



# Trojan Tempo

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## Student Spotlight



**Junior Brandon Allen at the University of Nebraska (Lincoln) while attending the 2019 International Thespian Conference.**

**Name:** Brandon Allen  
**Age:** 16  
**Grade:** 11

**Where are you from:** Troy, Ohio.

**Favorite class:** Troy Tones.

**Plans after THS:** I would like to go into some form of marketing.

**Siblings at THS:** A younger brother, Brian Allen (Freshman).

**Extracurricular activities:** Men's Chorus, Musical, Fall Play, Winter One Act, National Honor Society and ASL Club.

**If you could be a foreign exchange student, where would you go?** I would love to go to Ireland.

**Favorite lunch at THS:** Chicken Tuesdays.

**Hidden talents:** I enjoy dancing at random times and I can do random voices sometimes too.

**Claim to fame:** Southwest Area, State Thespian Officer.

**Favorite thing about THS:** I really love spending time with friends.

**Best friend/friends:** All of my theatre friends and friends from my classes and musical.

**Favorite home cooked meal or restaurant:** I really love my grandma's pulled pork with mashed potatoes and corn.

**Job:** I work out at a barn cleaning and organizing.

**Drive:** Yes I do, 2005 Gold Buick LeSabre.

**Goals in life:** I want to make sure everyone feels welcomed and I want to make sure the world is a kinder place. I would like to make theatre known and advocate for theatre and the performing arts/arts.

**Something you want to change in the world:** I would like to change some of the environmental problems.

**Favorite THS memory:** My favorite THS memory is my first year of shows, and getting to experience those for the first time.

## How to fight the winter blahs

By Ambrosia Westcott,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**TROY-** Winter months bring snow and holidays, but they can also bring sadness to many people. This is known as seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and it is the seasonal depression that many people experience in the upcoming months.

Some common symptoms associated with SAD include: hopelessness, sadness, tension, stress, decreased interest in friends or activities you normally love, sleepiness, difficulty to do normal everyday tasks, changes in appetite (eating more or less than you usually do), changes in sleeping patterns, or an overall lack of energy.

Everyone has bad days though, so how would you know if you have SAD? If you experience these symptoms for long periods of time such as months, or if they reoccur for consecutive years around the same time, then you might have SAD.

Even if you know you do not experience these symptoms every year, your mental health is still very important. If you are feeling like these problems may not be temporary, get help. Everyone has bad times and it is so important to talk to someone through

them.

"Sometimes just being able to talk to somebody and sharing your concerns can lift a huge weight and burden you have," said THS School Psychologist, Mrs. Kazmaier. "I know here at the high school, I'm willing to talk to kids, all of our guidance counselors are, and if you aren't comfortable coming in to us, just talk to a teacher or even a friend."

Our school has had an extremely difficult time recently in terms of suicide and self harm; if you or someone you know is dealing with any aspect of this, reach out to someone.

"If it's something where you start to think, 'I can't do this on my own' that's definitely a red flag and the time to seek some help," said Mrs. Kazmaier. If you feel like you need help, you can call the Miami, Darke, and Shelby County 24/7 crisis hot line at 800-351-7347, or text 4HOPE to 741741.

The exact cause of SAD is unknown, but most theories agree that it is because of the lack of sunlight we are exposed to. Your body has an internal clock/sleep-wake cycle that responds to the changes of light and dark, longer nights and shorter



**After the holidays, winter is a time when season depression can be a challenge to students. Photo by Internet**

days can leave you to feel sleepy at inconvenient times.

"Last night I was almost ready to go to bed, but I looked down and it was only six o'clock, just the dark really takes a toll," said Mrs. Kazmaier.

Another factor is melatonin; when it is dark, your body produces melatonin to help you sleep, so when it gets dark earlier your body produces too much causing you to feel drowsy.

Lastly, the lack of sunlight in winter months can lower your body's production of serotonin, a neurotransmitter to help regulate mood, affecting happiness, sleep, appetite,

memory and others.

With so many reasons why your mood is what it is, you may think you have no control over how you may be feeling, but there is so much you can do!

The first tip is to get as much sunlight as possible. Then, exercise daily, regular exercise can boost feel-good chemicals in your brain. Reach out to family and friends, reconnect with them and or make new relationships by participating in social activities. Try to deal with your stress, you can do this by figuring out what stresses you out, then make a plan to avoid or minimize its impact on you.

With the change in seasons as well as changes in moods that are upon us, know the importance of your well being. If you are feeling down know that it can be normal, but also know that if something feels wrong, do not hesitate to seek help. A person never has to be at their worst before letting themselves get better, and no one knows themselves better than you so make sure to always listen to your emotions.

"I want people to know that depression is very treatable and there are people out there who can help, you just have to ask," Mrs. Kazmaier concluded.

## Magically marching into concert season

By Jakob Smith,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**THS-** Football season is winding down, the weather is getting colder, the skies are getting grayer, and Christmas decorations are going up even though it's still November. Even so, the busybody band kids are preparing for the transition to concert band season, along with a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Florida this Thanksgiving.

Band members have the option to travel to the mouse house over Thanksgiving Break. They will leave Monday Nov. 25 after first period and will return Saturday Nov. 30.

"They will be performing with five other bands from across the country in a mass band on Thanksgiving morning in front of the castle in the Magic Kingdom," said Mrs. McIntosh, one of the band directors at THS. "You can watch their performance starting around 9 a.m.-ish on [banddirector.com](http://banddirector.com)."

This will be the first time



the band is back at Disney World since 1983, and they will be playing a combined concert with five other bands.

After marching to the front of the castle, they will play a myriad of songs, including a Star Wars medley, a patriotic medley, a Disney song titled Disney Celebration, which is one song made up from famous Disney classics, and several other pieces.

Mitchell Simon will play the snare drum while in Florida. "This is my last opportunity to play snare drum

during high school and others wanted to play tenors," Simon said. "I'm looking forward to hanging out with my friends and performing for millions of people since it will be online."

"I'm looking forward to having a banging time with friends," said senior Cameron Heffner. "I think Epcot will be cool. It's supposed to be all futuristic, so I can't wait to see how they keep it updated."

"I am excited for all the rides!" said sophomore Johnny Michalos. "I can't wait for Space Mountain and spending time with all of my friends."

Sophomore Sam Shuman is leaving early with his family to go to Universal Studios. "I'm flying down early with my family and then joining the band," Shuman explained. "I'm looking forward to playing in front of the castle."

The band will be performing in a concert setting this trip rather than in parades or on the football field. This is the time of year

when one large marching band is divided into three smaller bands: Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Bands.

Meredith Sentman, a sophomore who has been in the band for more than five years, explained that after football has run its course, all of the band kids audition for the directors. Then, they are separated into three groups based on skill level. This doesn't count for winter guard and winter percussion, however, as they hone their skills indoors over the coming winter season.

Sentman, a clarinet player, will be placed into one of these three groups, and then her ensemble will compete independently of the rest of the band.

Sentman commented that she enjoys concert band more than marching band, because the music is more fun to listen to and to play. She added afterwards that it was also kind of sad, because she wouldn't get to play in the same group with all her friends. "Band

really does become family," Sentman said. "Siblings play together all the time."

Haley Stanaford is a senior who has been involved in the band since sixth grade. "It's nice to play a different type of music other than marching band songs. It's also nice to work on a long-term goal, rather than practice for something different every week," Stanaford explained. She also commented on how much more calming it is to just focus on being a good player, rather than a good marcher and a good player.

While the three groups may be evaluated at contest, they aren't competing against other bands. It is a more relaxed and laid-back environment that doesn't carry the same sort of stress that marching band. Like marching band, they compete for ratings, but not for trophies or titles. As a result, it allows the band kids a respite for these coming winter months.



Baking with Ambrosia

Favorite holiday dishes

By Ambrosia Westcott,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**THS-** Whether the rest of the world knows it or not, it is still fall, and that means it is still time for pumpkin flavored dishes and drinks, even if everyone else has moved onto peppermint flavored everything. In honor of the season, here is a recipe for pumpkin cupcakes with cream cheese frosting.

