



These Paws Have Claws

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SMS ROCKS!!!





The New Leader of SMS

By Lauryn Mileto

What would you ask Mr. Lucas, our new principal, if you could interview him? Well, I got the opportunity to ask him many questions and here's what I received. As my experience with Mr. Lucas, he has a funny and charming personality as a middle school principal. He has been in education for 42 years. He started off teaching as a middle school science teacher. "Testing, testing, testing" has changed overtime in his career. Mr. Lucas was very excited to come to SMS as a principal when asked. He says, "It's like going back to where it all started." He thinks SMS has outstanding teachers and so much determination in students to succeed. He attended Sharon High School and went to Edinboro university. He was a principal in 1987 at William S Guy Middle School in liberty. Then, he became a superintendent in 2007 for Liberty. Besides school, he loves to hang out with friends and family. Mr. Lucas has two children and almost three grandchildren. As for sport teams, he likes the Steelers, Pirates, Indians, and Cavs.

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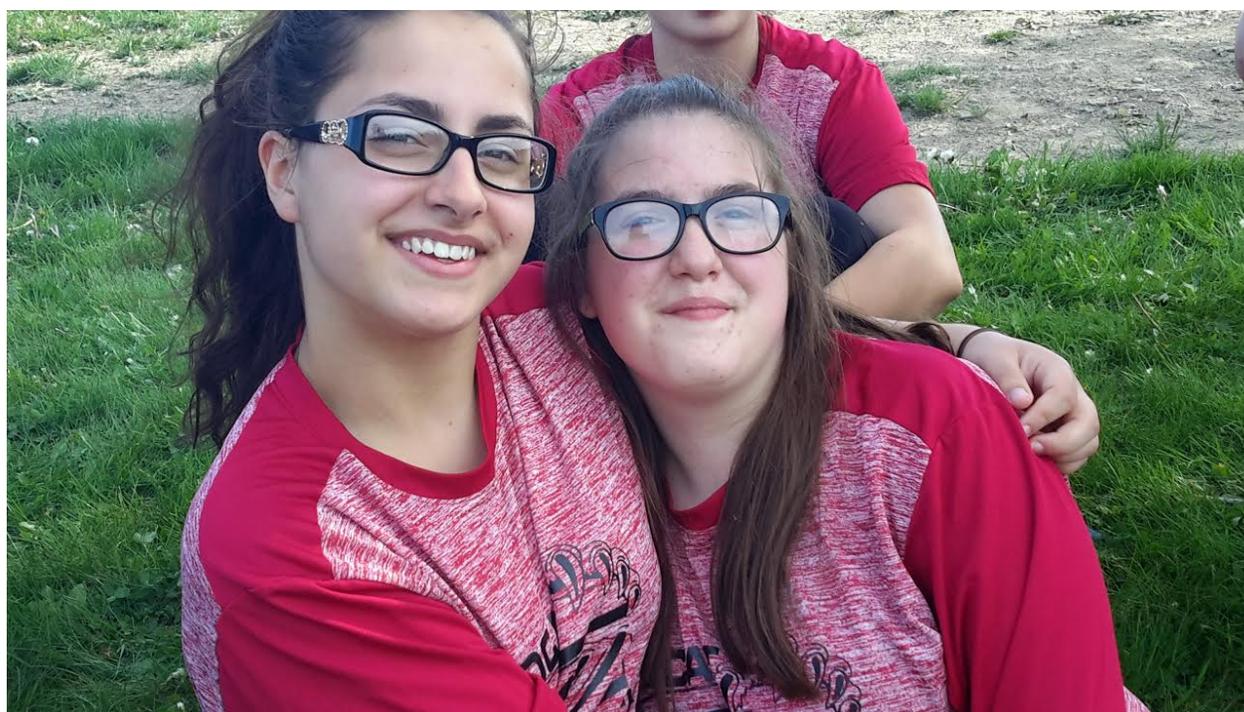


The Basketball Tradition Continues.....

By Ella Croyle

The seventh grade Lady Cats basketball team had a great fight this season. We made it to the championship, however we lost to Poland. But we had a good record 11-6 and were second in our division. Now about all the people who made this happen. For example, Coach Masi was the person who spent his time every day after school from 3- 5:30 coaching us and making every person work better. Masi would always make sure we put in our best effort and whenever he wasn't yelling that meant you were doing good. Now about the players who put lots of work and effort into the game. For instance, player Diana Szenborn made a total of thirteen threes in the season coming to a total of 75 points. She states, " We worked hard and people don't understand how dedicated we are." While player Madalynn Trimble having a total of 46 assists said " I'm proud of the way our girls did this season. I never thought we would make it that far." Ella Croyle had a total of 121 points this season. I couldn't be prouder.





Slow Feet Don't Eat; 8th grade girls track

By A'talia Edmonds

Eat, sleep, go to school, sleep, sleep, eat, sleep, eat, and did I mention sleep? Sound like a familiar lifestyle? Once upon a time, I too could relate to such a heavenly life until I joined track that is. Track is, well dare I say it, fun. Fun in the sense that on occasion, we get to get out of school early for our track meets. Let's be honest, if you're in track, you were thinking the same thing.

Track is very tiring, especially if you've never done a sport before, or you're not athletically gifted. However, in track, hard work really does show and make a great difference. Although you've probably heard that saying more times than your brain can calculate, it is true.

