

Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright, Emma Bruce, & Montana Goad



What's your favorite sport, Whippets?

Affirmations

by Calora Cain

It is okay to feel fragile, sensitive, alone, and sad. These feelings are part of being a human being.

I give myself permission to love myself.

I trust my gut and don't give in to peer pressure.

Social media is only a small part of life. True life is beyond the phone.

Not every rumor is true. I choose not to ruminate on unconfirmed stories.

I surround myself with positive influences and people who treat me well.

I believe in myself.

I choose to let go of things that no longer serve me.

Current Events

By Maddyson Marson-Compton

HS/JH EXTRAS

October 9th Indigenous Day: Wear your traditional clothing
October 9th School Board Meeting @ 7pm

HS BASKETBALL

October 12th Scrimmage, Union City @ 4pm

JH BASKETBALL

October 10th 1-4th grade, Justice, Home @ 5pm

HS EXTRAS

October 11th Senior Class CPR @ 12:30pm
October 13th Caring Van @ 10am

**"You should call us butter cause we're on a roll"
- Senior, Lillian Phillips**

Fun Facts

By Maddyson Marson-Compton & Calora Cain

A blue whale's heartbeat can be heard over two miles away.

There's a fruit that tastes like chocolate pudding.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse's voices were married in real life.

Queen Elizabeth II was a trained mechanic.

The real name for "#" is an octothorpe.

The Easter Island heads have bodies.

M&M's are named after it's creator.

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.

The letter "J" was the last added in the English alphabet.

The moon has moonquakes.
Rats will laugh out loud if you tickle them.

There is a McDonald's on every continent except Antarctica.

E-Sports

By Hanna Smith

Last week E- Sports had their first Smash Bros match for their three squads. Coach Zac Self is ecstatic for the addition of new members to the E-Sports team.



Eighth grader Jacob England, Senior Anthony "Ant" Overbey, Junior Ruben Zapata, and Junior Michah Eversole dominate at popular Nintendo game Smash Bros



Freshman Devan "Jonesis hyperfocused on Smash Bros.



Team manager and Senior Tabitha "Tab" Scott chillin' like a villain at Mr. Self's desk during the matches.

E-Sports

Continued

Here are some action shots of our E-Sports team hard at work in practice this week.



Sophomore Kal "Karrul" Marcel and unofficial E-Sports member Blakely McMillian prepare for a rousing game of Mario Kart.

Freshman Micheal McMillian, Senior Ashlynn "Ash" McMillian, and Sophomore Mylie "Myles" Ware have laser focus on their game.



Softball

by Faith Cornett

This week I interviewed Keith Gunter. Coach Gunter is the softball coach. I asked him how he thought the season went. He said "It was like a roller coaster ride with ups and downs, unfortunately it ended on a very down note, but that does not define our season. A lot of positive things throughout the season". When asked what are some high points of this season, he said Senior Hailey Mack pitching and Sophomore Ayiana "Abay" Brown stepping up and out of her comfort zone. I asked what is something that could be done differently next season he replied "I will be more demanding of the players. We went through a learning curve this season and got to know each other."

He also talked about more accountability for the team. Something that Coach Gunter is going to miss is the team during Basketball season and the bus rides.



Student of the Month

by Dazia McCulley

Sep. Student of the month

**P3- Braxxtyl Prue
Kassius Brinton**
**P4- Roslin Morrell
Valentina Guerra**
K- Liam Hammack
T-1- River Luis
1- Kolt Lamb
2- Keira Yandell
3- Hagen Hammack
4- Remington Haney
5- Eddie Stingfellow
6- Maliyah Carpitchen
Ms- Nehemiah Harjo
Hs- Annalees Martinez



Junior High Student of the Month, Nehemiah Harjo and High School Student of the Month, Annalees Martinez receiving their reward

Drama Club Officers

by Hanna Smith

Varnum's newly established Drama Club has some fabulous officers we'd like you to meet. Drama club meets after school every Thursday in Ms. Smith's room and helps students explore theatre arts through games. It is open to full time members in grades seventh through twelfth as well as guests from the twenty first century program from grades third through eighth. The club meetings are very high energy with tons of dancing, singing, and acting fun to be had. Their officers include; Sophomore and Whippet Weekly Journalist Maddyson "Maddy" Marson-Compton, Sophomore and Whippet Weekly Journalist Calora Cain, Sophomore Mylie "Myles" Ware, and Sophomore Kal "Karrul" Marcel.



Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson & Dazia McCulley

Name
Zoe Copeland

favorite teacher:
Ms. April

Favorite subject: Math

About me
Zoe came to Varnum in seventh grade. After high school Copeland plans on working in the cosmetology field and continue to further that career.

Family/accomplishments
Father: Dustin Copeland
Siblings: Jasmine, Devin, dustin, Mayyer, Logan, Alli
Accomplishments: Natural born genius!

Congratulation class of 2024!

Two Truths and a Lie

by Mvhayv Salceda

Can you guess the lie?



Ms. April-

1. She has multiple siblings she has never met.
2. **She was born in Ada, Oklahoma.**
3. She had her first child at the age of 15.

Ms. Smith-

1. She's performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City.
2. She has 9 siblings.
3. **She has Lupus.**



Mr. Self

1. **Teaching is his passion.**
2. Playing video games is his passion.
3. Basketball is his passion.



We hoped you enjoyed playing along with The Whippet Weekly!

FCA: See You at the Pole

By Maddie Schatz and Mvhayv Salceda

“See You at the Pole” is a nationwide prayer that schools do at their flag pole. This yearly gathering is where students get to go pray for our school, friends, teachers, government, and nation. September 27th, 2023, Varnum Public Schools held their “See You at the Pole” gathering right outside the entrance of the high school. Former FCA sponsor, Tyler Miller, claims there was a count of about 60 students. Varnum FCA passed out donuts alongside orange juice at 7:45 in the morning.

Some of Varnum's staff explains how our annual “See You at the Pole” is good for our students and school, saying that it gives the students a safe place to come worship and pray.

It also sets an example for kids on where to go to have some of the same interests about God or the Bible. Today is also national “Bring Your Bible To School Day”. If you brought your bible to school today, Mrs. Lena is handing out iced coffee in Ms. Hills classroom, located in the high school building. FCA says they would also love to see students sharing bible verses with those who haven't been to FCA before or maybe to invite a friend who hasn't been yet.



Dear Whippet

Dear whippet, thank you for writing to us. Your question was “How do I get through something tough in my life?” We get this question a lot. Understand that there are a lot of people who don't exactly know how to get through something tough in their life. You are not the only one and there are many ways to cope. A very important factor is keeping a positive mindset. Focusing on the brighter parts of your life and the people that are there for you. Remember that you are not alone. If you ever need to talk to someone there are people all around you. The journalism group is a real chatty bunch that that will always be there for you to talk to.

However, if that is something you're not comfortable with, talking to a friend is an alternative option. Another part of dealing with tough things in your life is learning from your mistakes. Rather than looking at your mistakes as something to hold against yourself. Look at them as lessons and learn from them. It will help you to better yourself. Do not let slight inconveniences ruin your outlook on life. We're all human and it's okay to mess up or fall down, just be prepared to pick yourself back up. You are strong, brave, and courageous, Whippet. Thank you for writing to us, we hope you write to us again!