

## HEARTS & ROSES: CHERISHING LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP

### The Origins of Valentine’s Day

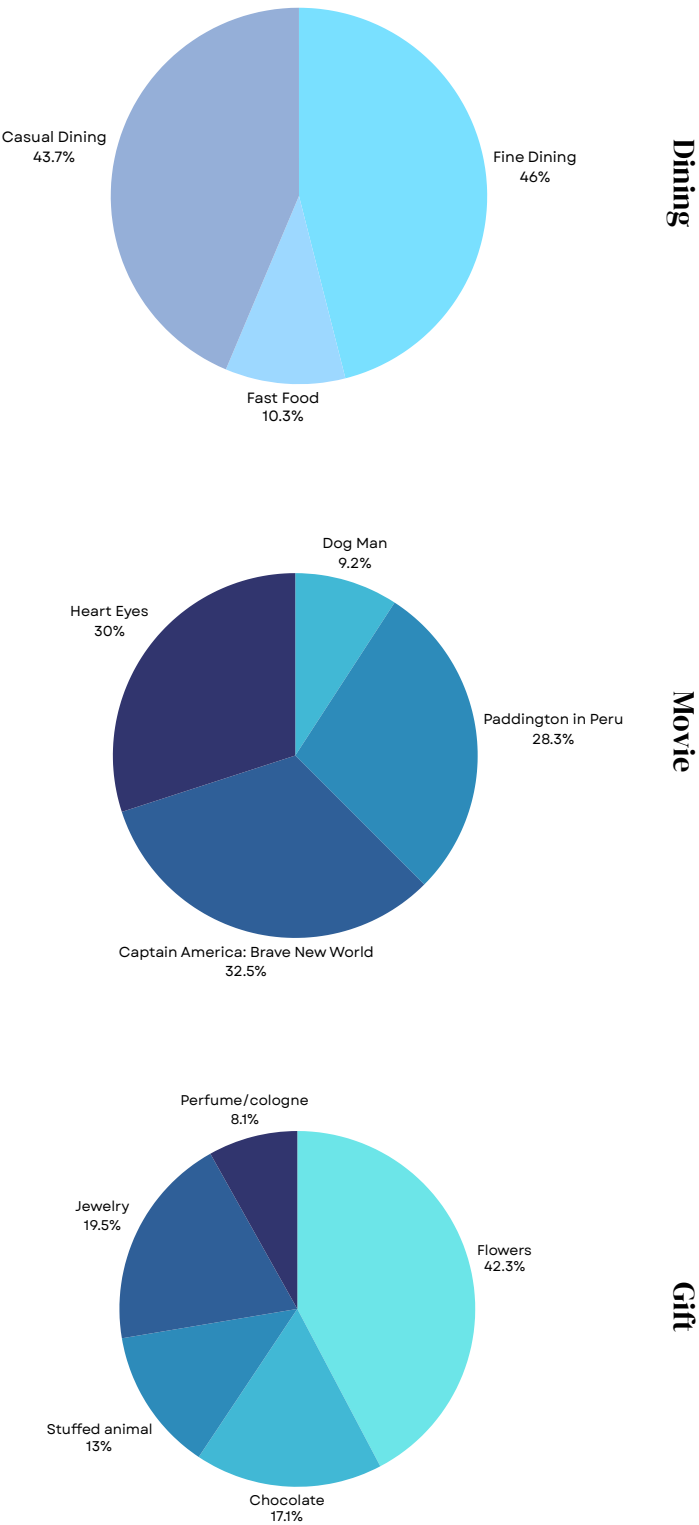
Written by: Allison Noggle

Valentine’s Day is celebrated every year on February 14th. In the United States, people exchange candy, flowers, and gifts with their loved ones as a tribute to Saint Valentine. The Catholic Church acknowledges at least three different saints with the name Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyrs. One story claims that Valentine was a priest in Rome during the third century. When Emperor Claudius II determined that unmarried men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he prohibited marriage for young men. Recognizing this unfairness, Valentine defied Claudius and continued to secretly wed young couples. When Claudius learned of Valentine’s actions, he ordered his execution.

Others believe that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who truly inspired the holiday, and he too was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other accounts suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to assist Christians in escaping brutal Roman prisons, where they were frequently beaten and tortured. According to one tale, an imprisoned Valentine sent the first “valentine” when he fell in love with a young girl—possibly the daughter of his jailer—who would visit him during his imprisonment. Before he was executed, it is said that he sent a letter to her, signing it “From your Valentine,” a phrase still used today.

Although the facts surrounding the legends of Valentine remain unclear, the stories highlight his image as a charming, noble, and romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, likely due to this reputation, Valentine had become one of the most celebrated saints in England and France.





# Alumni Story

Written by: Cayla Noggle

Dennis Dempsey, a proud alumnus of Wayne Trace High School, graduated in 2002. During his time at Wayne Trace, he actively participated in basketball, football, and wrestling. One of his most cherished memories was the tradition of dribbling a basketball to Defiance, Ohio for the first tournament game, a moment shared with his teammates. The experiences at Wayne Trace significantly contributed to Dennis’s social skills which benefitted him in interaction with friends, coworkers, and superiors in his work life. After high school, Dennis furthered his education in college and later applied to the military to become an aviation mechanic (an airplane repairman). He particularly valued the boot camp experience claiming it made him mentally stronger. After fulfilling his military service, Dennis transitioned into a career as a carpenter. He encourages current students to focus on their studies by putting in the extra effort and completing their homework, while also emphasizing the importance of enjoying their youth since many opportunities lay ahead of them for personal growth and development.