Not only does track keep you active, but it is a good way to have discipline, which a lot of middle school students lack. It can be very fun at times, but with that fun comes lots of sweat, and when I say lots, well, you get the picture. The number of eighth grade girls and seventh grade girls are very much overpowered by seventh grade girls.

The Big Dodgeball Tournament

By Jonathan Horton

FCA or (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is a Christian organization run by kids. Mr. Gelonese the assistant principal says, "This is a club run by students, for students to bring them encouragement and hope." On April 21, 2017, FCA held its first dodgeball tournament. There were 152 people at the meeting. The topic of the meeting was bullying. The participants who helped in the meeting were Erin Ziccardi, David Ford, Josiah Gonzalaz, Chloe Neider, Chazz and Lacy Ekoniak, Anthony Mudryk, Chance Laczko, Lexi Hanna, Marissa Orbin and Jonathan Horton. The winning team for the fifth and sixth were the Struthers Goats and seventh and eighth were the Goof Ballers. These two teams and took it all the way and won, There was no prize but bragging rights. The Struthers Goats consist of Austin McGullough, Chazz Ekoniak, Chance Laczko, Brady Clyde, Olindo Pezzone, Faith Stellato, Abby Donnadio, Emmah McConahy, and Bella Slaina. The Goof Ballers consist of Alex Cummings, Aiden Hall, Trey Metzka, Calin Ryan, Emma Elia, Julia Szenborn, Taylor Suzany, and Mary Bayus.



Handles VS DQ

Which One is Better?

BY Robert Jones IV

This ice cream rivalry is just like any other rivalry. It's like the Browns versus Steelers, or McDonald's versus Burger King. It's basically the same, just this one is ice cream and they're just so good you can't decide who's better.

First, let's start with their ice cream. In my opinion Dairy Queen has slightly better ice cream. But, Handles does counter that with more and better flavors. So there is a tie in the ice cream department, one to one.

Next let's go with expenses. I believe Dairy Queen is more expensive. I believe this because a medium "Blizzard" treat is just about \$5. So now that leaves the score Handles-2 Dairy Queen-1.

Now, let's go with service. I say this one's a tie. I say that because the workers are always nice, and it does not take forever for them to get the ice cream or other food. So now the score is 3-2, with Handles in the lead. With summer just around the corner, what will you choose?



Seventh Grade Girls Making It From the Starting Line to the Finish Line By Karla Martinez

The normal weekday schedule is usually school Monday through Friday and after hanging with friends. The Struthers Middle School Track team's week from Monday to Friday are usually, conditioning, practice, meet, practice, practice. That's how far they push themselves to be the best. They're approximately twenty seventh grade girls on the track team. We have had three meets so far and the girls have pushed themselves to get to the top five crossing first. With a tough workout every Monday, the seventh grade girls are still running off the starting line full of energy making them seem like a fireball. A'talia Edmonds, a seventh grade girl, explains that, "Track is fun but you also have to work hard to do it." It isn't all fun and games for them, they have to work and push themselves. This is their first year of track and it may be a lot harder than expected with practice and hour and half right after school but they are still there running. The seventh grade girls that are on the track team have worked hard and still are.

Dancing the Day Away

By Mayzie Neider

After a long day of doing school work, students who missed no more than four school days were invited to go to a dance party in the gymnasium. For the third nine week attendance incentive, students got the chance to go into the gym to socialize with their friends, or jam out to some of the most popular songs at the moment. Students who were here for 90% of the third nine week school year got to attend this dance. Students were pulled out of their last two periods at the end of the school day. Our DJ, Mrs. Welch, played songs to get students up and dancing. At this dance party, there were even competitions. There was a hula hooping competition, and the people who were able to keep the hula hoop spinning, received a Pizza Joe's gift card. The idea of the dance was a very creative and fun idea that most of the students loved. The gym was filled with students laughing, singing, and talking with their groups of friends. The dance was a great way to reward students for attending school and working hard.



Basketball royal rumble

By Aden Noling

Let's talk about these furious NBA playoffs. There are eight teams from the Eastern conference and eight from the Western. Here are the teams that made it from Eastern conference: #1 Celtics, #2 Cavs, #3 Raptors, #4 Wizards, #5 Hawks, #6 Bucks, #7 Pacers, and the #8 Bulls. I'm going to mostly talk about the Eastern conference because I don't like the Western. So far in the first round of the playoffs, the Cavs swept the Pacers winning the series 4-0. The Raptors are up on the Bucks by one game, they lead 3-2. The Celtics and Bulls are all tied up at 2-2. Same thing goes for the Wizards and the Hawks. In the Western Conference, the Warriors swept the Trail Blazers 4-0. The Spurs and Grizzlies are tied up 2-2 which is a surprise to me. The Rockets are up 3-1 on the OKC Thunder which I kind of figured that was going to happen. Finally, the Clippers and Jazz are tied up 2-2 but Jazz have an advantage because Blake Griffin is out. The finals start June 1st 2017.



