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Fantastic Floor



Have you seen our new gym floor? Well you can go see it right now. Its new and improved!

Ways to get active

Hey Shiners! Fall sports season is here, if you are playing, best of luck. Winter sports will be here before you know it, so start thinking if you want to play.

If you didn't know, sports are a great way to get active. Did you know, teenagers spend about 9 hours on their phones or watching TV every day? Isn't that crazy? If you join sports, you could spend some time off your phone and be active. Even if you don't want to participate in sports, you could still get outside and move.

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Snap Chat might be the best app ever. On other apps, getting likes on a post dominate the platform and are visible to all internet users on the app, but in snapchat no likes are to be seen. There isn't even a way to say you liked a post other than a message only people you personally added.

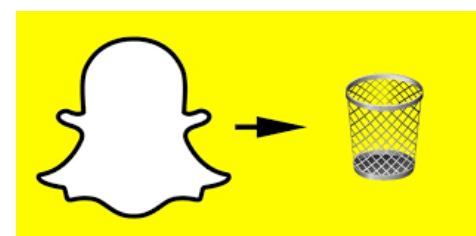
The best part? These "snaps" disappear after being seen forever. These features help worrisome parents open up to the app and let their children use it. A new study done by undergraduates has predicted a more positive mood on snapchat than other social media apps.

Written by Davian Cole

Snapchat, best app ever or worst app on Earth?

Snap is one of the worse apps ever! Snapchat is an app that allows you to send photos or videos to friends; however, the photos or videos you send disappear after the person you sent it to looks at it. If someone takes a screenshot of your photo and posts it without permission, then things could get tough. As you can see, this app isn't kid friendly; for example, if you're a parent and let your child have snapchat, other people can randomly add you and possibly send inappropriate pictures! These are some reasons why you shouldn't have snapchat or let your child have it if you're a parent.

Written by Hunter Garland



Medical Mania

You want to hear a joke about cancer? Only 1/3 of people will get it.

As funny as jokes can be, it is true that 1/3 of people will get cancer. Keep reading to find out what scientist have discovered about how our own bodies can be used to slow down cancer growth.

What is Cancer?

Cancer is a genetic disease; it is caused by the change to genes. These genes control the way our cells function, especially how they grow and divide. In 2012 there were 13.7 reports of people having a history of cancer in America. Since 1/3 of people will get cancer in their lifetime, it's probably best to make sure you don't have it. Common signs for Cancer are lumps, suspicious moles or warts, ongoing headaches, extreme weight loss, fever, night sweats, and many more.

Although there isn't a cure for cancer, doctors have discovered treatments for cancer. These treatments include radiation (Treatment that uses high doses of radiation to damage the DNA in Cancer cells. They also include Chemotherapy (a Cancer treatment that uses anticancer drugs). This can be used to prolong life or reduce symptoms. Some treatments even use the body's own immune system to fight off Cancer.

What is the immune system?

The immune system is very important. The Immune system is a network of organs and cells that work together to defend the body against unknown substances such as bacteria and viruses. (It tries to prevent illness). When the body finds these substances, many different cells go toward go into an immune response.

The immune system is in throughout your body. The immune system needs to be able to tell self from self. This means bad from good. The immune system consists of many organs, tissues, cells, and proteins.

Cancer treatments with your immune system.

How can doctors use your own immune system to fight off cancer cells you might be asking yourself. Well, scientist have started a clinical trial (a type of research study that tests how well new medical approaches work in people) called Immunotherapy. Immunotherapy is a technique that uses the body's own immune system the fight off cancer.

Since it is a trial still, it is brand new. Clinical trials are not really open to all people with cancer. If you get excepted for Immunotherapy treatment, you may get a money back reward. Side effects of Immunotherapy include fatigue, fever, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, and many more.

Overall science is getting more and more in depth. Who knows, by 2050 there might be a cure for Cancer.

Written by Caydence Morris and Wayne Birmingham

School News

The Field Trips for middle school

Written by Tony Wilmot

The Good Behavior Field Trip will be first. The activity has not been decided yet. Don't forget to behave if you want to be on the field trip. The second field trip will be at Perfect North Slopes so bring your winter gear, the cold wind and chills. Also bring some money for the concessions at Perfect North. Don't forget to bring your lunch so you can have energy for the fun.

Student Council

Written by Tony Wilmot

Do you know when student council elections will start? It will start soon but it hasn't been decided when it will start specifically. If you want to participate in it, you can. You just need to sign a paper and you have the chance to help the school decide on the first field trip. Also don't forget to vote for someone that you think is capable of being student council.