# Groundhog’s Day

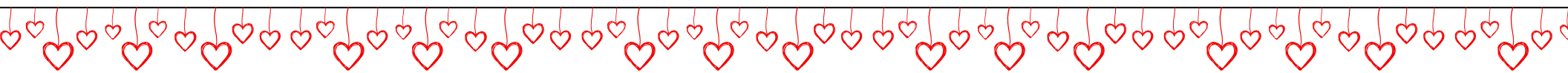
Written by: Allison Noggle

The first Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, thanks to local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who convinced a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters, collectively known as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club, to support the idea. They made their way to Gobbler’s Knob, where the first groundhog became famous for delivering disappointing news when he spotted his shadow. Today, the annual festivities in Punxsutawney are overseen by a group of local officials known as the Inner Circle. These members wear top hats and conduct the official ceremonies in the Pennsylvania Dutch language. Every February 2, a crowd of tens of thousands gather in Punxsutawney, a borough with a population of 5,613. Although sunny winter days may indeed indicate colder, drier air, we should not substitute groundhogs for our meteorologists. Research conducted by the National Climatic Data Center and the Canadian Weather Service revealed a disappointing accuracy rate of roughly 50 percent for Punxsutawney Phil. In contrast, Staten Island Chuck is said to have an accuracy rate of nearly 80 percent.

# From Start to Finish

Written by: Allison Noggle

The American College Test (ACT) is a vital standardized test for college admission in the United States. It serves as a robust assessment that measures your understanding of high school-level content. The ACT is scored on a scale from one to thirty-six, encompassing four key academic areas: English, mathematics, reading, and scientific reasoning, along with an optional direct writing test. Each section is scored out of 36 points, contributing to your composite ACT score, which is the average of these section scores. While the ACT is not mandatory for college admission, presenting a strong score can significantly boost your application. Many test-optional institutions still recognize the value of ACT scores in their admissions decisions. If you believe your ACT scores accurately reflect your academic capabilities and enhance your overall application, sending them is a smart move. Keep in mind that some colleges do require ACT scores, so it is essential to check each institution’s specific guidelines. For more selective schools, scoring in the 24-28 range can enhance your chances of admission, but if you are aiming for highly selective colleges, targeting an ACT score above 30 will significantly strengthen your application. In 2024, the national average ACT score was 19.4, while the world average stood at 20.6. Locally, the average ACT score is devastatingly lower than both the national and world average, sitting at 18.6. So, Juniors, when you take the ACT on February 25, think about your future plans and how this three-hour test could impact not only your future but our school as well.







# February Horoscopes

Written by: Axel Bidlack

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

With five planets in Aquarius by the 16th, your focus will shift to community and individuality. February invites you to embrace your uniqueness, leading to greater respect from others. Let go of how you are perceived, and this newfound confidence will pay off.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

As the sun enters Pisces on the 18th, dream big! Trust your instincts and take bold risks. This month offers you a chance to elevate your life. Find a motivating mantra or seek a pep talk to seize this opportunity.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Mars enters Aquarius on the 13th, energizing your desire for change. Use this month to prepare for your next chapter. Remember, significant changes take time. Embrace the journey and do not rush your dreams.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

The new moon on the 9th may tempt you to stay in, but stepping outside your comfort zone is key. Whether hosting friends or exploring new places, February is a month for adventure and breaking routines.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

This month, you might feel extra romantic with many planets transiting your partnership sector. February may bring some surprises, so focus on what you want. Embrace your “lover era” by setting up your life to match your desires.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

As Mercury enters Pisces on the 23rd, you might feel ready to commit to new partnerships or opportunities. Prioritize investing in yourself and focus on quality over quantity in relationships and purchases. Remember, cutting corners could lead to regret.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

February encourages you to embrace your romantic and creative sides. Connect with your passions without worrying about others’ opinions. Live aligned with your truth and throw caution to the wind to feel fulfilled.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)**

With Pluto in Aquarius, focus on your home and community dynamics to foster stability. Reflect on what family means to you and ensure you are equally giving and receiving support to feel refreshed by the month’s end.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

Reconnect with friends and your community this month as several planets highlight your social sector. Engage in deeper conversations and learn more about those around you; you might be surprised by what you discover.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

This month, focus on nurturing your sense of self-worth rather than seeking external validation. Shift your lifestyle by establishing a new morning routine or hobby to combat feelings of frustration. Embrace the energy of Venus in Aquarius on the 16th, reminding yourself: “I am good enough just as I am.”

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 19)**

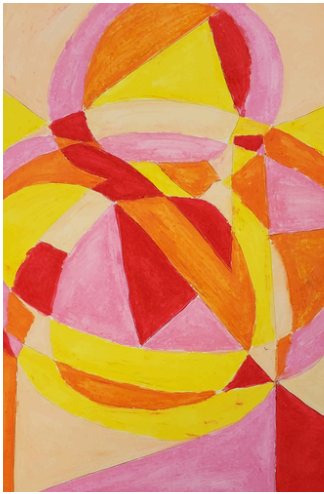
As Aquarius season continues until the 18th, celebrate yourself! With several planets in your first house, consider updating your hairstyle, wardrobe, or online presence to better reflect your true self. Embrace the journey of self-discovery and recognize your worth beyond appearance and achievement.

**Pisces (February 20 - March 20)**

As Pisces season begins on the 18th, take time for self-care and reflection. With Mercury entering your sign on the 23rd, gain clarity on your true priorities. During the full moon in Virgo on the 24th, reflect on your growth over the past year. Celebrate what you have accomplished, and remember to feel proud of yourself!



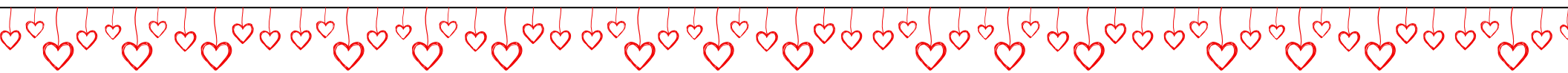
Boston Font, Grade 10  
Scholastic Art Awards Honorable Mention



8th Grade Art  
Planning Sketch



Connor Burriss, Grade 9  
Foundations of Art





# The Stress of Another Year

Written by: Anna Manz

With the first semester of this school year behind us, it is time to start planning for next year. New electives, new classes, new opportunities... it can be stressful, but it does not have to be. Our futures become a big deal as we get closer to graduation because our plans are so prominent in these years of our lives; every academic choice feels like a ginormous responsibility. Making choices for the coming year can be difficult, leading to a lot of questions. Since the classes you will be choosing will most likely be over the entire school year, you should perform a little research about classes offered both at Wayne Trace High School and colleges if you decide to take advantage of the College Credit Plus program. To compile your research, ask a friend who has taken that class, speak with Mrs. Tricia Langals, the junior high guidance counselor, or Mrs. Sarah Franz, the high school guidance counselor, or if you want a more honest overview of a class, talk to the teacher directly. Do not be hesitant to ask questions and make connections, someone is probably in the same position as you. One important thing to remember is to always keep an open mind. There are classes you do not know much about that might be the perfect fit for you. Investigating your options can potentially lead you to a future you never dreamed of.