The Fantastic Easter Egg Hunt

By Alan Doll

On Friday April 7th, 2017, The Federation of Christian Athletes (FCA) held an Easter egg hunt for any middle school student who was interested. At the Easter egg hunt, there were 110 students present. Mr. Gelonese had started this type of Easter egg hunt when he was teaching in Florida years ago. When he was throwing this event in Florida, he only put a twenty dollar bill in one egg, but when he got FCA started in Struthers Middle School he decided to put twenty twenty dollar bills in twenty eggs. The association was able to collect donations. They received \$120.00 and that allowed them to put 120 one dollar bills in 120 eggs. In the meeting that was held before the Easter egg hunt, the FCA members talked about how Easter started. FCA meetings are run by and for students. These meetings have a opening and closing prayer, an ice breaker game, and much more. The FCA meetings started out with about thirty to forty people in attendance. Their last two meetings increased to 110 and 152 students. Meetings are held every other Friday and they encourage all middle school students to attend.

The Top Trends of The 7th Grade

By Leah Barone



Something that is very popular in the 7th grade are fidget spinners. A bunch of people have them. And it is a big fad right now. Along with fidget spinners, there are fidget cubes but those aren't as popular as the spinners. Also, 7th grade just finished AIR testing. We had the Language Arts Air test March 20th and 30th. We just took the math test April 24th and 25th. Students are also getting excited for the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game that the 7th grade is going to in May. Track is also the big sport that a bunch of students are participating in. On Wednesday, April 26, the 7th grade students had an exciting Egg Drop project for Science. Also in May, the 7th grade is going to a Golf Dome in Girard, Ohio for an incentive. One other thing students like to "Dab." The dance move is still very popular. We have also gotten the privilege, of carrying around water bottles. The water bottles have to be clear and have specifically water in them. Those are the 7th grade happenings.

Students Drinking Water In Class Is This a Benefit ?

By Gage Krall



Do you think students should be able to drink water in class? Students sometimes ask to leave the classroom to get a drink of water, but it can sometimes be distracting towards other students. An example would be if a class was trying to concentrate on a test and one student asked to go to the water fountain. When they leave the room some students may be distracted and look back at the student who is leaving the room just to get water. If students were allowed to bring in bottled water, it wouldn't be very distracting. Whenever a student would get thirsty they could open their water bottle and just drink. The only downsides of this would be if someone were to spill the water or drink out of someone else's. On the other hand, this can be dealt with. If a student spilled their water they would just have to clean up the mess. If a student was not following the rules of having water, they would not be able to use those privileges.



Delicious Vegan Strawberry Cheesecake

By Isabel Stefanski

This dessert is healthy enough to eat as a snack and sugary enough to satisfy your dessert cravings.

Looking to try a vegan diet? This may make it a lot better! This dessert has been rated number one on food networks website for top vegan desserts. Strawberries are an everyday superfood. They are one of the healthiest fruits out there. They're low calorie, relatively low sugar, and contain plenty of essential vitamins and minerals which include vitamins C, B6 and K as well as fibre, folic acid, potassium and amino acids. Strawberries are also rich in antioxidants including ellagic acid which helps to protect the skin. Summer is the best time for these bites, they are perfect for picnics in the summer heat with friends and a cold glass of lemonade.

Ingredients

This dishes crust will need, one cup pecans, six medjool dates, fourth cup shredded coconut, and fourth teaspoon sea salt. The Filling will need, one cup raw cashews (soaked for three hours), half cup frozen strawberry slices, fourth cup agave nectar, fourth cup melted coconut oil, and two tablespoons lemon juice.

-Find the directions at, <http://www.foodnetwork.ca/valentines-day/blog/irresistible-vegan-strawberry-cheesecake-bites/33882/>

All Star Track runners



There are seven 8th grade boys on the track team. We have had three track meets so far on the year. The top two boy hurdlers are Alex Cummings and Vincent Macciomei. Alex has won every time in the meets on the hurdles. Also, we have one high jumper, Aiden Hall. We have a few boys throwing. But when you are a thrower, you have to be able to lift weights and work out a lot to be able to be in the throwing part of track. Most boys try their hardest to compete and win as much as they can and work hard to get better to win next time if they lose. We all practice together at the high school track. Sometimes, we run on the football field and other times we run on the track. We stretch a lot and we also do warm up laps and cool down laps at the end. We take one to two breaks in the whole practice. Our practice mostly starts at 4:30 and ends at 6:00 most days. Sometimes, we go after school until 5:00 or 5:30 depending.

D.C. Shirt winner



Emma Elia - 8th Grade Washington D.C T-Shirt winner

The winner of this years Washington D.C t-shirt contest is Isabella Mirich. She is a wonderful, hardworking student in the SMS 8th grade. The t-shirt design is a short sleeve shirt and a base color of neon green. On the front of the shirt it has the outline of both ohio and Washington D.C with a line pointing to where we are going. Then on the left side it says wildcats with the D and the C capitalized. On the back it is completely blank. Just the Bright and neon green! Isabella stated that she designed it that way so when we go people could see that we are traveling from ohio to Washington D.C. She also stated that she believes she won because her design is bright and artistic. The Struthers Wildcats 8th graders will be rocking Isabella's awesome design in Washington D.C!

Music is Art



Music is art: Samantha George

Music is well known at being a way to express one's individuality, show creativity, or to entertain through means of sounds and meaningful lyrics. Music is loved amongst all ages and groups of people due to its very unique style.

Here are the top 10 songs on Billboard's hot 100!