For the cupcakes you will need 1 ½ cups of all-purpose flour, 1 tsp of baking powder, 1 tsp of baking soda, ½ tsp cinnamon, pinch of ground nutmeg, pinch of ground cloves, ¾ cup canned pumpkin, ½ cup granulated sugar, ½ cup dark brown sugar, ½ cup vegetable oil, and 2 eggs.

For the icing you will need 1 cup unsalted butter (at room temperature), 8 oz cream cheese (at room temperature), 2 ½ tsp vanilla extract, pinch of salt, and 4 cups powdered sugar.

First, preheat oven to 350, and line a muffin pan with paper liners then set aside.

Second, in a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves, set aside.

Third, in a large bowl, whisk together pumpkin, both sugars, and vegetable oil until completely combined, making sure to break up brown sugar so no chunks remain. Whisk in eggs, one at a time, then add in flour mixture in two additions with a rubber spatula until no flour pockets remain.

Fourth, divide batter into baking cups, fill about ¾ full. Bake until toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean, 18-22 minutes. Allow to cool 5 minutes in pan then remove to cool completely before frosting.

Fifth, using an electric mixer on med-high speed, beat butter until fluffy (2-3 minutes). Add cream cheese, vanilla, salt and continue to beat for 2 minutes scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Reduce speed to low and add



Here she is, the master baker, Ambrosia! Photo by Ambrosia Wescott

powdered sugar gradually then mix until smooth and combined. Increase speed back to med-high until frosting is light and fluffy (1-2 minutes).

Finally using a frosting tip, spatula, spoon, knife, etc. frost tops of cupcakes, and enjoy.

\*\*\*Homemade dishes, especially around the holidays are very special. This is because of the love put into them. It is the season to create something as simple as cupcakes to share with friends and family to show them how much you appreciate them, it is the best time of the year.

By Trojan Tempo Staff Writers

**THS-** We are entering the time of year where holidays are accompanied by traditional foods. Whether you are a traditionalist or like to experiment, looking at you Logan Pawlaczyk, everyone has their favorite choices, and the dishes they prefer to skip.

Anna Harman- “My favorite Thanksgiving food is mashed potatoes. They are always delicious and you can scoop five servings on your plate and no one can judge you because everyone else does the same. My least favorite food is the turkey. It is disgusting. It’s tasteless, dry, and depressing. It doesn’t even look appetizing. It’s an unnecessary dish at our family Thanksgiving.”

Payton Ross- “My favorite dish is mashed potatoes, my least favorite is any type of macaroni salad.”

Lauren Rice- “My favorite dish at Thanksgiving is the Mac and Cheese, and my least favorite is sweet potato casserole.”

Jayhon Baker- “My least favorite food on Thanksgiving is cranberry sauce and stuffing!!!”

Tyler Moser- “My favorite Thanksgiving food is stuffing and my least favorite food is cranberry sauce.”

Michael Mong- “I love pie, so my favorite is the pumpkin pie. My least favorite is definitely corn.”

Adam Shiltz- “You can’t beat the green bean casserole, and my least favorite is turkey.

Taylor Flanagan- “My favorite...I don’t know, there’s too many. Ok so there’s nothing I don’t like, they’re all good.”

Dakota McGill- My favorite is the turkey leg. I eat it like a barbarian; I don’t like green bean casserole.”

Allison Irey- “Hmm, my favorite is any form of bread. I know it’s boring, I just love any form of bread. And my least favorite is cranberry sauce...Yeah it shouldn’t be there, but if I don’t like it, it’s not on my plate.”

Ambrosia Westcott- “My favorite Thanksgiving dish is apple pie, there are so many different ways to make besides the original, and they are all so good! My most avoided Thanksgiving dish is stuffing, this is mainly because of the texture it is squishy and chewy and or dry. It is just gross.”

Cheyenne Copeland- “My favorite Thanksgiving meal is definitely the sweet potato casserole my mom makes every year. It’s sweet potatoes with brown sugar and butter and baked with mini marshmallows on top of them.”

Mr. Dilbone- “My favorite dish is sweet potato casserole. My least favorite dish is stuffing.”

Mrs. Prenger- “My favorite Thanksgiving dish is my mom’s homemade dressing. My least favorite Thanksgiving dish is cranberry sauce.”

Mr. Behm- “My favorite is Pecan Pie, my least favorite is green bean casserole.”

Mr. Kopp- “Homemade noodles and Corn are my favorite; potato salad is my least favorite.”

Mrs. Brown- “My favorite is green bean casserole and my least favorite it sweet potato casserole.”

Mrs. Hartman- “I love MY pumpkin pie, cold not warm! The secret is to double the spices! A certain family member always makes oyster dressing....not a fan.”

Mrs. Arnold- “Favorite - mashed potatoes, least favorite - stuffing.”

Mrs. Stone- “My favorite: Anything my mom made. My least favorite: Mince Pie.”

Mrs. Hampshire- “My favorite is sweet potato casserole and my least favorite is stuffing (YUCK!).”

Mrs. Imboden- “Favorite is homemade bread/rolls, least favorite is creamed spinach.”

Mr. Rasey- “Sweet potatoes with brown sugar. Corn pudding is gross.”

Mrs. Strobe- “My favorite dish is my mom’s homemade dressing. My least favorite is homemade cranberry sauce - the canned jelly cranberry is the best.”

Mrs. Kies- “Favorite Dish - Pie, Least Favorite - Turkey.”

Mrs. Fultz- “My favorite is my mom’s corn bread dressing with gravy. My least favorite is cranberry sauce.”

Mr. Waulk- “My favorite is the turkey and my least favorite is the cranberry sauce.”

Mr. Owen- “My favorite is the turkey if it is cooked right, but if it isn’t, I like the crescent rolls and green olives. My least favorite is the mashed potatoes.”

Mrs. Dedrick- “The TURKEY!! My least favorite is the stuffing.”

Mr. Hufford- “Favorite = sweet potato casserole. Least favorite = stuffing.”

Mrs. Davis- “My favorite dish is a tie between the stuffing and homemade pumpkin pie with fresh whipped cream. I hate candied yams with all the syrup and marshmallows. (I prefer a savory sweet potato dish).”

Mrs. Straka- “Favorite dish is mashed potatoes and least favorite is dry turkey.”

William Reed- “My favorite food is potato casserole and my least favorite food is turkey.”

Mrs. Kleinhenz- “My favorite Thanksgiving dish: sweet potato casserole (IF I can only choose one:) Least favorite: salad. IT’S THANKSGIVING, I DON’T WANT SALAD!”

Mrs. Owen- “It’s gotta be the stuffing! My least favorite dish is any type of cranberries.”

Whatever your favorite dish is this Thanksgiving, the Trojan Tempo staff hopes you have a safe and happy holiday.

When I was a senior

By Anna Harman and Cheyenne Copeland,  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**Dream job as a child?** To become an oceanographer since I grew up on the Pacific Ocean.

**Favorite color?** Purple.

**What high school did you attend?** I attended high school in Northern California.

**Grad year HS?** That was too long ago to remember.

**What songs, TV shows or movies were popular your senior year?** I did not have a television, but Journey was my favorite band.

**What college(s) did you attend?** Sinclair Community College, Wright State University, Purdue University, The Ohio State University, and the University of Dayton.

**What subject do you teach?** General Chemistry and Integrated Science.

**Favorite thing about teaching your subject?** When a student has that “Ah Ha” moment.

**Tips to succeed in your class?** You need to study and ask for help when needed.

**Plans after you retire?** I plan to travel, garden, and spend time with family.



Mrs. Howes moved so much in her life she doesn’t have any photographs from high school. Here is her 2019 yearbook photo. Photo gathered by Trojan Tempo Staff

**What job would you have if you couldn’t be a teacher?** I would be an interior decorator or landscape architect.

**Favorite book?** *The Stand* by Stephen King.

**Best teacher friend?** I enjoy the company of all my peers.

**Who would you choose to play you in a movie?** Cate Blanchett

**Advice for graduates?** Follow your dreams and don’t let anyone tell you no. Keep trying if you want it bad enough. And, always be kind!