ART CLUB

Written by Allison Givan and Breiah Lange

Do you like working with paint, drawing, art competitions, or just hanging out with your friends while doing art? If so, then you should join art club! The 19th is the start of the first art club meeting and it'll start at 3 pm and go until 4:30pm and you can find all the dates for the upcoming meeting in the 7th grade hallway next to the art room. If you want to join some art competitions, want your art displayed in the hallway sometimes, like to tie-dye, or just want to get better at drawing, then art club is for you!

DRAMA CLUB

By: Allison Givan and Breiah Lange

If you want a role in a play in front of the whole school, then Drama is for you! The auditions for the club will be in December and you'll rehearse about twice a week for an hour a piece. Now if you are scared or just have stage fright, then all you must do is face it head on! Also, the more you perform the easier it gets. Just make sure you practice your lines, and you'll be fine. If you get stuck or just forgot your lines, then they'll always help you! So, if any of this applies to you, then you should join Drama!

Middle School BAND

Our Middle School Band has 55 members with 12 different sections. Each week we're going to focus on one member from each section of the band.

Connor Southard has been playing the violin for over 4 years and we got some very interesting information from him. One thing we learned was that every hour you play the violin, you can lose 170+ calories. This is because you are constantly moving your arm in an up and down motion with the bow. We also learned that the bow strings are made of horsehair. Pretty neat, right!? Big thanks to Connor for that spectacular information.

The middle school's first band concert is on December 11 in the OCEMS gym at 7 p.m. We hope you all can make it to support the band kids. For marching band, the first competition is on September 7th at Columbus North High School in Columbus, IN. We wish them the best of luck on their first competition and that everything goes as planned.

Written by Ani, Madelyn, Olivia

Teacher Habits

Do you like drama? Do you like excitement? Do you want to know the inside scoop on the teachers? Well, then you came to the right place! Welcome to the first edition of Teacher Tea!

Have you ever wondered what kinds of habits the teachers have in their classrooms? Keep reading to find out what the teachers do.

Middle school teacher, Mr. Tucker, is intimidating and yells excessively, but he somehow is still nice. He often sits on tables and rests his legs on them. One of his favorite words to scare students with is "Demerit".

Band teacher, Mr. Umpleby, is very clumsy and has almost fallen out of his chair multiple times. He also drinks so much coffee! According to Mr. Umpleby, he drinks "mountains" of coffee a day. Mr. Umpleby has a very unique hiccup described by him as "sounding like you stepped on a pig".

Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Poling has an odd obsession with flamingos. Her entire room is filled with anything and everything to do with flamingos. Just like her peculiar fascination with flamingos, she has an interesting saying to get her class's attention. Mrs. Poling says, "Alright stop," and her students respond back with, "Collaborate and listen."

Middle school teacher, Mrs. Lozier, often talks with her hands and "ums" a lot whilst teaching. Her students say she will give you a weird face and walk away if you ask a dumb question or a question she doesn't know how to answer. She paces around her room, and instead of yelling when she is angry at her students, she will take deep breaths.

These were some of the teacher's wacky habits and unique facts! Did you enjoy this? Or were you just weirded out? If you did enjoy this article, make sure to read the next edition of Teacher Tea!

Written by Kiera and Vanessa

Author Review: John Green

Written by Breanna Reed

Have you been looking for new book series or an author to check out? I'd recommend John Green. For John Green is an American author who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana. You may have heard of him since he has written many bestselling books such as *The Fault in our Stars*. John has written a total of five standalone novels and two books that he co-wrote with various other authors. Green also is the host and the co-creator of a YouTube series called "Crash Course."

Green may have been born in Indiana but was raised in Michigan, Alabama, and then finally Florida. He has one brother, Hank Green, with whom he does a podcast with and has a YouTube channel with. The YouTube channel, "Vlog Brothers," is successful as well as the podcast. Hank is also an upcoming author; he has published only one book so far though.

John currently lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Sarah Urist Green, their two children, Henry Green and Alice Green, and their pet dog, Willy. Green has a few interests such as football and writing. He has won many awards including the Los Angeles Times Book Award and the Michael L Printz Award. The author was also diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder, also known as OCD. The latest novel Green wrote, *Turtles All the Way Down*, the main character Ava's struggles with OCD are based off his own.

If you haven't checked out any of his books, I highly encourage you to do so! His books are often filled with quirky humor, romance, and drama. Another cool fact about his work is that a lot of his novels are based on true events that have happened in Green's life. Some of my favorite books written by him include *Looking for Alaska* and *Turtles All the Way Down*. Some others that he has written are *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Paper Towns*, and *An Abundance of Katherines*. So, if you have some extra time on your hands, I'd recommend checking out a book or two of John Green's. Trust me, you won't regret it!