Humble, Kendrick Lamar

Shape of you, Ed Sheeran

That's what I like, Bruno Mars

DNA., Kendrick Lamar

Mask off, Future

iSpy, Kyle featuring Lil Yachty

Stay, Zedd and Alessia Cara

Something just like this, The Chainsmokers & Coldplay

Despacito, Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee Featuring Justin Bieber

XO TOUR Llif3, Lil Uzi Vert

From this list you can see the variety of music that appears based on the difference of people's interests. Personally I love songs two, three and six. Even through those three songs you get some different sounds. Bruno mars & Lil uzi don't exactly have the same sound although many find both enjoyable to jam along to. I personally enjoy music through any mood, it soothes, relaxes and hypes up your mood. Music truly is fun to listen to while doing almost anything and music is an amazing form of creative arts that many enjoy.

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Solo & Ensemble



Kristyna Labato - Solo & Ensemble:

This year's Spring Solo & Ensemble for choir turned out splendidly. The girls that participated, including myself, worked very hard for their final ensemble performance. Over time, ensemble participants toiled through their music sheets for a great performance outcome. The girls that participated in the ensemble are Hannah Wall, Madison Norberg, Olivia Baber, Alexis Morelli, Kristyna Labato, Skyler McGee, Katelynn Anguish, and Brianna Oberholtzer. The ensemble participants performed a song called "All Through The Night" and scored a '2', which is the second best score an ensemble can receive. The scores that one or a group could receive go from 1 to 5. The highest rating is 1, and the lowest rating is 5.

There were four soloists that participated that day. Kristyna Labato and Brianna Oberholtzer sang "Amazing Grace". Kristyna scored a '1', which is the highest score, and Brianna scored a '3', which is great. Katelynn performed "Homeward Bound" and scored '2'. Lastly, Hannah sang "Danny Boy", and received comments on her performance.

Overall, Solo & Ensemble was an outstanding experience for everyone. It showed that the performers have skill and aren't afraid to show it. Congrats to the participants, and thanks to Mrs. Russo for teaching them.

Band



By Zada Shively

Ohio State Middle School Honors Band was formed in 2012 and is held at Ohio State. But what is it? This event has 7th and 8th grade musicians from all over Ohio (also includes some other states, too) to perform in a concert. The musicians come the day of the concert to practice for about six hours, trying to perfect as much of the song as possible. During this time, the students get breaks and are also fed during practice at the Ohio State University Stadium. If doing this, the students get the chance to meet a lot of new musicians in the same band that play the same instrument (two bands of each grade play at the event). After the practice is over, the players need to travel across the campus to the stage and they perform the pieces they practiced for only that day as a group. The students wear the Ohio State Honors Band shirt that are provided and play as a group. Almost all of the mistakes in the song are smoothed out but like anything, there are a few mistakes. Overall, this is a great and fun experience for young musicians.

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APPS



Popular apps-- Mia Davis

"The apps kids are using these days" as Mrs. Kuntz, 8th grade language art teacher calls them, are great ways to interact with your peers, outside of school obviously. The most popular apps are snapchat, instagram, facebook. With those three apps you can have what is called a 'story' which allows you to post a photo or video which stays up for 24 hours. That way if you forgot Mrs. Carcelli's, Mrs. Buchenic, Mrs. Pera's or Mr. Ragazzino's homework, you can ask everyone if they have it without individually messaging them one by one. Speaking of individually messaging people, each of those apps has a feature where you can privately message someone. Hopefully the person you're messaging answers quicker than the teachers answer their emails. Although, there are apps to which you are allowed to play in school. The most common seen around is the game "Ballz". In Ballz, the idea is to break as many bricks as you can before they touch the bottom of the screen. The game quite addictive. You can talk to your friends about their high score and try to beat it. In conclusion, these are the apps that you may want to get with.

Streaks

Emma Elia - Snapchat Streaks

Ding! You guessed it! It's one of you friends sending you streaks on snapchat! Snapchat streaks are a big hit all around the world. To keep a streak with a friend, you must snapchat that friend everyday until you want to end the streak. Most people have more than one streak, so they send a picture that says streaks with stickers or bitmojis. A normal streaks picture looks like this.

On a daily basis, streaks are sent about three times a day depending on how busy the person is. Overall, on snapchat, streaks is one of the main things people worry about. If you lose a streak it is almost a tragedy. So next time you think about ending a streak, think about the consequences!

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Best Food



The Best Food In Town
Gianna Pangio

Forever holding a spot in every child, teen and adults life, an amazing meal from, just about anywhere! Can't get any much better than that, expect the days where you can't figure out what you want! AKA, picking the perfect place. But not just any place, between your two favorites!! You're stressing, you're tired, you don't know what you want, Burger King or Chick-fil-a?

Easily arguable that many would choose the delicious chicken from everyone's favorite, Chick-fil-a, but how about the days where that Whopper sounds pretty fantabulous! Everyone has those days, but you don't know if today is that day or the day where you're willing to dive right into the long drive-thru line to get a 12 piece nugget meal and a large lemonade!

Here might be a few reasons why, I personally, would choose Burger King. You can never go wrong with that burger, or the much shorter line in the drive-thru. And you never ever, want the chicken that has been sitting in a pan for a half hour before you show up to buy some food. You want something better than that! The Whopper, to please everyone in every way!