**Name:** Mrs. Howes

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# The Trojan Family gives thanks together

By Jakob Smith and *Trojan Tempo* Staff Writers

**THS-** As Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching, your thoughts may be wandering towards pumpkin pie and football. But, along with stuffing yourself more than the turkey, you may be asked: what are you thankful for?

This question can be tough to answer. We take so much for granted that sometimes we don't even think to be grateful for it.

Living in a first world country, it seems, makes you turn a blind eye to the have-nots. However, here at THS we are thankful for what they have.

While family is usually thrown out as the first thing people are thankful for, lest they seem traitorous towards their own kin, family is something people also take for granted, even when they know they shouldn't.

I'm grateful for his friends and family. -Baylee Shepherd

I am thankful for the staff here at THS. -Tag Bender

I am thankful for food, befitting of this feastful holiday! -Lotus Delance

With a wry grin, Nicholas Crump said he is thankful for "a house."

Robert Pedler is thankful for his favorite hobby, Warhammer.

Dequarius White is thankful for 'respect'.

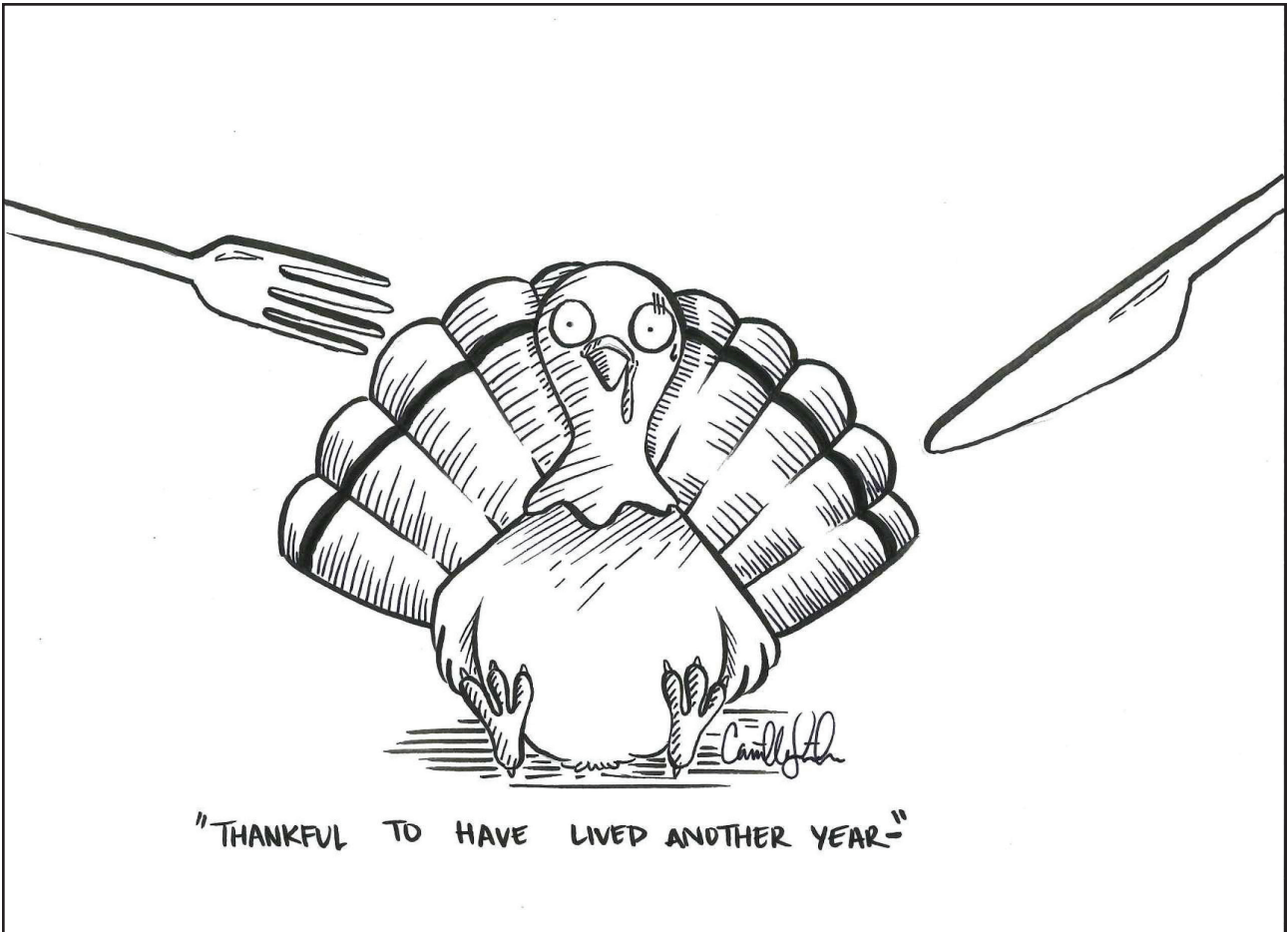
A man requesting only to be referred to as 'Jamie' gave thanks for "Call of Duty, and deer season."

Taiah Higbee is thankful for her friend's dog.

Carter Evans along with Kylie Clemens are very thankful for Kpop, a Korean-pop genre of music.

Keelan Scherer was, rather poignantly, thankful that he woke up today.

I am thankful for the great friends I have that help me through my hardest times. I have built a great bond with them and have so many memories I will never forget.



-Payton Ross

I am thankful for my mother and all my friends. -Cady Rhea

I am thankful for the teachers at THS that put a BIG smile on my face even when I am having a hard time in my studies. -Carlos Quintero

I am thankful for music that artists produce everyday and also for all of my friends and family. -Grant Rehmert

I am thankful for everyone in my life that supports me. -Samantha Mascerella

I am thankful for my rowing team. -Hannah Gerlach

I am thankful for the money I make. -Sarah Kraynek

I am thankful for the life I live. -Carson Rodgers  
I am thankful for the ability to drive to school everyday and all of the privileges I have. -Preston Schatz

I am thankful for waking up everyday. -Kaila Jones

I'm thankful for the love and support my family gave me through the rough patches in the year. -Lauren Rice

I am thankful to have a best friend who supports me in all I do and two amazing little boys that inspire me to do better each day.

-Mr. Owen  
I'm thankful for all the love and support I get from family and all my friends. -Jayhon Baker

I am thankful for all my friends helping me through hard times. -Isaac Vietz

I am thankful for may family being better than ever. -Kyle Coleman

I am thankful for my best friends, they have helped me overcome so much this year and I wouldn't trade them for the world. -Cheyenne Copeland

I'm thankful for my family and the fact that we get to spend time together. -Mr. Dilbone

"I am thankful for my family. I love spending time with them." -Mrs. Prenger

I am thankful for time... time to sleep without the anticipation of an alarm going off, unscheduled time to reflect and rest, and time to visit and celebrate with friends

and family. -Mrs. Hartman  
Family, friends, everyone at THS. -Mrs. Arnold

I am thankful my parents are still with me to celebrate not only Thanksgiving, but also their 62nd wedding anniversary! My mother has dementia and both of my parents have health problems, so each day is a gift. -Mrs. Davis

I'm thankful for my children. -Mrs. Stone

Good health, family, a great country to live in. -Mr. Hufford

Along with my family and pumpkin 3.14, I am thankful to work in such a supporting community, with mathmazing coworkers, and mathletes who dream big! -Mrs. Lehmkuhl

My parents & my in-laws - they help us with the kids so much and we couldn't do it without them! It takes a village! -Mrs. Dedrick

Finally being home with my grand kids. -Mr. Waulk

I am most thankful for my family. -Mrs. Fultz

everything that we need. -Anna Harman

I'm thankful for life and the people around me. -Xander Ireys

I am thankful for my dog, Thorn. -Nolan Lutz

I'm thankful for my friends and family. -Steven Andrade

I'm thankful for my friends, the people who stick by me. -Ayden Bellamy

I am thankful for my mom. -Hailey Cox

I'm thankful for my family and friends, all the opportunities I've had in Troy. I've been able to mature in the things I've done like the musical and play, and also with the friends I've made and even the ones I have lost. -Connor Knapp

I'm thankful for the opportunities I have. -Matthew Griffith

I'm thankful for my best friends and how amazing they are. -Mia Baker

I'm thankful for my friends, the Lord, who has always been good to me, and my mom. I'm thankful I have legs that work and water to drink. I'm thankful for Troy High School and our amazing staff for providing me with a good education, and for teacher academy. -Frida Hoening

I'm most thankful for family and friends. -Mrs. Schreiber

Everyone has something to be thankful for this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. I myself am thankful for my mother always being there for me, even in our worst moments. While my father isn't around as much as he would like to be, I wouldn't be the man I am today without him. I am also grateful for my life at large, and the opportunities given to me.

