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"I'm an athlete, I'm competitive. But the bigger thing for me is obviously for little girls to see they can do everything just like little boys can," Jen Welter, the first woman to play in a contact position against men in a pro football league, said.

The Journalism Club discussed women equality in sports during Women's History Month in March.

"I think boys and girls should not be allowed to play against one another in football, because football is very physical. Girls might get hurt," Marquise Lockhart, said. "I think a co-ed basketball team is better. Basketball is more about strategy and is less physical. You're using more of your mind than your physical strength to score points."

Others disagree and feel equality means fairness for all in any sport.

"They should stop separating genders," Nhoja "Max" Ellis, said. "Some girls can play better than boys. It's not right for someone to say they can't do a certain thing because of their gender. Everyone should have a chance to play a sport they like and follow their passion. I'm mostly talking about football in our school. It should be open for everyone. Yes it's a heavy and tough sport, but that doesn't mean girls can't handle it. If guys can tackle other guys, girls can tackle guys or other girls. People who think sports should be separated by gender need to change their thinking. I like football, and I'm not afraid to tackle a boy."

Brandon Knowlton agrees with Max.

"I think girls and boys should be allowed to play together," he said. "There's a girl on my wrestling team. She's the only girl, but she's as good as the other players. The girl's size will determine if she should be treated differently. The girl on my team does the same workout as boys. The only time I lost a match was against someone not in my weight range who was bigger than me."

Most of the students were in agreement that one's ability to play a sport should be based on their size and not their gender.

"I think they should allow boys and girls to play together on the same team," Madelyn Vollmer said. "It's

fun and would allow us to meet new people. Getting hurt is a risk that anyone has to take when playing sports."

Co-ed or mixed teams are becoming popular. They include flag football, softball, volleyball, kickball, quadball, frisbee, tennis, and soccer. There are even Olympic sports events featuring mixed sexes such as curling, triathlon, swimming, shooting, archery, and table tennis.

"If girls think that they can handle playing with boys, then they should be given the chance to do so," Ian Bartell said. "Some girls are bigger and stronger than boys. If they can help our team to win, then they should be given the chance. It might be a good look for our team."



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Elementary school graduate shout outs



Ashton Carter

I’m 11 years old. I will miss my teachers at United Oaks. My favorite teacher is Ms. Parry, because she’s kind. She taught my brother too. My favorite subjects are art and science. I also like going camping.

Belle Herron

I have been going to United Oaks since kindergarten. I’m now 11 years old. I will miss my teachers, when I leave. My favorite teacher is Ms. Parry, because she’s nice.



Sincere Lockhart

I liked attending United Oaks Elementary School. It was fun. The activities were fun.

My principal, Ms. Bernys, listened to my problems and didn’t shoo me away. Whenever I had a problem, I would talk to her. She would fix the problem by listening to all sides of the story and working it out. She made me feel safe at school.

I liked having special days when we had good behavior. We had pizza, ice cream, cupcakes, and chips.

This school has helped me to improve in my art and reading skills from reading poetry.

I will miss Ms. Gregory and Ms. Parry, when I graduate. They were both nice.

Adjusting to a new school

By Braylen Newman
GUEST WRITER



I’ve never really thought about missing middle school, but I miss it a lot.

On my first day of high school, I had to adjust my route to classes. The school is much bigger than the middle school, with longer hallways and more classrooms.

The subjects are more advanced in high school. Teachers expect you to apply knowledge from middle school. From this, my routine consists of more steps like arriving at classes and not being late, making sure not to get distracted, and carrying more materials needed for classes.

The people here in the high school express themselves more freely, when it comes to fashion, or how they talk. Some don’t have really good hygiene. If I had to be honest, people are way more ghetto with more fights happening. I

had to adjust myself, if I wanted to make more friends. I even changed my fashion, because I didn’t have a preference for how I dressed back in middle school.