Color Guard



Angela Rolley-Struthers Colorguard Tryouts

On April 7th, 2017, Struthers High School held the 2017 colorguard auditions. The girls who participated in this event were at Struthers high school from 3:15-5:30 Monday-Friday for about 2 weeks working on their routines to show the judges what they have achieved. The choreographer, Colleen Mayeux, explained to everyone how the judges point system will work and really helped to prepare the girls for their auditions. For auditions, girls auditioned doing 2 flag dances, 2 dances, tosses, and jumps. Congratulations to all that have made it as followed: Colleen Davis, Zoe Jarome, Madalyn Markota, Aleya Mims, Faith Morlan, Angela Rolley (myself), Chelsea Romack, Peyton Shorthouse, and Ashley Strom. All of the girls who participated in this did a wonderful job and it was really fun working with you. In personal experience, I never would have thought colorguard was something I would be able to do, but I ended up trying it, and it's something I enjoy a lot now and I'm glad it's payed off. Overall, this was a great event that gave me a chance to make new friends that I hope will last a long time, Anyways, congratulations to the 2017 colorguard!

8th grade

Lexi Piscitelli- eighth grade happenings:

Eighth grade is a very busy year for most kids. Between D.C. and making sure your grades are up by the end of the year, it gets hard. Us wildcats have many trips planned before our last day on May 31. So far, we have planned English festival, choir concerts, band concerts, Washington DC, the eighth grade recognition breakfast, the talent show, Kennywood, and everyone's most favorite day of the year, the last day of school. Considering this is middle school, there's always a lot of gossip going on, between who is talking to who, and drama going on between whatever sport is in season, eighth grade is never dull on the social charts. There is definately, like always, a lot of heat with our upcoming stem project, with most switching up their groups, or keeping them the same as last time. Things get tense with the end of the year coming closer and closer, hopefully everyone is prepared for a great summer! (and ninth grade because we all know that's stressful.) So, be nice to your teachers and peers, because they're just as excited to get out as you.

MCCTC?

Cayden Agnone - MCCTC

Is MCCTC the School for You?

MCCTC could be just the high school eighth graders are looking for. A STEM academy has recently been added for freshmen and sophomores, so if you are an eighth grader who is interested in STEM then the STEM academy at MCCTC could be a very good option for you. If you decide to go to the STEM academy, then you can go to MCCTC directly after, when you become a junior. The academy has a variety of courses, which will be listed below. In summary the STEM academy at MCCTC could be a good choice to any 8th graders who still haven't chosen a high school, but choose fast, because the Stem Academy spots are being filled up quick.

Freshman Courses

Clean Energy Technology

Robotics 1

Exploratory Engineering(4, 9-week courses)

Computer Software 1 (PLTW)

English LAnguage Arts 9, or English Language Arts 9 Honors

Math

World History or Honors World History

Biology or Honors Biology

PE and Health

Sophomore Courses

Clean Energy Technology 2

Robotics 2

FANUC/Motoman

Computer Software 2

English Language Arts 10 or English Language Arts 10-Honors

Chemistry or Honors Chemistry

American History or American History Honors

Math (Geometry, Algebra 2, or honors)

Online Elective(s)

8th Grade Boys



8th Grade Boys Basketball

Keaton Kimble- 8th boys basketball

The 8th grade basketball team had a good year with a record of 5-9. Most of the kids on 7th grade team came back for the 8th grade season with the addition of Dom Carcelli, Anthony Fray, and Troy Gordon. Through the season there were many ups and downs, a lot of players missed games due to the flu and even a player had their appendix taken out. And through the season there was never a fully set starting lineup either due to all the injuries and the flu. Even though the record does not look like it, but they had a very good season and have many players full of potential. Either way the boys thought they had a real good shot at the championship this year. "I think we can win it all this year with the team we have"-Tyler F. . The team went into playoffs as a number 6th seed and played the number one team Niles. Struthers put up a good fight, but in the end they came up short, but the wildcats gave their all and that's what matters. Now comes Freshman year where they'll go for it all again. Good luck wildcats!

8th Grade Girls



struthers Never Stops

By: Kaylei Shaffer

Hardwork and Determination is the key to success. The 2016-2017 basketball season was very memorable. The 8th grade girls basketball team ended with a winning record of 12-6. We went to the championship of the AAC tournament and received runner-up. Even though we didn't win that was still a big improvement from last year. A major achievement from last year to this year is we work together and play as one a lot better than previous years we all have played together. Meaning, we don't play for ourselves we play for the name across our shirts. The game of basketball is testing the team's ability to work as a group and choose the smartest play possession by possession. One strength that our team had is we bond really well and all get along on the court. We realize when you get on the court your teammates are your family, you pick them up when they fall, you fix their mistakes, and cheer them on during exciting times. Even though we had a winning record that's not all we succeeded at we learned to have confidence and trust each other and to never give up. Great season girls! Go cats!