# What Valentine’s Means to Me

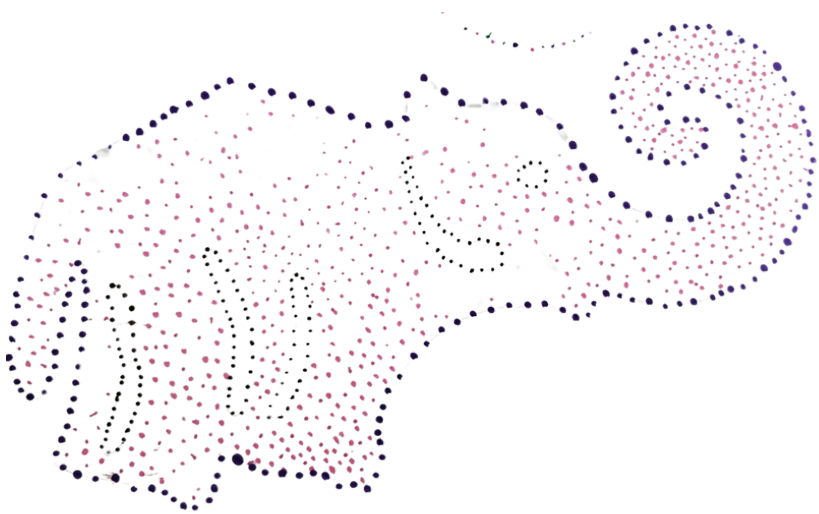
Written by: Axel Bidlack

I am not worried about whether or not I receive chocolates or flowers on Valentine’s morning. I only need to love myself. I know my worth and I’m enough. Walking through the school and looking around me, I see my friends and tell them, “Happy Valentine’s Day!” Because this holiday is not just about lovers; it’s also about connections and friendships. So just remember that if you feel like you have nobody look towards your friends because they care for you in their own ways.

# Campus Events

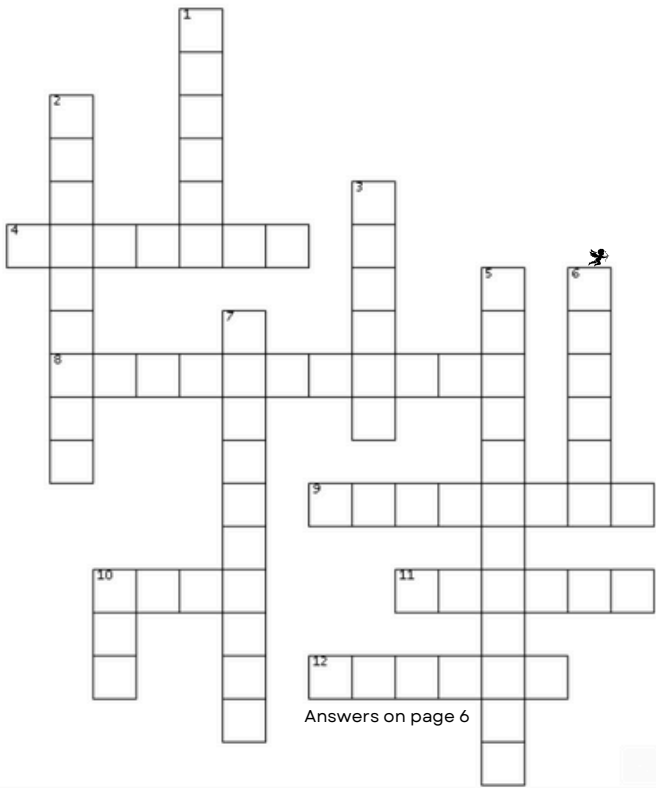
Written by: Trista Evans

February 7, 2025: 2-Hour Delay - Staff In-Service  
February 14, 2025: Valentine's Day  
February 17, 2025: NO SCHOOL - President’s Day (make-up day)



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# Groundhog’s Day



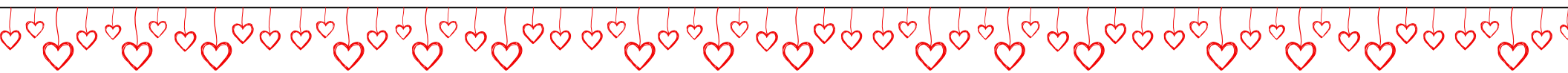
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## Across

- 4. Movable models of a person or animal that is used in entertainment.
- 8. The period of time an animal spends in a dormant state in the winter.
- 9. The second month of the year.
- 10. No-bake chocolate-based pie that usually has gummy worms on top.
- 11. A dark area or shape produced by a body coming between rays of light and a surface.
- 12. One of the four temperate seasons with flowers.

## Down

- 1. To come out of a hole and move into view is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Another term for woodchuck.
- 3. An art project done as a hobby.
- 5. The town where Phil, the famous groundhog whose originated in Pennsylvania, appears each year.
- 6. One of the four temperate seasons with cold temperatures.
- 7. The weather application of science and technology is \_\_\_\_\_ the conditions of the atmosphere for a given location and time.
- 10. A wild animal's lair.