What I really hate the most is these Yondr pouches we got at the start of March. The school changed where each grade enters in the morning, and we have to put our phones in these pouches. We can ONLY get them out at the end of the day. I had to adjust this by instead of scrolling on my phone during lunch, I now have to socialize with my friends and people around me.

But what I really love the most is the variety of club options and sports you can do for boys. There’s even a boys’ volleyball team, which I’m doing. I adjusted and wanted to get out of my comfort zone to make more friends, have fun, and get a new hobby to adjust to.

Overall, high school is a big hit or miss depending on how you feel each day. Adjusting to a brand new school is hard, because of there being more people, classes, and the Yondr pouches. But it’s great with the variety of activities you can do and people you can socialize with. And, you can get you out of your comfort zone.

A new school, brings new friends, and new opportunities

By Janean Williams
GUEST WRITER



Ever since I started attending the high school, everything seems boring or just like middle school. It’s business as usual, if you don’t count the metal detectors, losing friends due to people telling them things you ‘said’ about them, rumors, the people who try to get it on in class, the new phone pouches or the millions of people in the hallway walking slow and who end up bathing in cologne instead of using normal body wash or deodorant.

But besides of all those downsides, high school is pretty good. You have way more options for sports and clubs to join. Plus there’s a swim class that you could take instead of normal gym. You could literally meet a lot of people who have the same personality or like the same topics as you.

For some reason, most of the classes are a little odd. For example, there’s a drama class but also a

drama club. The only reason I know that is because I am in the class. It took away gym for me, which I am happy about since no one really likes gym unless they’re REALLY into sports or running around.

One thing that I don’t get about high school is the new phone rule. This is how kids are being suspended for their phone going off in the phone pouch. The kids who end up threatening other students about ‘jumping’ them for asking them about food, personally I think it’s dumb. I understand why people get annoyed about their food, but the phone pouches don’t even work. I’ve seen many kids opening their pouches just by banging it on the desks or using something metal to open it. I’ve even seen people throw them against the floor and using them in class because of how easy they are to open.

But in conclusion this is my personal opinion about high school and how it’s going for me since I am in my freshman year.



Peace Players

By Kentrell Stewart
STAFF WRITER

The Peace Players is an after school program where you collaborate with new people through basketball.

Participants are helped to work on basketball skills.

On Mondays, the organizers feed us fast food. One day they brought us McDonalds, chicken, and pizza. On Wednesdays, they bring us snacks like chips, juice, and fruit snacks.

When we arrive, we're given free time. Then we get into a circle and say our name and age and answer the question of the day.

Today's question was is a hotdog a sandwich? I said yes because it's meat in the middle of two buns.

Then, we do high knees, butt kicks, shuffle, jog, and sprint full court. After that, we do an activity called ice breaker. Today, we had to all go through a hula hoop using the culture of collaboration, which is working together as a team.

After that, we eat our food for 10 to 15 minutes. Then, we have more free time or play five on five.

We end with a closing circle and we answer questions on using collaboration to achieve a task. We give shout outs. I gave a shout out to Austin Adams for his leadership skills and being a good scorer. He also communicates with his team and helps them to keep their head up.

Finally, we clean up. If everyone leaves without cleaning, the person who stays to clean gets extra points. I always stay a little bit after to earn the extra points.