This holiday season, I implore you to reflect upon this past year and its events. Hindsight is 20/20 after all, and what better time to reflect upon poor decisions while your aunt and step-cousin (twice-removed) argue about politics at the dinner table?

# Don't just survive Black Friday shopping, enjoy it

By Anna Harman, *Trojan Tempo* Staff Writer

**TROY-** It's that time of year, folks. Thanksgiving, brisk weather, time with family and friends, and... **BLACK FRIDAY!**

Black Friday falls on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day each year. November 29th is the day that the 2019 Christmas shopping season officially begins.

On this day, retailers lower their prices significantly, crowds flood stores like Walmart and

Target, people wait in lines for hours just for one TV, they bundle up in twenty layers of clothing, camp out in tents outside stores, and wear festive outfits.

Speaking from experience, Black Friday is **CRAZY!** It can get very stressful and sometimes even dangerous, here are five tips to help you survive.

### DRESS WARM

This is not the time to wear cute leggings and a sweater, you need a

coat, a hat, gloves and whatever else you can find. You may have to wait in lines wrapped around the building. That means standing outside in freezing weather, sometimes snow, for long periods of time. Trust me. Wear. A. Coat.

### GO WITH A GROUP

It's just flat out not fun to go alone. Make this a fun night! Dress in festive sweaters, matching hats, light up glasses, the works. Map out the store, figure out what everyone

wants to buy, and then divide and conquer. Going as a group can also help protect you. There is strength in numbers.

### GO TO YOUR FAVORITE STORE FIRST

The way Black Friday works, most stores do not allow customers to touch products that are on sale until a certain time. For example, Walmart has their merchandise wrapped in plastic until 6 p.m., when they blow the whistle that signals customers are allowed to rip

it open. Most of the good stuff will be gone if you do not show up on time and grab the essentials.

### MAKE YOUR LIST FIRST

Stores usually release ads for Black Friday (online and printed) in early November. Look through these and circle or write down what you are interested in buying or looking at. This will make it easier on Black Friday for you to focus on tracking down and buying items, since the crowds make it nearly

impossible to just walk around browse. Make sure to bring the ad/your list with you.

### HAVE FUN

Don't let yourself be consumed with stress. Enjoy yourself, this only happens one day a year! Just have fun shopping for loved ones, get competitive, stop for McDonald's three times, and laugh at all the crazy people that come out on Black Friday and be safe!



# Fall sports seasons come to a close

By Trojan Tempo Sports Desk

**FOOTBALL-** After a fast start to the 2019 OHSAA Division II playoffs, the Trojans found themselves in a battle with the Olentangy Braves.

Troy senior quarterback Brayden Siler took the opening snap three quarters of the field to give the Trojans a seven point lead. On the ensuing kickoff, the Braves fumbled the ball and senior Tucker Raskay recovered the ball deep in Braves' territory. The Trojans would add a field goal off the turnover and to many it looked like it would be the Trojans' night.

But the Olentangy Braves didn't give up. They proceeded to march down the field with quick efficiency and scored 28 unanswered points in the first half. The rest of the first half Troy couldn't get much going on offense and the Braves held a 28-10 lead at halftime.

The second half the Trojans had several more opportunities in the Olentangy red zone, but each time fell short. Despite slowing down the Braves' offense in the

MIAMI VALLEY LEAGUE

First Team

# 15 Brayden Siler QB

# 26 Kevin Walters II RB

# 1 Austin Stanaford WR

# 82 Tito Fuentes OL

# 54 Austan Good DL

# 25 Weston Smith DB

MVL Offensive Player of the Year

Senior QB BRAYDEN SILER

second half, Olentangy still managed to score an additional 14 points, ultimately winning the game 42-10.

The Braves went on to defeat second seeded Anthony Wayne in Division II Region 7 to advance to the regional finals.

"Myself and the coaching staff could not be more proud and happy for the 2019 Troy Trojan Football Team," said coach Gress. "They exceeded most expectations in what they achieved this year. An 8-3 record, 3rd seed in the playoffs with a home game first

round, and beating Piqua. This team and specifically the senior class earned everything they achieved this year. Most importantly, they stuck together through the good and tough times. The future looks very bright for Troy Football, 7th grade and up. We will return the majority of the starters and have a lot of underclassmen in good position to compete to play on Friday night. The team is eager to get back to work and continuing to work towards earning everything."

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY-** Junior Dinah Gigandet competed at Hebron, Ohio in the Division I State Cross Country Meet. Gigandet finished with a time of 18:23.4, which was good enough for 16th place. Finishing in 16th, she earned All-Ohio honors. As a freshman at the state meet, Gigandet beat 15 girls, this year only 15 girls beat her.

Troy cross country has finished with at least one All-Ohio runner each year for the past five years.

SECOND TEAM

Miami Valley League

#55 Jacob Moorman

OL/DL

#84 Colby Harris

OL/DL

#2 Tucker Raskay

WR/DB

HONORABLE MENTION

Miami Valley League

#66 Ethan Freed

OL/DL

#77 Dawson Hildebrand

OL/DL

#41 Evan Jones

RB/LB

16th

GIGANDET EARNS ALL-OHIO HONORS

THIS XC Junior finishes 16th at OHSAA State Championships

# Winter sports must know info

By Payton Ross,  
Trojan Tempo Sports Editor

As we put away the fall sports seasons for another year, the winter athletes are ready to shine. Here is a recap of how Troy did last year and what to look forward to this year.

**Boys Basketball**  
**Overall:** 10-13  
**Conference:** 7-8  
**Key Losses:** Caillou Monroe, Sam Shaneyfelt.  
**Key Returners:** Tre'vone Archie, Shaeden Olden.

*The team has a new head coach and has been working hard in the off season. First home game of the year is Friday Dec. 6 against West Carrollton at 7:30 p.m.*

**Girls Basketball**  
**Overall:** 14-9  
**Conference:** 10-5  
**Key Losses:** Erika Innes, Payton Riley, Lauren McGraw, Skylar Kirk.  
**Key Returners:** Macie Taylor, Tia Bass.

*This group is hungry to bring a championship back to the TAC. Their next home game is Wednesday Nov. 27 against Miami East at 7:30 p.m.*

**Hockey**  
**Overall:** 7-6  
**Key Losses:** Jack McGuirk, Austin Strong, Scott Riedel, Grant Gariety, Ian Kuntz.  
**Key Returners:** Zac

Uhlenbrock.  
*Troy welcomes back Rick Szabo as the head coach! First home game is Sunday Dec. 15 against Mason at 5:45 p.m. at Hobart Arena*

**Wrestling**  
**Overall:** 12th  
**Conference:** 2nd  
**Key Losses:** Shane Shoop, David McGraw, Bryan Sizemore.  
**Key Returners:** Carlos Quintero and Zach Evans.  
*These grapplers are hoping to fill all weight classes and make some noise in the MVL. First home match is the Trojan Invitational on Jan. 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the TAC.*

**Boys Bowling**  
**Overall:** 14-3  
**Conference:** 12-3  
**Key Losses:** Preston Jackson, Preston Gambrell.  
**Key Returners:** Carson Rodgers.