## The Ugg Boot

Written by: Kahlee Fore

The Ugg boot is a fashion staple loved by millions and worn in numerous styles. Have you ever stopped to think about how this footwear captured the world's heart? Well, originally crafted by sheep shearers, these boots were made from sheepskin and sheep wool to combat wool yolk that could ruin regular boots. Pretty clever, right? Fast forward to the early 1970s, when a man named Brian Smith moved to California to introduce the Ugg boots to a new audience. Inspired by those original boot-makers, he created his version using the same sheepskin and wool. But, against popular belief, Smith intended these boots for the beach. They became popular in places like San Diego and Santa Cruz, taking surf shops by storm. And let us not forget Australia, where Ugg boots became a coastal sensation. Today, they have exploded in popularity and can be spotted all over the globe, not just on the beach but as a beloved cold-weather essential in countless styles. So, there you have it—the thrilling journey of the world's favorite boot!

## Expanding our Class Options

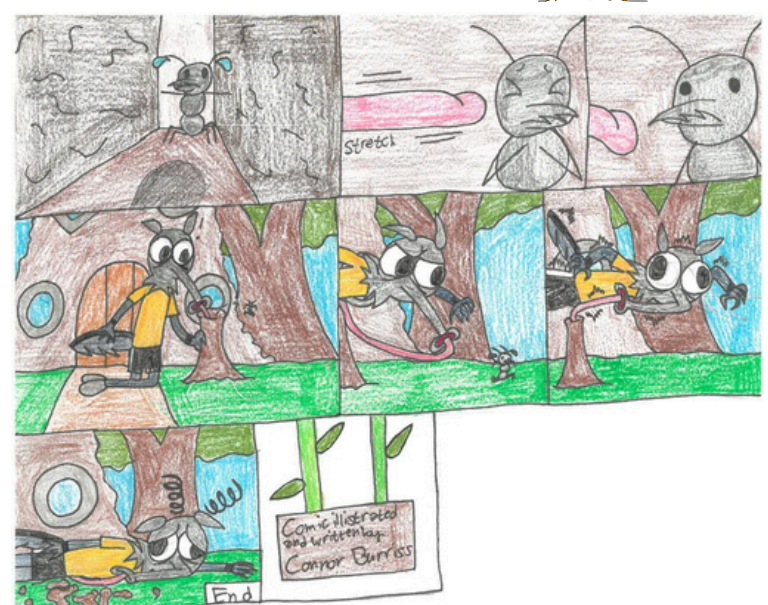
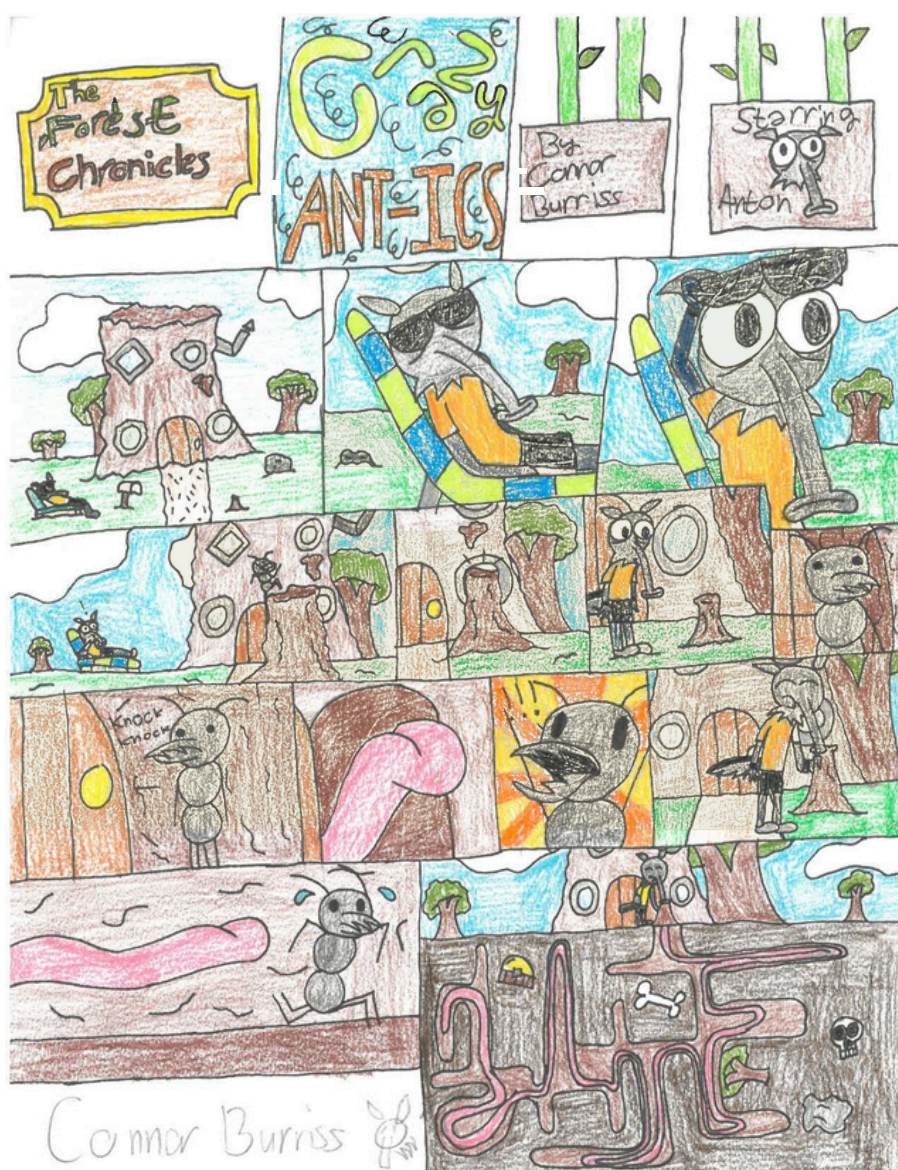
Written by: Angie Stokes

Are you looking to take classes that focus on developing your interests and skills while helping you investigate potential careers? If so, you should explore some of our new Career Technical Education (CTE) classes at Wayne Trace. You may have noticed some significant changes in our school library or wondered what happened to the former study hall room. Parts of the library and the old study hall are being transformed into a high-tech STEAM center where the Engineering Design, Robotics, Visual Design, and Art Technology classes take place. Thanks to a \$2.4 million state grant, this expansion is helping our school to develop several career pathways that give students an opportunity to take classes that develop skills and work on projects connected to real-world problems and clients. From designing 3D parts for a local business to creating magazines featuring our veterans, the engineering and visual design classes focus on applying what they learn in other classes while helping to build a

portfolio of work that they can use to help get into college, earn scholarships, or land a job. Art-Tech students also create projects for our school and community, from college football magnets to party invitations, posters, and 3D signs. There will be a variety of new classes being offered next year as well, so make sure to take a look at the course descriptions in the Registration Handbook located under the Guidance page on the high school's website. You can also ask some of the Engineering Design, Visual Design, or Art-Tech students what they do in class or contact Stokes, Mr. Stuart, or Mrs. Johnson for more information.