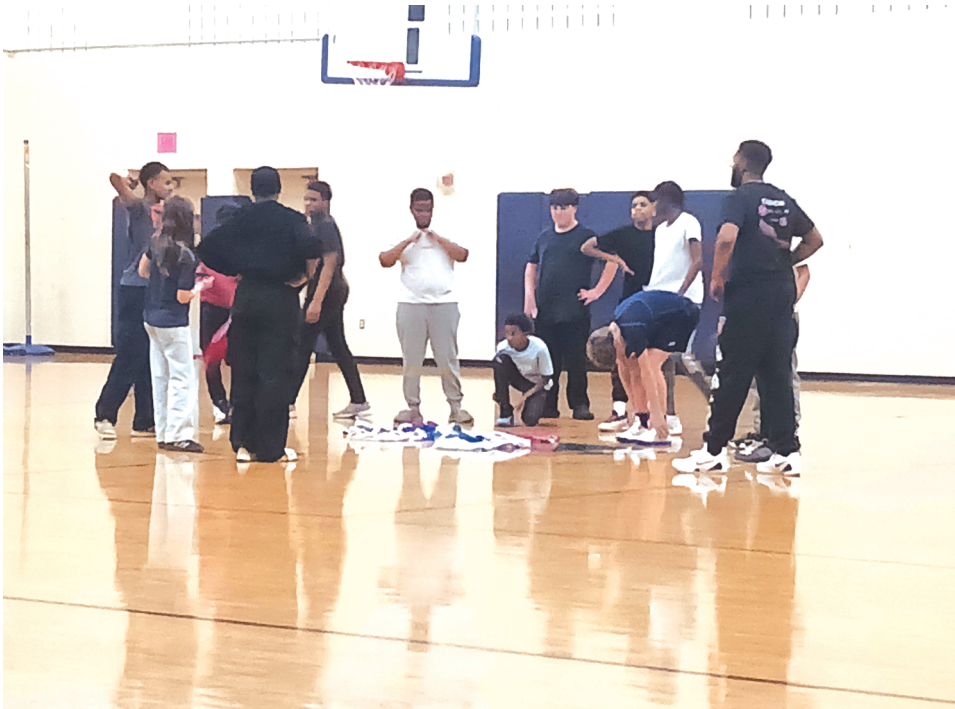
Out in the field with the Peace Players

By Marquise Lockhart
STAFF WRITER

The Peace Players is an organization that uses basketball to unite youth from diverse communities to develop leadership skills, and promote peace and social

change. They were in the gym. Kentrell and Gio asked me and Gabe if we wanted to do a 2 vs 2, and we said yes. We sadly lost but then the bus got here.

We got on the bus and drove to DEPSA. When we arrived at the school, we went in and they made us go in a sitting room. They told us to make three new friends. After that, they let us all go in the gym. Me, Geo, Kentrell, and Jordan played a 2 vs 2 game. Kentrell and I were on teams, and we had won. Then they had us go back



change.

I'm here to tell you about one of the field trips we went on with the Peace Players. This was our first field trip. They said we were going to go on many more field trips, but this field trip was not that bad. It was actually kind of fun. We went to DEPSA (Detroit Edison Public School Academy).

The trip took place on Saturday. When I got to Hazel Park Junior High, there wasn't that many people there. Only seven of us was there - me, Gio, Kentrell, Gabriel, Sopha, happy, and Jor-

dan. They were in the gym. We ate some food with juice and chips.

Then they had the middle schoolers go in the gym, and we did some challenges like which team of five can get the most lay-ups and free throws. My team won all the challenges. After that, we did lighting. I lost, but after that we played 5 vs 5. My team lost both of our matches. We went back in the sitting room and made a team mascot. We had to explain our extra curriculum words, then we went back in the gym. Sopha won an award. We ate some more food, and then we left and went back on the bus. It was very fun on our first field trip.

By Marquise Lockhart
STAFF WRITER



The Peace Players is an organization that uses basketball to unite youth from diverse communities to develop leadership skills, and promote peace and social change.

But enough of that because I'm here to tell you about my experience with the Peace Players. On the first day, we came in the projector room for a grade level meeting. It was a little boring, until they introduced Peace Players. At first we didn't really care much about it, until they said we were going to be playing a lot of basketball and were going to be doing exercises. I thought why not give it a try, so then we had to submit a paper. They said it was first come first serve, so I submitted my paper.

