4th quarter.

The Lady Bears also claimed back-to-back SBC Bay Division titles. Congratulations Girls!!



# Boys Basketball

By Cassidy Smith-Fields



## Game Recaps:

January 24, 2020 - Victory over Edison in Sandusky Bay Conference. "We're just happy to get out of here with a win," said Polar Bears coach Steve Keller Jr. "We knew Edison is really scrappy. It was a physical game, we were able to make the plays we needed to get it done." Bears made it out to 17-9 lead at the half. "The biggest thing we had to do was we had to grind," Keller said. "We were able to make just enough plays against their 2-3 zone." Bears went 14 for 16 at the free throw line. Brycelyn Hedden went 8 for 8, with a high 16 point game. Jake Leibacher contributed with going 4 for 4 and 12 points.

January 30, 2020 - Huge win over state ranked St. Paul! 63-58 "I am really blessed and pleased to coach this group of young men," Margaretta coach Steve Keller said. "We came to really battle and really to compete on every possession. We made a lot of plays." The Polar Bears continued to answer every time St. Paul cut the lead to one possession or a single point.

February 4, 2020 - SBC crossover victory over Lakota, 67-42. Jake Leibacher lead the team with 14 points. Following him was Daultyn Weidbrauk with 10, Brycelyn Hedden, Spencer Michel and Ben Palomo all with 9, and Nathan Scaffer with 2.

February 8, 2020 - Sandusky Bay Conference loss against Port Clinton. The Redskins kept our Polar Bears from scoring the first 2:39 of the game. Daultyn Wiedbrauk hit a shot bringing the score up to 43 with 2:46 remaining. It was a "dog fight" until the final minute of the game when one of the Redskins players, Adam Thorbahn, made a bucket and they simply hung on. However, Port Clinton milked their two point lead and ended up with the victory after a long, hard fought battle. Leibacher finished with 16 points and seven rebounds, Brycelyn Hedden and Dayln Weidbrack both had 10 points and also a team high of eight rebounds. "They flat out, plain and simple, guarded us all night. We struggled to make the extra pass and we didn't get others involved. I love our guys and I'm blessed to coach them, but we have to get better from here because they did a really nice job of taking away some of our better offensive weapons and we struggled to adjust," Coach Steve Keller Jr. commented.

February 14, 2020 - Loss vs. Oak Harbor, 49-79. "They're a well balanced team. They have a nice inside presence with the Dowlings, and Blake Booker can extend the offense. I just told our guys that this is the toughest stretch of the season with Oak Harbor, St. Mary and Willard. They have to battle and fight to get better," Coach Steve Keller Jr said. Spencer Michel had 13 points to lead the Polar Bears, Brycelyn Hedden followed with 10 points.

February 15, 2020 - Loss vs. St.Mary's 51-62.

February 21, 2020 - Non conference loss VS. Willard 37-53

February 25, 2020 - The Polar Bears opened up with a 15-0 run VS. Seneca East, defeating adversity to become sectional champs. Jake Leibacher led Margaretta in points with 14. "We played some very good teams in that four game stretch. Truthfully, our guys had a mindset tonight of it being the second season. I think that stretch we had has made us better," Coach Steve Keller said. This has been the ninth straight season in which Margaretta Boys have won at least one tournament game. "We have been blessed. Last year was the first time in school history that we have won three straight sectional titles. We have 32 minutes on Friday to win a fourth straight." - Keller. The Polar Bears used tough defense against the Tigers. "We have only had one player play here, but traditionally, we play well here," Keller added. "We came out and played well early. We had some open looks, but you have to make them." Margaretta improves to 12-11 and advances to face second seeded Western Reserve.



# Bowling

By: Skylar Bedee

## Bowling-Sectional Match

On February 14th, all bowlers competed in the Sectional tournament. They placed 13th out of 14 teams with the final score of 2960. The team also placed well individually out of 82 competitors bowling three games each.