Grady Helms and Madison Pease pose with a project made in their Art Tech class



## Artist Avenue

Created by: Connor Burriss

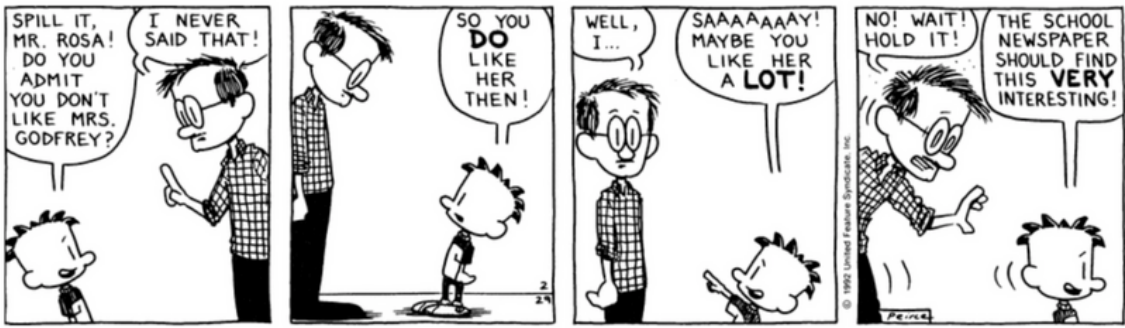




# A Day in the Life of...

Written by: EmmaJane Benschnieder

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson is a well-known actor, producer, and retired professional wrestler known for his impressive physique and dedication to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. His typical day consists of fitness, productivity, and attention to well-being. Johnson is known for being an early riser, with his morning routine starting at four. After waking up, he hydrates himself by drinking a glass of water with a squeeze of fresh lemon juice, which he believes helps to flush out toxins and kickstart his metabolism, and heads to the gym. He typically starts with a cardio session, followed by weight training. His gym sessions usually last two hours and focus on a different muscle group. After his workout, Johnson eats breakfast, which consists of protein-rich foods such as eggs, steak, and oatmeal. He also includes some carbohydrates and healthy fats in his breakfast to fuel his body for the day ahead. In the afternoon, Dwayne Johnson usually focuses on work-related tasks such as attending meetings, reading scripts, or filming. Johnson follows a strict diet plan, eating six to seven meals of lean protein sources, complex carbohydrates, and healthy fats. He avoids processed foods, sugar, and alcohol to maintain his health and physique. In the evenings, Johnson winds down and relaxes with his family either spending time playing with his children, reading books, or watching movies. Before going to bed, Johnson likes to stretch, foam roll, and take a hot shower/bath to relieve muscle tension and achieve a good night’s sleep.



# Valentine’s Day



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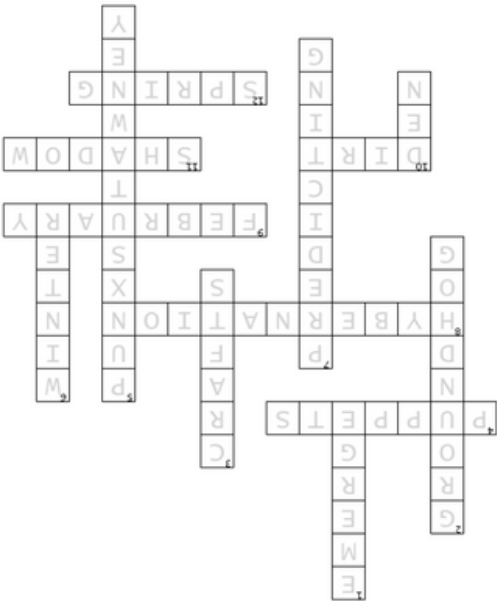
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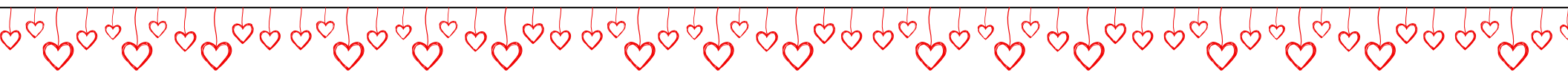
Kenzie Johnson working on banners for Latty using the Mimaki Printer in her Visual Design class



Noah Schlatter from the Engineering Design class showing off his winning sleigh design for the upcoming musical



Answers to crossword







Victoria Burgei  
8th Grade Art

## Drive Safe

Written by: Trista Evans

Most teenagers wrestle with the urge to speed whenever they slide in behind the wheel. After all, the thrill of driving so fast with your hair tossing in the wind, appraising your boundaries, and feeling as if the world is all but beneath you; but it is pivotal to recognize that speeding can have pressing consequences. When you speed, you shorten your reaction time, making it harder for you to evade accidents. Plus, the faster you accelerate, the more drastic the repercussions if a casualty transpired. Not only is speeding perilous, but it can also get you into dilemmas with the law. Speeding tickets can lead to hefty fines, points on your licenses, and even higher insurance rates. It is not worth the risk. Remember, driving is a privilege, and you must honor the rules of the road to keep yourself and others safe. So next time you get behind the wheel, think twice before pushing the pedal to the metal. Let us all strive to make intelligent choices and keep our roads safe for everyone.