*The guys hope to make it back-to-back appearances at State. First home match is Friday Dec. 6 against St. Marys at Troy Bowl at 5 p.m.*

**Girls Bowling**  
**Overall:** 16-1  
**Conference:** 15-0  
**Key Losses:** Jasmine Jorge, Grace Walling, Stephanie Crider, Alyssa Shilt, Cassidy McMullen.  
**Key Returners:** Adara Meyers, Kayleigh McMullen.

*The girls plan to keep it rolling and make it State once again! First home match is Friday Dec. 6 against St. Marys at Troy Bowl at 5 p.m.*

**Boys Swim**  
The boys swim team also had a successful year placing third in GWOC with 363 points and sending one of their relay teams to districts which included Calvin Armstrong, Michael Griffith, Mitchell Orozco and Andrew Oates.  
**Key Losses:** Calvin Armstrong, Sam Iverson, Mitch Orozco.  
**Key Returners:** Michael Griffith, Matt Bess and Andrew Oates.

*First home meet is Dec. 13 against Tipp City at 7 p.m. at the Robinson YMCA.*

**Girls Swim**  
The girls swim team ended the season placing third at GWOC with 256 points and sending one of their four person relays to districts: Hailey Honeycutt, Katie Castaneda, Lily Hemm and Katie Robinson.  
**Key Losses:** Claire Philipot, Katie Robinson, Megan Wheeler, Katie Castaneda, Delaney Fields, Alissa Dever.  
**Key Returners:** Sarah Casteneda, Hailey Honeycutt, Lily Hemm, Caroline Turnbull and Ad-disyn Fields.

*First home meet is Dec.*

*13 against Tipp City at 7 p.m. at the Robinson YMCA.*

**Gymnastics**  
**Overall:** The girls just missed qualifying for state last year.  
**Vault-** Junior Sarah Kraynek 9.100, senior Lizzy Deal 8.750 and seniors Abby Otten and Abby Baker with 8.150.  
**Bars-** Senior Abby Baker 8.000, junior Ellie Daniel 7.950 and senior Lizzy Deal.  
**Beam-** Senior Lizzy Deal 9.000, senior Lilli Cusick 8.300 and senior Abby Baker 8.250.  
**Floor-** Junior Sarah Kraynek 9.000, senior Abby Otten 8.900 and senior Lizzy Deal 8.725.  
**Key Losses:** Lizzy Deal, Lilli Cusick, Abby Otten, Abby Baker.  
**Key Returners:** Sarah Kraynek.

*Come check out a home meet this year! First meet at Gem City is Jan. 20, 2020 at 10 a.m.*

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# THS is thankful for our coaches!

By Payton Ross,  
*Trojan Tempo Sports Editor*

**THS-** For most of you reading this story, if I told you to go to someone at the end of today and thank them for all that they have done in your life, I am sure that a specific face would pop into your mind. I am sure that parents and friends would be on this list, but coaches are sometimes overlooked. Coaches work day in and day out to make sure their athletes are reaching their full potential and trying to guide them through this big world. So I thought it would be a great time to thank our coaches.

"I am thankful for Coach Goldner for being understanding and patient while still helping improve daily," Cady Rhea, Girls Tennis.

"I have been in gymnastics all throughout high school and I can't believe how much I have

grown. I cannot thank the coaches enough that have been involved in my career and I can't wait to see what my senior year holds for not only me but my team as well," Sarah Kraynek, Gymnastics

"I am very thankful for my wrestling coach and can't thank Mr. Kelly enough for all that he has done for me. He has made a huge impact on my career and I do not know where I would be without him. I cannot wait to see what this last year has in store for my teammates and I," Carlos Quintero, Wrestling.

"I am thankful for all of the Troy cross country and track coaches. Thank you for the time you have invested in me and for what you have grown our program into," Josh Lovitt.

"I want to thank coach Manson for pushing me to do better when I was slacking," Brycen

Palivec, Football.

"Thank you coach Frilling for always being willing to work with players who are struggling," Eli Monnin, Boys Tennis.

"I'm thankful for Mr. Alexander who is always a positive presence and literally pushing me to run faster," Grace Cole, Girls XC.

"Mr. Brewer, thank you for bringing me into a new position group this year. I learned a lot from you!" Sean Keenan, Football.

"I want to thank Coach Anderson. You helped me grow immensely in archery," Johnny Michalos, Archery.

"I'm thankful for the time my coaches invest in everyone throughout the season," Austin Zonner, Boys XC and Track.

"Thank you coach Snyder for always pushing me to run faster since

7th grade. You are truly an amazing coach and I will always be thankful for you," Anna Burghardt, Track and Field.

"I want to thank P.W. (Coach Phelps/Wright) for always pushing me and for making me feel like I always do great, even after a rough race," Logan Pawlaczkyk, Track.

"I'm thankful for coach Goldner, who went out of his way to help me get back into my season after an injury," Kit Wolke, Girls Tennis.

"I really wouldn't be anywhere without coach Hartman. He motivates me to be the best I can be at my own pace and time," Sophie Fong, Track and Field.

"I'm thankful for coach Dever and how he teaches us to be good people, and own what we have," Morgan Shilt, Girls Bowling.

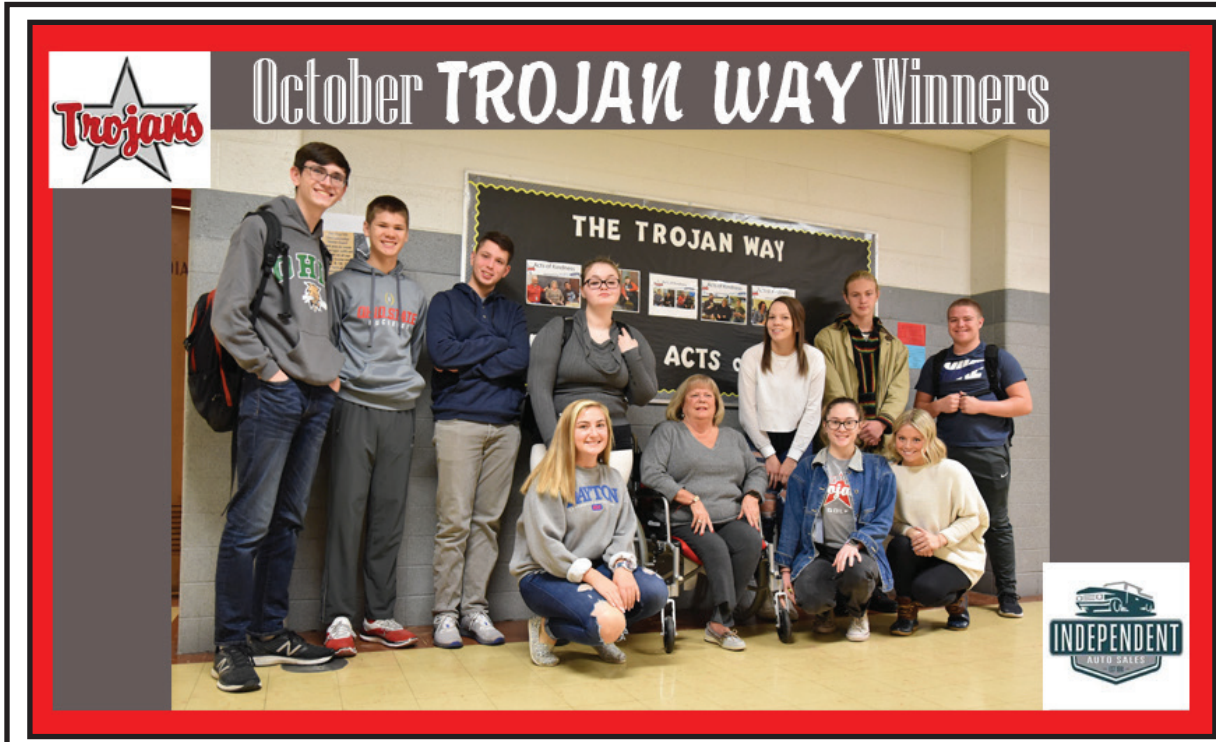
"I'm thankful for coach

Alexander always pushing me and believing in me this season," Millie Peltier, Girls XC and Track.