Bryan Rooker placed 21st with a 557 series, Samantha Thomas placed 49th with a 440 series, Liz Patrick placed 53rd with a 421 series, Mariah Fields placed 54th with a 409 series, and Eli Young in 65th with a 350 series.



## Polar Bear Wrestling

The MHS Wrestling team competed against Lakota on February 13th, and defeated them 27-12.

The Polar Bear wrestlers hosted the Margaretta Wrestling Invite on Feb. 15th for 20 teams. MHS finished 10th out of 20 teams, their best finish in five years. Placing for the Bears were Jaeger Johnson- 2nd, Daniel Davis- 4th and Seth Stanley-4th.

At the SBC 19 team tournament, the Polar Bears scored more points at the tournament than in the past three years. This years places included Seth Stanley- 7th and Daniel Davis-8th. Good Job Guys!!





# Margaretta FFA



By: Skylar Bedee

## Trip to Atlanta, Georgia

The Margaretta FFA Poultry Judging Team placed 5th at the National Judging Contest in October, receiving an all expense paid trip to Atlanta, Georgia for the International Production and Processing Expo (IPPE).

The US Poultry and EGG Association and US Poultry Foundation sponsored the Gold rated teams and paid for the trip. The expo featured companies and colleges from 130 different countries and from all aspects of the poultry industry. The students interacted with numerous companies and college representatives while looking at new robotics for sorting and packaging systems like cryovac.

Additionally, there were speakers from Pilgrim's and Prestige Farms. The speakers talked about the poultry industry as a whole and potential career opportunities within the industry.



## Trips within Atlanta, Georgia

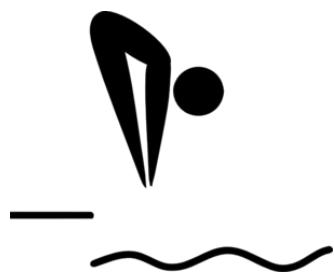
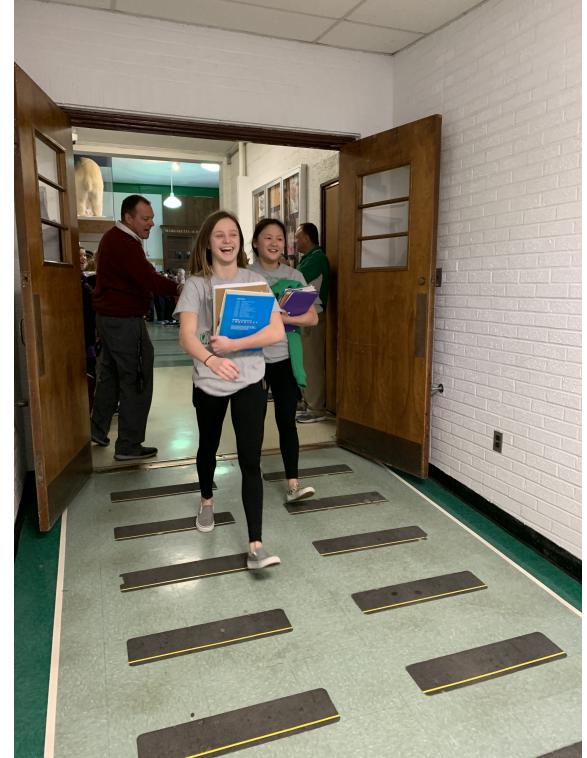
While in Atlanta, the students also experienced numerous attractions. The expo's welcome reception was hosted at the Georgia Aquarium, the third largest aquarium in the world. The aquarium is known for their whale sharks and beluga whales. They toured the world of the Coca Cola where they learned the history of Coke and tasted 100 different flavors of Coke products from across the world. They toured Olympic rings from when Atlanta hosted the Summer Olympics in 1996. Finally, the students enjoyed go-karts, a high ropes course, and games at Andretti Karting and Games.



# State Swimming and Dive Send-Off



Kenna Stimmel  
&  
Anna Gasser



Lily Green



# Reindeer Games



## Wrestling Photos