For the first two or three weeks, I didn't know what was even going on. My friend asked me why I was not in Peace Players, and I told him I didn't even know it was going on. Then after another week, I joined the Peace Players. It was fun the first day. I had to give them my name and my birth month and year so I could start playing. We had to wear jerseys that they gave us. When I got in, I just started playing basketball.

After a while, they said we were going to be doing extra curriculum stuff. We were playing some kind of free throw kickball game. As soon as they shot the ball, we had to run. If they made it, the runner was out. If they missed, we could run to first or second base. Before that we had did some exercises. After all that, we ate food they had gotten us. Then we

did 5 vs 5 games. We go on field trips. That's my experience with the Peace Players.





Starring in a Play

By Foster Wright
STAFF WRITER



room.

I was the main character in a play, when I was in the sixth grade. I joined the Drama Club. They did not like for anyone to touch the piano that was in the

One day my friends and I were in the room. We came up with an idea to write a slasher time travel play. We wrote everyone’s lines and started rehearsing it. We all dreamed of becoming an actor or a musician. This was a chance to make our dreams come true. We performed at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

We kept working on the characters to make them better. Then we came up with the costumes. I work a sleek mask and jumpsuit. And, we were good.

It was an awesome feeling to write and star in your own production.

Funny Bone

1. Why did the kid bring a ladder to school?
Because she wanted to go to high school.
2. What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?
Thunderwear.
3. Two pickles fell out of a jar onto the floor. What did one say to the other?
Dill with it.
4. What time is it when the clock strikes 13?
Time to get a new clock.
5. How does a cucumber become a pickle?
It goes through a jarring experience.
6. Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
Because he felt crummy.
7. What do you think of that new diner on the moon?
Food was good, but there really wasn’t much atmosphere.
8. Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
Because the chicken wasn’t born yet.
9. Why can’t Elsa from Frozen have a balloon?
Because she will “let it go, let it go.”
10. What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?
A tuba toothpaste.
11. What do you call a boomerang that won’t come back?
A stick.
12. What do you call a dog magician?
A labracadabrador.
13. Where would you find an elephant?
The same place you lost her.
14. What did one volcano say to the other?
I lava you.
15. What do you call two birds in love?
Tweetharts
16. How does a scientist freshen her breath?
With experi-mints.
17. How are false teeth like stars?
They come out at night.
18. What building in your town has the most stories?
The public library.
19. What’s worse than finding a worm in your apple?
Finding half a worm.
20. What is a computer’s favorite snack?
Computer chips.
21. Why do people say “break a leg” when you go on stage?
Answer: Because every play has a cast.
22. What do you call an alligator detective?
Answer: An investi-gator.
23. What kind of ghost has the best hearing?
Answer: The eeriest.

Brain Teaser Riddles

- Q: Where does today come before yesterday?
A: The dictionary.
- Q: What gets bigger when more is taken away?
A: A hole.
- Q: The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?
A: Darkness.
- Q: You walk into a dark, cold room that contains a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. What would you light first?
A: A match.
- Q: People make me, keep me, change me, and raise me, even though I can be very dirty. What am I?
A: Money.
- Q: What breaks yet never falls, and what falls yet never breaks?
A: Day and night.
- Q: What has many keys but can’t open a single lock?
A: A piano.
- Q: What goes through cities and towns, but never moves?
A: A road.
- Q: You are a bus driver. The bus begins with no passengers in it. At the first stop, 20 passengers get on. At the second stop, half the passengers get off. At the last stop, five passengers get on and three get off. What is the color of the bus driver's eyes?
A: The same as yours—you are the bus driver.
- Q: What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?
A: Your right elbow.
- Q: You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk, but when you look again you don’t see one single person on the boat. Why?
A: The people were all married.
- Q: Rough and gray as a rock, I'm plain as can be. But deep inside there's great beauty in me. What am I?
A: An oyster.
- Q: What's the only thing you can put in a bucket and make it lighter?
A: A hole.
- Q: I’m odd, but take away one letter and I become even. What am I?
A: The number seven.
- Q: How can the number four be half of five?
A: In Roman numerals. Four is IV in Roman numerals, and also make up half the letters in the word "five."
- Q: I have keys but no locks. I have space but no room. You can enter but you can’t leave. What am I?
A: A keyboard.