This week, I encourage you to go thank your coach or your favorite Troy team's coach for all that they do.



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## Congratulations!!

October *Trojan Way* Drawing Winners.

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| Cady Rhea          | Greg McCard    |
| Ella Furlong       | Joe Cusick     |
| Noah Palombi       | Nicholas May   |
| Gabe Watkins       | McKenna Taylor |
| MariCait Gillespie |                |

125 *Trojan Way* Tickets were awarded in October! Keep working TOGETHER, to show RESILIENCE, remember to OWN IT and never forget that YOU MATTER! #TrojanFamily, #TrojanWay

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# My Chemical Romance causes reaction with upcoming return

By Sophie Matthies  
*Trojan Tempo Staff Writer*

**TROY-** After six years of dormancy, popular "emo" rock band My Chemical Romance is finally starting to show signs of life. On October 31, 2019, the band announced that they were holding a reunion show. The show will take place December 20, 2019 in Los Angeles, California. The tickets for the anticipated show were sold for a whopping \$150 each, and sold out in under an hour. They also offered merchandise including sweatshirts and t-shirts, which were rather pricey

as well. On November 5, MCR used Twitter to announce more shows in Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. For those unfamiliar with the band, it was formed soon after front man Gerard Way witnessed the 9/11 attacks in person. He suddenly realized that what he was doing at the moment, making cartoons, wasn't what he wanted to do. He wanted to do something important, and he wanted to make a difference. In 2001, the band's lineup was official. The band included drummer Matt Pelissier (who was replaced by Bob Bryar), Mikey Way

on bass, Gerard Way on vocals, and Ray Toro and Frank Iero using guitars. Soon after they released their first album, "I Brought You My Bullets, You Brought Me Your Love" in 2002, they began touring across the country. While on tour, they began to amass a small fan base. After releasing more albums like "Three Cheers For Sweet Revenge", which sold over 3,000,000 copies in the United States, they gained a lot more devoted fans. So when they broke up their fans were, not surprisingly, devastated. In March 2013, the band broke up, stating: "My Chemical Ro-

mance is over. But it can never die." on their official website. After the break up was official, the band members decided to pursue other musical projects. Gerard Way also went on to write comic books, like the Eisner Award-winning comic book and Netflix series "Umbrella Academy" and "The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys" mini-series, which is also a comic book. Once the reunion announcement was made, other singers/musicians were also excited. "My Chemical Romance announcing things



on Halloween is prob the best Halloween gift ever," tweeted DJ Zoe London. "We covered Teenagers so much that My Chemical Romance finally said, 'let the pros do it.' We are so happy they are back! X," stated fellow rock band Palaye Royale.

Although fans don't know if they're back together for good, it's still pretty awesome they are at least doing a tour. Even if it did take them six years.



# Sophie’s play list: Songs you need to hear!

Each month, a different Tempo Staff Writer will offer their music recommendations.

By Sophie Matthies,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

1. “Car Radio”  
By: Twenty One Pilots

Many of us have heard songs like “Heathens” and “Stressed Out”, but not all of us know that’s not all the music Twenty One Pilots has to offer the world.

To start off this list is a beautiful song from their album Vessel (although it was originally recorded for the album Regional At Best), which was released in January of 2013. The song is about an experience the lead singer, Tyler Joseph, went through as a college student. As he went to class one day, he forgot to lock his car door. This resulted in someone stealing almost everything out of his car, including the car radio.

During this time, Joseph didn’t have the finances to pay for a new radio, so he had to sit in silence as he drove from place to place. He said this made him realize that music can act as a distraction from real things your mind wants to focus on, which inspired the song. The song is very sad, but I prefer listening to it when I’m in a bad mood.

2. “Within You”  
By: David Bowie

This particular song originates from Jim Henson’s “The Labyrinth”. Most of the play list for the movie was written by Bowie himself, so the songs are bound to be wonderful. My personal favorite of all of these songs is “Within You”. His voice sounds absolutely beautiful, es-

pecially as he sings the last few lines. The version of it on Spotify has about a minute or so added onto it, which is the only difference from the stunning original portrayed in the movie. (By the way, if you haven’t seen the movie, you should watch it.)

3. “Hope For the Underrated Youth”  
By: YUNGBLUD

“This song is about freedom of speech. This song is about freedom of expression. There is hope for this “underrated youth” and I believe the future looks bright because we are in it,” tweeted the main singer, Dominic Harrison, explaining the songs meaning to his fan base. This is a truly meaningful song, and his eccentric (yet appealing) voice pulls it off well. If you’ve never heard of him or his music, I truly think you should at least give it a try.

4. “Good Grief”  
By: Bastille

“Good Grief” is the most upbeat song about death you’ll ever hear. Coming from the singer of “Pompeii”, another seemingly light hearted song about the deadly eruption of a volcano many years ago, this isn’t too surprising. The easygoing song is also accompanied by a few quotes from the movie “Weird Science”, which was released on August 2, 1985. “Good Grief” is a very interesting song to listen to. I used to always play this on repeat, or at least listen to it twice.

5. “This Is Gospel”  
By: Panic! At The Disco

Upon listening, many of us would recognize the beginning of the chorus from an old meme we all thought was hilarious (If you love me let me goooooo). When I first heard the song, I thought it was funny hearing the familiar lyrics too, but as you continue listening you realize that the song is actually really good.

Panic! At The Disco front man Brendon Urie really brings the meaningful lyrics to life with his theatrical voice. Urie wrote the song about his friend and former band mate Spencer Smith and his struggles with drug and alcohol abuse. This is a really sad, yet happy sounding song (which is a running theme throughout this list), but I recommend listening to this if you’re in a good mood.

If you enjoyed listening to these songs, some songs to listen to next include:

- “Joyriding” by Frank Iero
- “Changes” by David Bowie
- “Die A Little” or “Polygraph Eyes” by YUNGBLUD
- “House of Gold” by Twenty One Pilots
- “Love At First Sight” by The Brobecks

## Artist in Residence: Carmack brings the beats

By Anna Harman  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

Name: Aaron Carmack  
Grade: 12

How long have you been beatboxing? For roughly six years.

Do you have any other talents or musical interests? Yeah, I sing and play the guitar. I also enjoy writing songs/poems.

How did you learn how to beatbox? I learned by watching YouTube videos and trying to mimic what professionals would do.

What was the hardest thing to learn? To keep a steady tempo. It’s hard to have a nice beat if you can’t keep the tempo. Besides



that, I’d say learning the inward “K” Snare was the hardest because it took a lot of time and dedication to be able to not only master it, but to incorporate it into beats.

What do you love most about beatboxing? The fact that I have an outlet to put all my creative energy

in. It has also given me the chance to travel and meet a bunch of amazing people and it has also given me scholarship opportunities for college.

How has being in Troy Tones impacted you as a musician? Troy Tones has not only given me an amazing support group for this weird talent of mine, it has also given me a chance to push myself and to show what I am made of. It has boosted my confidence when it comes to performing and has given me an outlet for my talent to be used.

As a senior, what advice do you have for the underclassmen that are interested in beatboxing, choir, or music in

general? Never give up. When I first started everyone from my parents to my classmates made fun of my dreams of beatboxing. But now I’m going to college for it and I’ve made great friends because of it. So whether it’s singing, beatboxing, or something non music related. Never let anyone scold you for enjoying what you love. Use that criticism as fuel to get better and to prove them wrong!

How has music impacted your life? Music has given me an outlet for my emotions and a chance to belong somewhere. Growing up with a stutter and slur it was hard to communicate with people. I never felt like I belonged anywhere. Music has given me a sense of



Beatboxing with the Troy Tones, Aaron Carmack rehearses for the Senior Citizen Breakfast. Photo supplied by Trojan Tempo Staff

belonging and purpose and has helped me communicate with others.

endeavors. Whether it was beatboxing or singing she’s also been my hype man! Because of her I am going to college to expand my knowledge on music and to make my dream a reality! I can’t thank her enough!