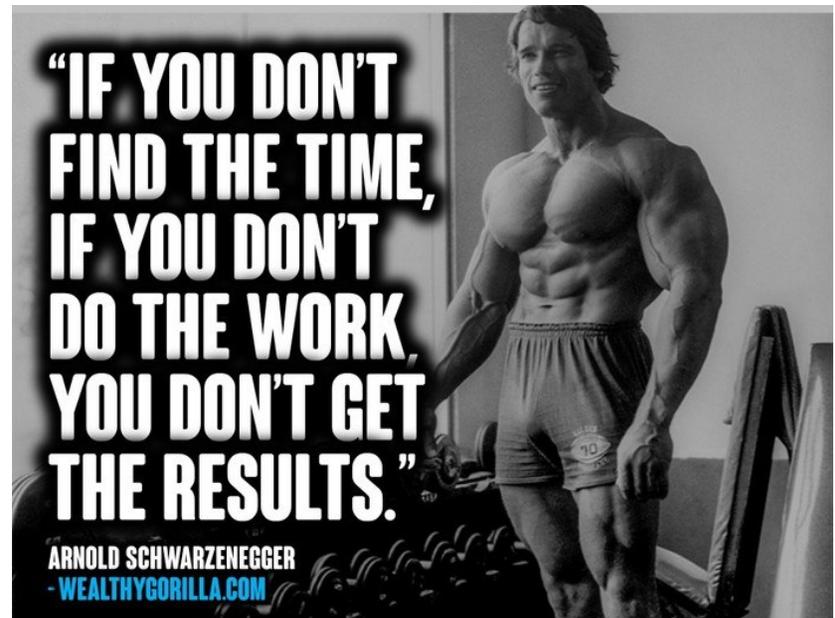
Tennis



Larry DeMarco-tennis

First off, let me say tennis is not for everyone, but if it is for you it is awesome. Tennis is awesome for students because it is a relaxing sport and can relieve stress from tests or school in general. I play tennis because my brother did and it seemed like he was having fun so I tried and had fun. Tennis has a lot of benefits which can be mental and physical. It increases your reaction time. It also increases your aerobic capacities and increases bone density. Tennis is a good sport for maintaining health, fitness, strength, and agility. It is also a great way to meet people and hang out with friends. Tennis also helps with tactical brain development which allows you to get over challenges quicker. It keeps you alert. It increases coordination by boosting your balance, speed, footwork, and hand-eye coordination. There was a study performed and it showed that tennis players scored the highest in self-esteem, rigor, and optimism. Regularly playing tennis can keep you motivated in your professional life, as well as help you overcome obstacles in your personal life. With all of these benefits what are you waiting for, go out and play!

Lifting



Lifting

By: zachary felletti

Lifting has been a way of getting stronger and more physically in shape for many years. It helps in more ways than one. It will improve your health and is a way of losing weight overall. The major key to weight lifting is safety first. You shouldn't be going into the first gym you see and start lifting heavy. Start off light and work your way up. Any body part you can think of, there is most likely a workout for it. It even helps with athleticism for different sports. It helps in ways such as strength for football or if you're a basketball player and trying to get that vertical up, workouts like squat and deadlift will help with that. A big reason why people don't attend gyms are because of insecurity. However there are gyms such as Planet Fitness who are "Judgement Free" that you can attend. Nutrition is a factor in physical health, if you eat unhealthy then you won't feel strong enough to workout. Stay with a healthy diet along with lots of protein so that you can take on the next visit to the gym with full strength.

Robotics

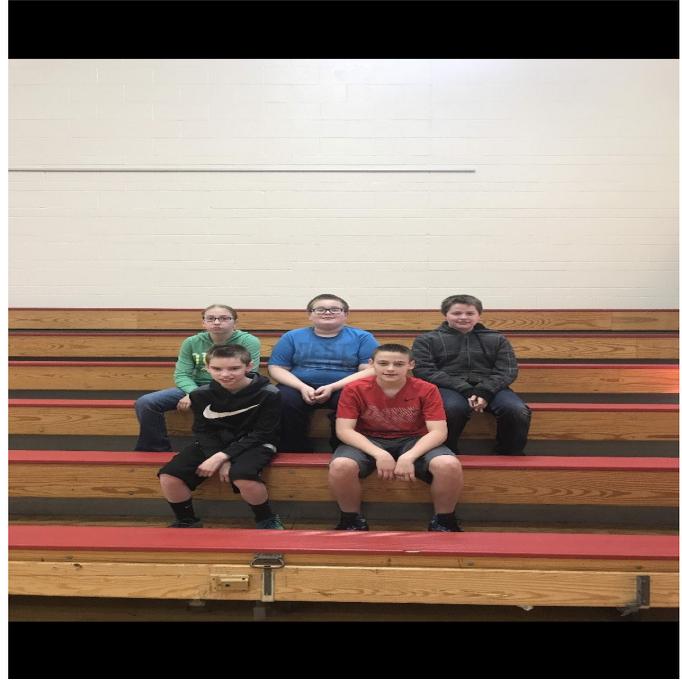


Robotics Competition

By Christian Miner

As of March 8th 2017 the 7th and 8th grade team for Robotics have brought home two trophies. The teams went to YSU to compete against other middle school teams across the state at YSU. The trophies that the teams brought home, mainly came from 8th grade, are 2nd place for robot design and 3rd place for track 1. The 7th grade team still did great, even if not getting any trophies. To do any of the races the robot must have black light sensors or it won't follow the track. The two tracks that robots competed on were a nascar like one where the robot had to complete two laps in one direction on a nascar track and the fastest robot, without going off the track, wins in the 3 minute time limit. The race ends if the robot leaves the track or it finishes the track. The other track is a Grand prix track, and the robot has 3 minutes to drive across this track, the start is on the upper circle and must go to the lower circle at the end of the track or leaves the track, once again fastest robot wins.