HP DRAMA CLUB

By Njoha “Max” Ellis
PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



Beetlejuice Jr.

I was a part of Hazel Park Production of “Beetlejuice Jr”, and it was very fun. It is a musical version of the classic movie Beetlejuice by Tim Burton. The story follows a recently deceased couple

who are trapped in their home and unable to leave. They attempt to scare away the new owners but their plans backfire. They seek the help of Beetlejuice, a ghost.

I got to experience new things and made some friends and new connections.

I got to sing and dance and practice to be wonderful. The new people I met were kind, smart, and full of joy and creativity.

I would recommend joining the drama club to anyone who wants to be a part of something amazing. It feels nice when you’re a part of something. You have to be “in” it, and

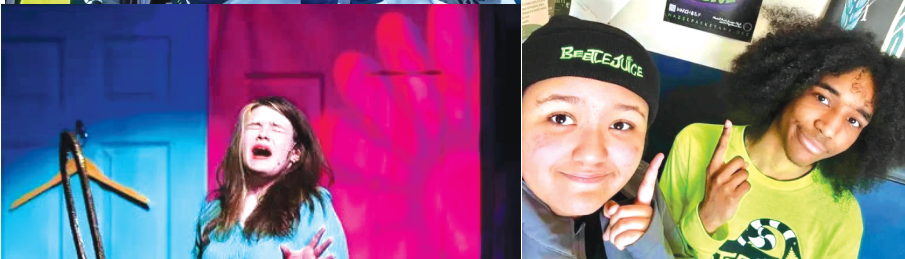
that means practicing your singing, dancing, and learning your lines.

We got to express our creativity in artistic ways too by painting artwork and signs for the play and helping with the costumes. It also helped me to overcome my social anxiety and fear.

The cast that was made up of elementary, junior high and high school students was great, and the audience loved the show.

The saddest part was the end of the show. I cried because it had such a great impact on me. The drama club makes you feel welcomed and you become a part of something big and positive.

Don’t cause drama. Leave the drama where it belongs - on stage.





INFLUENTIAL WOMEN

Paige Bueckers is a role model on and off the court

By Kentrell Steward
PATRIOT STAFF WRITER

I look up to Paige Bueckers, a point guard in the WNBA. She plays for the Dallas Wings.

I look up to Paige because she is kind and loving. She's a good basketball player, who helps people in her free time.

Paige is a very competitive player. She scores a lot of points at her games. I like her style of play that is similar to mine. She attacks the paint and draws fouls. I also like her dribble pull ups that show how quick she is to get a bucket.



She is a role model for overcoming obstacles. She showed her resilience in overcoming severe knee injuries.

She was the first freshman to win player of the year award and helped her team to make it to the final four. She woke up at 5 am to cook for her teammates during Ramadan. She made NCAA history, when she became the first freshman to win the AP Player of the Year. She also won the Wade Trophy, and was a three-time unanimous first-team All-American.

Paige is a consistent player and is listed as one of the best players at the

University of Connecticut.

Harriet Tubman

By Marquise Lockhart
PATRIOT STAFF WRITER



was born in Dorchester, Maryland.

She was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends. She used a network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad.

During the Civil War, she served as a scout and spy for the Union army. In her later years, Tubman was an activist in the movement for women's suffrage.

She was born into slavery and was beaten and whipped by enslavers. Early in life, she suffered a traumatic head wound when an irate overseer threw a heavy metal weight, intending to hit another slave, but hit her in the head instead. The



injury caused dizziness, pain, and spells of hypersomnia, which occurred throughout her life. After her injury, Tubman began experiencing strange visions and vivid dreams, which she ascribed to premonitions from God. These experiences, combined with her Methodist upbringing, led her becoming devoutly religious.