What musician or mentor has been your biggest inspiration? Mrs. Sagona! She has been nothing but supportive of my musical

## “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming” open to interpretation

By Allison Irey,  
Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor

THS- When the holiday season starts to gear up, I start feeling nostalgic for my childhood. So, I pull out some of my favorite albums from when I was growing up.

My absolute favorite of these has always been “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming” by the French electronica soloist, M83. “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming” is a double album with 11 songs on each “side,”



all of which form one story line.

The story of “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming” is not defined. There’s no exact way to follow it, either. The listener can base their interpretation on the interest-

ing album art, music videos, or by intently listening. I’ve found there’s always something new to discover with each listen.

This album, for sure, is on the weirder side of things. For example, the sixth song on the album, titled, “Raconte-Moi Une Histoire” is a young girl telling you a story (in English) about a very special frog that, if you touch it, can change your life.

It also includes strange titles, such as “My Tears Are Becom-

ing a Sea,” “OK Pal,” and “Soon, My Friend.”

If you’re looking for a way to escape the real world for a little over an hour, I highly recommend “Hurry Up, We’re Dreaming.” You’ll find it easy to fade into the story and truly live in the setting of... space? A post-apocalyptic world? A dream-like state of mind? Your grandma’s strange antique room? It’s up to you to decide.

Allison Irey has listened to M83 since 2012, when her dance



teacher chose the song “Midnight City” for their recital piece. She fell in love with the overall vibe of the track, and since has listened to every single album M83 has released.



# Navigating Netflix and other streaming services

# Clunker of the month

By Allison Irey  
*Trojan Tempo Entertainment Editor*

**TROY-** On November 12, 2019, Disney+ officially went live, and the world went crazy; so crazy that we coincidentally had a snow day, which I am convinced Disney somehow caused in order to get more traffic to their streaming service.

In this day and age, we are able to watch whatever we want, whenever we want, and wherever we want, for low prices of \$6.99 a month and with unlimited sharing capabilities. It can be a blessing, but also a curse.

It seems that accounts and their passwords are the biggest issue with streaming services. If someone hears you have a service they don't have, they'll likely be in your direct messages within seconds asking you to be a good person and share your login info. Netflix announced in a quarterly earnings call in late October that it has already started cracking down on this issue by monitoring password sharing.

Asking for account information is even a problem here at THS.

When asked about having Disney+, one senior (who wishes to remain anonymous so no one will ask for their password) explained, "Well, I have it. I just tell people I don't, because when I say I have it, people ask me for my user name and password. I can't give it to them and I'm bad at saying 'no'."

On the other hand, having unlimited choice for what we watch is very convenient for the impatient Gen. Z. For our demographic, the most popular option seems to be watching shows we grew up on, such as "Victorious" on Netflix, "Chowder" on Hulu, or "Hannah Montana" on Disney+. With all of these options, it gives us an excuse to constantly binge watch instead of doing something productive with our time.

"I want to try to seem like a good modest citizen here and say that I only spend a few hours (on streaming services) every week, but we'd all know that'd be a lie," said freshman Anne Palombi. "If I had to estimate, I'd say I spend about 21-28 hours a week."

With the recent wave of streaming services, cable



has begun to disappear from more and more households. For many people, switching to entirely streaming is a much cheaper option. My family has not yet made the switch, but plans on doing so after the Christmas season. It's an entirely understandable decision, though; most of my favorite shows and movies are streaming now, so it's not something I worry about.

For others, cable was never even an option.

"I've actually never had cable," said sophomore Grace Cole. "Streaming doesn't make much of a difference. I've never really watched much TV, so I've always used what we had, when I did watch TV."

Personally, I spend way too much time streaming. Hulu is my top choice, but Disney+ might just take that spot soon. Regardless of

your favorites, just remember to pause the Netflix and experience life; maybe go outside for a few minutes or call your friends. The choice is yours.

- Allison's Top 10
1. Stranger Things (Netflix)

2. Looking For Alaska (Hulu)

3. Avicii: True Stories (Netflix)

4. On My Block (Netflix)

5. Gravity Falls (Disney+)

6. Danny Phantom (Hulu)

7. Recess (Disney+)

8. Bob's Burgers (Hulu)

9. Brooklyn Nine-Nine (Hulu)

10. The Santa Clause 2 (Disney+)

# Good advice for the first time car buyer

By Logan M. Watern  
*Trojan Tempo Automotive Analyst*

**TROY-** Most people will agree that getting a driver's license and eventually a first car is an eventual right of way to the impending age of adulthood. Having a driver's license and a car is also a ticket to the freedom of not having parents breathing down your neck and telling you where to turn, go faster, and otherwise being very overbearing.

Now some people do not know what they are going to be able to afford in a first car, some kids get a nice lightly used and fairly expensive first car with parents' help, while other people can only afford an old, heavily used and abused vehicle that is seemingly liable to fall apart when they hit the next bump in the road, but they paid for it all alone and are very proud of it.

For those who cannot afford having a nice first car like a 2018 Honda Accord Sport or a 2018 Toyota Camry XSE, and have to settle for a 1998 Toyota Camry or Chevy Cavalier, this article is for you.

"Now a days it is hard to find a vehicle for \$500-\$1,000, most are \$5,000-\$10,000. That makes the bank the biggest hurdle," explained JC Klatte of Independent Auto in Troy.

"If your parents can't co-sign on a loan, it is a good idea to build a relationship with a local bank or credit union. Establish your own credit score by opening an account and keeping a steady balance, paying off bills on time and then a credit union will work with you, we like to use HTM Credit Union in Troy, Klatte added.

When asked, "What do you look for in a first car?" THS students responded with safety and reliability. These are pretty important things to



**Jakob Smith bought his first car last spring. "My parents and I split the cost of this 2014 Kia Rio," Smith explained. Photo by Trojan Tempo Staff**

look for when you go shopping for your car.

"Definitely get a CAR-FAX report and get it looked at by your mechanic before you purchase it," said Brad Edwards of Edwards Auto Shop in Dayton. "Also, try and find the lowest miles in your budget. Something I look at is that it has good tires, because that will help an inexperienced driver."

You can also look on the Internet for vehicle reviews and warnings. If you go on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website, nhtsa.gov, put in the year, make, and model, and you can read the ratings.

As an example, a Trojan Tempo staff writer looked up the 2017 Mitsubishi Outlander to see the safety ratings and received a chart with all of the different tests, frontal crash 4 stars, side crash 5 stars, roll-over crash 4 stars, and overall rating of 5 stars.

The second most popular factor to Troy High School students was fuel efficiency and cost effectiveness. This is a very important thing to take into account for a first

vehicle due to the fact that gas is expensive when you are working a beginner level job and have other expenses like insurance, sporting events and going out for food with your mates on Saturday because as you know, Saturday is for the Boys. If you go on the manufacturer's official website or fueleconomy.gov, you can find the MPG for the city, highway, and combined with ease.

The final thing that students said they would look for is wear and tear on a vehicle. If you are buying a used car from a private seller or dealership that will not show you the CARFAX, consider doing these things before you buy.

The first is to check if the body panels line up and match, if they do not line up or are different shades of the color you want, this may indicate that the vehicle has been wrecked and therefore may have a ton of issues and will be expensive to insure. Always check the frame for rust and/or weld spots that do not look factory, if you find these this also may indicate it has been wrecked and you

should steer clear.

Edwards also emphasized the cost of the vehicle is just the beginning of car ownership. "As far as taking care of the car, know that you will have some expenses. Oil changes, check your anti-freeze regularly or can lead to expensive repairs. Electrical systems (A/C & heat) will need repaired the older it gets."

Greg Taylor of Arbogast Ford suggested considering service when purchasing a first car. "In today's day and age, the Internet influences car prices," he explained. "There is always going to be a less expensive version of the car you looking at, but what kind of service are you going to get if you have to travel far to purchase it? Sometimes it is better to pay a little more and know the type of service you are going to get from the dealership you buy it from."

Now that you know what you can look for, will you use these tips and tricks to help with your car purchase? Let me know on Instagram and tell me what you think.