6th Grade



Sixth Grade Zone

By: Grace Bishop

"Be prepared for anything. Be ready to work." is just some advice to the upcoming sixth graders from Benjamin Bishop, a current sixth grader. The

upcoming sixth graders have a long rode ahead of them. This rode does not

only consist of work but there is a lot of fun to look forward to as well. The weekly incentives can vary from outside recess to time for technology, but every thing comes with a price. The sixth grade staff has a behavioral system in place called The Bright Spot system. This way kids watch their behavior

while striving to get a prize. Incentives sometimes take place out of school

like bowling. There are many things to look forward to for the upcoming sixth graders. The sixth grade teaching staff had some supprises this year as well. This year they welcomed Mrs. Pint and Miss Cerimele to their teaching team.

Every teacher wants their students to succeed and to do that every teacher

just asks for each of their students to be prepared for class and to work hard with a positive attitude. Just some advice from Mrs. Buchenic, our sixth grade science teacher, "Be the best student you can be."

Wildcats In D.C.



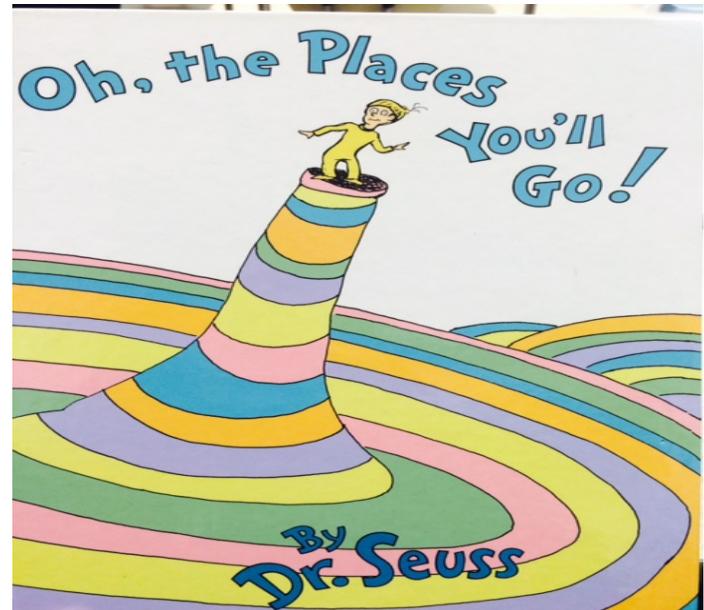
LWildcats in D.C.!- Angelina Orbin

Coming up on May 17, 2017 the SMS eighth graders are going to Washington D.C.! We have been looking forward to it all year between selling candy bars, pepperoni rolls, & the tee shirt competition. We are attending the Archive Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, World War 2 Memorial, Vietnam War, Korean Memorial, MLK Jr. Memorial, FDR Memorial, Aiv & Space Museum, Natural History Museum, American History Museum, Arlington Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial, Pentagon Memorial, Library of Congress, & The Holocaust Museum!

We are staying in D.C. for three days & two nights. We picked a group of four people whom we will share hotel rooms with at our stay. Our day starts at seven in the morning every day so we have time to get through all of these amazing museums and memorials. Not to mention our stop at the mall while on our school trip!

It is a really fun and educational opportunity for all of the eighth grade and the teachers to come together outside of school. This trip is beneficial for learning and a good time away from the classroom. Not only will we be having fun on this trip, but learning how America really came to be.

How To Survive 8th?



How to Survive Eighth Grade

By: Jessica Hughes

Eighth grade is the one school year you don't want to miss out on. This year, the eighth grade has gone or will go on many different trips. The students say that eighth grade is a lot different from seventh grade. Overall, eighth grade is a year that is both exciting and stressful, but here are ten things that can help you survive your eighth grade year.

- 10- Make little sticky notes reminding you on what homework you have or papers that are due.
- 9- Colorcode EVERYTHING, it helps not matter what you think.
- 8- Don't stress the little things. Not to where you're pulling out your hair.
- 7- Make sure you get good sleep.
- 6- Always be prepared and don't disrupt the class, a detention isn't worth it.
- 5- Studying in groups, it is better to have more than one opinion.
- 4- Don't forget to charge your computer, you'll use it everyday.
- 3- Don't procrastinate, you'll get time to do your work, so do it.
- 2- Don't lose your planner, it is like your life-line, you need it for everything.
- 1- Do your work, it's not worth it to get a bad grade. This year counts.

Drum line



The Struthers drumline is a well oiled machine. The drumline instructor is Mr. Jim Richley, his boss is Mr. Hawkins, the middle and high school band instructor. The two together helped build the drumline, but the main people that build the drumline are the students that make up the drumline. The students can play the snare drum, the quads, the bass drums, the marimbas, and the symbols. Kenny Orf is a very well taught snare drummer, he has been in band since the fifth grade. He used to play the trombone, but then moved to the snare come marching season. The next is Haden, this is his first year as snare, he formerly played quads and symbols. For bass drums, there is Christian, Mickey, Jacob, and then some. The quads on the other hand have a few options, Gabe, Allen, and Joy. All three of them are relatively quiet but are a trio of really good quad players. In a total, the drumline has plenty of people in it. There are still a few spots for growth of the drumline for next season. In all, the Struthers drumline is filled with amazing musicians and is one of the best around.