In 1849, Tubman escaped to Philadelphia, only to return to Maryland to rescue her family and one group at a time. She brought relatives with her out of the state, guiding dozens of other enslaved people to freedom. Tubman or Moses, as she was called, traveled by night and in extreme secrecy. She said that she never lost a passenger.

After the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 was passed, she helped guide escapees farther north into North America and Canada. She helped newly freed people find work. Tubman met John Brown in 1858 and helped him plan and recruit supporters for his 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry.

I am inspired by her courage to help others to get free. She risked her own life and freedom to help others.

"I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves," Tubman said.

Inspired by Strength

By Njoha "Max" Ellis
PATRIOT STAFF WRITER

My mom, RobinTolin, inspires me to be great. She's strong and creative.

She's dealt with a lot and always comes out strong. She's a worthy woman.

My mom raised me, while going through tough times. She helps me, while healing herself. She understands people and is kind.

I know my mom would fight for me. No matter what it takes, she will do her best. That's one of her good traits.

A blessing from God

By Sincere Lockhart
GUEST WRITER



A woman who inspires me is my mom. She rescued me and my brother from my abusive biological mother. She adopted us, and loves us like we're her own. She says that we're her blessing from Jehovah.

She teaches us about the bible and makes sure we have everything materially, mentally and spiritual-

ly.

My mom spends more money on us than herself. She helps me to strive to be the best. She says, "I don't have average kids. I have excellent kids."

She expects us to get straight A's on our report card. We have a wall of fame in our hallway that has our report cards and

certificates in frames. This is a visual reminder of how we are not average kids.

My mom works hard to give us the best. She said our car beds that flashes its headlights, roars the engine and honks the horn cost as much as some people's real cars cost. She always make sure we have a good summer vacation. She said that she's able to experience new places because of us. We've been to Disneyland, Disney World, Sea World, Great Wolf Lodge, Kalahari, Michigan Fun Center, Splash Universe, and other cool places. We've even gotten use to flying on an airplane.

She helped us to start our own business and tells us that we will be our own boss when we grow up.

She says, "You may not have Lockhart blood, but you have the spirit of a Lockhart." My mom says I'm like my great grandmother Bertha Barnes who was a labor leader with the SEIU and my great uncle Theodis Lockhart who was president of the NAACP in Kansas.

I'm headed for greatness, because my mom inspires me to go in that direction.

Inspired by Love

By Ian Bartell
PATRIOT STAFF WRITER

A woman who inspires me is my mom, Goldie Supel. She is really nice and smart. She's kind and cooks for me. She helps me and teaches me good things.

My mom tells me to do the right thing and to study for school. She wants me to

get good grades in school. She gives good advice and tells me to stay on the right path. When I listen, I'm successful.

She disciplines me in love. She's not harsh or abusive.

I look up to my mom and is thankful for her. I love my mom.

Women's Guidance

By Braylen Newman
Guest Writer



Some of the women I've met or I know have shaped my knowledge and helped me become a greater person in life. I'll be writing about how they did it and why.

MY MOM: My mom is one of if not the most important figures and has greatly influenced who I am as a person today. She is the reason I was born and has been there for my entire life. She greatly influenced me to become a better person to others and to be respectful and have manners. Because of this, I'll always look up to her and try to always be respectful and the bigger person in situations.

(Tatiana) GFF: Tatiana is one of my best friends, and she does a great job at being supportive. She helps me with anything I need, gives me advice, and tells me to take big risks. She influences me because she isn't afraid to get out of her comfort zone and plays sports and doesn't care what any-

My biggest influencer is my Mom

By Janean Williams
GUEST WRITER



The women in my life who've had a good influence on me would be my mom. There are many reasons why this is true. For example, she takes care of me and my

older brother by herself, giving me good advice, and even making sure I get as much of attention as my brothers.