## Laugh a Little

Written by: Kahlee Fore

Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer?  
She kept running away from the ball.

Where do cucumbers go on a date night?  
The salad bar.

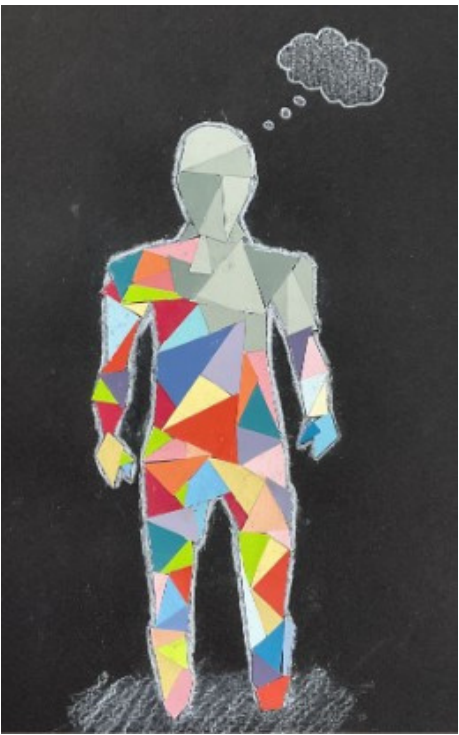
Why was the broom so late for work?  
It over-swept.

Why did the deer go to the dentist?  
It had buck teeth.

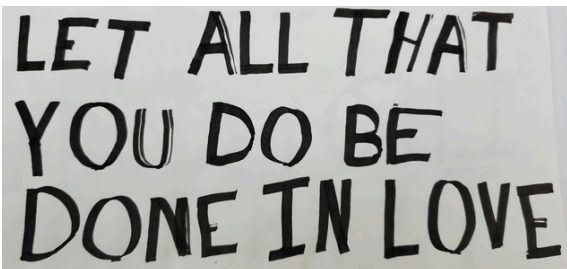
## Avoid Being a Statistic

Written by: Axel Bidlack

It is February – American Heart Month – a time to shine a spotlight on heart disease, the number one killer of Americans. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), “President Lyndon B. Johnson, among the millions of people in the country who’d had heart attacks, issued the first proclamation in 1964. Since then, U.S. presidents have annually declared February American Heart Month.” National Wear Red Day is a part of the AHA initiative called Go Red for Women and takes place on the first Friday in February. This day brings awareness to the fact that one in three women are diagnosed with heart disease every year. There are major risk factors for coronary disease including smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. To avoid being a statistic, eat a heart-healthy diet, control your cholesterol, blood glucose, and blood pressure, stay at a healthy weight, stay active, quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke, manage stress, and get enough sleep.



Stefany Lopez-Castillo, Grade 10  
AP Studio Art



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Calligraphy Practice

## Once There Were 3

Written by: EmmaJane Benschneider

The history of Wayne Trace High School is a testament to the evolving educational landscape in Ohio. It all began with three distinct schools: the Payne Panthers, the Grover Hill Hornets, and the Blue Creek Komets. Each of these schools served their respective communities for many years, fostering a strong sense of local identity and school spirit among their students and faculty. However, as time progressed, aging infrastructure and other challenges led to the closure of these three schools. Recognizing the need for a consolidated educational facility, the state of Ohio decided to merge the three schools into a single institution; this new facility, Wayne Trace High School, is now situated on the site where Blue Creek was once located. The last classes to graduate from the original three schools were the classes of 1971 and 1972, marking the end of an era. In 1989, the 7th and 8th grades from Payne and Grover Hill Elementary Schools combined to establish a new middle school within the Wayne Trace building. According to Wayne Trace Local School District, “Over 400 Raiders attend Wayne Trace, and a total of around 900 kids are within the Wayne Trace school district today.” The story of Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School officially began in 1972, yet its future remains unwritten, filled with possibilities as more Raiders continue to forge their paths through this educational community.



Cobain Rittenhouse  
8th Grade Art



## Rules of the Road

Written by: Anna Manz

Imagine you are at a red stoplight and your friend shows you a video. You check it out, but when you drive off, you see police lights behind you. It is Sergeant Michael Ziehr, a state highway patrol officer, who has been out on patrol in Ohio for 13 years, and now resides at the Van Wert post, and you have just violated Ohio's cell phone law, which prohibits drivers under 18 from using a phone, even at stoplights unless it is mounted or in a position that does not distract. In 2024, the Van Wert Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol issued around 5,200 tickets for various violations, including distracted driving and speeding. Sergeant Ziehr emphasizes the importance of avoiding distractions, as even small ones can lead to serious accidents. Driving is not just about skill; maturity and responsibility are crucial, especially concerning your passengers' safety.

Imagine you are driving a passenger who refused to put on their seatbelt when they got into the car. Now you are driving down a highway and all of a sudden instead of continuing forward your car is rolling off the road, you look to your right and witness your unbelted passenger fly through your windshield. To prevent this scenario as a driver, ensure your passengers wear their seatbelts before leaving; if you are a passenger, simply wear your seatbelt as correctly instructed. Last year, 1,137 crashes happened in Paulding and Van Wert County, many due to seatbelt violations.

These laws are in place for everyone's safety. Sergeant Ziehr reminds us that consequences, like tickets, aim to encourage responsible driving. Think about the responsibility you carry when you get behind the wheel—your safety and that of others depend on it.