**What's more American than the stars and stripes and a 2000 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab? Photo by Jesse Symonds**

By: Logan M. Watern  
*Trojan Tempo Automotive Analyst.*

**THS-** Here it is again ladies and gentlemen, it is time for the third Clunker of the Month of the school year, and boy did I find a good candidate to feature in the November issue. Jesse Symonds is an archery teammate of mine and his truck was a perfect fit for this issue. Jesse drives a 2000 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab in dark green silver, the second generation of the Dakota line of pickup trucks.

Let's start off on some of the background of the Dodge Dakota pickup truck. It is a midsize pickup that was sized above the Chevy S10/Colorado and the Ford Ranger, but below the Ram 1500 and Ford F-150. It was released alongside the smaller and less powerful Dodge D50, a rebadged Mitsubishi Triton, in early 1987. Later Models of the First Gen had a Sport convertible package, Little Red Express package, and a Shelby Dakota that had a modified 5.2L 318 c.i. V8 with 175hp and 270 lb. ft. of torque, tuned and modified by the legendary Carroll Shelby, who only built 1475 of these trucks. The Dodge Shelby Dakota was the reason that Ford built the F-150 Lightning and the famous 5.8L 351 c.i. Windsor V8 with a Supercharger and Ford GT-40 Cylinder Heads, and the GMC to release the Syclone with the 4.3L Turbocharged V6, with a Mitsubishi turbo and tuning by Ferrari, pumping out 280 hp and 350 lb. ft. of torque.

The Second Generation Dodge Dakota was released in 1997, and is the first and only of its kind to offer not one, but two V8 engines, specifically the 4.7L 287 c.i. Magnum V8 with around 235 hp and 295 lb. ft. of torque, and the 5.9L 360 c.i. Magnum V8 with 250 hp and 345 lb. ft. of torque. Now Jesse's truck has the 4.7L Magnum V8, 4 wheel drive, and a quad cab to fit his friends, their backpacks, and anything that a teenager would carry around in their truck.

Now in order to be in the clunker of the month, there are some things that need to be broken or messed up on or inside the vehicle, along with a high mileage that is at least 105,000 miles. Jesse's Dodge Dakota has a few patches of rust at the bottom of the door and around the bumpers, damage on the driver's side front fender near the headlight, paint fading, and an ever climbing odometer.

Onto the Tempo Clunker rating, a system that will rate the overall car with respects of reliability, cost effectiveness, teenager sensibility, squad room, and style. This will be done on a one to ten scale with ten being the best and one being terrible, after all of the decisions have been made by the official THS Clunker judging panel, the scores will be added up it will be a score out of fifty points, or what we call pistons.

On the reliability portion of the clunker rating, it will be a respectful 6/10 pistons due to the fact that it has a bit of rust on it, but can get you through snow, mud, and help out with hauling things for your friends or family. On the cost effectiveness portion of the clunker rating is going to be a 7/10 pistons, the reason this rating is so high is due to the fact that it is cheap to purchase according to the Internet, but it also eats a lot of gasoline to feed the V8 engine that powers it.

Teenager sensibility is a pretty important section to rate on clunker rating due to its safety, cost, and reliability combined all together. In this section the panel has rated this truck with 7.5/10 pistons because of the good safety and reliability, but no more because of the amount and cost of gasoline. Squad room rates how much room there is inside the vehicle, Jesse's Dakota has more than enough space to put people and belongings inside and in the bed, this gives the truck a 8.5/10 pistons.

Last but not least is the style portion, when you drive a pickup truck, no matter what age, you are cool, plus it is small enough that it can be driven with ease around town, this gives the truck a 8/10 pistons.

The final tally is 37/50 pistons, very respectable for a first vehicle and an impressive thing for any teenager to drive on the daily. If you have any suggestions or would like to be featured in next months issue, contact Logan Watern on Instagram @logan\_\_watern19, or Mr. Owen in room 105, and remember to be kind to one another and keep warm.



# English elective gets “graphic”

By Jakob Smith,  
Trojan Tempo Staff Writer

**TROY-** Few things can unite high school students...free food comes to mind, as does class movie days, or snow days, however, graphic novels seem to be an almost surefire way to unite geeks and jocks alike, as well as everyone in between.

Although graphic novels is a newer class at THS, it is chock-full of students who feel greater freedom in being able to both draw and write rather than taking another writing or art class.

As students progress throughout the year, they are able to encounter both classic manga such as *JoJo's Bizarre Adventure* by Hirohiko Araki and *One Piece* by Eiichiro Oda, and adaptations from regular novels like *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. Two required pieces of reading are *Maus* by Art Spiegelman, and *Stitches* by David Smalls, two wholly original works.

Samantha Mascarella had no idea graphic novels was even an option. But, she has always liked art a lot, so she wasn't going to complain.

She loves how it blends English and art together as a single class. “I am looking forward to making our own graphic novels! It's definitely a class that you would feel relaxed in, and it's very non-judgmental,” said Mascarella.

Brandon Allen is in graphic novels because he enjoys the art, as well as reading. “I may not be the best artist, but as I am reading I enjoy seeing the various art styles.” He also added that there is a diverse group of students within the class. “Sports players, theater kids, artists, there's a wide variety of us.” He also gave some recommendations for students who are interested in graphic novels. “*Cirque Du Freak* is really good. *JoJo's* is also really good. I'm only on part one so far, but it's very good.”

Daniel Kenyon has been reading manga since sixth grade in a manner he describes as “obsessively”. So, he jumped onto the graphic novel bandwagon as soon as he could. “Seeing how the medium has recently grown a lot, I definitely think this is destined to become a more popular class,” he said.

He also commented

on the topic of are graphic novels more childish and aren't seen as a true, mature art medium. “God no,” he said. “I've seen manga where people get decapitated. Without censorship. If you are interested in graphic novels at all, this is a good class,” he added.

In an age where everything seems to be full of reboots and remakes, it seems that the medium of manga and graphic novels are still thriving with creative vision. Whether you may be interested in a slice-of-life romance story, or a story about a Marine named Jungle Jim who goes on a zombie-killing adventure deep in the jungles of Vietnam in 1968, it has something to interest everyone (The title of that last one is '68, by the way).

In this edition of the Trojan Tempo, we are proud to present some comic strips from our very own graphic novels class! If you are interested in joining graphic novels next year, either talk to Mrs. Hampshire or your guidance counselor.

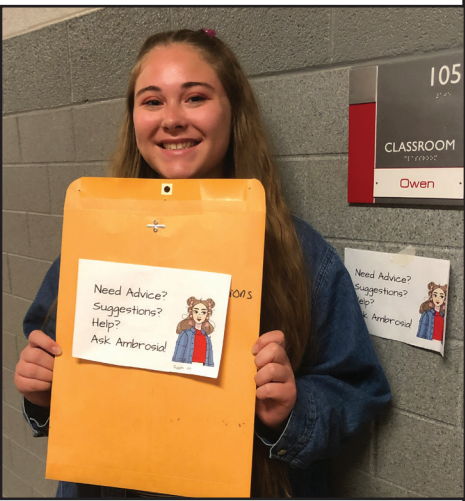
# Need some advice? Just Ask Ambrosia!

**Q:** I really like this guy but he is older, does not live here, and has a baby, what should I do?

**A:** The first thing I have to say is how old is he compared to how old you are? If the age difference is inappropriate then I don't suggest pursuing the relationship. Distance can also cause friction in a relationship, ask yourself if you find it too taxing to go see him or if you can make talking on the phone work. Lastly, a baby can be challenging for young parents, so keep in mind if you date this person child care will be a part of the deal. Overall, you have to think about what you really want with your relationship and if it is doable with this guy.

**Q:** I can't get over my ex. I keep thinking I'm over him but when I think about him I cry my eyes out, what do I do?

**A:** Getting over an ex can be very hard sometimes depending on how long you were in the relationship and everything that happened between the two of you. I suggest focusing on yourself first, think of the things that make you happy or relaxed and do them, know that you don't need to date someone to make you happy. Also,



know that moving on will eventually happen and you should not force new relationships to get over an old one because you will just end up getting hurt again.