When I was younger, my dad wasn't really in my life. When he and my mom broke up, he went away for a while. I met him and his side of the family, when I was six years old. But while he was gone, my mom gave me and my older brother the best childhood she could like buying me a lot of dolls, my favorite

one thinks about her. Because of her, I joined the volleyball team, and she taught me not to care about negativity in general and to be more confident in myself.

Mrs Rietz. (My Coach/Teacher): Mrs. Rietz is my volleyball coach and she also teaches choir and is my choir teacher. She is very supportive and is great at teaching people to put themselves out there. She is a great influence on me because she taught me how to use my vocal skills more effectively, and volleyball skills like passing, positioning, and serving. Because of her, I now know the basics of volleyball and I'm able to use my voice properly thanks to her.

Mrs. Danials (English Teacher): Mrs. Danials is my Teacher. She teaches English and how to write paragraphs properly, how to make sonnets, and in general is a great person to talk to whenever you're in need. She influences me to write poetry and to always ask questions about the current unit I'm doing in my class. Because of her influence, I write poems better and I now ask others for help when she's not around.

The people above I talked about are great examples of how women like them influence others to be positive, not caring about negativity, and to put yourself out there.

shows on DVDs, and even giving me and my older brother the best experiences during holidays like craving pumpkins in the dining room, decorating gingerbread houses and even doing super amazing egg hunts even after my little brothers were born.

Secondly, my mom gave me amazing advice growing up. As the only girl in a house full of annoying dudes, who end up rage baiting all day, can personally ruin someone's whole mood. My mom was always there to help me out with girl stuff, art and following my dream of wanting to be a YouTuber when I was kid.

Lastly, my mom did her absolute best at giving all her kids the same amount of at-

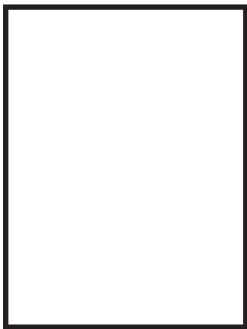
tention, especially me since I am the only daughter and an older middle child. Most people think being the middle child is the worse, but for me it's actually the best. My mom would find ways to make sure all her kids had their own special days with her, like taking one of us to the movies or taking one of us out to dinner.

Finally, for all of the reasons above, this is why my mom is one of my favorite people and has a good influence on me.



Stop Fighting

By Nhoja “Max” Ellis
STAFF WRITER



There was another fight at school, and a teacher got hurt.

Why does arguments always have to end up in a fight? Why can't we talk it out? There's no need for violence. We should be able to sit down and discuss our differences to resolve the problem.

Students are getting suspended from school over stupid and foolish things.

Staff get hurt trying to calm down two or more kids who are fighting. They shouldn't be doing this in the first place.

There should be a conflict room in the school where students can go to settle their differences privately. Some kids show off in front of others. Others act out to hide their real feelings. If you're mad at someone, doesn't mean you have to put your hands on them.

I know it's hard to let things go. Why not write down your feelings, instead of yelling. It could be as simple as kids just misunderstanding each person. If you write it out instead of fighting it out, you might learn something. You may even come to a common ground.

Fighting is stupid. It does not look good on your school records and the bruises don't look good on your face.

Smart people don't hurt people. They learn to talk it out.

Jealousy

By Sincere Lockhart
GUEST WRITER



I'm happy to write articles in the Patriot News. Each time a new issue comes out, I take a stack to school and pass them out to my principal, teachers, and classmates.

Most kids think it's cool, but there are a few bad apples. One kid took my newspaper and threw it on the floor and stepped on it. Another kid tore it up.