Photo Credit: Anna Manz

## New Class Coming in August of 2025

Written by: Axel Bidlack

We have some thrilling news to share! Mrs. Karen Siegman, a teacher at Wayne Trace High School, is set to introduce an engaging zoology class to the school's curriculum next year. When asked what inspired her to take on the challenge of teaching a hands-on course in addition to her existing biology classes, Mrs. Siegman expressed her desire to create a learning environment that is both captivating and interactive for her students. In her upcoming zoology class, students will undertake a variety of dissection projects designed to deepen their appreciation for the animal kingdom while also learning about the intricate biology and science that underpin the lives and behaviors of these creatures. This initiative stems from Mrs. Siegman's profound passion for the sciences and her ambition to ignite that same enthusiasm in her students. Her motivation for introducing this class is rooted not only in her love for science but also in her desire to share her compassion for animals with her students. Mrs. Siegman aims to create a supportive learning atmosphere for aspiring veterinarians and those involved in programs such as 4H, helping them gain practical skills and knowledge in the field of animal science. Through this innovative course, she hopes to inspire the next generation of scientists and animal lovers alike, contributing to their educational journeys with hands-on experiences that foster a lifelong passion for wildlife and environmental stewardship.

## Target Time

Written by: Trista Evans

Once a week, schedules are shortened at Wayne Trace Jr./Sr. High School for the inclusion of Target Time, a program designed to be a built-in study session for all students, but how effective is Target Time? Do you believe Target Time has its' claimed success: increasing state test and ACT scores?

Student A: Target Time is a program designed to prepare students in grades seven through eleven for their end-of-the-year state tests. On top of that, the junior class will be expected to take a standardized test, the ACT, on February 25, so Target Time allows for them to review questions similar to the ACT. In general, Target Time supplies students with more resources to succeed on the tests. Also, the program helps students manage their study time schedules or provide additional resources and support as they study.

Student B: In Target Time, students are expected to study within a given period and many students have different studying methods. As students, we are pressured to practice specific study techniques, without regard for other mechanisms' effectiveness. Additionally, many students do not like to study when they are forced to and the staff disregards other students' abilities to absorb information within a short time; overall, some students would rather study on their own.

Do you believe Target Time would be more effective if the teachers used it as a teaching tool rather than being handed a worksheet about a subject they are not qualified to teach?

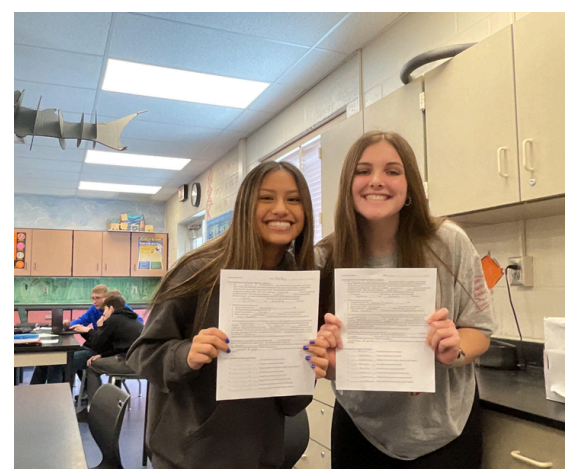


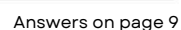
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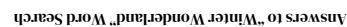
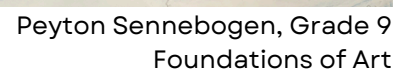
## WT Prepares For Homecoming Festivities

# Winter Wonderland

The Homecoming Dance, "Hold on to the Night," takes place on Saturday, Oct. 1. The dance, sponsored by the sophomore class, is open to all high school students and begins at 8:00 and ends at 10:30 p.m.



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# Junior Profiles

**Alicia Bahena**

Dream: Vacation: Hawaii  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nichols  
Favorite Dessert: Tres leches  
Planned Occupation: Phlebotomist  
In 10 years... I see myself graduated from college, living a successful life, having a successful job helping people, and living in a house big enough for me and all my animals.  
Advice: Enjoy your time while you can, because it can go by quickly.

**Zaden Chavez**

Dream Vacation: Myrtle Beach  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nichols  
Favorite Dessert: Pumpkin pie  
Planned Occupation: Lineman  
In 10 years... I see myself well on the way to owning an electricity business with some Vantage friends.  
Advice: Think ahead a little don't wait until the last second or you will be left behind; your choice could be a make-it-or-break-it moment.

**Mya Endicott**

Dream Vacation: Rome and Italy  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Baumle  
Favorite Dessert: Lemon cookies  
Planned Occupation: Counselor  
In 10 years... I see myself helping others through counseling, being married, and starting a family.  
Advice: Worrying about what others think about you is a waste of time. People judge other people; it’s just what we do. So why let what everyone does upset you? Stand up for yourself, for who you are, and do what makes you happy.

**Gauge Landwehr**

Dream Vacation: New York City  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Homier  
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate chip cookies  
Planned Occupation: School counselor  
In 10 years... I see myself out of college, with a job and someone special to spend my time with.  
Advice: Think about what you say before you say it because your words have an impact on people’s lives.

**Reagan McGarvey**

Dream Vacation: Alaska  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nichols  
Favorite Dessert: Apple pie  
Planned Occupation: Animal nutritionist  
In 10 years... I see myself settling down, working, and enjoying life.  
Advice: Use your common sense, it makes life a lot easier.

**Axel Bidlack**

Dream Vacation: Puerto Rico  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Holden  
Favorite Dessert: Vanilla ice cream  
Planned Occupation: Graphic designer  
In 10 years... I see myself married and living in Puerto Rico with my pets and friends.  
Advice: It’s easier to do the work on time rather than waiting and trying to cram all your make-up work.

**Carter Clemens**

Dream Vacation: Montana  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: Unknown  
Planned Occupation: Marine sniper  
In 10 years... I see myself returning home from my second deployment after earning my second Purple Heart. Then, I will move to the mountains of Wyoming where I will build a cabin and take people on guided elk hunts.  
Advice: Take as many chances as you can in high school.

**Selene Moran-Fernandez**

Dream Vacation: Europe by train  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Holden  
Favorite Dessert: Cheesecake  
Planned Occupation: Engineer  
In 10 years... I see myself with a stable job, traveling, and touring the world with my boyfriend before starting a family.  
Advice: Focus on your grades, but also enjoy your life. You are only a teenager once.