Library

Benefits of the Library: Paige Dickerson

Library's , many people wonder why their are library's when no one will ever read all of the books in the library's. People say that books are no longer needed since there are electronics but they are wrong. Electronics have a limited amount of access to knowledge. While libraries have different kinds of books with their own knowledge. Which helps give many students access to knowledge of different kinds with unlimited access unlike electronics. Many people say that libraries are boring and useless but library's provide many benefits to both students and adults of any age. One way a student would benefit from going to the library weekly would see that his or her reading and comprehension skills increased. They would also learn many things about history and literature which could benefit them if they use their knowledge academically. But the only problem is that their are not many students that come to the library weekly to gain knowledge from books. Also the benefits of going to the library weekly that I listed may not seem like much but by going to the library weekly students can do better academically, learn new things, and learn something that interests them.

5th Grade



5th grade what's happening Caden Creighton:

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5th grade is one of the hardest years for struthers kids. These kids have to meet these older kids that they haven't seen before and get used to a whole different school layout. They do get a change in classes though if kids want to move off into band and instrumental music they can instead of being stuck in choir. Unlike other grades 5th grade has state tests for each subject they have all the tests on these dates listed.

Monday, May 1 - 5th/8th MATH

Tuesday, May 2 - 5th/8th MATH

Wednesday, April 26 - 5th/8th SCIENCE

Thursday, April 27 - 5th/8th SCIENCE

Friday, April 28 - 5th/6th SOCIAL STUDIES

Monday, May 1 - 5th/8th MATH

Tuesday, May 2 - 5th/8th MATH

With the 5th graders getting the ability to take band instead of choir they have concerts with the 6th graders on these dates

Band concert Tuesday May 9th

These kids have to withstand state testing, grades, some with sports, band and choir and a new school layout. When dealing with all of that they still are able to get high honor roll and honor roll in general. For that you have to give these kids some respect.

Spring Break



Spring Break: by Jared Medvec

Spring break, a time to lay off of school and relax at home, be with your friends, or even travel around the country a bit. There are plenty of places all over the country you can visit over spring break and have a good time like, New York City, Los Angeles, or Orlando. You can go to places like these to go sightseeing and see views you may only see once in your life. Not only sightseeing, there is tons of different foods to try. For short, they are once in a lifetime experiences and you should do as much as you can while you're there. For instance, over spring break I visited Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for my brother to play baseball and had a really good time. I went to some places while there like the Wax Museum, the Boardwalk, and of course, the beach, but there were still lots of places around the city that I never even got to see like the pier. So, trust me, if you've never gone on a trip, your day will be packed and busy, but in the end, with what you see and experience, it will all be worth it.



Holocaust survivor--Grace Persing

When faced with a tragedy, our initial instinct is to put up our defenses. It's a good one, preventive, but walls fall with time. We're talking post tragedy, the aftermath. It's in these times that our knowledge proves an influential tool, and who better to grant us it than a valiant first hand survivor of the Holocaust. On March first 2017, we (129 students eighth graders) were honored in meeting Ellis Lewin, a victim and survivor of the holocaust. Lewin spoke about his experiences in camps and the Lodz ghettos, most notably Auschwitz. He spared many of the lurid details, focusing more on his message. Despite the unspeakable traumas this courageous man's undergone, he's a bright and inspirational message. He wants us to be the change, to learn, process and do good. To take these tragedies and bring as much beauty forward in honor of it, and of course to prevent a repeat in events. His first hand account was such a rare privilege. I'd like to thank Ellis and all involved in the planning of this event. It was such a rare experience, one I'll hold dearly in times needed. I've come out of it with a new appreciation for victims of the indisputably horrendous events of WWII and will always make effort commemorate.

Top 10 major league ball players by Ricky Kosa

Babe ruth - 1914-35 he played CF for the red sox , yankees, the braves he hit 714 home runs, two 20-win seasons.

Willie mays - 1951-73 he played CF for the giants and mets he also played in 24 all star games.

Barry bonds - 1986-2007 he played LF for the pirates and giants, in a Single-season (73) and career (762) he was a home run leader.

Ted williams - 1939-60 he played LF for the red sox ,he did .344 hitter; zero 200-hit seasons.

Hank aaron - 1954-76 he played RF for the braves and the brewers he hit most career RBIs (2,297).

Ty cobb - 1905-28 he played CF for the tigers and athletics he has the highest career average (.366)

Roger clemens - 1984-2007 he played RHP for the red sox,blue jays,yankees,and the astros he has a Record seven Cy Youngs.

Stan musial - 1941-63 he played 1B/OF for the cardinals and he has 1,815 hits both home and on the road.

Mickey mantle - 1981-68 he played CF for the yankees and he has a world Series-record 18 homers.

Honus wagner - 1897-1917 he played SS for the pirates he is eight-time batting champion.



2017 English Festival by Alexa Fullerman

A room full of students who put forth the time to read seven different books; the 2017 English Festival held in Youngstown State University was an event to never be forgotten.

This happening was experienced by the various students who read the given books, which would help them with the activities. All attendees got a different schedule with one thing in common.. the honor of being present at a wonderful speech from author of two required to read books, E. Lockhart. She gave all festival goer tips and tricks on fictional entertainment. Overall, Mrs. Lockhart's lecture was incendiary. Author of The Shadow Hero, Gene Luen Yang also gave a very innovative presentation.

Many students were awarded for their superior work although all participants were said to have done extraordinary. Quite a few students from SMS were given these prizes. The biggest win though seemed to be 8th grader, Grace Persing whom was awarded second place for her surely phenomenal journalism essay. Persing states, "It was surreal. I'd no expectations to place amongst the numerous schools attending, though I'm honored."

In all, it is clear that everyone had an unforgettable time and many will choose to experience the experience again.