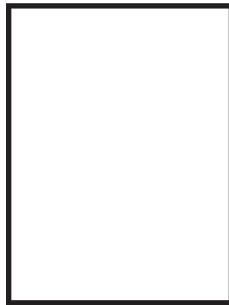
You should not be jealous of others' accomplishments. You should congratulate them. People who are jealous respond with mean words. They try to sabotage the other person into reacting negatively. They try to make a person feel bad about their accomplishments.

If you like what I'm doing, ask me how you can do it too. I can help you to get into the newspaper. After all, the Journalism Club adviser is my mom. She believes that everyone should have freedom of speech as long as you're not using your words to hurt others.

Instead of being green with envy, spread cheer. It will look better on you.

Send the Yondr package off yonder

By Brandon Noltan
STAFF WRITER



I would like to see the Yondr packages gotten rid of.

If there's a fire, I need to call my parents.

The purpose of the yondr packages is so students can't use their cellphones

in school. We have to lock our phones in the yondr package, and we can't get them until the end of the day. There's a long line at the end of the day. There's a special magnet that is used to unlock the

package. If you have diabetes or a medical condition, you don't have to put your phone in the package.

I think students should be allowed to keep their phones in their lockers. They should be able to use their phones during lunch.

If there is an emergency, everyone can't run into the office to call for help. We should be able to run to our lockers to call for help.

The package is a nuisance. It causes confusion with everyone trying to turn in the package to go home.

Some kids have figured out how to open it without using the magnet.

So, it's a waste of money and time.

Changes I want to see at school

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If I could make any changes, it would be school lunches, the phone rule, and having to take gym classes.

First, in my school, I would change the food. The school already has many options offering three different things everyday, but in my opinion the food isn't that good.

Since I am a picky eater and the food either looks nasty to me or smells odd, I honestly think if the principal went around and asked what the top thing they would want to eat then I feel like the food would be much better.

Another thing is I would want to change is the phone rule. I don't understand how the school is trying to 'stop phone use in class' when in all my classes I only see one person on their phone or people are just on their laptops. It's not really fair for teachers to still have their phones, and we can't. Most students aren't able to text their parents without their phone.

Lastly, I would change having to take gym classes, because you don't really need gym unless you're planning on becoming an athlete or something else that requires gym class. The only reason I am saying I would change this is because I don't get the point of gym. Who would want to be in a humid room with a bunch of sweaty teenagers who end up yelling at the top of their lungs and getting yelled at by the gym teacher when you could be in a better class that'll actually help with what you want to do in the future.

But in the end this is my personal opinion, and I don't expect people to agree with the things I think the high school should change.

Changes at School

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Not everyone's school is perfect and won't fit everyone's expectations, but I have some changes for Hazel Park High School that I'd like to see.

Firstly, a big thing I'd like to change is these

Yondr pouches for the high school. Don't get me wrong, it's a great concept on paper. I don't really go out of my way to socialize during lunch. Sometimes, what if I need to message my mom something important this instant, or what if I only have money on my digital card but the phone is locked in the pouch? I feel like a great solution is to simply let us unlock our Yondr pouches during lunch, so I won't really have to be forced to socialize or be bored and they make us lock it back up until the end of the day.

Another suggested change would be the cookies at the snack bar with their prices. If I could remember, it was a dollar for 2 little small cookies. To me, I think a change would be to either lower the prices to 0.75\$. It's a better price option and wouldn't really tank the

"economy" for our school. Or they could increase the cookie size a little. It won't hurt, and it'll let us enjoy the cookies more.

The last decent thing I'd change is students getting kicked out of the school. If it's 3:30 PM and people are still inside, then allow them to stay a little longer. What if it's cold, windy, or raining outside and people want to wait until the weather clears up? Some people have to wait on rides, because parents/guardians might be busy. Other people may be waiting for sports practice. To me, an easy change would be just to let people stay inside. It allows people to comfortably wait until their parents/guardians pick them up or

people are waiting for sports.

These changes are just my personal ideas that'll make the school better for everyone else and not disturb people's peace.



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