**Hunter Lyons**

Dream Vacation: Old Route 66 end to end  
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Spinner  
Favorite Dessert: Cake  
Planned Occupation: Firefighter  
In 10 years... I see myself living in my own house with a wife and kids and having friends come over to sit and laugh around a bonfire.  
Advice: Don’t change yourself to fit in with a group of friends; the greatest friends are the ones who accept you for who you are.

**Caitlyn Mead**

Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Ms. Torlina  
Favorite Dessert: Strawberry pie  
Planned Occupation: Teacher  
In 10 years... I see myself having a house and kids and working in a school while trying to become a college professor. Education-wise, I will have a bachelor’s degree and depending on my education route either a master’s and/or doctorate.  
Advice: Do the small things, they really do pay off in the long run. No one wants to look back one day with regret, or wish they had done better.

**Lily Boyd**

Dream Vacation: Salem  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. DeVelvis  
Favorite Dessert: Ice cream  
Planned Occupation: Unknown  
In 10 years... I see myself being a teacher, a music artist, and closer to God.  
Advice: Trust that God will be with you even if it's hard to see it. He has blessings for you that you can't even fathom having!

**Audrey Dougal**

Dream Vacation: Jamaica  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Kistler  
Favorite Dessert: Brownies  
Planned Occupation: Special education teacher  
In 10 years... I see myself working with special needs children full of energy.  
Advice: Always do your homework on time! Don’t procrastinate!

**Ryann Jay**

Dream Vacation: Greece  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Smithmeyer  
Favorite Dessert: Ice cream  
Planned Occupation: Oncology nurse  
In 10 years... I see myself living in Tennessee, and having an oncology specialty job. Also, owning my own house and being successful.  
Advice: Get involved!

**Estrella Martinez**

Dream Vacation: France  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nichols  
Favorite Dessert: Brownies  
Planned Occupation: Business  
In 10 years... I see myself working in the business field and traveling the world.  
Advice: Live in the moment.

**Aubree Miller**

Dream Vacation: Saint John  
Favorite Teacher: Stokes  
Favorite Dessert: Candy  
Planned Occupation: Cosmetologist  
In 10 years... I see myself having a successful occupation while starting a family.  
Advice: Be yourself, don’t try to be like the person beside you.



Junior Profiles

**Lexi Moore**  
Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Fitzwater  
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate chip cookies  
Planned Occupation: Teacher  
In 10 years... I see myself with a house close to my parents, married with a kid and dogs, and upholding a good teaching job.

**Tamara Negrete-Pawoli**  
Dream Vacation: Italy  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Nichols  
Favorite Dessert: Ice cream  
Planned Occupation: Machine operator  
In 10 years... I see myself in a well-paid job in the construction area, being the best, and having successful supervisory projects with materials and heavy equipment.  
Advice: Never stop fighting for a better future (learning a language opens doors to a successful job), but never stop thinking that you are special no matter what you are like.

**Natalie Richie**  
Dream Vacation: Italy  
Favorite Teacher: Stokes  
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate-covered strawberries  
Planned Occupation: Nurse  
In 10 years... I see myself moving far away from Haviland, living in a big city, married with kids, working in the medical field, and providing for my family.  
Advice: Do not slack off during your freshman and sophomore years.

**Zoey Schultz**  
Dream Vacation: Scotland  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Holden  
Favorite Dessert: Chocolate chip cookies  
Planned Occupation: Kindergarten teacher  
In 10 years... I see myself happily and successfully starting a family in a big house with lots of land preferably with woods and animals.  
Advice: Study, turn in your assignments, respect yourself and others, and have fun.

**Torree Sinn**  
Dream Vacation: Greece  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Smithmyer  
Favorite Dessert: Ice cream  
Planned Occupation: ER nurse  
In 10 years... I see myself happily married, living in Florida (while still being close to my family), and working in a hospital. I will also be an aunt, so I see myself as the best aunt.  
Advice: Do not care too much about what people think about you.

**Emma Stouffer**  
Dream Vacation: Overseas trip to different countries  
Favorite Teacher: Stokes  
Favorite Dessert: Cookies  
Planned Occupation: Teacher  
In 10 years... I see myself happily graduated from college with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education and a minor in STEM education while working towards a master’s degree. With my education, I will be teaching.  
Advice: Do things that make you happy and do not worry about what others think you should do or how they might judge you.

**Konnor Wannemacher**  
Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Smithmeyer  
Favorite Dessert: Cookies  
Planned Occupation: Hockey manager  
In 10 years... I see myself working for the Columbus Blue Jackets.  
Advice: Do not be late to class.



Senior Kathleen Stoller shows off her holiday window design in Paulding



Easton Jay  
8th Grade Art



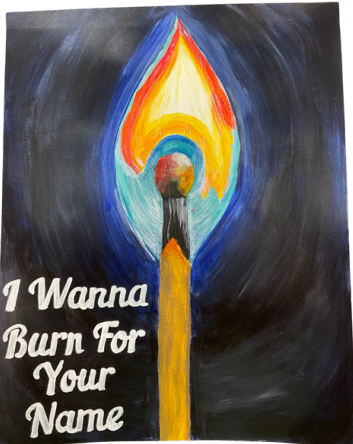
Ryan Bostelman, Grade 12  
Senior Studioo



The Noggle team posing in front of the window they painted in Paulding



Natalie Stoller showing off her winning holiday window design



Aubree Miller, Grade 11  
Painting



Officer Billy Lyons with a new tool for the sheriff's department designed by senior Luke Stouffer



Sophomore Logan Schnepf working the CNC machine in the STEAM center



Senior Aiden Lee working on holiday windows in Paulding





## Like What You See?

Written by: Allison Noggle

Are you ready to join an amazing team? If you are curious about becoming a part of *The Tracer* staff, do not hesitate – reach out to Mr. Joe Shouse, Mr. Zach Boyer, Ms. Angie Stokes, or Allison Noggle! You do not need to be a literary genius; we welcome artists, cartoonists, puzzlemakers, and even crustiverbalists! Remember, you only get to experience high school once – so why not make every moment count? Dive in, get involved, embrace challenges, and most importantly, have a blast! Let us create something incredible together!

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